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# TRIBAL OBSERVER

THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE... "Working Together for Our Future"

Primary Election: Oct. 8 | General Election: Nov. 5 | Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

## New hotel for the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino opens with ribbon cutting ceremony

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**  
Editor

After more than a decade of development and more than two years of construction, the expansion of the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino is now complete. A ribbon cutting ceremony to honor the expansion and the grand opening of the new hotel was held Friday, Sept. 6 at 1 p.m.

The \$68 million project built the new six-story hotel, containing 148 rooms, including eight suites involving the executive suite with a kitchen; a larger casino with 1,200 gaming machines, a new restaurant, a new bar, an indoor pool and fitness center.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**A ribbon cutting ceremony is held for the grand opening of the hotel in the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino on Friday, Sept. 6 at 1 p.m. outside of the hotel's main entrance.**

Outside the hotel's main entrance, Tribal Council, Tribal Members and employees including SELC personnel, construction team members, the local community and local news channels gathered for the grand opening.

After Interim Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez provided a welcome and Tribal Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig delivered the invocation, community drummers provided an honor song as many dancers

in regalia and veterans moved around the drum.

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl announced added features including the 200-seat full-service restaurant, The Landing; the 120-seat Creekside Lounge, with an all-day menu; and 300 new games – 1200 total slot machines.

In addition to bringing visitors from throughout the state to experience all Arenac County has to offer, the chief said, the expansion also provided more employment opportunities in the area.

"(The expansion) helped create over 160 new jobs and employ over 550 individuals from this area," Chief Ekdahl said, stirring applause.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, along with the construction team, Spence Brothers, also employed local subcontractors, Ekdahl added.

"We employed well over 100 skilled trade workers at any given time during the two-year span of this property. That's something that the leadership put a premium on – was hiring local

and putting our local people to work in this area," Ekdahl said.

Cultural items and content are positioned throughout the hotel including black ash baskets, drums and moccasins, and wild rice at the front desk.

Upon entering the casino from the hotel, patrons will also see a jingle dress and fancy dance shawl on display in showcases.

Peter N. Stevens, president of JCJ Architecture – the design team for the project, thanked Tribal Council for their "leadership, passion and guidance throughout."

"A lot of the design that you see that came from our hands, are actually from (Tribal Council's) stories... and their tradition, and I hope we did justice to tell the story that you laid out to us," Stevens said. "We could not have done it without you and hopefully (all will) enjoy."

Tribal Council's District Two Representative Ron Nelson recognized ancestors who helped make the hotel and expansion a reality.

"Through the years, (our ancestors) stayed in our ceded territories and aboriginal lands here on the Saginaw Bay. Through the tough times, they fought and were dedicated to calling Saganing home," Nelson said. "It would not be possible for us to have any of this here, on the Saganing Reservation, if it were not for them. I thank the Creator and the strength of all my grandmothers for not leaving the Saganing Reservation."

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Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl discusses the \$68 million expansion and the new features.**



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Veterans and dancers enter the arena during an honor song.**



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Drummers provide the honor song for the occasion.**

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## Lorena Sue Finney

June 29, 1966 – Sept. 9, 2019

Lorena Sue Finney, age 53, of Interlochen, passed away Monday, Sept. 9, 2019 at her home.

Lorena was born June 29, 1966, in Mount Pleasant, the daughter of Edwin Finney and Zilda Jackson. She was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Lorena was a devoted "Days of Our Lives" fan, and never missed an episode. She loved family gatherings, music, cooking and reading. Lorena also liked traveling, horses and gardening.

Lorena is survived by her daughters: Diedra (Ryan) Scott of Sarasota, Fla., Brittany Schroeder of Traverse City, and Emily Marsh (Roy Monroe) of Perry; four grandchildren Ayspen Tarker, Brennan Schroeder, Rylee Monroe, and Brentley Monroe; her mother Zilda Jackson of Benzonia; boyfriend Eric Nelson of Traverse City; brothers Michael (Tammy) Finney of Benzonia, Kevin Jenkins of Mt. Pleasant, Tony Jackson of Mt. Pleasant, Dennis Jackson of Interlochen; sisters Luanna Finney of Mesick, Angela Jenkins of Honor, and Deanna Jenkins of Traverse City.

Lorena was preceded in death by her father Edwin Finney; and brothers Terry Finney and William "Bill" Newell.

Funeral services took place on Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019 at 1 p.m. at Clark Family Funeral Chapel with Benjamin Evers officiating. Interment followed at Denver Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



## Lena Marie Stempek

May 16, 1944 – Sept. 17, 2019

Lena Marie Stempek, age 75, loving wife, mother, sister and friend went to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019, she passed away at McLaren Bay Region Medical Center with her loving family by her side.

Lena was born on May 16, 1944 in Pinconning, Mich. to the late Frank and Ethel (James) Cloutier. She married the love of her life John Carl Stempek on July 11, 1964 at St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Lena was a loving, loyal, unique individual. She loved to be the go-to person for her family and friends by listening, offering advice, as well as sharing a good laugh. Her smile and laughter will be missed by all. The word loyalty doesn't quite capture Lena's tenacious devotion and trust given to everyone she loved. She enjoyed her monthly birthday club with the girls, canning, cooking, traveling and camping while making new friends but, most of all, Lena loved being with her family and attending family gatherings.

She is survived by her loving son, Jason Stempek, brothers and sisters; Myron (Pat) Cloutier, Gerald (Vivian) Cloutier, Raymond (Faye) Cloutier, Richard (Rita) Cloutier, Daniel (Cindy) Cloutier, Billy (Rose) Cloutier, Frank (James Seidel) Cloutier, Aloma (Larry) Underwood, Elaine (David) Kraska, Diane Morley, Linda (Gary) Cook, Mary (Jay) Bukowiec, Margie (Don) Dubay, Rosie (Dan) Maloney, beloved brother-in-law Louis (Debbie) Stempek, sister-in-law Carol Hill, sister-in-law Cathy Bayles as well as numerous nieces and nephews whom she will be missed by dearly.

She was predeceased by her husband John Carl on May 19, 2019, her loving daughter Jessica Marie in 1980, her sister Theresa Cloutier and a brother Edward Cloutier, brother-in-law Ivan Morley, and a brother-in-law Joseph Jr. Stempek.

A celebration of Lena's life was held Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2019 at 1 p.m. from the Pinconning Wesleyan Church with Pastor Gene Kelly as well as Devin and Yvette Chisholm presiding with inurnment at St. Michael's Cemetery.



## Paul Wayne KetaGeshick David

April 6, 1978 – Aug. 26, 2019

Paul Wayne KetaGeshick David, age 41, of Mount Pleasant, formerly of Flushing, died Monday, Aug. 26, 2019.

Cremation has taken place.

Paul was born April 6, 1978, in Flint, the son of Brian and Karen (Titmus) David. He and Heather Koblinski were united in marriage in Flushing.

Paul enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his children, playing and watching sports, especially all the Detroit teams, grilling out, fireworks, working on race cars and street racing. He was a devoted tribe member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Left to cherish his memory are his children: Meadow, Gracie, and Azhuwauk; wife, Heather; mother, Karen Morrow; brothers: Robert Brewer II (Amanda Blakely), David Brewer, Mike David and John (Jessica David); nieces and nephews: Alyssa, David II, Brendon, Noah, Ica, Robert "Dilbert," Trent, Krystin, Basil, Kasina, Rebecca, and Ivy; great uncle, Ralph "Moe" McCool; aunt, Theresa (Mike White); and a large extended family.

Paul was preceded in death by his father; grandparents; and uncles.

A memorial service was held at 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 6, 2019, at Martin Funeral, Cremation & Tribute Services in Mt. Morris, with Rev. Charles Robbins officiating. Memorial donations may be directed to the family fund for his children.



## Ronald Jackson

April 26, 1938 – Sept. 20, 2019

Ronald Jackson, age 81, of Hubbardston passed away Friday, Sept. 20, 2019 at his home with his family by his side.

He was born April 26, 1938 in Lansing the son of Robert and Florence (Schmitter) Jackson. Ron served his country in the United States Army. He had a great love for learning and continued his education throughout his entire life. On April 15, 1967 he married Barbara Schrauben at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Carson City.

Ron worked for Fisher Body in Lansing for over 30 years, holding many positions. In 1986, he retired as a Human Resource Director. Upon retiring from Fisher Body, he went on to serve over a decade as a Tribal Councilman of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, holding various terms of executive positions as Chief, Secretary and Treasurer. He could often be found helping others in need of electrical work in their homes.

Ron had a great love of animals and the outdoors. He will be dearly missed by his loving family.

Ron is survived by his wife of 52 years, Barbara of Hubbardston; two daughters, Ronda Jones of Grand Ledge and Michelle Colwell of Rosebush; three grandchildren, Breanna, Gage and Casey; two brothers, Roger (Ann Clark) Jackson and Roland Jackson; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Mary (Dale) Freund, Lloyd Loomis, Steve (Judy Sheaffer) Schrauben, Donna Patton, Pauline (Terry) Gallagher, Betty Shinabarger, Carol (Al) Leasher, Dan (Carol) Schrauben, Anita Schrauben, Janice McCallister and Alice Churchill; many nieces and nephews; and his beloved dog, Bunny.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son-in-law, Jeff Colwell; siblings, Roberta Lovett, Loretta Smith, Robert Jackson, Jr., twin brother, Donald Jackson, Eleanor Ebright, Jackie Jackson, Lorraine Stallcup; and his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Billy Ray Smith, Ellen Loomis, Jennie Schrauben, Jim Patton, Lyle Shinabarger and Randy Churchill.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, Sept. 23, 2019 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Carson City with Fr. Tom Thompson officiating. Private family interment will be held in Riverside Cemetery, St. Charles.

Those desiring, may make memorial contributions to Elara Caring Hospice or the Humane Society.



**TRIBAL MEMBERS**

Receive important Tribal announcements via text messaging. Text the letters **SCIT** to the number **32363** to subscribe.

### Attention Tribal Members

As of Aug. 1, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort will only accept non-expired Tribal I.D.s (red or green card) when check cashing.

The blue Resident Tribal I.D. card **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** as it does not contain an expiration date.

### Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Committee Meetings

Every third Monday of the month

Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center

## Walk-In FLU CLINICS

- Oct. 2 | 9-11 a.m. | Andahwod  
*\*Influenza vaccines and education*
- Oct. 8 | 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. | Election/Police lobby  
*\*Influenza vaccines and education*
- Oct. 16 | 9-11 a.m. | Andahwod  
*\*Influenza vaccines and education*
- Oct. 23 | 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Employee Wellness Fair, SECR
- Oct. 24 | 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Employee Wellness Fair, Saganing
- Oct. 30 | 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Nimkee Lobby  
*\*Influenza vaccines and education*
- Nov. 5 | 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Election/Police lobby  
*\*Influenza vaccines and education*
- Nov. 19 | 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Nimkee Lobby  
*\*Influenza vaccines and education*

**For more information, please contact:**  
Sue Sowmick at 989.775.4699

### Attention Tribal Youth members:

Are you interested in participating in a **COMMUNITY CHOIR?**

A Tribal Youth community choir is in the works for 2020!

- The choir is for K-12 students attending any school.
- Rehearsal details are TBD but would be about one hour each, about 1-2 times per month.
- Performances would be held at small Tribal events.

**If you're interested, please contact 989-944-3168 for more information or stay tuned**

## PLEASE REPORT ALL WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS

to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department

Dispatch: 989.775.4700  
Tip Line: 989.775.4775

### Earn Cash for the Saginaw Chippewa Academy!

- SCA will be collecting box tops throughout the school year
- Money raised will go towards schools supplies
- Download the FREE Box Tops App to your phone and start earning for SCA

**To turn in box tops:** Bring in to SCA or inter-office to Tasha Jeffrey





## Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings

The Regular Tribal Council Sessions occur at 9 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the HR Training Room in the Black Elk Building, in accordance to the Tribal Constitution.

Meetings are open to Tribal Members.

Administration will announce ahead of time if meeting date or time changes for possible weather or emergencies. However, it is rare the times change.

Administration's administrative assistant III compiles and prepares the agenda.

Approximately two weeks prior to the meeting, an email is sent to Tribal Operations employees to remind them of the meeting and request any submissions for the agenda.

Any SCIT Tribal Member or other individual/department must submit a written request if they wish to be placed on the Regular Council Session agenda. Anyone wanting to be added can call (989) 775-4003.

### Regular Council Session Dates

- Oct. 1 • Nov. 5 • Dec. 3

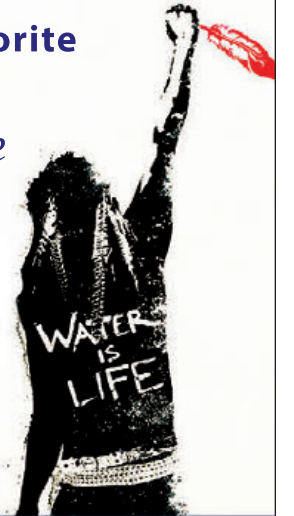


**Congrats  
Mama,  
we love you,  
dad and  
Makogonzh.**

## Water is Life PHOTO CONTEST

Send us your favorite photo displaying *Water is Life*

- ▶ Top three photos will receive a \$25 gift card!
- ▶ The photos will be featured in the November Tribal Observer
- ▶ Submitted photos may be used in the Environmental Team's Annual Report and other promotional materials



**For more information, contact:**  
Taylor Brook at 989.775.4162

**E-mail all photos to:** Observer@sagchip.org

**Deadline:** Wednesday, Oct. 16

## Well & Septic PROGRAM

- ▶ **Free to Tribal Members who reside within the IHS service area:** Isabella, Clare, Midland, Arenac Missaukee counties
- ▶ **If you are experiencing problems with your well or septic, please contact the Planning Department.**  
\*You must own your home.
- ▶ **Call 989-775-4014 or stop in to the Planning Department office**  
(2451 Nish-na-be-anong)

## NEW LOCATION ANNOUNCEMENT!

Tribal Council, along with the Tribal Observer, Tribal Administration, Public Relations, Legal department and Economic Development are now moved in to the new offices inside the Black Elk Building at 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.

## Attention Tribal Members

The time has come, Tribal Business Regulations is now live on the Tribal website with frequently requested forms, staff contact information, a tax agreement area map and further information on what we do here at Business Regulations.

**Forms can now be accessed online by visiting:**  
www.sagchip.org/BusinessRegulations.

**Completed forms can be submitted by mail to:**  
Tribal Business Regulations  
7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

**Forms can also be faxed to:** (989) 775-4107  
**or emailed to:** BusinessRegulations@sagchip.org

**For questions or for further assistance, please contact the Business Regulations Department at:**  
(989) 775-4175 or (989) 775-4109.

## As of Oct. 1, 2019 the cost of Tribal license plates will increase

- New license plates with the first year tab will cost \$150.
- Yearly renewal tabs will cost \$125.

## Attention SCIT Tribal Members: Notice of Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing held on **Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019 at 8:30 A.M. in the Chambers at the Black Elk Building, 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858.**

This hearing will address the application for a renewal of a Retail On-Premise General License and Retail Off-Premise General License presented to Tribal Council by Robert Juckniess, CEO for the Migizi Economic Development Corporation. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing is as follows:

Renewal of the Tribal Liquor License for Retail On-Premise and Off-Premise General License for the Soaring Eagle Waterpark & Hotel located at 5665 East Pickard Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Such License, if renewed, would cover selling of packaged beer, wine, and liquor for consumption by buyers on-premise and off-premise. The License, if renewed, would be for the duration of one full year commencing on Nov. 21, 2019 and expiring on Nov. 20, 2020 with hours of alcohol sales consistent with section 10 of the Gaming Compact of Aug. 20, 1993, and the Tribe's Liquor Control Act, Chapter 8.7.

## Attention SCIT Tribal Members: Notice of Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing on **Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019, at 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers at 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 Don Ridley, Executive Hospitality Manager of the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Hotel. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing is as follows:

Renewal of the Retail On-Premise General Liquor License for the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Hotel located at 2690 Worth Road, Standish, Michigan 48658. Such

License, if approved, would cover all indoor areas, outdoor areas, Gaming Floor, Function Rooms, and all other applicable areas of the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino where beverage service is appropriate and allowed; including the Tribal Center and Saganing Powwow Grounds located at 2570 Worth Road, Standish, MI 48658 and outdoor events area for services during events. This License, if issued, would be for the duration of one full year from Dec. 1, 2019 through Nov. 30, 2020, with hours of alcohol service consistent with Section 10 of the Gaming Compact of Aug. 20, 1993, and also including hours of service for Sunday Alcohol Sales.

## Calling all NATIVE ARTISTS

Would you like to win a two-night stay at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort with a visit to the spa or salon for two during the 2020 powwow weekend?

We are looking for interested artists to submit entries for a new powwow logo for the 2020 season.

### Entries should include:

- Up to four colors
- The date 'July 24-26, 2020'
- The '36th annual'
- Tribal logo will be added

**Deadline: Nov. 1, 2019**

**Artist guidelines:** Must be registered with a federally-recognized Tribe, Tribal identification must be submitted with application.

**Entries may be submitted to the Powwow Committee at:** PowwowCommittee@sagchip.org

**Winner will also receive a sweater or T-shirt with the winning logo.**

## The Tribal Clerk's Office

**WILL BE OPEN  
EVERY FRIDAY**

**Aug. 30, 2019 - Nov. 1, 2019**

For election purposes

Now located in the Black Elk Building

**For more information, please contact:**  
The Tribal Clerk's Office at 989.775.4050





## Tribal Council

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**Council Member**

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**Council Member**

**Theresa Jackson** | District One

**Council Member**

**Ron Nelson** | District Two



# MIGIZI

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CO.

## Attention Adult Tribal Members

Migizi EDC is seeking to fill two Community Member seat vacancies on its Board of Directors. Those interested should exhibit exemplary experience in business, be responsible and express integrity as well as good judgment. Each interested party should be sensitive to the unique goals and the culture of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The ideal candidate would recognize the need for diversification within the Tribe's holdings as well as demonstrate expertise in and have an understanding of business management, administration, accounting, finance, law, advertisement, public relation and other related disciplines. Time requirements include all regularly scheduled meetings, including additional project meetings and special meetings. This appointment and its term will run concurrent with Tribal Council elections.

**A Letter of Intent will be accepted until Nov. 15, 2019 and should be mailed to:**  
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, c/o Tribal Council, 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

## Waterpark's Doggie Dayz fundraiser donates \$4,003 to HATS

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel raised a record-breaking \$4,003 for the Humane Animal Treatment Society during its Doggie Dayz fundraiser.

On Monday, Aug. 19, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Waterpark patrons donated at least \$7 in exchange for a one-day Waterpark pass, valid on that day only.

Amanda Tillotson, community involvement coordinator for HATS, was also on site with an adoptable dog from noon to 2 p.m. in the hotel lobby.



On Sept. 6, Waterpark representatives delivered the check to HATS.



Courtesy of Melissa Mullard

The Doggie Dayz fundraiser at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel raised \$4,003 in donations for HATS. (Photographed, left to right: Tamara Lawson; Jacob Smith, Mandy Risch, president of HATS; Brenden Lennon; Gizi; Bonnie Sprague; Kassy Heard; Amanda Tillotson, community involvement coordinator for HATS; and Barry Histed.)

## The Seven Grandfather TEACHINGS

**Nbookaawin – Wisdom**

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

**Zaagidowin – Love**

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

**Minaadendamooing – Respect**

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

**Zoongide'ewin – Bravery**

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

**Gwekwadiziwin – Honesty**

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

**Dibaadendiziwin – Humility**

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

**Debwewin – Truth**

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

## Tribal Observer

Boozhu! The Tribal Observer, a monthly newspaper, is published on the first of each month. To contact Tribal Observer staff, please call 989-775-4010 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.

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## Tribal Observer Advertising

If you would like to advertise your business, please contact the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4010 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 \$500. 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. Checks may be made out to SCIT.

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## Ribbon cutting

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Nelson also thanked previous administrations “for the progress and development in making this dream come true.”

“Their commitment and dedication allowed us to explore and ultimately construct this beautiful expansion you see here today. Former Chief Fred Cantu (Jr.) comes to mind – he was a turning point; he pushed his administration to work together and build this casino.”

Lastly, Nelson, along with many other spokespersons, thanked the dedicated employees for “their hard work and excellent customer service.”

“It is the positive attitudes that help ensure our customers feel welcome and enjoy their time while (at the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino),” Nelson said. “We remain successful because of the time and energy (the staff members) put in, day in and day out.”

Herb Spence, president and CEO of the construction company, Spence Brothers, recognized the design team, the Facilities team, the Tribe and Tribal Council, and the contractors within the Great Lakes Bay Region.

“(There’s a) great deal of work going on in our region..., and throughout the state, so

all of these contractors are very busy and stretched very thin. However, thanks to their dedication to this project, and a little daily encouragement from (Construction Supervisor) Mr. Tom Gizi, they made sure this project was done on time and done with the highest quality workmanship,” Spence said.

Northern Michigan’s premier casino and hotel, The Saganing Eagles Landing Casino, is located at 2690 Worth Rd. in Standish, Mich.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**A lounge area in one of the suites is photographed. The suite displays a powwow photo by Marcella Hadden of Niibing Giizis Photography.**



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Cultural items are on display throughout the hotel. On a floor near the elevators, a fancy shawl is showcased.**

Hotel rates begin at \$119 per night plus taxes and fees. For additional hotel information and to book reservations, please call 1-877-232-4532.

## Immersion House ribbon cutting rescheduled for Oct. 16

### PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is pleased to announce the opening of an Immersion House and has planned a ribbon cutting for Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 11 a.m. at 7785 E. Remus Rd. in Mount Pleasant. An open house will follow until 3 p.m.

The Immersion House has been named “e nii nibwaachawent” (a place for visiting).

A grant from MICA (Multicultural Initiative for Community Advancement) Cultural Resource Grant in the amount of approximately \$40,000 was awarded to the Tribe in July 2018. This grant was used for renovating and furnishing a Tribally-owned property for teaching the traditional Anishinaabemowin language in a family home setting.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, as well as other Tribes in the nation, suffers from a lack of fluent speakers of

traditional language to the point it is on the verge of extinction. This is largely due to Federal Government assimilation programs which specifically targeted traditional languages.

E nji nibwaachaweng will provide family-style learning in a contextualized home setting. Lessons will include cooking, arts and crafts, games and songs, movie night and more.

Families will be able to schedule an overnight or weekend retreat with a fluent language speaker who will



lead the family in an array of activities while speaking Anishinaabemowin. In this way, families will be able to work together as a cohesive unit to learn language words and phrases that are meaningful to their everyday lives.

Rather than a single person learning the language and having no one to speak it with (resulting in a loss of retention) the family will operate as a group to further their fluency goals and increase their daily use of Anishinaabemowin.

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

## Attention Tribal Members

Primary Election: Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019

Polling station open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Public Safety Building

District 1 (Vote for up to 20)

- Bailey, Shelly
- Bennett, Brad
- Bonnau, Terry
- Bruner, Louanna
- Carmona-Pego, Faith
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- Davis, Timothy
- Ekdahl, Ronald F.
- Fisher, Damian
- Flamand, Jean
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- Hansen, Hans Karl
- Hinkle, Margaret
- Hunt, Lindy
- Jackson, Angel
- Jackson, Brent
- Jackson, Michelle
- Jackson (Peters), Theresa
- Kequom, Dennis
- Leauteaux, Sheila
- McCreery, Michael
- Merrill, Bethel

- Neyome, Chip
- Owl, Chase
- Owl, Melissa
- Otto, Carmen
- Pelcher, Brandy
- Pelcher, Clinton Jr.
- Peters, Joelle
- Quigno, Mary
- Quigno-Grundahl, Diana
- Ricketts, Alice Jo
- Ruhl, Gayle
- Sawmick, Jeremy
- Sisco, David Jr.
- Smith, Toni
- Spotted Tail (Montoya-Pego), Maia
- Sprague, Connie
- Sprague, Kenny
- Sprague, Lucas
- Trepanier, John III
- Wassegijig (Vasquez), Jennifer
- Wells (Isham), Noelle
- Wemigwans, Martha
- Zygmunt, Michael

District 2 (Vote for one)

- Nelson, Ronald

District 3 (Vote for up to two)

- Cloutier, Frank J.
- Graveratte, Aaron
- Kequom, Joseph

- Klich (Bailey), Tracey
- Pilar (Sprague), Darcy

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## Election Timeline

### 2019 Primary & General Elections

Oct. 4 | Last day to register to vote for the General Election

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Oct. 7 | Certification of Voting Machines 5:15 p.m.

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Oct. 8 | Primary Election Day  
Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

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Oct. 15 | Absentee ballots for General Election available in the office and mailed

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Nov. 4 | Certification of Voting Machines 5:15 p.m.

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Nov. 5 | General Election Day  
Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

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Nov. 6 | General Election Results Posted

For additional information, please contact Tribal Clerk’s Office at (989) 775-4054





## Tribal voting 500-foot radius, non-interference zone

The Tribal voting 500-foot radius, non-interference zone:

Ordinance 4, section 19. **Prohibition against interference with Elections.**

On Election Day for any Council election, including any Primary, General, Special, Run-Off or removal Election, a person, including any Tribal official, employee or representative, shall not:

(a) On any land owned by the Tribe or held in trust for the Tribe, excluding property leased for residential use:

(i) post, display or distribute any material that directly or indirectly makes reference to an election, a candidate or a ballot question (This subsection does not apply to official material that is required by law to be posted,

displayed or distributed in a polling place on election day);

(ii) solicit, persuade or endeavor to persuade, intimidate or threaten a person to vote for or against any particular candidate or for or against any ballot question that is being voted on at the election; or

(iii) either directly or indirectly, for the person's own benefit or on behalf of any other person, receive, agree or contract for valuable consideration for voting or agreeing to vote, or inducing or attempting to induce another to vote, or for refraining or agreeing to refrain, or inducing or attempting to induce another to refrain, from voting; or

(iv) either directly or indirectly, give, lend or promise valuable consideration to or for any

person as an inducement to influence the manner of voting by a person relative to a candidate or ballot question or as a reward for refraining from voting; or

(b) loiter within a building where a polling place is located or within 500 feet of any entrance to such building, including any parking areas adjacent or appurtenant to such building; or

(c) directly or indirectly utter or address any threat or intimidation to an election official or other person authorized to administer or enforce election laws or to conduct, oversee or monitor an election or to assist in the carrying out of such duties, with the intent to induce such person to do any act not authorized by law or to refrain or delay in the performance of any duty imposed by law.



## Ancestral human remains and one funerary object recommitted to earth

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

An Aug. 22, 2019 Recommitment to Earth ceremony was held for ancestral human remains from the Sloan Museum of Flint, Mich.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and its Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways, and with assistance from the Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation & Repatriation Alliance (MACPRA) and Mille Lacs Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, recommitted to the earth the ancestral human remains of nine Native American individuals and one funerary object from the Sloan Museum.

According to a release from the Ziibiwing Center, "in 1945, human remains representing, at minimum, nine individuals



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibiing Giizis

**An Aug. 22 Recommitment to Earth ceremony is held for ancestral human remains from the Sloan Museum of Flint, Mich. The ceremony was held at noon at the Nibokaan Ancestral Cemetery on Tomah Road.**

were removed from the Scoto Mounds in Genesee County in Michigan. The human remains were excavated from the mounds by the acting curator of the Genesee County Historical Society and a group of volunteers and were added to the collection of that organization."

The release continues, "In 1966, upon the opening of the

Sloan Museum, ownership of the collection of the Genesee County Historical Society was transferred to the Sloan Museum."

Several of the human remains were not able to be identified by age or gender, however, it was determined that there were four children and two adults, of whom two are male and two are possibly

female. There were no known individuals identified.

No cultural artifacts aided in determining the date of the human remains.

The one associated funerary object buried was a deer scapula.

The Notice of Inventory Completion posted to the Federal Register on June 28, 2019.

The "Preparing for the Journey" ceremony was held at 10 a.m. before the noon Recommitment to Earth ceremony. The 10 a.m. service was held at the Ziibiwing Center where final preparations and ceremonial protocols for the ancestors were made.

The noon Recommitment to Earth ceremony was held at the Nibokaan Ancestral Cemetery on 7525 E. Tomah Rd. in Mount Pleasant with George Martin and Steve Pego officiating. Sydney Martin, Marcella Hadden and Roxann Sawade assisted with the water ceremony.

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warriors Society members including David Perez and Tony Perry were also present.

A 1 p.m. Journey Feast, held at the Ziibiwing Center, concluded the ancestral protocols.

## Editorial: Migizi Economic Development Company updates

**FREDRICK KUHLMAN**

Marketing Manager  
Migizi EDC

The Migizi Economic Development Company is

happy to announce the commencement of renovation of Sagamok Mobil Express. Construction crews began, what will be, a full interior and exterior renovation of the store on Monday, Aug. 17.

The project is expected to take between 90 and 120 days. Sagamok will remain open 24/7 throughout the entire renovation process and every effort is being made to create as little inconvenience to customers as possible.

There will be five phases to the renovation with changes coming first to the store's interior. New flooring, paint, and amenities will be included which will also boast larger, and more diverse food, drink, and dessert offerings. Tribal culture will be present and proudly represented throughout the interior and exterior of the facility.

When attention turns to the exterior of the store, it will receive the same treatment as inside.

In addition to paint, the outside will benefit from an entire facelift. New signage and architectural features will be added and a full service drive thru window will return to Sagamok. Customers will be able to purchase most convenience items through the drive thru without

having to exit their vehicles. One exception to this will be alcohol, which will not be available through the window.

As the hub of the community, Sagamok Mobil Express plays a unique role on the Reservation. Serving as a convenience store and a meeting place where Members socialize and catch up, Sagamok Express Mobil is a vital part of the community and Migizi EDC. seeks to provide a warm and welcoming environment for all who gather there.

The construction phases are posted in the store and we welcome all to come and view how the transformation will unfold over the coming months.

The Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel has just undergone its annual maintenance closure and is now ready to serve

for another year. Repairs to the facilities were made in several areas and upgrades were installed throughout the park.

One of the projects was the addition of non-slip flooring in the area surrounding the food court and Flow Rider. This composite flooring reduces slipping and provides cushion should a quest fall. This should reduce the number of bumps and scrapes that occur.

An added benefit of this flooring is the reduction in noise through the waterpark. The flooring materials help to absorb sound and reduce noise which will lead to a better guest experience for everyone.

Discussion is ongoing regarding the installation of this material in the remaining deck areas.

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In partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) through a Rural Business Development grant, the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways is offering a 1-year training opportunity for seven adult Tribal Members to participate in a Business Incubator Project.

**Applications are available online at:**  
[www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing](http://www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing)

**or pick-up in person at the Ziibiwing Center**

**For more information, please call 989-775-4750**





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## Editorial: Anishinaabe Environment and Culture Camp a success

### TAYLOR BROOK

Watershed Outreach  
Coordinator

### KATHY HART

SCTC STEAM Recruiter

The Anishinaabe Environment and Culture Camp is a collaborative effort between the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. The camp was started so youth, 12 to 17 years old, could have somewhere to go to learn about the environment and culture.

The camp would not have been a success without the help of staff from several different Tribal departments. We would like to start out by saying *chi-miigwetch* for all that



Courtesy of Taylor Brook

**Kathy Hart and Kelly Willis-Benally teach the youth about the cultural significance, history, and identification of wild rice (manoomin).**

you have done to make this a great experience for the youth.

This year we hosted the third annual Anishinaabe Environment and Culture Camp Aug. 5-9 at the Tribe's Amesbury Trust property at Tawas Lake. The youth had a blast while learning about our environment and our culture.

Youth participated in environmental science activities like water quality testing and plant identifications, outdoor recreation including hiking and swimming, and Anishinaabe arts and traditions like making cedar boxes, building a sweat lodge, and making lacrosse sticks. Additionally, they were able to have these experiences while socializing with other youth and making new friends.

Through these recreational, traditional, and environmental activities, the youth learned the importance of protecting Mother Earth from our Anishinaabe perspective.

The goal is to make the connection between environmental science and Anishinaabe culture. The provided discussions, activities, and games gave participants the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue STEAM careers in the



Courtesy of Taylor Brook

**The youth make cedar boxes with Ben Hinmon.**

future and become protectors of Mother Earth.

The students told us their favorite activities were "the sweat lodge," "lacrosse," "swimming," and "bonfires;" they learned about, "different plants and its healing properties," "the roles people play in the community," and "plants and outside like animals and water;" and overall, the participants said



Courtesy of Taylor Brook

**The group learns about harvesting and preparing natural medicines with Daisy Kostus.**

"yes," they would recommend this camp to their friends.

For additional information, please contact Kathy Hart at [KHart@sagchip.org](mailto:KHart@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4123 or Taylor Brook at [TBrook@sagchip.org](mailto:TBrook@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4162.



Courtesy of Taylor Brook

**The youth test the water on Tawas Lake. The results were typical for that environment.**



Courtesy of Taylor Brook

**The Conservation Committee teaches the youth how to do traditional net fishing on the Saganing River.**

## Want to be a part of "Team SCTC" and travel to New Mexico in March 2020 to represent and compete at AIHEC?

American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) Spring Student Conference is a national conference that students attend from the 37 Tribal College's throughout the nation.

Students participate in several different competitions such as the science bowl, business bowl, knowledge bowl, poetry slam, archery, one act play, art, hand games, and more. There is also evening entertainment.

At previous conferences students from SCTC have competed in the Science Bowl, Knowledge Bowl, Critical Inquiry, Archery, Web Page Design, Chess, and Art competitions and placed in a few of these.

They had an awesome experience, made new friendships, and had the opportunity to travel.

### Applications:

**If you would like to be a part of this great opportunity, please fill out the attached application and either drop it off to:**

- Kathy Hart, STEM Recruiter in the East Building
- Jon Miller, Science Instructor at the Science Building

**Or email it to:** Either [khart@sagchip.org](mailto:khart@sagchip.org) or [jmiller@sagchip.edu](mailto:jmiller@sagchip.edu)



### SCTC Board of Regents Vacancy

**The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College is currently considering applications to fill a vacancy on the Board of Regents.**

#### Qualifications include:

- (a) Enrollment as a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan or another federally-recognized tribe, band, or group.
- (b) Attainment of at least twenty-five (25) years of age.
- (c) Significant education or work experience related to the process of higher education or vocational training or the administration of education or vocational training institutions and programs
- (d) Any specific requirements of organizations providing financial or other benefits to SCTC or providing accreditation of SCTC programs.

#### Mail letters of interest to:

Carla Sineway, President  
2274 Enterprise Dr., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

**Or email to:** [csineway@sagchip.edu](mailto:csineway@sagchip.edu)



# Mahnoomin

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**Friday, Oct. 11 | 9 - 5 p.m.**

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**Saturday, Oct. 12 | 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

- Parching, hulling, winnowing, cleaning the rice, and finish tools if needed.
- Presentation by Lee Sprague.
- Lunch provided.

**Sunday, Oct. 13 | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

- Hulling, winnowing, cleaning the rice, and finish tools if needed.
- Lunch provided.







## Community gathers for Sept. 2 annual Labor Day Picnic

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Recreation Department hosted the annual Labor Day Family Picnic on Sept. 2 at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground from noon to 5 p.m.

Competitions included: a bean bag tournament, family bingo, sack races, egg tosses and more.

Door prizes were given away, and attendees enjoyed a potluck.

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## SCA's Oct. 7 learning day to focus on salmon fishing and spearing

**NIKI HENRY**

Curriculum Instructional Coordinator

Saginaw Chippewa Academy students and staff are eagerly looking forward to and preparing for the first official Anishinaabek Bimadziwin (AB) learning day that focusses on salmon fishing and spearing and will take place Monday, Oct. 7.

On this day, kindergarten through second graders will visit Fish Ladder Park in Grand Rapids, Mich. to observe the salmon in the river and to watch licensed AB staff fish along with other anglers hoping for a catch.

Students in third through fifth grade will begin their day of cultural learning in Frankfort, Mich. where salmon swim into the inlet of the Betsie River from Lake Michigan. Grand Traverse Band Conservation Officer LaKota Raphael will be present to guide learners through the day that will end with traditional spearing for salmon at Homestead Dam, east of Frankfort in Benzonia.

Students will be immersed in Native traditions such as salmon spearing throughout the year as a result of the academy indigenizing its calendar. Additional learning days include: Oct. 14 Indigenous People's Day, Nov. 11 Veteran's Day, Feb. 17 Tribal Chief's Day, April 22 Earth



Photos courtesy of Niki Henry

Day, and May 22 Gathering morel, birch bark and ramps.

In addition to the learning days, the new school

calendar also honors opening day of rifle hunting season on Nov. 15 by giving students the day off.

School will also be closed Monday, March 16, after the SCA Round Dance and on April 10 for the Anishinaabek New Year.

## Getting to know the SCA culture and language staff

**NIKI HENRY**

Curriculum Instructional Coordinator

The weaving of Anishinaabe culture and language into the fabric of Saginaw Chippewa Academy is one of the school's most unique features, and it could not be done without a staff dedicated to sharing their love for and knowledge of Native traditions and lifestyle.

SCA is privileged to have six full-time Anishinaabek Bimaadziwin teachers, each with an important part of a three-member, grade-level team that also includes an academic teacher and a teacher's aide.

Cecilia Stevens is one of two female members of the AB staff. Stevens grew up in the community in a time when not many traditions were being passed down to the younger generations. She credits this as her inspiration to learn, to honor her ancestors, to become a role model and to carry traditional teachings to Anishinaabe students.

According to Stevens, learning about culture and language not only helps children respect Mother Earth, but it

also helps them develop pride in themselves.

"It unifies them and gives them awareness that they belong," Stevens said. "They will always know where home is."

Stevens is also passionate about water teachings and leads a water ceremony during the school's weekly asemaa ceremony that takes place each Monday morning of the school year.

Iliana Montoya, SCA's other female AB teacher, is not new to the school, though, she is new to her position. Montoya brings a lot of experience teaching Anishinaabe lifestyle and traditions to the students at the academy, having taught at the Tribal College and having led many youth workshops over the years.

"I live mno bimaadziwin," Montoya said, noting that she is looking forward to sharing this lifestyle with academy students throughout the school year.

Wes Hale is another new culture and language teacher at SCA who transferred into the position after being an aide. He too will focus on sharing traditions and the Anishinaabe lifestyle with students.

"This has always been my way of life, the only way I know," Hale said, noting he wants to help students take pride in their heritage.

"I live in both worlds, but this is the main way," he said. "I want the students to know it's okay to be proud and to live mno bimaadziwin."

Hale is looking forward to co-leading SCA's after-school singing group that will take place on Tuesdays beginning Oct. 8.

Aaron Chivis said working with Native youth is his calling. "It's work I like to do and would be doing in some capacity no matter what," he said.

Chivis has experience with Native youth programming and carries with him a wealth of practical knowledge of Anishinaabe lifestyle and traditions. Because of this, he often takes the lead during SCA's weekly asemaa ceremony and can be heard telling stories in the lodge on Monday mornings.

"I'm looking forward to another good year," Chivis said, noting SCA has a full AB staff for the first time in more than a year and explaining that this will give them all more time with students

and to provide more in-depth lessons during weekly culture classes and enrichment classes.

Matthew Sprague is another member of the AB team. Sprague is enthusiastic about his role at the academy and believes in the work the staff is doing there with the students.

"Things do not always change today or tomorrow," Sprague said, "but we can plant the seeds."

Sprague believes it is better to build strong children than to repair broken ones and is aware of how grounding it can be to be immersed in mno bimaadziwin.

"Working here is learning as well," Sprague said, noting he has learned a lot of language while working at the school.

Sprague is another team member excited about the changes made to the school calendar, especially the new overnight ricing camp trip that the AB staff is planning for fourth and fifth graders. "Camp is always fun, but we are changing it up this year with an earlier date and a new location."

Nathan Isaac rounds out the AB team and takes an active role at the academy. He too is happy about all the new ways to

share culture and language with SCA students.

Isaac described the educational fun run the AB staff is planning in conjunction with the school's first learning day that centers around salmon runs the first part of October. There will be a land course between the academy and Seventh Generation with mock challenges like predators and fishermen for the students who will "run" the course as salmon.

One of Isaac's favorite parts of his job is seeing the impact of sharing cultural teachings with students and how the community is transforming as a result.

"Youth are identifying as Anishinaabe. Young women are wearing ribbon skirts in the community. Young men go to fires and tend them. You see them taking up a lot of those roles and responsibilities. Fifteen years ago, you didn't see much of that happening."

SCA students have a front row seat to all these changes and the unique opportunity to be grounded in indigenous culture before straddling the line between both worlds when they continue their educational journey at the middle school.

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mamaazhi'	conquer
giizhi	complete
gashki'ewizi	accomplish
gashkichige	acquire
mazinibii'igan	design
akawaabi	expect
niigi	increase (in number)
zhaagooji	overcome
nanaandawi'	heal
gichi miikana	highway
baketigweyaa	river branch
mizhakwad	good weather
agwajiing	outside
giiwose	hunt
akandoowin	hunting blind
bikwak	arrow
omashkooz	elk
wiikom	(invite to) feast
okosimaan	pumpkin
miishiimin	apple

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# Anishinaabemowin CROSSWORD

## Word Bank

- dgwaagi
- biis-i-biis-aa
- gmi-wan
- nim-kii-kaa
- Kchi-noo-din
- ngwan-kwat
- nii-skaa-dat
- mkoom' mii-ka
- ndokad

## Down

1. It's stormy
3. It's fall/autumn
5. It's raining
6. It's thundering

## Across

2. It's damp
4. It's drizzling
7. It's icy
8. It's very windy
9. It's cloudy

Down

Across

- 1. nii-skaa-dat (It's stormy)
- 2. ndokad (It's damp)
- 3. dgwaagi (It's fall/autumn)
- 4. biis-i-biis-aa (It's drizzling)
- 5. gmi-wan (It's raining)
- 6. nim-kii-kaa (It's thundering)
- 7. mkoom' mii-ka (It's icy)
- 8. Kchi-noo-din (It's very windy)
- 9. ngwan-kwat (It's cloudy)

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## Candidate Profiles

Oct. 8, 2019 Primary Election

Tribal Observer is providing the Tribal Membership with a platform spread that features candidates on the Primary Election ballot.

All primary candidate photos are included. Profiles are also included for candidates who provided them.

All profiles are published as submitted. The Tribal Observer did not edit in any way.



**Brad Bennett**



**Terry Bonnau**



**Timothy Davis**



**Lindy Hunt**



**Shelly Bailey**

My name is Shelly Bailey and I'm very proud and honored to be nominated as a candidate. A little bit about me; I am born and raised in Mt. Pleasant, I have six children and 11 grandchildren. After completing high school I took some classes at CMU and MMCC, have worked at Nimkee for over 30 years and have served as your council member twice before. I trace back to the 1939 base roll and with this election I feel we need to address some major concerns of which include: the opioid epidemic, better health coverage, protecting our sovereignty and advancing business ventures to improve our portfolio as a whole. I also believe there needs to be a change in the lack of open communication and enrollment issues. My family and I appreciate all support given in this campaign while running for Tribal Council, and thank everyone for their help.



**Louanna Bruner**

It has truly been an honor to have served on Tribal Council. I graduated from CMU with a Business Administration degree one week after being sworn into Council in December 2017. My degree heightens my knowledge, skills and abilities to understand financial documents. I have practiced making data-driven decisions that enable increased efficiencies and maximize profits. I have learned that not every investment has a financial return, but can have a positive impact on meeting our community needs; such as Culture and Language, Health, and Education and will continue to support these programs. As you all know, my door is always open and I welcome any inquiries you may have regarding decisions I have made. We have an amazing candidate list and everyone is capable of being a good leader for us! As you vote for your Tribal Council, please consider me to be a part of your Leadership.



**Faith Carmona-Pego**

Ahnii. My name is Faith Carmona-Pego and I am running for Tribal Council, District 1. If elected, I will uphold our Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Constitution and follow Tribal Ordinances. I am asking for your support, your vote in the upcoming Tribal Election Primary and General Election. Our voices matter. Our vote matters. Vote for Faith Carmona-Pego in the upcoming Saginaw Chippewa Election Primary and General Election. Miigwech for your consideration.



**Brenda Champlin (Chamberlain)**

Boozhoo! Eight years cancer free. Previous tribal council experience, three terms, between 1993 - 2005. 11 years of Gaming, 3.7 years of Tribal Operations. Determined to help the tribe, here are two successful proposals I, presented to tribal council: November 17, 2010. For the Christmas holiday, defer the tribal loan payments for the month of December. November 24, 2010. Tribal council approves by motion. 7 for, 1 abstain, motion carried. Currently ongoing. July 3, 2012. Increase the tribal loan amount to \$15,000.00. July 13, 2012. Tribal council approves by motion. 8 for, motion carried. Lasted 3 years and 8 months. Both per; tribal council minutes. Future proposal: An idea that could save tribal monies for other needs. I, do have other idea's and concerns. Now healthier, just offering to help a little more. If elected I, will work in the best interest of the tribe.



**Michelle Colwell (Jackson)**

We are in need of leadership that is more concerned about our tribe's future than themselves, their families/friends, or their re-election. Leadership that will make the hard decisions necessary after considering all viable options. Leadership that will follow policies without exception and when necessary, change policies to benefit the majority not the minority. Leadership that refuses to make verbal decisions behind closed doors so they cannot be held accountable. Leadership that doesn't use false promises and accusations. During my 17 years of taking council minutes, serving on council 2015-2017, and working in Tribal Administration, I have seen and heard some good but also the waste, prejudices, and self-preservation which needs to end. If elected, I will bring the same integrity, responsibility, and fairness to council as I have during my years of service to the tribe as I truly believe leadership is about submission to duty not elevation to power.



**Ronald F. Ekdahl**

It has been a true honor to serve on the Tribal Council for the last 4 years. For the last 4 years I have been a part of some major projects that will greatly impact the future of the Tribe going forward. Serving as the Tribal Chief these last 2 years has been the greatest professional accomplishment of my career. As a tribal member I have always kept the interests of the whole tribe as one of my top priorities. There are some great opportunities that the Tribe has started and I would love for the opportunity to continue to work for the Tribe in its highest leadership role. Chi Miigwech for your continued support.



**Damian Fisher**

My name is Damian Fisher, my father was Samuel Fisher, his mother was Jessie (Joseph) Springer (Ida Mae Williams & Samuel Joseph), and his father was Campau Moses Jackson Walker (Rose McClure & Solomon Moses). I am 57 years old, a Tribal Elder, Ogitchidaw, Father of 4, Grandfather of 2, twice divorced, and I have worked many jobs, including being an Indian Michigan Lawyer. Our youthful families are our future. I will build a strong reservation for them, and leave this place stronger for my work, love and care. The four pathways to building a Reservation are Jobs, Education, Housing, and Healthcare, a medicine wheel for strong reservations. I will work in those directions to attract investment, train people, open opportunities, lower barriers, and improve accessibility for every Tribal Member. We are a family and a sovereign Nation that has, and will, overcome many challenges.



**Jean Flamand**

Hi, my name is Jean Flamand, I am running for Tribal Council to represent district 1. I would like to see and work toward changes for our current and future generations. Changes for education, healthcare, programs for our elders and our children and most importantly self-sustaining programs. I have lived on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Reservation most of my life and raised my children here and now my grandchildren. I have over 23 years of experience working for the Tribe and I am currently the Assistant Human Resource Manager for the Casino and Resort - Hospitality Division. I would like to thank you in advance for your support.



**Craig Graveratte**

It has been a great Honor to serve you as Treasurer for the last 2 years. Our Tribe has seen great growth and stability in our properties. Continued improvements need to be done to help increase our net revenues and profitability while making our Investments(Money) work for us and continue to regrow our portfolios. I have work with the Tribe in many different capacities from our Gaming Operations Security Department and Finance Department, then with the Government Operations side as Recycling Coordinator, Environmental Department, Member Services and Tribal Council. It would be an Honor to serve you again as a Tribal Council Representative for another 2 years. I will continue to represent and make sound decisions that will affect ALL members. I have and always will remain approachable. Thank you for your continued support and confidence in me.



**Hans Karl Hansen**

My name is Hans (Karl) Hansen, but most people know me as Karl or Hansie .  
I began working for the tribe in the fall of 1989. At that time the gaming operation was called, "The Saginaw Chippewa Fund Raising Project." During my 18 year career I saw the rapid expansion, and success of the tribe's business enterprises.  
I would like to be a part of the continued success, and expansion of future tribal revenue to help secure the future generations of this tribal community.  
I believe my working experience and my dedication to the prosperity of our membership will ensure a stable future.





# District 1 | Isabella



**Michelle Jackson**



**Theresa Jackson (Peters)**



**Dennis Kequom**



**Diana Quigno-Grundahl**



**Alice Jo Ricketts**



**Kenny Sprague**



**Margaret Hinkle**

My name is Margaret Hinkle and I am enthusiastically running for Tribal Council. I am the daughter of Richard Stevens and Della Miller, have been married for 25 years and have three wonderful sons. I'm looking forward to contributing my ideas as to how we can preserve our health insurance and make our per capita stronger. I want to provide multiple services to aid in the care of our loved elders. As a passionate casino employee, I have many concepts on how together, we can make the workplace a finer place for all of our employees. I believe my past experience as a business owner and as a current associate gives me the knowledge and experience to assist in making key decisions that will positively impact our future. Please consider me for your vote!



**Angel Jackson**

Boozhoo, My name is Angel Jackson and my decision to run for Tribal Council is based on a foundation of love, commitment, and compassion. I wish to continue our family's tradition of dedication and service; a dedication which has spanned for generations. With 30 years of service with the Tribe, I have served on many committees; Elections, Hiring & Recruiting, Elders, TAP, and language to name a few. My strongest quality is perseverance; always willing to stand up for what is right and fight for those who can't. I have not only managed to help 21 foster children, but I've devoted time and assistance to the Tribal Elders as well as our community. I believe actions are stronger than words; I will not sit behind the scenes in hopes that my name means anything when I can be active in a means to helping our Tribe grow. Megwetch



**Brent Jackson**

Hello- I'm running for Council because I understand the impact that Council's decisions have on the Membership, sovereignty, affairs and businesses. I'm a husband, father and grandfather. I've worked for the Tribe since 1989 in various capacities including over 26 years in operational management, Gaming Commission and three terms on Council. These experiences have given me a well-rounded view of the operations of the Tribe and Gaming enterprises. I value teamwork, dedication, hard work and believe the leadership should hold themselves to the same standards. I've been on Council when several projects that advanced the Tribe happened and hope to again represent our great nation while we explore other areas of potential revenue growth and diversification. One such area is the recent legalization of the cannabis industry within the State, which I believe would benefit the Tribe and provide opportunities for related Membership-owned businesses. Thank you for your consideration.



**Sheila Leureaux**

Hello, my name is Sheila Leureaux. I believe a new direction is needed; we need to get out of our comfort zone in order for this to be successful. We need to explore new business ideas and see what would be beneficial to the Tribe and its membership.

I would like to see more transparency between Tribal Council and the Membership. The membership needs to be updated with current situations involving the Tribe.

I also believe the Youth should be a top priority, they are our future and we need strong leaders to continue to take the tribe in the right direction.



**Michael McCreery**

I am seeking your vote for Tribal Council because I believe the vision for our Tribe must include the development and implementation of a conservation department. The realization of this vision will provide critical safeguards for our hunting, fishing, and gathering traditions. The absence of appropriate regulations and enforcement poses a liability for the Tribe which has an essential interest in preserving our people's historical hunting, fishing, and gathering traditions for current and future generations. The objective of conservation is to preserve and protect the natural resources our people depend upon. This includes initiating and sustaining programs which contribute to strengthening our people's cultural identity, self-determination, and furthering the vital education of our youth with an emphasis on stewardship. I have served on the Tribe's Conservation Committee for 5 years, and if elected, intend to direct our Tribe to obtain Federal conservation funds set aside for indigenous peoples.



**Bethel Merrill**

Aanii! Ndizhnikaaaz Bethel Merrill. I am a mother to four children and five grandchildren. My mother is Gloria Sue (Strong) Merrill. My family has been a part of the tribal community in Isabella County since before the land allotment distribution. Much of my education has primarily been focused on psychology, criminal justice, and sociology. I have 23 years of service with the Tribe with 11 years in gaming and 12 years in tribal government positions. I have been involved in gaming, education, cultural programs, human resources, and law enforcement. My experience has allowed me to establish business relationships with various departments. During my time with the Tribe, I always have the best interest of our people and businesses in mind and heart. I am also compassionate about our Tribe. I am goal and solution oriented. My aspirations are to work towards building a healthy, sustainable community. Representation matters!



**Chip Neyome**

Chip Anthony Neyome

Miigwetch, for taking the time to read my profile; I will use this opportunity to boast a bit. My family and I have used our Per-Capita distributions over the past 20 years to purchase multiple properties and establish a profitable business. Neyome Investments LLC has achieved a profit and will likely continue to make upward progress for years to come. From our Rental in Shepherd to our 122.5 acres on Chippewa Road we continue to provide opportunities for guests, family, and friends to enjoy the outdoors and mid-Michigan. If you want to know more about my vision then search this issue of the Observer for "My Vision of Our Future" If you share in my vision for our future I ask that you send a vote in my direction; I will diligently remove obstacles and provide opportunities.



**Chase Owl**

Aanii, Chase Owl Ndizhnikaaaz, I studied Computer Science and Business Administration at Central Michigan University. I currently work in the SCIT Information Technology Department and I am a small business owner here in Mount Pleasant. I am prepared to bring my technical aptitude, business experience, and detail orientation into our leadership, along with an unbiased mindset. I believe that we need to come together and put aside personal agendas to make the tough decisions needed to continue the growth and to prosper as an organization. Research and education in all aspects of our Tribal Government will be my focus, as leadership needs to stay up to date with changing policies and be on the forefront of industry shifts. Accountability within our leadership is imperative and I will work hard to keep that accountability, while striving to represent all members of our organization.



**Melissa Owl**

Aanii Boozhoo, my name is Melissa Owl, I am a proud member of the community from a small family and am motivated to work hard for the entire Tribal community. I received my Bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University in Business Administration, majoring in Management. I have worked for the tribe for a combination of 8+ years in Gaming, Government, Migizi, Education and am currently employed in Business Regulations. I have four children and four grandchildren. Important issues as a Tribal member are health, education, war on drugs, Tribal elders and making sound decisions on securing our financial future. I will be able to use the experience and knowledge I've gained to contribute wisely to making decisions for the entire tribe as a whole. Being on Tribal Council means you must be a fearless and selfless leader. If elected as one of your Tribal Council members, "Owl work for YOU!"



**Carmen Otto**

As a District 1 candidate, the following reasons influenced my choice to run for the next Tribal Council. I am from a family of previous tribal council members and not surprisingly, that has been a major influence on my decision, especially my parents Pete and Lorna. We saw their dedication to our tribe, and we grew up understanding that "the good of the tribe" was an everyday part of life and important. I'm from District 1 but I also lived in District 3 for many years. I have Drafting Technology and Business Administration degrees and completions. I have also worked for several departments within the tribe, including the original Bingo. This is as helpful, knowing these departments. With the same dedication that I had for my studies, I will bring that to the Tribal Council's duties, responsibilities and decisions that affect our tribe and our SCIT members. Miigwetch and baamapii





**Brandy Pelcher**

Boozhoo, my name is Brandy Pelcher. I have lived in district 1 my whole life, as a little girl I grew up on Broadway living next door to my late grandma, Beatrice Peters. I have been employed with the tribe for 12 years in the Benefits Department and prior to that I worked for our casino. I won't promise fast changes but I believe in the importance of community and believe that together we can make changes to strengthen our nation.

Good luck to all the candidates



**Clinton Pelcher Jr.**

Boozhu, my name is Clinton Pelcher. I currently work for the Seventh Generation Program and have worked for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for many years. I have been the Director of Substance Abuse for the SCIT and the Hannahville Indian Tribe. I have served on the state wide Elders Health Board, and I have also been on the SCIT Tribal Health Board for a number of years. I carry an associate degree. I have been sober and smoke free for over 40 years. Recently, I beat cancer, and with my new lease on life, I would like to serve the people. I would like to see more housing available for tribal members, single mothers and fathers. I would also like to have a women's shelter on the reservation. Miigwetch



**Joelle Peters**

My name is Joelle Peters, I was born, raised & continue to raise my family in this community. I want to see our Tribe and its members achieve multi faceted success; financial, spiritual, intellectual, environmental, & occupational. While the financial security of our Tribe takes focus, I want to ensure programs that aim at taking care of our Elders & empowering our youth are developed & continue to be supported. As our teachers & our future their wellbeing is important. I have earned an Associates of Liberal Arts, & a Bachelors of Social Work. I am currently in pursuit of a Masters of Social Work from the University of Michigan. I am committed to keeping an open mind while exploring business opportunities & future endeavors for our Tribe & the membership. I believe keeping the membership informed & involved is vital to our future. I would appreciate your support.



**Mary Quigno**

My name is Mary Quigno. I have been a lifelong resident of Mount Pleasant. In 2010 I received my Associates Degree in Business from SCTC and have credits earned towards a Bachelor's degree at CMU. I have worked for the Tribe for over 14 years, with 12 years in the Human Resources department. I believe my experience and leadership style will be beneficial if elected to serve on Tribal Council. I plan on focusing on our children and elders, as well as making our Tribe successful. We need to expand and diversify our business ventures and become the number one destination resort in the Midwest. Thank you in advance for your support!



**Gayle Ruhl**

Boozhoo, I'd like to start off saying I'm a hard worker, I've worked for the tribe the last 17 years and worked since age 15. I'm willing to fight for the tribe like members expect from leadership. I've earned a Master's degree, taught at SCTC and CMU, now I'm trying to learn anishinaabemowin. I come from a courageous family willing to speak up, being the great granddaughter of Charles and Rose Lillian (Peters) Bennett I'm very proud knowing who come before me and all the others families who made and make SCIT a strong nation. I understand it's a council decision not one person, I'm willing to work with other elected members to get work done. What's important to me; sovereignty, increasing profits, tackling health care and services to members issues, supporting members cultural, educational and job pursuits, responsible budgeting, environmental causes, energy expansion and exercising tribal taxation rights.

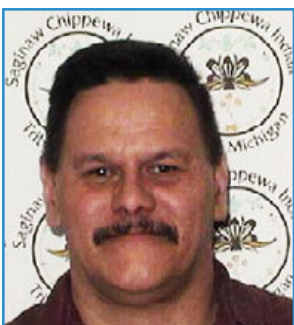


**Jeremy Sawmick**

Hello,

My name is Jeremy Sawmick and I would like the opportunity to work for you and our Tribe. It would be an honor to represent our Tribe and its members. I am a dedicate Tribal Employee with over 31 years of service to date, 25 of those years at our Casino and currently 6 years with the Tribe's Public Works Department. I am family oriented, and will work hard to make sure our Tribe expands their business opportunities and growth outside of the casino walls. I want to ensure that our future generations well get an opportunity to share in all the blessing that we members have already received.

Thank you very much.



**David Sisco Jr.**

Dave Sisco  
27 years' experience with The tribe  
11 as HR manager

I believe when we invest we do not ask the proper questions. I will always ask what profit the business can expect from this investment, When will this profit be realized? And how/when will the membership benefit from this?

I can assure you that I will always be honest and up front with the membership at all times weather you will like the answer or not. Honesty is paramount. In my role as HR manager I have made some tough decisions that have protected the business and if elected that trend will continue and carry down to the membership. My bottom line is to look out for the Tribe as whole. Thank you for your consideration



**Toni Smith**

My name is Toni Smith. I have worked for the SCIT for 8 years. For the past 5 years, I have been employed as the Wellness Coordinator for SCIT. I was also in the SCIT Tribal Leadership program. I graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor in Science Degree in Health Fitness in Prevention & Rehabilitation. I am passionate about living a healthy lifestyle. I want to give back to our community. I want to help our community to be healthier. I feel that we can be healthier by focusing on wellness through prevention. I feel that there is a need in our community to create a Wellness Program for the Tribal Members. By having a Tribal Wellness Program, it will create new programs to help the people to be healthier and it could lower healthcare costs. I truly believe that our health is our wealth!



**Maia Spotted Tail (Montoya-Pego)**

Bozhoo! My name is Maia Spotted Tail (Montoya-Pego); I am the granddaughter of "Buddy" & Grace Pego. I was born and raised on the SCIT reservation. I hold a BSBA in Business Administration and one in Accounting. Currently, I am completing my second year at The University of Michigan pursuing my MBA with a concentration in Accounting. I have ten years of experience working for our tribal Accounting departments; both Gaming and Government sectors and am currently the SCIT Sr. Fiscal Compliance Auditor. My focus will be utilizing my financial education and background to diversify our businesses and ensure protection of tribal assets while also focusing on youth initiatives, and unifying the tribe towards a more prosperous future. Additionally, I would like to aggressively pursue emerging plant based industries. I am fully invested in the success of our tribe. I humbly ask for and would appreciate your vote, Miigwetch!



**Connie Sprague**

My name is Connie Sprague and serving on Tribal Council is not something new for me, I served three terms, with 3 years as Council Secretary, and 2 years as Council Treasurer.

My work experience has all been with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, except for 5 years I worked for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe. Up to 1987 I worked in the Education area, and from 1987 to 1997 I worked in the Gaming, 1998 is when I started in the Human Resource area and began handling the employee benefits. In 2002 I was given the task of starting the Tribal Member Benefits program and have been managing both the Employee and Member Benefits programs since.

I would be honored to serve on the Tribal Council again, and sincerely hope the community will give me that chance.



**Lucas Sprague**

I am a graduate of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College where I have received my associate's degree in liberal arts. I am currently a full-time student at Central Michigan University and will be earning my bachelor's degree in Sport Management, with a minor in Communication in the Spring of 2020. I started working for the Tribe as a Summer Youth Worker, I have now been here for eight years, and have held the position of interim-manager of the Recreation Department for over three and a half years. I serve on the Art Reach Committee, and as an USBC Mount Pleasant Bowling Director. I was born and raised on the Isabella Reservation and have become intimately familiar with the issues facing our tribal youth. If I am elected, I will continue to prioritize community engagement which is an important factor in identifying and tackling the issues which face our tribal community.



**John Trepanier III**

I was raised here in Mount Pleasant and graduated from MPHS in 1988. I started working at the age of 15 as a summer youth worker, when I was 18 I started working bingo floor worker and was going to high school at the same time. Talk about all work and no play. My experience includes several years of gaming at two casinos. I have been a blackjack dealer, a pit boss/floor supervisor, as well as a pit manager. I started dealing at the Lac Courte Oreilles casino at 23, moved up to pitboss a year later and six months after that I became a pit manager. When they opened up the new Soaring Eagle I applied for the pit manager position but was selected as an alternate, so I moved back to Hayward and started all over from the bottom, blackjack dealer, to pitboss, to pit manager.





# District 1 | Isabella



**Jennifer Wasegijig (Vasquez)**

I've had the honor of serving two terms on Tribal Council. With each term I've learned, grown and have had the best interest of the community at heart. I'm very approachable; always open to hearing the members' concerns, will continue to help our community the best that I can, while leading by example. If elected, it would be an honor once again to be the voice for our people.



**Noelle Wells (Isham)**

Aanii, as a candidate in this upcoming election I am humbly seeking your support. I was born and raised on the SCIT Reservation and I have been working for Tribal Operations for the last 3 years. I hold an Associate's Degree in Native American Studies that I obtained from our Tribal College and I am working toward my Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. I am currently Treasurer for the SCIT Pow wow Committee. I have decided to pursue the honor of serving on Tribal Council because I would like to help lead our Tribe in securing a successful future by utilizing our current resources and making informed decisions that are in the best interest of our community. I would also like to explore innovative paths to diversify our Tribal assets through renewable energy. Miigwtech for your time and consideration. From the Rez, for the Rez  
Noelle Wells



**Martha Wemigwans**

Boozhoo, my name is Martha Wemigwans and I work for the Gaming Commission. I am a proud mother of 4 beautiful children. I started working for the tribe as a Summer Youth Worker in 2000 and knew right away I wanted to work for our Tribe. I have always taken pride in our community and love how everyone comes together in a time of need. **If elected, I will use my voice to the best of my ability as well as have a backbone for our membership. I have a huge heart, strong voice and will always stand for what is right! #FORTHEPEOPLE**



**Michael Zygmunt**

Hi, my name is Mike Zygmunt and I am a tribal elder. I graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in 1968. My work background includes business owner, restaurant, oil field, construction, factory and presently 32 years in owning Mt. Pleasant Lawncare. I've made acquaintances with many Mt. Pleasant businessmen and feel that I could contribute experiences and knowledge to our decision making as a council member. I have served on the Migizi BOD for 3 1/2 years. I will always make the best informed decision I can make for all membership. There are many challenges but most importantly a. protect trust funds for future generations, b. make an effort to save health care, c. develop a long term strategy to protect per cap, d. always make education a priority & e. invest properly.

## District 2 Saganing



**Ronald Nelson**

Boozhoo, I thank you for your confidence and allowing me to serve Saganing as part of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, respectively for the last 14 years on Council. While we face common difficulties, happiness cannot be found in material possessions. We must always thank the Creator and Mother Earth for the life we live as Natives. We must preserve our ancestry, history and culture while promoting economic development. We must all remain focused on eliminating greed, strengthening our social being, political culture, spiritual future, and helping each other. My heart is for the Saganing Reservation and the growth to help all, protecting OUR future. Our strengths will always come from the pride of our people as one great nation. A strong vision to lead will always protect the people from the drama that tries to destroy it. Positivity will heal all with an open mind to be strong Natives. Chi-Miigwetch

## District 3 At Large



**Frank J. Cloutier**

Election season is here once again. Miigwetch for the opportunity to serve as your District Three representative. It has been one of the greatest and most humbling experiences for me thus far. I have served as Gaming Commissioner, Gaming Commission Chairperson, Public Relations Manager and Director of Public Relations until being elected to Tribal Council. All efforts during this current administration has been to maintain the forward movement and efforts started to ensure we remain competitive and self-sustaining for the future. I have 19 years of experience working with our Tribal community. I have assisted with and voted for many of the ordinances that govern our Tribal Government. We have many challenges in the near future, however we also have many opportunities. I will remain dedicated to protecting member rights and benefits. I am asking for your vote again this year. Remember to vote it is your right and privilege.



**Aaron Graveratte**

Hello to all Districts of The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. My name is Aaron Graveratte, I would like the opportunity to be your representative for District 3. My educational background consists of a Bachelors Degree in Sociology, Masters in Human Resource Administration, both received from Central Michigan University. I have worked for our Tribe for 13 years and counting. I would like the membership to know I have the best interest of our people in mind and I would like to be able to have a vote in all matters that greatly affect our families and tribe. I am open-minded and always willing to hear ideas or suggestions on how to make improvements to our tribe. I believe our membership is bright with talent, ideas, and innovation. We need to utilize those in order to continue to be a successful tribe. Thank you for the continued support, Baamapi.



**Joseph Kequom**

My name is, Joe Kequom, I'm a District Three Member and I'm asking for your vote this election as the new District Three/At-Large council seat. I have worked for my tribe for 39+ years as a grant writer and tribal police officer. As an officer I worked my way through the ranks until achieving the position of police captain. I'm presently employed as an Andahwod C.C.C and E.S. Security Officer. I will use my professional experiences, training and knowledge to make the best decisions for my people, the community, tribal government and gaming sectors. On a more personal level, I've been married to my wife, Marje; for 32 years and I have also assisted her with opening up her own personal businesses as well. I would really appreciate your vote this election and be honored to serve our tribe as a council member.  
-Thank you, Joe Kequom



**Tracey Klich (Bailey)**

Boozhoo! My name is Tracey (Bailey) Klich and I am running for the Tribal Council At-Large seat. I have a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from SVSU and am currently working on my Master's Degree in Counseling from SAGU. I am married and we have a blended family consisting of 3 boys. We currently reside in Freeland, MI. I am presently working in the Family Healing to Wellness Program. Working closely with and supporting our tribal families is very close to my heart. My goal is to make a difference in the lives of our clients, no matter how small. We are only as strong as we want to be but I think facing the challenges in our communities will surely bring blessings to us all. I want unity within our community and beyond. Prayers and blessing – Tracey Bailey-Klich



**Darcy Pilar (Sprague)**

Aanii My name is Darcy Marie Pilar (Sprague) Born and raised on the SCIT reservation, I am the daughter of Lawrence & Florence Sprague, Granddaughter of Philemon & Eleanor Sprague, Great granddaughter of Eli (Chief Little Elk) & Betsey Thomas.  
I recently graduated with my Bachelor of Business in information & Technology from the University of Arizona. I have been in the Treasury department for over 6 years, and 16 years for the Tribe altogether. I am ready for change to protect our next generation. As I look at myself, I feel that I am a great resource to our people and will thrive for change through our business, education and people.





## Day of remembrance held for 18th anniversary of September 11

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

A day of remembrance was held for the 18th anniversary of September 11.

Tribal Member Gary Bennett coordinated the Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019 event, held at the Housing Pavilion at 2451 Nish Na Be Anong Rd.

After 11:30 a.m., Bennett welcomed those in attendance and Tribal Council Sub-Chief Diana Quigno-Grundahl provided an opening prayer.

Several other Tribal Council members were in attendance, along with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department, Tribal Fire Department, and many Tribal community members.

Members of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warriors Society and local veterans provided a 21-gun salute.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Fire Department pays tribute to lives lost on September 11 on the 18th anniversary on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019.**

Next, Bennett asked for a one-minute moment of silence to honor those fallen on 9/11.

Tribal Fire Chief and Minister Fred Cantu Jr. was asked, by Bennett, to provide a sermon in regards to the honoring and

remembering of that horrific day in 2001.

“The moment the news broke, it shook me to my core,” Cantu said, adding he was at work for the Fire Department when the news broke. “I witnessed the second plane strike the tower (live streaming on TV).”

“My heart and prayers go out to those still feeling the effects of this event,” Cantu said.

Mentioning first responders on 9/11 and in general, Cantu said, “When the danger comes, they don’t run away from it, they run into it.”

Following Cantu’s sermon, Bennett led a sing-a-long to



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**Local veterans provide a 21-gun salute in honor of 9/11.**



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**Tribal Fire Chief and Minister Fred Cantu Jr. provides a sermon in regards to the honoring and remembering of 9/11.**



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**Event organizer Gary Bennett offers a miigwetch to community members who attended.**



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**Tribal Member and local musician Kevin Chamberlain performs “Wind Beneath My Wings” as those in attendance listen.**

“America the Beautiful,” followed by a recording of a bagpipe rendition of “Amazing Grace” played over the speakers.

With his acoustic guitar and vocals, Tribal Member and local musician Kevin Chamberlain performed “Wind Beneath My Wings.”

Isabelle Osawamick, Anishinaabe outreach specialist for the Anishinaabe Language

Revitalization Department, provided a closing prayer in Anishinaabemowin.

To conclude the ceremony portion of the event, Bennett thanked everyone in attendance and provided closing words.

“I’ll never forget that day, what happened,” Bennett said, through his tears.

A potluck then followed until 1 p.m.

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## Editorial: Zaagaate' & PLAY Mentoring Program a success over the summer

**SARAH DEATON**

Mentoring Program Specialist

With its first official year under way, the Zaagaate' Mentoring Program took advantage of the warm summer days to explore all the great places Michigan has to offer.

Mentees were able to pet kangaroos while learning what it takes to work at a zoo as Zaagaate' & PLAY visited Anderson & Girls Orchard Farms in Stanton, Mich.

Zaagaate' mentees traveled to Sanford Beach with Guadalupe Gonzalez from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Extension Program to learn the basics of stringing a fishing pole and the types of bait used to catch the biggest fish.

Mentees also cooled down in the lake after a long day of fishing.

We explored the meaning behind teambuilding and mindfulness, as Zaagaate' & PLAY went paddle boarding in Harbor Springs, Mich.

Mentors and mentees were challenged to work with the flow of the water to be able to successfully paddleboard across the water. Mentees were even able to go on a nighttime lighted excursion across Lake Michigan.

The adventure continued as Zaagaate' & PLAY made their way to Mackinac Island.

Mentees and Mentors boarded the ferry at Shepler's Ferry Dock and cruised to Mackinac Island.

We were able to see first-hand what it takes to conduct a commercial ferry.

Zaagaate' & PLAY learned about proper dining etiquette as we had lunch at the Grand Hotel, toured the art room that showcased local artists living on Mackinac Island, and explored the rooms that were the inspiration for the Michigan Chiller book "Mayhem on Mackinac" by Johnathan Rand.

Zaagaate' mentees toured Fort Mackinac where they experienced cannon blasts, rifles fire, and the soldiers march.

History came alive at the fort as live reenactments were shown of the raffle technology of the time, along with touring the interactive barracks learning about what a typical day was like in the year 1872. Zaagaate' Mentees toured the oldest building in Michigan and 13 other historical structures and exhibits explaining everything from military training and battles to medical treatments to family life within the fort.



Photos courtesy of Sarah Deaton

Mentees gathered in line waiting for the ferry to head to Mackinac City to head home from the adventure to Mackinac Island.

As the summer came to a

close, Zaagaate' & PLAY, made a final trip to the Detroit Zoo where mentees explored the exhibits from exotic animals native to the Serengeti all the way to the depths of the deepest

oceans. Mentees experienced simulator rides with SpongeBob Square Pants as he took all on a rollicking adventure to free the jellyfish and destroy Plankton's terrible machine.

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## Dennis V. Kequom Sr. For District One Representative

Boozhu, thank you for taking the time to read my profile.

My name is Dennis V. Kequom Sr. and I am running for Tribal Council in District 1.

I was born and raised by my mother Cynthia Floyd, north of Leaton, and I have been a lifelong lineally traced Tribal Member to SCIT for over 66 years.

I graduated MPHS in 1971, then went on to Delta College to pursue a career in CAD Design and mechanical drafting.

I worked for Dow Chemical Company and retired after 30 years as an operator and shop fabricator.

After retirement, I served two terms on tribal council and throughout those two terms, my office door was always wide open to all.

I am very seasoned on all protocols that come with being an effective council member. It will not take me long to get back up to speed because I have stayed very informed of current and past issues with our tribe such as union activity, off reservation gaming and enrollment.

I have been married to Marie Kequom for 36 years and have two children, Dana and Vinnie, along with seven wonderful grandchildren.

I value family, honesty and commitment. I have a very open mind and always know to listen to both sides of the story. For these reasons I feel I am a valuable candidate to serve on tribal council as one of your district one council members.

My main goal is the successful survival of our tribe from our children to our elders, we need to prepare for our future.

If elected I will always be in support of an open-door policy as before to talk with the membership.



**Miigwetch,  
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## Florida Georgia Line's Can't Say I Ain't Country Tour stops at Soaring Eagle

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Love them or hate them, don't say they 'ain't country.' Country music duo Florida Georgia Line returned to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort for the last outdoor summer concert of 2019 on Sunday, Sept. 8.

The duo, consisting of Tyler Hubbard and Brian Kelley, brought their Can't Say I Ain't Country Tour to town with special guests Chris Lane and Canaan Smith.

Florida Georgia Line kicked off their hour and a half set – beginning just after 8:30 p.m. – standing on four wheelers at the front of the stage while performing the upbeat “Colorado.”

The duo followed with “Cruise,” it was early in the set for their 2012 debut single which achieved RIAA's diamond certification – 10 million copies sold – the only country artists to do so,



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**Florida Georgia Line's Tyler Hubbard (left) and Brian Kelley (right) perform their smash single “Cruise” during the last outdoor summer concert of 2019 on Sunday, Sept. 8.**

according to their website, [florigeorgialine.com](http://florigeorgialine.com).

The third song, “Can't Say I Ain't Country,” matched the theme of tour.

As soon as Hubbard and Kelley entered the stage, not only were they ready for a

party, but the audience was too. Both FGL members strutted the stage, frequently walking to each side and back, and often high-fived each other.

The boys performed songs from their new album, but kept their classics rolling, including:



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**Opening musical act Canaan Smith performs a 15-minute set to get the show started.**

“Dirt,” “Get Your Shine On,” “H.O.L.Y.” and “May We All.”

Thunderous applause erupted and their encore included “Simple,” “Meant To Be” and “This is How We Roll.”

Prior to FGL, country singer-songwriter Chris Lane performed a half hour set. His set list included “Fix,” “I Don't Know About You” and “Take Back Home Girl.”

Lane had a special surprise for a fan in the audience.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Country music singer-songwriter Chris Lane performs his song “Fix.”**

Tribal youth member Tahlia Alonzo was chosen to sit on stage as Lane sang to her.

Country artist Canaan Smith opened the evening with a short 15-minute set.

“It's a beautiful night. No rain. Even if it rains, where I come from, it's always beer drinking weather,” Smith said, introducing his next song “Beer Drinkin' Weather.”

Smith is signed with Round Here Records, an independent label founded by FGL.

## Bourbon & Bacon sampling fest features live music from two national rock bands

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The 2019 Bourbon & Bacon dine and drink series returned to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall on Saturday, Sept. 21.

The Entertainment Hall transformed into a sampling fest with live performances from Blue Öyster Cult and Survivor.

Patrons sampled bacon-themed food from the area's top restaurants along with spirit samples from national and local distilleries.

Soaring Eagle's own Isabella's restaurant provided a pulled pork pancake, and the Siniikaung Steak & Chop House offered a pork belly egg roll.

Other food samples included: pork belly with bourbon bacon glaze from Slo' Bones BBQ Smokehaus of Frankenmuth, Mich., the restaurant provided a decorative fall display which included a large metal pig with steam (dry ice) coming out of its snout; maple bacon cupcakes from Sugar High Bakery of Frankenmuth, Mich.; chocolate covered bacon from Sugar



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**Blue Öyster Cult lead vocalist Eric Bloom performs during the 2019 Bourbon & Bacon sampling event in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall on Saturday, Sept. 21.**

Rush Bakery of Frankenmuth, Mich.; Georgia chopped pork and jalapeño mac and cheese from Famous Dave's; pulled pork sliders and brats from Beer & Brats Bar & Grill of Midland, Mich.; and much more.

VIP spirit samplers, for \$100, were offered 16 different bourbon samples, and general admission ticket holders (\$75) had the option to sample 12 diverse bourbons. Bourbon brands included:



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**American rock band Survivor serves as the opening act at 8 p.m.**

Buffalo Trace, Fireball Whisky, Bulleit, Lagavulin, Davenport's, Four Roses, Traverse City Whiskey Co., Luca Mariano and much more.

American rock band Survivor provided the first musical performance at about 8 p.m. Survivor formed in Chicago in 1978 and achieved great success in the 1980s.

“Legendary rock band Survivor is embarking on their next chapter with a new member who has seemingly given new life to one of rock 'n' roll's pre-eminent bands,” the band's website, [survivorband.com](http://survivorband.com), states. “With 22-year-old Nashville resident Cameron Barton assuming lead vocalist duties, the group will take their trademark arena rock sound to their loyal and devoted fan base.”

Barton proved he has the chops. He belted out hit after hit and showcased his vocal range.

Survivor is known for its popular songs including: “The Search Is Over,” “I Can't Hold Back,” “High On You,” and “Eye of the Tiger,” which the band included as the encore.



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**Slo' Bones BBQ Smokehaus of Frankenmuth, Mich. offers pork belly on a display containing a decorative pig with steam puffing from its nose.**

upbeat, spirited atmosphere for the evening.

“Safe driver” tickets were also available for those wishing to sample the dishes but pass on the alcohol. The Safe Driver VIP ticket was \$60 and the general admission ticket was \$50.

The next dine and drink series is Vodka Pasta on Saturday, Feb. 22 featuring live music by Lou Gramm, the original voice of Foreigner; and Asia featuring John Payne. Tickets are available now at [soaringeaglecasino.com/shows.html](http://soaringeaglecasino.com/shows.html)



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**Soaring Eagle's Isabella's restaurant offers pulled pork pancakes with Whistle Pig ice cream, maple caramel sauce and bacon infused whipped cream.**



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Steely Dan and Rick Derringer combine for memorable night of jazz and blues-infused rock

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort kicked off the Labor Day weekend in style on Friday, Aug. 30. The stellar musicianship of Steely Dan and Rick Derringer was on full display, as the groups brought their jazz and blues-infused rock hits to the outdoor concert stage.

Steely Dan began by performing the entirety of their classic album “Aja.” After

its release in 1977, the album proved to be incredibly successful while becoming their best-selling album of all time, and even winning a Grammy Award.

Steely Dan played the songs in album order beginning with the groovy opening bass lines of “Black Cow” followed by progressive jazz hit “Aja.”

The piano skills of keyboardist and lead vocalist Donald Fagen were on full display during the intricate piano melodies in “Deacon Blues.”



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Steely Dan performs the hit song “Black Cow” during their Aug. 30 outdoor concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Next up was the album’s biggest hit song, the catchy pop-inspired “Peg.”

To finish out the full album, the band performed the songs “Home at Last,” “I Got the News” and the rock and funk infused hit song “Josie.”

Steely Dan continued with more of their hit songs including “Black Friday,” “Hey Nineteen,” “Dirty Work,” “Bodhisattva” and “My Old School.”

Their biggest hit, the smooth, jazzy “Rikki Don’t Lose That Number,” was followed by the “Time Out of Mind” and “Kid Charlemagne.”

Steely Dan thrilled fans with an encore performance of “Reelin’ in the Years” off their debut 1972 album “Can’t Buy a Thrill.”

The night concluded with a cover of Joe Williams’ “A Man Ain’t Supposed to Cry.”

American blues rock artist Rick Derringer opened for Steely Dan.

Derringer performed many of his most popular songs including “Still Alive and Well,” “Guitars and Women,” “Sometimes” and “Hold.”

Derringer also performed covers of The Edgar Winter Group’s “Free Ride” and “Frankenstein.”

The highlight of the set proved to be a spirited cover of The Vibrations’ “Hang on Sloopy.”

To close out, Derringer performed the hit songs “Real American,” and “Rock and Roll, Hoochie Koo.”

For more information on upcoming shows, please visit the Soaring Eagle Casino



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Rick Derringer performs “Still Alive and Well” on the outdoor concert stage.

& Resort’s website at [www.soaringeaglecasino.com](http://www.soaringeaglecasino.com).



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Lead vocalist/keyboardist Donald Fagen (center) and members of Steely Dan perform “Deacon Blues.” The band began their show with a performance of the entire album “Aja.”

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## Editorial: Why Beat the Chief?

**JAYME GREEN**

Fitness Coordinator

“You want to change the world. There is no world, just 6 billion different perspectives of it.” – Drew Dudley

Beat the Chief was all about opening SCIT community members’ and employees’ perspectives of health and wellness. It encouraged participants to move their body by walking a little bit more than they typically would.

The challenge was for all fitness levels – you could walk 10,000 steps, come into the Fitness Center for a workout or even just post a picture to social media being healthy and receive points to compete in the challenge.

Wellness doesn’t mean hitting the gym five days per week, only eating carrots or walking 500 miles a day. Wellness is how you treat and think about your mind and body on a consistent basis. This challenge

was to hopefully assist you in seeing how small changes such as adding a couple more steps in a day can start a new habit or accumulate to big changes.

A total of 110 people signed up for the challenge, 98 completed the challenge. Those are numbers; below is what really fills me with joy and excitement:

The #beatchiefscit was shared numerous times! Think of the indirect influence of wellness that happened. Friends of

friends and family were exposed to those pictures of wellbeing!

- “I just added stepping in place (and maybe a little dancing) as I stood at work.” - participant

- “I started walking around the building on my breaks.” - participant

- “This was an awesome program.” - Facebook commenter

- “I saw Beat the Chief promoted at Sagamok!” - Nimkee member

- “That video was hilarious.” - SCIT employee

The passion for this challenge was to influence or nudge a community to make wellness fun, easy and to show that everyone can play a part in their own health!

Special thanks to Chief Ronnie Ekdahl who agreed to be such a huge part of this challenge. We could not have a successful Beat the Chief challenge without an enthusiastic, health-conscious chief!

Chi-miigwetch to all who promoted and participated in this challenge!

## University of Detroit Mercy School of Law conducts expungement clinic

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Healing to Wellness Court Coordinator

On Sept. 23, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and its Tribal Court’s Healing to Wellness Programs hosted the first ever Tribal expungement clinic conducted by the University of Detroit Mercy (UDM) School of Law.

Rebecca Simkins Nowak, director of Clinical Operations and Outreach – coordinated the effort through Tribal Court Senior Judge Patrick M. Shannon – and her seven graduate students have done clinics in six other counties (Wexford, Missaukee, Gratiot, Kalkaska, Crawford and Otsego) this year.

The program is funded through a generous grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Shannon said there were seven Tribal Members who were pre-registered for the effort and a hearing date for expungement in the local state court is slated for Dec. 5.

“The expungement clinic provided the Saginaw Chippewa community an opportunity for restorative justice,” Shannon said. “Through its Tribal Court

citizens of the Tribe were provided an opportunity to clean their records which leads to employment, education, and housing opportunities. This was the first expungement clinic held in a Tribal court in Michigan. It is anticipated that this is just a first step for more of these opportunities for Saginaw Chippewa Tribal members.”

Nowak said the state courts are willing to work with the School of Law but how courts implement the process requires patience as it takes a couple months to get from application to hearing.

“I have heard from judges that, unless there are issues in a background check that come up, the courts want to grant these (expungement) applications,” Nowak said.

Nicholas Schroeck, director of Clinical Programs and Associate Professor of Law, said the clinic is not only a learning opportunity for students, it also fits in with Detroit Mercy Law’s mission of service and promoting access to justice.

“We are very proud to have been asked by the Court to provide this service to the Tribe. I am not sure if there have been these types of clinics in other states, but we are really excited

about this partnership and we hope to have more clinics here and with other Michigan tribes,” Schroeck said.

Schroeck continued, “It’s a great learning opportunity for our students. They get to interview clients, conduct legal research, fill out legal documents, and learn filing procedures. These are skills that will serve them well as attorneys.”

Khaled Younes, UDM Juris doctor candidate and 3L class president, said he had “never seen such a caring and rehabilitating courtroom as witnessed within Judge Shannon’s court.”

“Upon first entering the courtroom, you are welcomed with the unique aroma caused by a smudging ceremony,” Younes said. “This ceremony, as I learned, helps to expel bad spirits from the room and helps guide good spirits to the area which seems to be the courts first, of many, caring steps at healing the Tribal Members that walk through the court doors.”

Younes commended “how wonderful the courtroom conducts themselves” in order to implement tribal culture to help heal Tribal Members who “have made mistakes, as all people do.”



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

The University of Detroit Mercy School of Law conducted an expungement training at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court on Sept. 23. (Photographed left to right: Tribal Court Judge Patrick Shannon, Sommer Devergilio, Courtney Wood, Becca Zarras, Rebecca Simkins Nowak, Veronica Beltran, Khaled Younes and Tribal Magistrate Carol Jackson.

“Not only did it seem as though this cultural link helps to motivate members to heal themselves, but it also shows that the member is not alone in their fight to heal; they have a family within the court that is there to support them through the process who understands their culture and lifestyle,” Younes said. “In my own opinion, every courtroom could benefit from implementing a cultural component into their courtroom.”

Younes continued, “The caring culture within the courtroom seems to give members hope and should inspire other courtrooms to conduct themselves in similar fashion, with care aimed at healing, not punishing. I thank the whole court staff for allowing me to witness such a family oriented and caring environment.”

Cathy Matthews, Tribal probation officer, is very excited for the Membership in regards to obtaining jobs and applying for places to live without repercussion.

“I feel people have paid their price and should not have charges linger on their record especially if it’s a first offense crime,” Matthews said. “The expungement clinic can clear some of those barriers of Tribal employment and housing”

Tracey Bailey Klich, support tech for HTW Family Court, said she believes the expungement is important to clients because they are limited on jobs they can apply for.

“Getting a case expunged off from their file will open many doors for our clients and provide long work history with the possibility of advancement for our community members,” Klich said. “The expungement will help bring unity for community

members so they can reach their full potential, provide for their families, and be able to give back to their community.”

Women’s Law Caucus Vice President Becca Zarras said she witnessed the Tribal Court team clearly understanding the nuances that come with types of trauma, especially when domestic violence is involved.

“I was very impressed that everyone on the team knew of the danger that was involved with the specific participant dealing with domestic violence and the urgency of care that was needed for that individual. It’s not something we would see in the State court system,” Zarras said. “I appreciate having the opportunity to meet with Victim Advocates Cleopatra Kleppert and Chrystina Lightfoot and I know domestic violence survivors in the Tribe are in supportive hands.”

Procedures for the expungement clinic include a review of the applicants criminal history through Michigan ICHAT and the following criteria: Bring a \$50 check to the State of Michigan to file the application; bring a certified copy of a Judgment of Conviction; be eligible for an expungement – five years must have passed since the completion of probation, discharge from parole, or completion of incarceration, whichever is later; a person with more than one felony conviction is not eligible for expungement under Michigan law; a person with one felony and more than two misdemeanor convictions, is NOT eligible for expungement under Michigan law; and certain felonies are not eligible for expungement under Michigan law.

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**Available at the Humane Animal Treatment Society**

1105 S. Isabella Rd. Mt. Pleasant ➡ Hatsweb.org ➡ 989.775.0830 ➡ hats.publicrelations@gmail.com

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:** 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. | **Tuesday:** 9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
**Closed for lunch, weekdays:** 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | **Saturday:** 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. | **Sunday:** closed





## October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

### CENTRAL MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

This October, the Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) is proud to support National Breast Cancer Awareness Month – a time to promote regular breast cancer screening and early detection of breast cancer.

Breast cancer is a group of diseases that affects breast tissue. Both women and men can get breast cancer, though it is much more common in women.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2016), other than skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cause of cancer in

women, no matter your race or ethnicity. In fact, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime (Protect Your Health & Assess Your Risk, 2016).

It is very important to get regular screenings like mammograms, that can help detect breast cancer early and also increases the effectiveness of available treatments (American Cancer Society, 2015). Programs are available to assist with the costs of having a mammogram.

A mammogram is an X-ray picture of the breast. Doctors use a mammogram to look for early signs of breast cancer. Regular mammograms are the best tests doctors have to find breast cancer early, sometimes up to three years before it can be felt.

The United States Preventive Services Task Force (2016) recommends that average-risk women who are 50 to 74 years old should have a screening mammogram every two years. Certain risk factors may lead to mammography in women younger than 50 and should be discussed with their primary doctor (Stay Healthy, 2017).

CMDHD participates in the Michigan Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program (BCCCNP). This program provides free annual breast and cervical cancer screenings and diagnostic services to eligible women. To be eligible for the program, a woman must be between age 40 and 64, have no insurance, and meet income requirements. Women

between the ages of 21-39 who are referred to the BCCCNP with an abnormal screening Pap test, clinical breast exam or abnormal mammogram, which requires breast or cervical diagnostic services, may also be eligible for services. Women who are diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer through the program or through another care provider without insurance may be eligible for Medicaid for their treatment.

If you do not fit the eligibility, please call to find out about other programs that may be able to assist you. CMDHD also offers navigation services for women with insurance who need help accessing their services. They can help make appointments, find transportation, or further

explain the breast and cervical cancer screening process.

For more information or to schedule an appointment for breast and cervical cancer screenings, contact your local CMDHD branch office.

- **Arenac County:**  
989-846-6541 ext. 1316
- **Isabella County:**  
989-773-5921 ext. 1406
- **Clare County:**  
989-539-6731 ext. 1216
- **Osceola County:**  
231-832-5532 ext. 1216
- **Gladwin County:**  
989-426-9431 ext. 1316
- **Roscommon County:**  
989-366-9166 ext. 1316

## MDHHS continuing investigation of hepatitis A outbreak that has resulted in 920 cases in Michigan, including 30 deaths

### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LANSING, Mich. – State and local public health officials continue to investigate an extended hepatitis A outbreak that has affected Michigan and surrounding states.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is encouraging residents to be aware of the associated risk factors, the importance of hand washing and the available vaccination to prevent the hepatitis A infection.

Since this outbreak began in August 2016, Michigan has seen 920 hepatitis A cases.

Eighty percent of those individuals have been hospitalized and 30 have died.

Fifty-two percent of the people who have suffered from the disease have documented substance use. Although many of these outbreak cases were seen earlier in the outbreak, it is important to remain diligent in awareness around hepatitis A.

There have been seven recent acute cases of hepatitis A in Kalkaska, Grand Traverse and Antrim counties in Northwest Lower Michigan. That strain is not the same as the Michigan outbreak strain but has been circulating nationally in several other states. Several of these individuals also have reported substance use as a risk factor.

“Although Michigan has not seen the number of cases of hepatitis A that we have during the height of the outbreak, it is essential that people with risk factors for hepatitis A continue to be vaccinated,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy director for health at MDHHS.

On a national level, 30 states are reporting hepatitis A outbreaks since 2016. These numbers are still rising and include several states near Michigan.

According to The Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Ohio has had 3,274 cases, Indiana has had 2,043 cases and Illinois has had 153 cases. Total cases reported nationally are 24,952 with 14,984 (60 percent) hospitalized and 244 deaths.

The hepatitis A virus is found in the feces of people with hepatitis A. The virus can spread through contaminated food or water and through close contact with a person who has the virus.

Hepatitis A is a vaccine-preventable disease and MDHHS encourages a hepatitis A virus vaccination for at-risk individuals, including people

with a history of injection and non-injection drug use, homelessness or transient housing, incarceration and men who have sex with men.

Routine Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommendations continue to apply for those at risk of hepatitis A infection. The hepatitis A vaccine is safe and effective and is available at local pharmacies,

through healthcare providers and at local health departments.

Good hand washing practices; not sharing personal items such as towels, toothbrushes and eating utensils; and avoiding sex with infected partners are also ways to prevent getting infected.

For more information on the hepatitis A outbreak in Michigan, visit [Michigan.gov/hepAoutbreak](http://Michigan.gov/hepAoutbreak)

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- 1: Go to the app store on your mobile phone and search for “QR Code Reader” (Choose one to download for free)
- 2: Utilize the app to scan QR codes at any station (Each station has a unique QR code that identifies where you have check in)
- 3: Login at [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org) (The first time you check in it will ask you to login)
- 4: Click button on site to CHECK IN and then keep moving

For more information, contact Jaden Harman at 989.775.4694 or [JHarman@sagchip.org](mailto:JHarman@sagchip.org)

5K • Kid's Race • 1 Mile Run/Walk

## Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019

**Where:** SCIT Tribal Operations Parking Lot  
7070 E. Broadway Rd., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

**Registration: 8:30 - 10 a.m.**

**5K:** Starts at 10 a.m.

**Kids 30-meter dash:** Starts at 9:30 a.m.

**Fee:** \$15 post-marked by Oct. 15 - **Family Rate:** \$35  
\$20 after Oct. 15 - **Family Rate:** \$40

**Course:** The race course is flat, and will be ran through the Reservation on both the road and through fields on dirt or grass paths.

**Awards:** The first 200 participants to finish the 5K and one mile will receive a medal. (There will not be awards given to age groups.)

**Gifts:** Long sleeve moisture wicking shirts are provided to the first 150 registered participants. Limited amount of long sleeve cotton youth shirts available.

**For more information:**

**Jayne Green**  
989.775.4696  
[JGreen@sagchip.org](mailto:JGreen@sagchip.org)

**Nimkee Fitness Center**  
2591 S. Leaton Rd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

**FREE KIDS 30 Meter Dash**  
for 2-5 year olds.  
Start time: 9:30 AM  
Register for this on the DAY OF RACE.  
Each child will receive a miniature trophy!

**For more information and registration forms visit:**  
[www.sagchip.org/fitness/rezrun.htm](http://www.sagchip.org/fitness/rezrun.htm)





# Choose chia: The folklore, facts and findings about chia seeds

LORI ZANTESON

(Editor's note: The following article is from the August 2019 Environmental Nutrition and was submitted by Sally Van Cise, nutritionist for Nimkee Public Health.)



The tiny chia seed packs a big nutritional punch.

**The Folklore.** Widely known for its role as the quirky sprout of Chia Pet fame, the chia seed's rich history and current celebrity all but eclipse the seasonal kitsch.

Chia, native to Mexico and Guatemala, has been an important food in South America for 5,500 years and has been used historically by the Mayan and Aztec civilizations as food, medicine, art, and religious offering. This tiny seed packs big nutrition as well as popularity. Filled with fiber, antioxidants, omega-3s, and so much more, chia seeds star in almost every healthy eating favorite from muffins and energy bars to juices and breakfast bowls.

**The Facts.** Chia seeds (*Salvia hispanica*) are part of

the highest amount of essential fatty acids—64 percent of omega-3 and 19 percent of omega-6—of all known food sources.

Omega-3 fatty acids help raise HDL in humans, which protects against heart attack and stroke (Biotechnology & Microbiology, August 2017).

High in dietary fiber, chia seeds promote weight loss and improvements in obesity related factors, such as glycemic control, in overweight and obese people with Type 2 diabetes, suggesting chia may be useful as a dietary addition in the management of obesity in people with diabetes (Nutrition, Metabolism, and Cardiovascular Diseases, February 2017).

**The Finer Points.** Chia seeds are now as common at the local grocery as they are at health food stores and online. Different types of chia seeds—black, white, milled, and pre-hydrated—are available. Choose whole, organic seeds, which protect the omega-3s and vitamins and have longer shelf life.

the mint family.

No bigger than a poppy seed, chia has the unique ability to absorb up to ten times its size in water. Allowed to sit in water a short time, chia's soluble fiber forms a gel, a process that may prolong hydration by helping the body retain fluids and electrolytes. It also creates a feeling of fullness, helpful for weight management.

A one-ounce serving (about two tablespoons) of chia serves up 42 percent DV (Daily Value, based on 2,000 calories/day) of satiating dietary fiber, 18 percent DV of calcium and 30 percent DV of manganese, both of which support healthy bones.

**The Findings.** Tiny as they are, chia seeds contain the

The chia's mild nut-like flavor mixes well with a variety of foods and beverages. Mix chia with lemon or lime juice and a little sweetener to make the

Mexican drink, chia fresca, or let that inspire your own concoction. Add chia to cereals or smoothies, or mix a healthy boost into baked goods, soups, and salsas.

## Notable Nutrients: Chia Seeds

**1 ounce (28 g), dried**

• **Calories:** 137

• **Dietary Fiber:** 11 g (42% DV)

• **Calcium:** 177 mg (18% DV)

• **Phosphorus:** 265 mg (27% DV)

• **Manganese:** 0.6 mg (30% DV)

\*Note: g=gram, mg=milligram, DV=Daily Value, based on 2,000 calories/day

## Chocolate Protein Chia Pudding

**Servings:** Makes 1 servings

**Ingredients:**

- ¼ c organic chia seed
- 1 c almond milk
- 1 Tbsp hemp protein powder or protein powder of your choice
- 1 Tbsp unsweetened cocoa powder
- ½ Tbsp stevia extract



**Directions**

1. Combine all ingredients in a bowl and stir together. Let sit for 10 minutes, then mix again with a fork.
2. Continue to let mixture sit until pudding forms and stir well before serving.

**Nutrition Information Per Serving:**

340 calories, 18 grams (g) fat, 2 g saturated fat, 30 g carbohydrate, 17 g protein, 25 g dietary fiber, 190 milligrams sodium, 1 g sugar

Recipe adapted courtesy Bob's Red Mill Natural Foods

# Indigenous Pink Day 2019 to be held Oct. 17

JENNA WINCHEL

Women's Health Coordinator

Indigenous Pink Day is an annual breast cancer awareness campaign held every October.

Join us on Oct. 17, 2019 for Indigenous Pink Day.

Indigenous Pink Day is a national breast cancer awareness campaign for American Indians/Alaska Natives. The American Indian Cancer Foundation asks Indigenous People of all ages to wear pink and share photos on social media using the hashtag #IndigenousPink to spread breast cancer awareness.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death and the most common cancer found in American Indian/Alaska Native women.

The goal of Indigenous Pink Day is to educate all Indigenous people on the importance of early detection and remind men and women to keep up to date on their screenings. This is a national awareness campaign, so you can participate from wherever you are!

Talk to your primary care

**INDIGENOUSPINK**  
DAY 10.17.19  
#INDIGENOUSPINK

aicof.org/pink | AmericanIndianCancer | @AICAF\_ORG | @AmericanIndianCancer

**Indigenous Pink Day is an annual breast cancer awareness campaign held every October.**

**Join us Oct. 17 for Indigenous Pink Day**

**How to celebrate with us:**

- ▶ **Wear Pink:** Wear pink to honor breast cancer warriors and survivors.
- ▶ **Share:** Share a picture of yourself on social media wearing pink using #IndigenousPink. Tell your friends and family about Indigenous Pink Day and ask them to wear pink. Encourage your organization or business to wear pink.
- ▶ **Get Screened:** Talk to your healthcare provider for advice and information on breast cancer screenings.

Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center

provider at your next appointment to discuss the recommended breast health screenings guidelines. On average, women start their yearly mammogram screenings at age 40 with monthly self-breast exams.

Please join Nimkee Women's Health Program on Tuesday, Oct. 29 for the Feather Link Tea and Luncheon at the Soaring Eagle Convention Center. For more information, please contact Jenna at 989-775-4604.

**RefillRx** Refills Just Got Simpler

**INTERNET**

- 1: Go to: www.RefillRx.com
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- 3: Locate your pharmacy
- 4: Input your patient information
- 5: Create your username and password
- 6: View/refill your prescriptions

**SMART PHONE**

- 1: Go to the app store
- 2: Download and open the "RefillRx Mobile" free app
- 3: Select "Scan Barcode"
- 4: Align your Rx barcode inside the box — it automatically snaps a picture
- 5: Your refill has been sent!

**NF Nimkee Fitness**

## October Group Exercise Class Schedule

**begin** Beginner Exercisers Getting It Now!  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday | 6:30 a.m.

**L.I.F.E.** Strength & Conditioning  
Monday - Wednesday, Friday  
• Attend class or drop in for the Workout of the Day

**M.E.L.T**  
Monday | 1:10 p.m.  
• Interval based fitness class • Melt away the calories

**Butt, Gut and Guns**  
Tuesday | 4:10 p.m.

**Yoga**  
Tuesday & Thursday | 5:20 p.m.  
• A welcoming class for beginners

**Turbo Kick**  
Thursday | 1:10 p.m.  
• Upbeat class utilizing punching, kicking and plyometrics

**Suspension Training**  
Thursday | 12:10 p.m.  
• A class utilizing the suspension trainer

For more information, contact: Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690



# Soaring Eagle BINGO

## \$100,000 BINGO BASH 2019

**SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 5**  
3:00PM  
MAIN SESSION

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**OCTOBER 19 | 3PM**

First 200 guests to purchase the 3PM session will receive a chocolate bar that could contain \$100 in Bingo Bucks or \$500 in CASH!

**OCTOBER 31**  
**HALLOWEEN**  
1:30PM & 7:00PM SESSIONS  
Purchase our 1:30PM or 7:00PM session and receive a drawing ticket for a chance to pick a pumpkin and win up to \$500 cash!  
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## Employees of the Office for Victims of Crime located at Family Resource Center

### KATHERINE REID

Social Services Support Tech

Anishinaabeg Child & Family Services (ACFS) received a grant, the Aabijii Knoomaagewin project, through the Office for Victims of Crime. Under the grant, two employment opportunities opened: a mental health clinical therapist and home support technician.

The clinical therapist and home support technician are located at The Family Resource Center, 2450 Sowmick Dr., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858.

The purpose of the Family Resource Center is to provide respite and social services to youth in foster care.



The Family Resource Center will be utilized by the OVC grant as well as Project Venture.

The mission of the Aabijii Knoomaagewin project is to strengthen the capacity of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian

Tribe to minimize ongoing trauma and to prevent reoffended crimes by providing trauma informed services. In particular, it will provide immediate trauma informed therapeutic services to Tribal children served by Anishinaabeg Child and Family Services who are survivors of abuse and neglect.

The mental health clinical therapist will provide immediate counseling at the Family Resource Center.

Katherine Reid, home support technician, will link families to needed services including medical, mental health, and social services. Her goal for this project is to establish connections with Tribal

departments to build a supportive team that can provide services to strengthen and support Tribal children and families.

She will also provide assistance to many services including:

- Referral to the appropriate resource for problems related to illness, money management, physical or mental illness, drug abuse and/or alcoholism

- Provide prevention services and resources such as parenting education, home-visiting programs and early childhood and child care services

- Provide assistance in job searching, resume building, job shadowing and volunteer opportunities

- Provide connection and referral to behavioral health services, education services, Nimkee services, public health services and local health department services

- Provide assistance and information on trauma, victimization, crisis-intervention

- Provide resources to assist with housing, transportation and financial difficulties

- Provide connection to mentoring programs, after school programs and cultural events/activities

If you have any questions or would like assistance with the services/resources mentioned, please feel free to contact Katherine Reid at 989-775-5819 or [kreid@sagchip.org](mailto:kreid@sagchip.org).

### Chief to be grand marshal of MPHS Homecoming Parade



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

On the morning of Monday, Sept. 16, Mt. Pleasant High School students Jenna Rios and Phoebe Defeyter, and MPHS Principal John Winkler visited the Tribal Council Chambers to ask Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl and his wife, Rosemary, to be the grand marshals for the school's Homecoming Parade this year.

The 2019 Homecoming Parade will begin on Friday, Oct. 4 at 4:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart parking lot and the procession will reach Main and Broadway streets.

## Lacy Robison, Andahwod's August Employee of the Month

### ANDAHWOD STAFF

The August Andahwod Employee of the Month is Lacy Robison! Lacy is a CNA at Andahwod and has worked there for 10 years.

Lacy enjoys working with the elders the most.

"The elders are amazing. They have become a second family to me over the years. I wouldn't change it for the world," she said.

Lacy is married with two

boys; 7 years and 1.5 years old. She said between work and home life, there is not a lot of free time but she is ok with that because she loves watching her boys grow!

Lacy said, "Growing up, I only had two grandparents who were still around and they both passed when I was young. I feel as if some of the amazing residents here have helped fill holes."

We're sure the residents are grateful for her also.

Miigwetch Lacy for all you do at Andahwod.



Lacy Robison

## October Andahwod events

**Euchre & Potluck**  
Mondays | 6 p.m.

**Language Bingo**  
Oct. 3 | 1 - 3 p.m.

**Christmas Gift Card Raffle**  
Oct. 4 - Nov. 27  
• Tickets five for \$10 or one for \$5

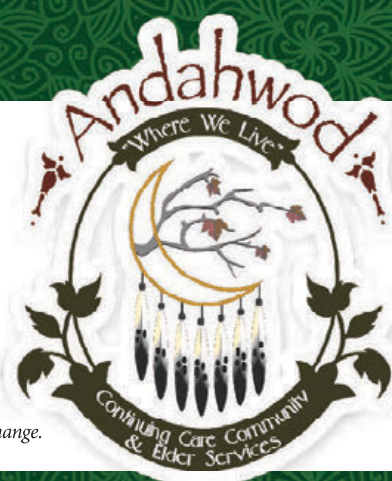
**Elders Breakfast**  
Oct. 9 & 23 | 9 - 10 a.m.

**Bingo with Friends**  
Oct. 14 | 1 - 3 p.m.

**Birthday Bingo & Potluck**  
Oct. 26 | 12 - 3 p.m.

**Name That Tune**  
Oct. 31 | 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

\*\*Activities and events are subject to change.



For more information, please call: 989.775.4300

## October 2019 Tribal Elder Birthdays

**1** Caroline Trevino  
Joanne Butzin  
Ross Francis  
Sandra Johnson

**2** Jamie Ritter  
Beatrice Seger  
Oren Brown  
Valerie Quinn

**3** Trudy Ralston  
Mark Rueckert  
Sandra Compau  
Aaron Camburn

**4** Gonzalo Alaniz Jr.

**5** Elsie Sanders  
Joyce Moore  
Sandra Chappel  
Clara Dunnigan  
Cheryl McKee

**6** Alexis Pelcher  
James Smith Sr.  
Susan Byrne  
Helen Huyser  
Nonda Lynn  
Daniel Sawmick  
Kathleen Yacks

**7** Rebecca Bratten  
Kathleen Koenig  
Colleen Sisco  
Kelly Trombley

**8** Ellen Kellogg-Bachert  
Ronald Pelcher

**9** Phyllis Brodie  
Sharon Sasse

**10** David Perez Jr.  
Terri Rueckert  
Roger Tebo

**11** Kenneth Lee  
Dorothy Netmop  
Jonie Abella  
Samson Sawmick

**12** Kim Elliott  
Barbara Krause  
Tina Montoya  
Richard VanVugt

**13** Phyllis O'Neal

**14** Daniel Bailey  
Dennis Kequom  
Roger Rusch  
Carrie Farr

**15** Christopher Bailey  
Theodore Cantu  
Dejay Elk  
Kimberely Stigger  
Theodore Stevens Jr.

**16** Charlene Chancellor  
Marvin Davis

**17** Lisa Bennett  
Sarah Martin  
Minnie Stevens  
Jody Clark  
Cynthia Dalton  
Marjorie Dubay  
George Francis  
Mary Hobbs

**18** Terry Chamberlain  
Robert Federico  
Lindy Hunt  
Kelley Stevens

**19** Blanche Kuhn  
Gordon Hart  
Paul Pego

**20** Gilbert Hendrickson Jr.  
Lawrence Sprague Sr.  
Linda Willard  
Kevin Wray

**21** Krystal Pelcher  
Gypsy Angiano  
Spencer Kirby  
Judy Pamp

**22** Robert Rodriguez Jr.  
Kimberly Stigger

**23** Jeffrey Smith  
Rebecca Jackson  
Scott Saboo  
Ramona Walker  
Dean Waynee

**24** David Brodie

**25** Kenneth Jeffrey Jr.  
Sandra Rood  
Philemon Sprague Jr.  
Tom Bailey

**26** Audrey Nelson  
Mariann Pelcher-Wright  
Ann Rubin

**27** Gonzalo Ramirez Jr.  
Ruthie Pelcher  
Mark Spencer

**28** Julia Hay  
Jeanette Mandoka Carpenter  
Michael Randall  
Christina Salter

**29** Kenneth Fallis  
Donna Proper

**30** Dinah Griffus  
Colleen Chippewa  
Gloria Mulbrecht

**31** Brenda Champlin  
Ronald Falcon  
Stacey Fallis  
Antonio Rodriguez  
Joseph Snyder Jr.





## OCTOBER 2019 | Tribal Community Event Planner

### Open Woodshop for Students

Mondays-Thursdays | 3 - 5 p.m.

- 7th Generation Woodshop
- 989.775.4780
- Making lacrosse sticks or any other type of wood craft

### Native Farmers Market

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

- Farmers Market Pavilion
- 989.775.4315
- Pumpkin giveaway

### Saganing Talking Circle

October 2, 16 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.

- Saganing Tribal Center
- 989.775.4879

### Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 4 - 6 p.m.

- Behavioral Health
- 989.775.4895

October 2, 16 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Saganing Tribal Center
- 989.775.4895 or 989.775.5850

### Community Sewing Night

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 5 - 8 p.m.

- Seventh Generation

### Recreation Cedar Point Trip

October 5 | 8 a.m.

- Tickets: \$55 per person
- Tickets on sale: Oct. 2 at 8 a.m., front lobby of Black Elk Building
- Recreation@sagchip.org
- Each ticket includes drink wristband

### "Let's Take Care of Our Families"

October 6, 13, 20, 27 | 2 - 5 p.m.

- Family Resource and Support Center (450 Sowmick Dr.)
- 989.775.4901
- Please join us for ACFS's new weekly family support group. Meet other parents and caregivers of children, adolescents and young adults.

### Pumpkin Carving Night

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

- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Registration: 989.775.4506 or TJeffrey@sagchip.org
- Registration begins Sept. 30

### Anishinaabemowin Sacred Fire Lunches

October 10, 24 | 12 - 1 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- 989.775.4780

### Lunch & Learn: Overdose Prevention and Response

October 10 | 12 - 1 p.m.

- 989.775.4880 or 989.775.4818
- An overdose reversal kit will be given to everyone who attends the event.

### Fall Feast

October 10 | 5:30 p.m.

- Seventh Generation

### Sweetest Day Chocolate Covered Strawberry Fundraiser

October 18 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Pre-order: 989.775.4901
- One dozen: \$20, half dozen: \$10
- Regular and white chocolate available
- Pick up at ACFS or deliveries available

### Mahnomin (wild rice) Camp

October 11-13

- Seventh Generation
- 989.317.4760 ext. 228
- Friday, Oct. 11: 9 - 5 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 12: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 13: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### Immersion House Ribbon Cutting

October 16 | 11 a.m.

- 7785 E. Remus Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI
- Open house will follow until 3 p.m. (Hosted by ALRD)

### Run on the Rez

October 19 | Registration: 8:30 - 10 a.m.

- 5K starts at 10 a.m.
- Tribal Operations Parking Lot
- 989.775.4696
- Kids 30-meter dash starts at 9:30 a.m.

### Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women Community Curated Exhibit Meeting

Oct. 22 | 5:30 p.m.

- Ziibiwing Center
- 989.775.4059 or 989.775.4730

### Halloween Haunt & Trunk or Treat

Oct. 26 | Time: TBD

- Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground

### Feather Link Tea & Luncheon

October 29 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- 989.775.4604
- SECR Ballrooms
- Pink shawls
- Fashion Show: Please wear pink to participate
- Cancer survivors recognized

## OCTOBER 2019 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SECR Payroll</li> <li>● SCIT Per Capita</li> <li>● SCIT Payroll</li> <li>● Curbside Recycling</li> <li>● Waste Collection*</li> </ul> <p><small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small></p>	<p>1</p> <p>Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room   6 - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous B. Health   7 p.m.</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym   5 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>SCTC STEAM Meeting SCTC   12:15 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Traditional Teaching Saganing   11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle Saganing   5 - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>FAN Support Group Seniors Room   7 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Language Bingo Andahwod   1 p.m.</p> <p>Fall Feast Saganing   1 p.m.</p> <p>Drums Out 7th Generation   6 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod   7 p.m.</p> <p>Active Parenting Now ACFS   10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Household Hazardous Waste/Clean Sweep Collection Isabella County Fairgrounds 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.</p> <p>6</p> <p>New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health   4 - 5 p.m.</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health   5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Euchre and Potluck Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.</p> <p>MUSH! Dogs, Sleds, Snow Saganing   6:30 - 8p.m.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym   5 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous B. Health   7 p.m.</p> <p>Energy Healing B. Health   4 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Elders Breakfast Andahwod   9 - 10 a.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Tribal Ops   5 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12-Step Meditation Group B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Talking Circle 7th Generation   5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Drums Out 7th Generation   6 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod   7 p.m.</p> <p>Active Parenting Now ACFS   10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health   4 - 5 p.m.</p> <p>13</p> <p>New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health   4 - 5 p.m.</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health   5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Euchre and Potluck Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.</p> <p>Bingo with Friends Andahwod   1 p.m.</p> <p>SCTC STEAM Meeting SCTC   12:15 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym   5 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous B. Health   7 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Tribal Observer Deadline</p> <p>Eagle Feather Cleansing Ziibiwing   1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle Saganing   5 - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>12-Step Meditation Group B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Eagle Feather Honoring Ziibiwing   1 p.m.</p> <p>Drums Out 7th Generation   6 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod   7 p.m.</p> <p>Active Parenting Now ACFS   10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Eagle Feather Feast Ziibiwing   6 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health   4 - 5 p.m.</p> <p>20</p> <p>New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health   4 - 5 p.m.</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health   5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Euchre and Potluck Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.</p> <p>ALRC Meeting Seniors Room   9 - 11 a.m.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym   5 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous B. Health   7 p.m.</p> <p>Energy Healing B. Health   4 p.m.</p> <p>Essential Oils Workshop Saganing   11 a.m.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Elders Breakfast Andahwod   9 - 10 a.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Tribal Ops   5 p.m.</p> <p>MOLE Day SCTC   12 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Family Movie Night SCA   5 p.m.</p> <p>12-Step Meditation Group B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Talking Circle B. Health   5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Drums Out 7th Generation   6 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod   7 p.m.</p> <p>SCTC STEAM Fundraiser Tribal Gym   9 a.m.</p> <p>Seasonal Wreath Workshop Saganing   11 a.m.</p> <p>Active Parenting Now ACFS   10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Birthday Bingo Andahwod   12 - 3 p.m.</p> <p>27</p> <p>New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health   4 - 5 p.m.</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health   5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Euchre and Potluck Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym   5 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous B. Health   7 p.m.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Drums Out 7th Generation   6 - 8 p.m.</p> <p>12-Step Meditation Group B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Name That Tune Andahwod   2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Native Artist Professional Development Training Ziibiwing   9 a.m.</p>	<p>Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran and Warrior Society</p> <p><b>NOW RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS</b></p> <p>MEETINGS: First Tuesday of the Month 6 p.m.   Contact: 989.775.4175</p>	





## Tribal Observer Classifieds

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### 100 Employment

#### Tribal Operations

##### Clerical Pool

Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Clerical experience is preferred.

##### General Labor Pool

Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be physically fit and able to perform manual labor.

##### Dentist

Open to the public. DDS/DMD degree from an accredited school. Licensed dentist. Two years working dentist experience preferred. Provide clinical diagnosis, evaluation, studies, and treatment services of professionally acceptable quantity and quality, in accordance with privileges granted. DEA Controlled Substance License or ability to obtain upon hire. Ability to obtain HIPAA Certification, Blood Borne Pathogens Certification, BLS Certification and Safety Training within 30 days of hire. Native American preference shall apply to all positions.

##### Police Officer

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Associate degree preferred. MCOLES certified or MCOLES certifiable. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Current Special Law Enforcement Commission through the Bureau of Indian Affairs or ability to obtain and maintain. Must not have criminal history that would

prevent applicant from acquiring any certification or qualification required. Must have proven integrity and reputation above reproach. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position. Must be able to pass drug screening.

##### ACFS Director

Open to the public. Master's degree in social services, human services or related field. Five years social services experience. Two years' experience in a supervisory capacity. Experience working with tribal communities and outside social services. Experience with budget administration, operation, reports, contract management and development. Certified social worker and/or licensed clinical social worker preferred. Obtain HIPAA certification within five business days of hire.

##### Paraprofessional

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Pass a state or local exam, or complete at least two years of study at an institution of higher education (60 semester hours) or associate degree. Two years' experience working with children in a school setting preferred. Knowledge of and experience with Ojibwe Language preferred. Excellent computer skills. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

##### Clinical Therapist

Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Full licensure is

preferred. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain licensure within two years from date of hire. One year demonstrated mental health and co-occurring therapy experience with adults, youth, children and families. Excellent computer and communication skills. Obtain HIPAA certification within five business days from date of hire.

##### Maintenance Worker Waste Water

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Certification in skilled trades preferred. Must possess good diagnostic skills. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

##### English-Faculty

Open to the public. Master's degree required in English or related field. Previous teaching experience preferred. Under the supervision of the Dean of Academics, responsible for the coordination, planning, preparation, presentation, and evaluation of classroom instruction and related activities.

##### Adjunct Faculty-Tribal College Biology Instructor

Open to the public. Master's degree in appropriate discipline required. A minimum of one semester in teaching college-level courses, including competency for transfer courses. Professional experience may be considered in lieu of teaching experience at the discretion of the Dean.

##### Waste Water Operator

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year experience in water/wastewater field or directly related experience in plumbing or mechanical plant operations. Must be willing to take classes in microbiology, advanced math and beginning algebra courses. Must have an aptitude for operating and maintaining water treatment and waste water treatment mechanical equipment and be skilled in the operation, repair and maintenance of mechanical, lab equipment and electrical equipment.

#### Soaring Eagle

##### Line Cook FT

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

##### Inventory Control Warehouse Driver

One year receiving or warehouse experience working with warehouse equipment. One year experience in driving vehicles and rigs that require a CDL license. Experience with operating warehouse equip-

ment including forklifts and riding cleaning machines. Experience on stand up or sit-down fork lifts or ability to be certified within 90-days of hire/transfer. Food handling experience preferred.

##### Inventory Control Warehouse PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year receiving or warehouse experience working with warehouse equipment. Experience with operating warehouse equipment including forklifts and riding cleaning machines. Must have good communication skills, good computer skills with Microsoft Office, and the ability to handle tasks in a busy environment. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

#### Saganing

##### Maintenance Worker PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year custodial and maintenance experience. Experience with plumbing and carpentry. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

##### Bartender PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Bartending experience preferred. Must be able to work all shifts. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

##### Beverage Waitstaff FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Restaurant server experience preferred.

##### Beverage Waitstaff PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Restaurant server experience preferred.

##### Surveillance Manager

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 21 years of age. Five years gaming surveillance experience. Three years in a supervisory

role. Two years of CCTV experience in a surveillance field. Experience with the operations of all NVR and Digital Video equipment. Must be on call 24/7 including holidays. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

##### Players Club Representative FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Customer service experience preferred. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

##### Front Desk Agent FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. One year customer service experience and cash handling experience. Front office operations experience preferred. Must be able to pass a typing test of at least 30 WPM. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license.

##### Kitchen Equipment Technician

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Three years of experience in commercial food equipment repair. Must have a current and must be able to maintain a current Universal Refrigerant Certification.

##### Guestroom Attendant PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three months of housekeeping experience preferred.

##### Guestroom Attendant FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three months of housekeeping experience preferred.

##### F&B Custodial Worker

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Kitchen cleaning experience preferred. Must have an organized and thorough work ethic and a strong desire to provide service.

##### F&B Shift Supervisor

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

Associate's degree preferred. Three years food and beverage experience. Two years supervisory experience in the hospitality field. Point of Sale (POS) experience. Experience with the proper service of liquor, beer, and wine. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

##### Laundry Attendant

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three months of hotel housekeeping or laundry experience preferred. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

##### Security Officer PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Security or surveillance experience preferred. Must be able to work any shift assigned, included weekends and holidays. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

##### Culinary Supervisor

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Three years of restaurant or banquet cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility. Six months of lead or supervisory experience. Culinary degree from an American Culinary Federation (ACF) accredited school preferred.

##### Casino Ambassador

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

##### Cashier PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cashiering and/or hosting experience.

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## Tribal Preference Candidates

Human Resources Office of Anishinabe Workforce Developer

**Seeking Tribal preference candidates interested in short-term, temporary employment opportunities.**

**Immediate placements available for Tribal preference candidates who complete and pass fingerprint and background checks.**

- Cost:** The personal cost to applicants is \$65 for the fingerprint portion.
- Documentation:** Driver's license, certifications and Tribal identification are needed at time of application.
- Location of placement may include:** Andahwod, Behavioral Health, Nimkee, Education or Recreation.

*\* Other non-background check temporary positions do arise on occasion, and applicants for this type of work may apply at any time.*

**Please direct questions to:**  
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## Summons and Complaint Notice

### NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION HEARING TO: DENNIS CHRISTY JR. AND AUDREY SHIPMAN

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Notice of Adjudication Hearing: Case no. 17-JCW-0010 TO: Dennis Christy Jr. (Father), and Audrey Shipman, (Mother) IN THE MATTER OF A MINOR CHILD; Notice of Adjudication Hearing will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019 at 9 a.m. in the courtroom at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. You are hereby summoned and required to appear before the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court in the above named case. Failure to appear may result in a placement for the minor child. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED: The court has taken jurisdiction of the minor in reference to the case number listed above. The minor will remain in the care, custody, and supervision of the Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services. A placement for the MINOR CHILD is authorized to execute authorization for reasonable and necessary medications, treatments, examinations and school enrollment to ensure the wellbeing of the child. All previous orders not in conflict with this order remain in full force and effect.





## Tradition, culture celebrated at annual Saganing Powwow 2019

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Complementing the week of the hotel's grand opening in the Saganing Casino, the 2019 Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow's date was pushed back this year to September.

The Saturday, Sept. 7 and Sunday, Sept. 8 powwow grand entries began at 1 p.m.

Within the powwow grounds – at 2750 Worth Rd. in Standish, Mich. – dancers lined up on the east side of the arena for each grand entry.

On Saturday afternoon, emcee Paul Raphael made an announcement for the dancers a couple minutes before grand entry began.

“Take that last selfie and come on... (This is) the 30th powwow of the summer. You know you're going to look good.” Raphael said, joking with the dancers.

Head veteran Raymond Cadotte, dressed in full regalia, led the way in the arena with members of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warriors Society and flag carriers following.

Head male dancer Cruz Perez and head female dancer Kasey Perez led the dancers in the arena.

“It is the head dancers' responsibility to start every dance,” Raphael said.

Drum dignitaries included: host drum Lookout Hill, co-host drum Painted Rock and invited drum Woodland Stream.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Raymond Cadotte, head veteran for the 2019 Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow on Sept. 7-8, dances in the arena.**

Leroy Sheonsky served as the arena director.

Raphael said it was his first year to emcee this powwow.

“I'm honored to be asked. I'm grateful to be here,” Raphael said.

After the Flag Song, provided by Painted Rock, Raphael asked for a moment of silence to thank those veterans carrying the flags.

Next, Julie Whitepigeon provided the invocation.

After the prayer, Woodland Stream provided the Veterans Song. Native and non-Native veterans were welcomed to join in the arena and be recognized.

Dancers and all in attendance were invited into the arena to



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Emcee Paul Raphael addresses the Saturday afternoon crowd.**

shake the veterans' hands when the song concluded.

“Veterans, stay in the arena,” Raphael said, and then asked them to face the crowd as those in attendance offered applause for the veterans.

Tribal Council Secretary Frank J. Cloutier provided a welcome that Saturday afternoon.

“Ladies and gentleman, on behalf of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Saganing community, I'd like to welcome you out today,” Cloutier said. “This is our opportunity to share with you our culture and traditions.”

The emcee invited 2019-2020 Miss Odawa Llesenia Cristano, 14, into the emcee stand to introduce herself.

Cristano was crowned Miss Odawa in Harbor Springs, Mich. Cristano is a fancy shawl dancer and of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

Lookout Hill, of the Grand Rapids, Mich. area, provided the intertribal welcome song.

“Might call up some dancers to explain their style,”



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**Head female dancer Kasey Perez (left) and head male dancer Cruz Perez (right) lead the dancers in the arena during the Saturday, Sept. 7 grand entry, as Miss Odawa Llesenia Cristano (center) follows.**



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Members of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warriors Society and flag carriers lead the Saturday afternoon grand entry.**

Raphael said, prior to putting some dancers on the spot to come up to the microphone.

The admission price was \$3 daily, \$5 for the weekend, and \$1 for children.

Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

