



Waaibagaa-Giizis  
(Moon of the Leaves Turning Color)

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**Tribal Operations and related departments will return to regular business hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Effective Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023**

## Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court implements new security measures starting Sept. 18

### JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

By a 10-0 approved Tribal Council motion dated May 31, 2023, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court will implement new security measures beginning Sept. 18.

During the screening process, all persons, their belongings and all hand carried items are subject to screening by Tribal Court security officers/Tribal Police upon entry for the purpose of keeping prohibited

items out of the court facility. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of a metal detector, X-ray machine, magnetometer, hand wand devices, a physical pat down/frisk and/or visual inspection.

Also during the screening process, all persons shall empty their pockets of all contents and remove belts, jackets, watches or metallic jewelry and shoes, if requested by Tribal Court.

In addition, all bags, boxes, briefcases, purses and containers brought into the

courthouse are subject to a scan through metal detectors or X-ray machine. If a metal detector or x-ray machine is not available, Tribal Court security officers/Tribal Police shall conduct physical and visual inspections (hand search) of the contents of all bags, boxes, briefcases, purses and containers.

If at any time there is a articulable suspicion that a weapon or other impermissible item may be found, a person or object may be a subject to additional search. The

search shall be no more intrusive than necessary to protect against the dangers presented.

Individuals with an internal medical device, using a wheelchair, or who otherwise cannot be screened by a metal detector may be screened by a pat down or a hand wand device.

Further measures include any person in possession of a prohibited item or impaired by alcohol or a controlled substance shall be denied entrance to the court facility.

If the Tribal Court security officer is unavailable,

the main courthouse entry doors will be locked and entry will be made at the Tribal Police Department (6954 East Broadway, Mt. Pleasant) main entry door. The same procedures for screening will occur at the alternate entrance.

Compliance with the new security policy is mandatory. Failure to follow policy requirements may result in denial of entry into, or removal from, the courthouse, confiscation of property, contempt of court proceedings, or other sanctions by the judge.

## Rain and clouds break as sun shines through recovery at annual Freedom Walk

### JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

The rain and clouds took a break as sun shined through stories of recovery at the 34th annual Freedom Walk during the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow weekend on Saturday, July 29.

Behavioral Health Director Ame Edstrom said the event had close to 220 people participate and was one of the largest Freedom Walk events to date.

“It is wonderful to see so many people invested and engaged in walking to promote recovery/sobriety and in walking for our loved ones who have passed,” Edstrom said.

Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson gave opening remarks and encouraged everyone to continue their support of those seeking to “walk the good path of recovery.”

Sub-Chief Jennifer Wassegijig offered prayers to bless the meal (prepared by Sam Anglin, permanent supportive housing manager) and gave a heartfelt tribute to her late husband, Allan Wassegijig.

“My husband walked to the Lord on Dec. 23, 2017, but today is when we get a chance to walk for those loved ones who we have lost and meant so much to us,” Wassegijig said. “His memories of being a

loving husband and father will not be forgotten and we can share those stories of how addiction has affected our communities. Allan encouraged others while fighting the battle of addiction and we had many good times together. He would certainly be encouraging others to continue and stay on the walk of recovery.”

The Ziibiwing Center and Bonnie Ekdahl assisted in researching and discovered the first Freedom Walk was held in 1989. Ekdahl shared the Council resolution signed by Chief Arnold Sowmick in 1988 that stated the initial effort.

“As I recall, we wanted to send a message to the drug users



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

### Freedom Walk participants stand in solidarity to support sober lifestyles at the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Grounds on Saturday, July 29.

and drug pushers, that’s what we called them in the notes, that we did not want drugs in our community and we were letting them know we were standing up for our kids,” Ekdahl said. “We purposely walked by houses of suspected drug pushers to send the message. We had Joe Sprague pray, Eleanor Sprague was asked to speak, and we

also included the veterans, (my dad carried the sign). I remember I put (children) Ronnie and Samantha on the trailer with signs that said, ‘I am free, keep the drugs away from me.’”

Ekdahl said the first walk had 278 signatures on the sign-up sheet.

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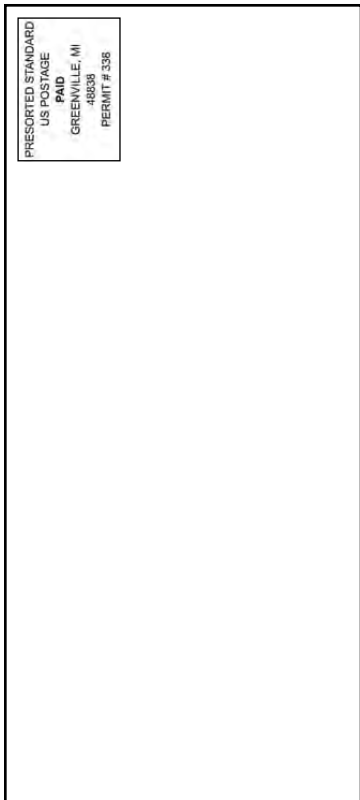


Observer photo by Matthew Wright



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The walk begins at the Native Farmers Market, moving southbound on Leaton Road and taking a left turn on Tomah Road to proceed to the powwow grounds.





### Patricia Anne "Piidaabin" Peters May 29, 1946 – July 24, 2023

Patricia Anne Peters "Piidaabin," age 77, of the Isabella Indian Reservation, passed away peacefully Monday, July 24, 2023, at her home.

Patricia was born May 29, 1946, in Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of the late Wilfred Leo Peters and Julia Elizabeth (Otto) Peters. She is a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Patricia received her Bachelor of Arts in business administration from Central Michigan University. She worked for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe as a genealogical researcher for 20 years and was a powerful justice warrior for her people.

Patricia enjoyed taking trips to the casino and the Grand Tetons, watching the news, sewing dolls, and doing beadwork. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family, friends and beloved munchkin kittens, Merci and Smokey.

Patricia is survived by her daughter, Summer Peters; grandchildren, Memigwaans Begay, Sean Begay, Waabigwan Peters, all of the Isabella Indian Reservation; many beloved and cherished nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, Wilfred Sr. and Julia; siblings, Wilfred Peters Jr., Julius Peters, Nicki Perez, Betty Otto, and twin sister Anne Patricia Peters; beloved niece and nephew, Denise Peters and Andre Peters; beloved pets, Nimmoosh Kwe, Spikey Boy and grandpup, Snoopi.

Per Patricia's wishes, cremation has taken place and a memorial service took place at Seventh Generation on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023, at 3 p.m. Burial immediately followed at Woodland Cemetery. Following the graveside service, a luncheon took place at Seventh Generation.

Memorial contributions may be made to her daughter, Summer, or to St. Jude's.



### Leroy "Joey" J. Hall III February 17, 1995 – July 29, 2023

Leroy "Joey" Joseph Hall III, 28, of Traverse City, Mich., has passed to be with his Lord and Savior. He was born Feb. 17, 1995, in Traverse City, the son of Leroy J. Hall II and Karen Oskaboose.

Joey was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. He was also a member of the Pentecostals of Traverse City.

Joey was a loving father, son, brother, and uncle. He enjoyed many things in his life. His son, Josiah, was number one in his life; he was a proud father and cherished the time he had with him. He loved his family deeply. Joey enjoyed spending most of his free time with his dog Mukwa; his dog was his protector and kept Joey on his feet.

Joey enjoyed nature, for sure. Within one week's time during the month of July, Joey found 16 eagle feathers! He loved exploring new trails and staying near the water.

Joey was so artistic! He loved to draw; beading was a hobby as well. He enjoyed fishing, bowling, swimming at the beaches, and getting family events together. He was always on his A-game, doing his best to help in all possible ways. He enjoyed his music even more and was very athletic as well; basketball and boxing were his sports while in school.

Church was a big part of Joey's new beginning. He walked with the Lord, making Pentecostals of Traverse City his main church home. Over this summer, Joey made a tremendous impact on the community around him as well as his church community, guided by Pastor Brent and family. He loved being part of most family events and just living his best moments as a brother to the church.

Joey was a loving person: a caretaker, giving his free time to others in need. A different side to Joey definitely; he had a beautiful soul and that showed.

Survivors include: his son, Josiah Paul Hall of Mt. Pleasant; two sisters, Deanna Hall (Kitchi-Kishap Shomin) of Traverse City and Charla Hall of Grand Rapids; one brother, George Hall of Grand Rapids; four nieces, Ariya Cloud Hall, Gabrielle Hall, Lyrica Cloud, and Ziegwan Shomin; two nephews, George Hall III and Geezhigaate Shomin; uncle, Richard Oskaboose; aunts Michelle Oskaboose, Leah (Pio) Fernandez, Rena Hall and Elky (Derrell) Reynolds; several loving great-aunts and great-uncles on both sides of his family. Joey loved dearly all his many, many close first and second cousins, all the way down the line of many close cousins.

Joey was preceded in death by: his grandmothers, Delores Oskaboose and Gladys Sawmick; grandfathers, Donald Wilson Sr. and Leroy Hall Sr.; aunts, Larissa Hall and Loretta Hall; and uncle Donald Wilson Jr.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 P.M., Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023, at Kewadin Indian Methodist Church Pavilion, 7248 Cairn Highway, Kewadin, Michigan 49648, with visitation beginning at 11 A.M. Sr. Pastor Brent Evans from Pentecostals of Traverse City officiated. Interment followed in the Kewadin Indian Mission Cemetery. A wake service took place at 7 P.M., Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2023, at the home of Joey's Aunt Michelle Oskaboose, 11195, McKeese Road, Suttons Bay, Michigan 49682. Memorial contributions may be directed to Joey's mother and father.



**Lindsey Sprague  
(Peanut)**

**Happy Heavenly  
Birthday**

**We love and miss  
you so much.  
(Sept. 20th)**



**Cinda Pelcher - it has been two months  
already and it still does not seem real.  
I miss you so much and I love you.**



### Vivian L. Carpenter June 28, 1933 – August 8, 2023

Vivian Lanora Carpenter (Indian name: Elohee), age 90, of LaSalle, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2023, at her home under hospice care.

Born June 28, 1933, in Paw Paw, Mich., she was the daughter of the late Loris and Cecelia (Stevens) Reynolds. Vivian received her GED, alongside her eldest daughter Cathleen; they completed it together.

Vivian met and married the love of her life, William Charles "Bill" Carpenter, on June 8, 1974, at the Monroe Free Methodist Church on Dunbar Road in Monroe. They raised a family of eight children and spent over 49 wonderful years together.

She was a loving homemaker to her family, but also was on the Team Driving Semi's over the road with her husband, Bill. Vivian was a member of the First Baptist Church on N. Custer Road, but prior to that, she was a member at the Free Methodist Church of Monroe.

Vivian was a proud descendant of Chief David Shopenagon of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, of which she was an elder.

In her free time, she enjoyed gardening and preserving food canning. Most importantly, she loved spending quality time with her family. Vivian will be deeply missed and cherished in the hearts of her loved ones.

Beloved wife of Bill Carpenter. Loving mother of DuWayne Stroebel, Colleen (Gary) Weirich, Charleen (Rob Zulewski) Stroebel, Timothy Carpenter, and Arlene (Patrick) Graham. Dearest grandmother of 19 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents: Loris and Cecelia Reynolds, Vivian was preceded in death by children: Cathleen Ellison, Reynold Stroebel, and Rodger Stroebel; grandson: Randel Ellison II; great-great granddaughter: Miranda Ellison; and brothers: James and Harry Reynolds.

A special thank you to her grandson Clinton and Amy Ellison who also helped with her daily care.

A visitation was held on Friday, Aug. 11, 2023, at Rupp Funeral Home from 10 a.m. until the 1 p.m. service. Officiating was Pastor Kim and Cindy Semran. Burial followed to Roselawn Memorial Park.



### Homeowners Assistance Funds program (HAF)

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Housing Department is now taking applications from eligible homeowners. This application is for hardships occurring from 1/21/2020 to present.

#### Need assistance keeping your home?

- If the total household income is below 150 percent of the Area Median Income
- If the household has experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19
- If the household has incurred INCREASED costs due to COVID-19
- If the household is experiencing mortgage delinquency, foreclosure, escrow shortages, or property tax arrears
- If the household is experiencing utility shut offs or account delinquencies
- If the household is located in one of the following counties: Arenac, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Mecosta, Midland, Osceola, and Montcalm.
- Is a SCIT members anywhere in U.S.

#### SCIT-SCHD Housing can help with:

- Mortgage payments, property tax payments, homeowners insurance premiums, utility arrears, water/sewer, and trash removal, internet services
- New appliances and equipment necessary to maintain the habitability of the structure
- Lot rents, condo fees, or land contract payments
- Home repairs to enable one to stay housed

#### Applications are available:

- **Online:** Application is available at <https://portal.laserfiche.com/k8554/forms/HAF> or by scanning the QR code to the right.
- **In person:** Call (989) 775-4538 to make appointment
- **The SCIT Housing Office located at:** 2451 NishNaBeAnong Drive, Mt. Pleasant, MI Monday – Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Housing Department COVID-19 Homeowner Assistance Fund Policy (HAF Policy) is established by action of the Tribal Council of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan on August, 24, 2022. This HAF Policy shall govern the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Housing Department (SCHD) HAF Program and the administration and management of Homeowners Assistance Funds received from the U.S. Department of Treasury pursuant to Section 3206 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. No. 117-2 (March 11, 2021)

## 2024 Annual Reports are now being accepted

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

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

#### Notarization is required

- Forms available by mail, email and at [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org)
- No postdated forms, emails or faxes accepted

**Your 2024 Annual Report MUST be filed before/  
with submitting a Tribal Loan Application.**

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

### William H. Quayle

April 14, 1938 – July 29, 2023

William H. "Bill" Quayle III, 85, of McDonald, passed away in his home on Saturday, July 29, 2023.

Bill was born on April 14, 1938, in Pontiac, Mich., a son of the late, William H. Quayle Jr. and Wanetta Wanda Luke Quayle.

Bill was the retired director of Human Resources for Lockheed Martin for 18 years. Bill loved living in the small town of McDonald. He enjoyed his time spent with all of his friends in town, who became more like family.

Another large part of Bill's life was his racehorses. Bill and a close friend of his, Mitch, were partners over at the Meadows Racetracks. They enjoyed all their time together and Bill especially enjoyed being around his horses.

Surviving are many nieces and nephews, close friends Del (the late Priscilla) and Mitch Fini and Chuck Haley.

Friends and family were received on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Thomas-Little Funeral Service, Inc., 314 W. Lincoln Ave., McDonald (724-926-2800). A blessing service was held on Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment occurred at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies.

### Jeremy Michael Sawmick

February 27, 1965 – August 26, 2023

Jeremy Michael Sawmick, 58, of Mount Pleasant went to be with his Lord and Savior on Aug. 26, 2023, at the U of M Hospital in Ann Arbor surrounded by his loving family.

Jeremy was born on Feb. 27, 1965, son of the late George and Elsie (Wasaquam) Sawmick.

Jeremy was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. Jeremy dedicated 31 years of service to the Tribe, starting in the Security Department making his way up to director of security and after retiring from that position he went on to work for the Public Works Department.

Jeremy enjoyed golfing, traveling, attending church, fast cars, spending time with his family and most importantly, cherishing and cheering on his children.

Jeremy is survived by his lifelong sweetheart and mother of his children, Shawn (Sawmick) Kimewan; his loving children, Justene and Noah Sawmick; honorary grandchildren, Elsiaana and Vaughan; grand dogs, Apollo Rae and Debo James; sisters, Yvonne (Anthony Sr.) Dyer of Grand Rapids, Mich., Michelle Pena of Holland, Mich. Brother Daniel (Margo) Sawmick of Mactier, Ontario, Canada; and many nieces and nephews.

Jeremy was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Ramona Rodriguez, Gladys Hall, Ralph Sawmick, Samson Sawmick, Gregory Sawmick, Zachariah Sawmick; brother-in-law, Jose Pena and his wing man and brother Matthew V. Sprague.

Funeral services for Jeremy were held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023, at Charles R. Lux Family Funeral Home, with Rev. Doyle Perry officiating. Internment at the Woodland Cemetery in Rosebush immediately followed. Friends were invited to join the family one-hour prior for a visitation at the funeral home and after the burial for a luncheon in the Lincoln Reception Center (located next to the funeral home).

Those wishing to express a memorial contribution may consider to wishes of family or the Faith Indian Nazarene Church (6304 E. Broadway St., Mt Pleasant, MI 48858).





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

### Regular Tribal Council Sessions

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

### Regular Council Session Dates

- Sept. 5
- Oct. 3
- Nov. 7

Fourth Annual  
**Statewide Tribal  
OPIOID SUMMIT**  
*"Healing Our Families and Communities Together"*

**Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023  
& Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023**  
Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall

**For questions or more information, contact:**  
Carol Jackson | 989.775.4805 | Carjackson@sagchip.org  
April Osburn | 989.774.7107 | midcentralahc@cmich.edu

## Submissions needed

The fourth annual Statewide Tribal Opioid Summit Committee is requesting the community's support for submittal of a remembrance of their loved one who would like a chance to share their story with others due to opioid, alcohol substance misusage and suicide.



### Submissions will be featured on a memorial board

The Summit will pay a memorial tribute on Nov. 1 & 2, 2023 at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall. It's important to remind us all of the light that grows dim throughout the loss of our loved ones. To lend a voice to those who cannot speak, to bring awareness through education, and to bring families together by sharing their stories.

## Vendors needed

Calling all Tribal crafters and artists who would like an opportunity to sell their items at the fourth annual Statewide Tribal Opioid Summit free of charge. (This does not include any sponsorships or companies to promote or sell any business-related items. Please submit under sponsorships for the summit).

Vendor spaces are free for all Native crafters and artists

### For questions or more information, contact:

Carol Jackson | 989.775.4805 | Carjackson@sagchip.org  
April Osburn | 989.774.7107 | midcentralahc@cmich.edu

## Attention all Tribal Members:

All Tribal Members residing in Isabella County must be registered to vote in the District 1 voting district in order to vote in the 2023 Primary or General Election.

- ▶ If you reside in Isabella County but are registered to vote in District 3, then you must register in District 1 to vote in the election.
- ▶ Voter registration forms are available at the Tribal Clerk's Office.
- ▶ You must be registered to vote no later than Sept. 8, for the 2023 Primary Election and by Oct. 6, for the 2023 General Election.

For more information, please contact:  
Tribal Clerk's Office at 989-775-4051

## Election Timeline 2023 Primary & General Elections

**Aug. 7 - Sept. 1** | Candidate packets available at the Tribal Clerk's Office

**Sept. 1** | Petition deadline for candidates to turn in petitions

**Sept. 8** | Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election

**Sept. 12** | Deadline for candidates to meet all aspects of the qualifications to be placed on the final list of candidates

**Sept. 13** | Final candidate list posted

**Sept. 19** | Absentee ballots for Primary Election available in the office and mailed

**Oct. 6** | Last day to register to vote for the General Election

**Oct. 9** | Certification of voting machines (5:15 p.m.)

**Oct. 10** | Primary Election Day  
Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

**Oct. 11** | Primary Election results and candidates list posted

**Oct. 17** | Absentee ballots for General Election available in the office and mailed

**Nov. 6** | Certification of voting machines (5:15 p.m.)

**Nov. 7** | General Election Day  
Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

**Nov. 8** | General Election results posted

For more information, please contact:  
Tribal Clerk's Office at 989.775.4054

## Qualification for Voter Registration:

1. Must be a SCIT Member
2. Must provide address verification by one of the following:
  - State Issued Driver's License
  - State ID
  - Voter Registration ID
  - Tribal Membership ID

- ▶ Primary Election: Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023
- ▶ General Election: Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023

Members with faded and unreadable Tribal IDs can take their IDs and turn them in at the Clerk's Office for a free re-print.

Registered voter members without an ID are able to get a free voters registration card on the day of the Primary Election, Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023 or on the day of the General Election, Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023 from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. from the Clerk's Office.

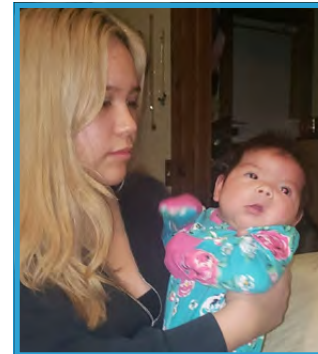
For more information, please contact:  
Tribal Clerk's Office at 989-775-4051

## Attention all Tribal Members:

To be eligible to vote in the upcoming 2023 Tribal elections, you must register to vote 30 days prior to the election date.

- ▶ Voter Registration forms are available at the Tribal Clerk's Office and on the Tribe's website.
- ▶ Due to the change in Ordinance 4, those living in Isabella County are now District 1 eligible voters and must fill out a Voter Registration form.
- ▶ If you've had a recent address or name change after Jan. 1, 2022 you must also register to vote if you have not already.

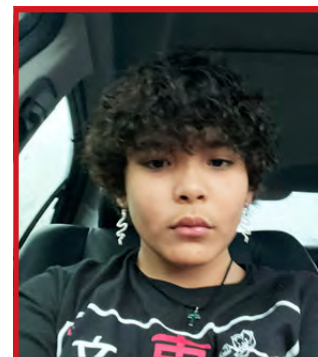
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**Shelayna**  
(Sept. 8th)

**Happy Birthday bby girl**

Hope all your wishes come true! – love, auntie Miranda and the girls.



**KDRN**  
(Sept. 9th)

**Happy Birthday Karter**

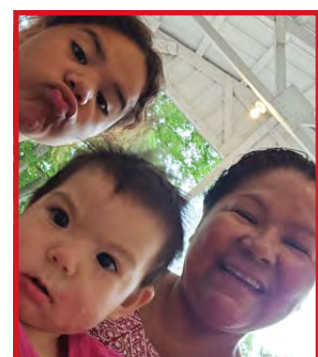
I hope it is a great one, you deserve it.  
Love always, mom and your sisters.



**Happy Birthday Pony Boy!**

**Christian**  
(Sept. 14th)

*haha we love you.*



**Sheridan Pelcher**  
(Sept. 27th)

**Happy Birthday Auntie!**

Keep living life to the fullest.  
Love, Miranda & the girls.



**Chelsea Pelcher**  
(Sept. 26th)

**Happy Birthday to my mini me,**

*I am very proud of you.*  
Love, Miranda & the girls.



**Addison**  
(Sept. 26th)

**Happy Birthday sweet girl, you are very loved!**

*Auntie Miranda & the girls.*



## Tribal Council

### Chief

**Theresa Peters-Jackson** | District One

### Sub-Chief

**Jennifer L. Wassegijig** | District One

### Treasurer

**Gayle Ruhl** | District One

### Secretary

**Martha Wemigwans** | District One

### Sergeant-at-Arms

**David Merrill Jr.** | District One

### Chaplain

**Alice Jo Ricketts** | District One

### Council Member

**Diana Quigno-Grundahl** | District One

### Council Member

**Frank J. Cloutier** | District Three

### Council Member

**Luke Sprague** | District One

### Council Member

**Mary Quigno** | District One

### Council Member

**Ron Nelson** | District Two

### Council Member

**Samantha Chippeway** | District One

## Public notice of unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members

The following is a list of unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members. Any person who has been court appointed as the member's Personal Representative of the Estate can contact the Per Capita Office to claim the funds. All monies must be claimed within 2 years from their date of death, or such monies will be forfeited and returned to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Per Capita Trust.

Tribal Member Name	Date of Death
Acuna, Alyssa Lynn	02/08/2023
Bailey, Robert Harold	01/13/2022
Campbell, Tiffany Ann	04/08/2023
Coleman, Lisa Renee	01/30/2022
Davis Sr, Marvin Lee	12/05/2022
Davis, Tony	04/25/2022
Glover, Jessie B.	05/06/2023
Gordon, Marjorie Ann	08/22/2022
High, Roger Wayne	04/16/2023
Jackson, Douglas Field	08/22/2022
Nelson, Phillip Louis	01/27/2022
Phillips, Lu Ann	03/09/2023
Plata, Reinalda Maria	05/15/2023
Robinson Sr, Herbert A.	05/03/2023
Roy, Barbara Ann	08/08/2022
Schoen, Vaughn Keith	05/17/2023
Schramm, Susan Gayle	11/06/2022
Smith, Jesse Davis	02/25/2022
Sprague, Connie Sue	06/06/2023
Stone, Domic Ambrose	01/04/2022
Underwood, Aloma	03/08/2023

## College Rental Assistance

The Saginaw Chippewa Housing Department is offering rental assistance to Native American college students that meet the following criteria:

- 18 years old or older and financially independent of their parents
- Must be a duly enrolled member of any Native tribe that has been identified on the most current Federal Register listing of "Indian Entities Recognized by and Eligible to Receive Services from the U.S. BIA (86 FR 7554 (Jan. 29, 2021))"
- Household is low-income as determined by HUD's definition: <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html>
- Enrolled in an accredited post-secondary college or university pursuing a two year (or higher) degree or certificate
- The university or college and the rental unit must be located within the lower peninsula of the State of Michigan

▶ **All rental assistance is paid directly to the landlord**

▶ **Applications and more information can be found at:** <http://www.sagchip.org/housing/>

**For more information, please contact:** Housing at 989-775-4538



## 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

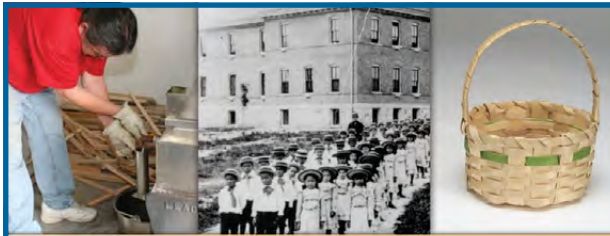
To be honest is to recognize that we have the ability to live our lives with honor and integrity.

### 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.



## Ziibiwing Center Community Digital Archive ASSISTANCE NEEDED

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



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

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

**For more information, please contact:**

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



## Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee Currently Two Vacancies

The Planning Department is soliciting letters of interests for adult Tribal Members interested in serving on the Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee for a Tribal Council appointed two year term. Per Ordinance 11, section 102, subdivision 2 and the approved Ordinance 11 Committee By-Laws. The current two year term will end on Nov. 14, 2024.

**Please submit a letter of interest along with your qualification and experience to:**

Donald Seal  
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan  
Planning Department  
7500 Soaring Eagle Boulevard  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858



[dseal@sagchip.org](mailto:dseal@sagchip.org)

**Letters of interests accepted until all vacancies are filled.**

# TRIBAL OBSERVER

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

- To contact Tribal Observer staff, please call 989-775-4096 or email [observer@sagchip.org](mailto:observer@sagchip.org).
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- 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.**

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**ZIIBIWING CENTER**  
*of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways*

**Collections Committee Vacancies**

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

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

**Interested members need to:**

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

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

**William Johnson, Curator/Operations Manager**

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

**Phone:** 989.775.4730

**Small Game Season 2023**

**Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe**  
*Community Engineer Donald L. Seal, Planning Department*

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 106 subdivision 3 the 2023 Small Game Season shall begin Friday, Sept. 1, 2023, and will close on Friday, March 31, 2024, unless ordered otherwise.

The 2023 Small Game Season will allow for the bag limits as listed:

- Pheasants shall be limited to male pheasants only with a limit of five per day.
- Badger, beaver, muskrat, mink, pine martin, fisher and otter are all closed to small game hunting.
- Badger, beaver, muskrat, mink and otter will be open for Trapping Season. Bag limits per Trapping Season Order.
- Bobcat is limited to two tags only whether hunting, trapping or combination of seasons.

Small game species are defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 103 subdivision 66.  
Licenses will be available starting Aug. 29, 2023, at the Tribal Planning Department office.  
Animal harvest must be reported within 72 hours of take by phone, email, or online.

- "Other Indians" may not hunt on Tribal Trust or Tribal owned Fee Land. Other Indians as defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 52.
- Please Refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.

**Deer Season 2023**

**Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe**  
*Community Engineer Donald L. Seal, Planning Department*

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the 2023 Deer Season shall begin Sept. 4, 2023, and will close on Feb. 1, 2024 unless ordered otherwise.

Further restrictions shall be as follows:

- Sept. 4, 2023 - Oct. 31, 2023 shall be bow only on all designated Tribal Trust and Tribal Fee Lands.
- Nov. 1, 2023 - Feb. 1, 2024 shall be bow or gun on all designated Tribal Trust and Tribal Fee Lands

The 2023 Deer Season will allow for the harvest of five deer as follows:

- Three antlerless\* Antlerless gives the ability to take an antlerless deer or a deer with antlers less than three inches in length (Ordinance 11, Section 103, Subdivision 2)
- One restricted (restricted to four or more one inch minimum points on one side)
- One antlered (any size antlered)

Licenses and harvest tags will be available starting Aug. 29, 2023, at the Tribal Planning Department office at \$10 per harvest tag. Only five tags are allowed.

- "Other Indians" may not hunt on Tribal Trust or Tribal owned Fee Land. Other Indians as defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 52.

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

- Please Refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.
- Hunter orange is in accordance with Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 5 and harvest reporting is to be in accordance with Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105, Subdivision 5(B)
- Tribal lands designated for hunting are approved by the map located at the Tribe's Planning Department.

Tree stands/blinds are only permitted on Tribal property one week before the start of deer season as stated above and must be removed one week after deer season close date as stated above; remaining items will be confiscated. No screw-in tree steps, spikes, etc. are permitted except bow/gun hooks. Tree stands/blinds must have name and address affixed in a visible area, or they will be subject to confiscation.

**Design Contest**

Ziibiwing is looking for a new design for T-shirts. The design must include "Every Child Matters." Winner will receive a gift card.

**Submission Deadline:**  
Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023

**Submissions can be sent to:**  
Glenna Halliwill at ghalliwill@sagchip.org

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**Migratory Bird Season 2023/2024**

**Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe**  
*Community Engineer Donald L. Seal, Planning Department*

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 109 Subdivision 3 the 2023/2024 Migratory Bird Season shall begin Sept. 1, 2023, and will close on Jan. 31, 2024, unless ordered otherwise.

The 2023/2024 Migratory Bird Season will allow for the bag limit as listed. Non toxic shot only.

**Migratory bird season daily bag limit:**

• Ducks: 20*	• Canada Geese: 20**
• Mergansers: 10***	• Woodcock: 10
• Common Snipe: 16	• Mourning Dove: 25
• Coots & Gallinules: 20	• Sandhill Cranes: 1
• Sora and Virginia Rails: 20	

\* Ducks 20 per day, including no more than five each of the following species: hen mallard, wood duck, redhead, scaup, black duck, pintail and canvasback. Possession limit is not to exceed two times the bag limit.

\*\* 20 per day Canada Geese aggregate. Coot, gallinule, sora and Virginia rail is 20 in the aggregate.

\*\*\*No more than 5 hooded mergansers in the aggregate.

Reporting within 72 hours of harvest is mandatory per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 109, Subdivision 5(B).  
A small game license is also required as per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 109, Subdivision 2.  
Licenses and harvest tags will be available starting Aug. 29, 2023 at the Tribal Planning Department office. Fee is \$10 per license.

- "Other Indians" may not hunt on Tribal Trust or Tribal owned Fee Land. Other Indians as defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 52.
- Please Refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations. Hunters must observe all other basic Federal Migratory bird hunting regulations in 50 CRF part 20.

**Special Elder and Mentored Youth Deer Hunt 2023**

**Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe**  
*Community Engineer Donald L. Seal, Planning Department*

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the 2023 Special Elder and Mentored Youth Deer Hunt shall begin Sept. 1, 2023 and will close on Sept. 3, 2023, unless ordered otherwise. Further restrictions shall be as follows:

- Tribal Member Youth for the purpose of this hunt are defined as ages 10 years to 17 years of age.
- Youth Participants ages 14-17 must be accompanied by a Tribally Licensed Adult Mentor at least 21 years of age under Tribal Ordinance 11.
- Youth Participants ages 10 up to 14 must be accompanied by a Tribal Licensed Parent or Guardian.
- Pursuant to Ordinance 11, Section 105, Subdivision 2(B): under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a licensed parent or guardian.
- The mentor is not allowed to carry any hunting device (firearm, bow or crossbow) in the field while accompanying the youth hunter.
- Ages 10 years to under 14 years are only eligible to use a bow for this hunt.
- Ages 14 years to 17 years are eligible to use a bow or firearm for this hunt.
- Tribal Elders for the purposes of this hunt is defined as 50 years of age or older.
- The license for this hunt may not be assigned to a proxy hunter.

The 2023 Special Elder and Mentored Youth Hunt will allow for the harvest of one deer. Licenses and harvest tags will be available starting Aug. 29, 2023, at the Tribal Planning Department office at \$10 per harvest tag. Only one tag is allowed for this special hunt. Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105, Subdivision 5(B). Animal harvest must be reported within 72 hours of take by phone, email or online.

- All other portions of Tribal Ordinance 11 must still be followed.
- Please Refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.
- Hunter orange is in accordance with Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 5 and harvest reporting is to be in accordance with Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105, Subdivision 5(B)



## Annual Wewebanaabiiwin Youth Fishing Tournament held Aug. 18

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

The sixth annual Wewebanaabiiwin Youth Fishing Tournament was held on Friday, Aug. 18.

Anglers cast their lines into the water of Grewes Lake at the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park hoping to win trophies in three different age groups.

The annual tournament was open to the Tribal community and RV Park patrons.

Event Coordinator Kevin Ricketts shared a thoughtful sentiment towards the participants.

“In my eyes, everyone that attended was a winner,” Ricketts said. “The joyful smile of a youth catching a tiny bluegill is priceless.”

Central Michigan University’s Bass Fishing Club provided support to the youth anglers, as well as measuring the fish caught.

Music was provided by DJ Lupe Gonzalez.

The Tribal Police and Fire departments teamed up to provide a hot dog lunch.

Ricketts said he is thankful for all of the departments, participants and corporate sponsors who donated items, time and services to the event.

“Big shout out to Bonnie Sprague (Soaring Eagle Waterpark general manager), for allowing us to spend time on the lake,” he said. “Special thanks to the many parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, family and friends who helped make this event a success.”

The event was a collaboration of efforts by many organizations and departments. This included Tribal Council, Tribal Court, Recreation, Tribal College, Seventh Generation, ACFS, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, Migizi EDC, Tribal Fire, Tribal Police, Behavioral Health, Project Venture, JNR Engraving, Peer 360 and the CMU Bass Fishing Club.

Observer photos by Matthew Wright



# OBSTACLES to Recovery

Overcome an obstacle course around the reservation together

## Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023

### Broadway Park

#### Obstacle course

- ▶ 15 different stations (designed for all ability levels and ages)
- ▶ Each station symbolizing steps to the recovery process
- ▶ First wave begins at 11 a.m. and continues every 15 minutes until 1:30 p.m.
- ▶ 2-5 people per team
- ▶ Please show up 20 minutes prior to your start time

Long sleeve T-shirts for the first 150 registrants

**To register a team, contact:**  
**Jaden Harman, Fitness Coordinator**  
 989.775.4694 | JHarman@sagchip.org

#### Post event activities

- ▶ Lunch for all
- ▶ Bounce house
- ▶ Door prizes

### 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 for 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.

Courtesy image



## Rez Ball 2023, three-on-three basketball tournament, held Aug. 17

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Mad basketball skills were on full display at the Rez Ball 2023 three-on-three tournament on Thursday, Aug. 17.

Originally scheduled in the Nimkee Fitness parking lot, thunderstorms relocated the tournament indoors at Morey Courts Recreation Center on Remus Road in Mount Pleasant.

Games began at 2 p.m. with participants in several different grade/age group categories. First place trophies and second place medals were awarded.

Rez Ball included four people max per team, and 10 team max per age group.

The cost was \$15 per player. A free hot dog lunch and event T-shirt were provided to the players.

The 2023 results are below:

Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck



### Rez Ball 2023 results

#### Men's division:

- **First place:** J.O.E (Kyle Ready, Trey Smith, and Eammon)
- **Second place:** Buddies (Noah Sawmick, Rashaun Redstar, Daniel "Dizz" Wemigwans)

#### Women's (combined) division:

- **First place:** Legends (Rosemary Ekdahl, Aleigha Owl, Monica Gonzalez, Morgan Trepanier)

#### Boy's high school division:

- **First place:** Bounce It (Ahsinis Smith, Daniel "Tek" Wemigwans, Josh Wemigwans, James "JJ" Wemigwans)
- **Second place:** The Buckets (Isiah Rodriguez, Kadenn Rose, Trey Bross, Pierce Acles)

#### Girl's high school (combined) division:

- **First place:** Cap City Hoops (Avyanna Vidal, Kristy Palacios, Leah Palacios, Illyana Montgomery)
- **Second place:** Eyhana And Friends (Eyhana Feliciano, Trinity Perez, Keyanna Bennett)

#### 6th to 8th grade (co-ed) division:

- **First place:** The Cubs (Aiden Raphael, Andreas Ramirez, Carter House, Kyle)
- **Second place:** Bam and the Boyz (Mayson Isham, Bam Sprague, Alex Evans, Cooper)

#### 5th and under (co-ed) division:

- **First place:** Her and the Fellas (Roster not available)
- **Second place:** Warriors (Jacoby Trepanier, Jax Mulholland, Bentley Wood, Jalen Armstrong)

*(Note: High school girls and the adult women's category were combined.)*

### Nearly \$4,000 donated for annual powwows



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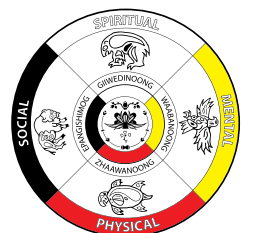
From Feb. 1 to March 30, Soaring Eagle guests were invited to drop remaining cash out tickets, cash or coins to donate to the Powwow Committee, which hosts the annual powwows for both Mount Pleasant and Standish, Mich.



### Introduction to the Performing Arts

**Mondays, Sept. 11- Nov. 27, 2023**  
6-8 p.m. | Saginaw Chippewa Academy

- A 12-session, weekly workshop covering the basics of performing arts, including theater, dance, singing and spoken word.
- This a free workshop, open to ages 13 and older.
- We will discuss foundational questions like, What is performing arts? What is the goal? How is performing art different than participatory art? What are the tools we use? How do we prepare and train with our tools?
- Students will increase comfort and confidence while working on stage presence and vocabulary, character development, simple movement for stage, vocal skills, story adaptation for the stage using various modalities, and technical needs of performing arts.
- We will put all of this into a performance experience by producing a short play to be performed for local communities. There will be three to four performances of our short piece, including at the Come Home to Alma for the Holiday celebration.



To register or for more information: MyTurnPAC@gmail.com or 989-466-5861



## Freedom Walk

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Anna Winters of Peer 360 Recovery Alliance introduced three people (Ashton Kahgegab, Alisha Starkey and Andrew Vasquez) who shared their journeys in recovery to the packed Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

“The 2023 Freedom Walk was very inspiring,” Winters said. “The messages I heard were of connection, love, support, and the importance of not giving up. Our people who are new to recovery were able to use their voices to emphasize the importance of these messages. All pathways to recovery are sacred.”

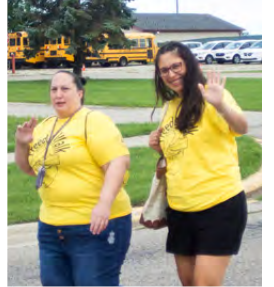
After sharing his story, Andrew Vasquez said, “Seeing members of the community and families all coming together to support one another; it was such an honor for me to share some of my experiences, and what it’s like to be in recovery today. All the family and community support are an important part for my recovery.”

Loretta Castenada, Huron Potawatomi elder and in recovery, attended and accepted a cedar eagle feather for elder Roger High who walked on earlier this year.

The inscription proclaimed: “On behalf of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Freedom Walk Committee, we honor the memory of Elder Roger High for his lifelong dedication and contribution to recovery on the reservation on this day, July 29, 2023.”

Andahwod Administrator Sheligh Jackson said High was a talented, caring man with a great sense of humor.

“He enjoyed sharing his artistic talents with Andahwod residents, staff and community members,” Jackson said. “Many people have been gifted an eagle feather from him for their commitment to sobriety and living a healthy lifestyle. He will be greatly missed and I think everyone who knew him would say it’s been an honor.”



Observer photos by Matthew Wright

Behavioral Health Director Ame Edstrom said chi-miigwetch to everyone who pitched in to help orchestrate this event.

“Through the use of volunteers who offer their time and energy, this event was extremely successful,”

Edstrom said. “And, please know this could not have been done without everyone’s help.”

## September 2023 Tribal Elder Birthdays

- 1) Timothy Walraven  
Timothy Pete
- 2) Jamie VanDerSteen
- 3) Deanna Campbell  
Joyce Ervin  
Diane Leksche  
Mark Ojeda-Vasquez  
Nancy Coleman  
Bonnie Jackson  
Michelle Yoder  
Doyletta Good
- 4) Laura Schaad  
Michelle Stanton
- 5) Genevieve Chippeway  
Camille Grice  
Lance Peters  
Arthur Steele  
Jacqueline Baker  
Sherry Obrecht  
Tracey Olivier  
Marion Roth
- 6) Andrew Naganashe  
Christopher Fallis
- 7) Mark Chapoton  
Salina Jackson  
Dianna Goodwin  
Forrest Jackson  
Robert Waynee Jr.
- 8) Barbara Bennett-Fleming  
Sharon Cole  
Florence White  
Amelia Hinton
- 9) Michelle Colwell  
Wilma Bennett  
David Chatfield
- 10) Dawn Briggs  
Judith Hunt  
Kimberly Lewis  
Patricia Tarkowski
- 11) Darlene Watkins  
Kimberly Stowell

- 12) Myria Carr  
Wayne Dutton  
Michael Chamberlain  
Jeffrey Pigeon Jr.  
David Stevens
- 13) Louanna Bruner  
Shellie Pelcher  
Darci Tucker  
Loralee Werth
- 14) Doreen Eggleston  
Jeffrey Brown  
Eugene Ives Jr.  
Julie Treib
- 15) Gary Rueckert Sr.  
Andrew Byce Sr.  
Rodney Dutton
- 16) Tonya Fallis  
Karen Gibson  
Evelyn Grills  
Sharll Hudson  
Richard Nahgahgwon  
Joseph Smith Sr.  
Christine Baird
- 17) Roger High  
Jon Beaulieu Sr.  
Clifford Collins  
Darcy Crampton  
Barbara Huffine  
Kristine Smith  
Lela Walker  
Laura Perez
- 19) Brenda Gardner
- 20) Charles Jackson
- 21) Perry Bailey Jr.  
Michael Bearden  
Brian Peters
- 22) Lori Nahdee  
Angela Peters  
Jacqueline Ortiz  
Melissa Mays

- 23) Judith Mays  
Louise Smith
- 24) Jerry Douglas  
Maurice Pego Jr.  
Theodore Stevens Sr.  
Garry Douglas  
Jennifer Jones  
Selene Moore  
Cherin Rossbach  
Sandra Rubin-Warner  
Jennifer Jones  
Edison Pelcher

- 25) Cynthia Floyd  
L. E. Reed Jr.  
Rita Bills  
Mark Godbey  
Kevin O’Brien  
Rose Raslich  
Richard Starkey
- 26) Matthew Seger  
Martin Curry  
Lucinda Graverette-Smith  
Janet Kerns  
Alexander Walraven  
Lena Jackson

- 27) Sheridan Pelcher  
David Wilson  
Tonia Bliss
- 28) Fitzgerald Stevens
- 29) Agnes Flynn  
Dianne Nelson  
Jerome Pigeon Jr.  
Marcella Wing  
Anthony Davis
- 30) Donald Chippewa Sr.  
Sonja Sowmick  
Thomas Kerns Jr.

## The 2023 Caucus Committee is sworn in



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

The 2023 Caucus Committee members (left to right: Joseph Sowmick, Lori Nahdee, Sheligh Jackson, Karen Naganashe, Heaven Wemigwans and Mildred Thomas) are sworn in by Tribal Council on Tuesday, Aug. 1 in the Council chambers.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Caucus Committee member Seryña Acuña (left) is sworn in by Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson (right) with support from Councilman Frank Cloutier and Sub-Chief Jennifer L. Wassegijig on Wednesday, Aug. 16.

## Seventh Generation holds summer Baby Celebration



Courtesy of LeeAnn Ruffino

M’naajaadaa G’da Binoojiinhsminaanik (Let’s celebrate our babies). Seventh Generation hosted the summer Baby Celebration on Wednesday, July 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Elijah Elk Cultural Center. The celebration honored Tribal Members’ and descendants’ babies ages 0-6 months old. A meal was provided, along with giveaways, door prizes and the babies were given blankets.





## Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel employees awarded for years of service

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

The Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel recognized its employees for achieving years of service on Aug. 23.

Held in the Saganing Tribal Center in Standish, Mich., the event honored employees who have achieved five, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service. This year saw a total of 60 employees receiving recognition. A list of all the award recipients is shown below.

At the event, Human Resources Director Louanna Bruner honored and spoke of those who have achieved 25 years of service.

**David Hooper, security, was honored for reaching 25 years of service. Bruner shared the following about Hooper:**

David started working at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in 1997 as a cage cashier. There must have been that policy that you have to be in your position for six months to transfer, because after six

months, he transferred directly to security and that's been his home ever since. David was part of the opening of the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino.

When asked what his proudest moment from working at Saganing is, David said when he responded to a medical emergency. A guest was unconscious with no pulse. David administered chest compressions and was able to revive the guest. The guest's family was beyond grateful as they watched David essentially save his life. This quick reaction received recognition from MMR and the Arenac Independent.

**Security Director Michael Peruski shared the following about Hooper:**

When we opened SELC in 2007, we realized with our remote location, if there were a medical emergency, MMR could take anywhere from 12-25 minutes. So the security director and supervisors became Medical First Responders.

We were grateful to have David, who was seasoned with his EMT license. David would lead the medical calls because he had over a decade of experience being an EMT.



**David Hooper**  
25 years of service



**Edward Pfund**  
25 years of service

Under David's lead on medicals, he has taught other team members how to care for guests in need of medical attention. He has a very fast and responsive treatment. SELC has the highest survival rate during cardiac incidents outside a hospital setting in Northern Michigan per MMR and David is one of the biggest reasons.

It is not uncommon for David to share his culture with us by wearing his kilt on his anniversary. His heart, dedication and fine sense of humor has led to a lot of friendships with all of us. We don't know what things would have looked like without him.

**Edward Pfund, slot operations director, was honored for reaching 25 years of service. Bruner shared the following about Pfund:**

Ed started his career in 1997 with Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort as a slot attendant. In 2002, he

transitioned to the technical side of slots as a slot tech trainee.

Ed was part of the original management team, opening SELC in 2007 as a slot tech supervisor. Through the years his leadership has advanced with positions such as executive slot supervisor, slot manager and his current position: slot director.

Ed has worked hard to gain industry knowledge. He teaches associates how to do slot fills.

Councilman Ron Nelson shared that Ed does such an excellent job training his staff and involving them with the day-to-day operations that his department would continue to be efficient in his absence. Not that we'd ever want that to happen.

Bruner said, "Great leaders know when to lead and when to let others lead; which must be why Ed's always in the passenger seat of his wife's pink jeep. Ed, from what I gather, Saganing just loves you!"



### YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS

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**5 YEARS**

Christine Ancel  
Debra Banks  
Andrew Brindley  
Karen Brock  
Tiffany Cornell  
Lisa Cowles  
Heather Dennis

Food & Beverage  
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Food & Beverage

Kimberly James  
Justin Johnson  
Tammy Neely  
Bryan Rhode  
Erik Rodriguez-Brunett  
Tyler Stewart

Guest Services  
Finance  
Inventory Control  
Facilities  
Finance  
Slots

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**10 YEARS**

Mary Bennett  
Robert Branda  
Aaron Coleman  
Jonathan Gielda  
Heather Goretcki

Food & Beverage  
Security  
Slots  
Finance  
Finance

Kurt Humerickhouse  
Lisa Kruzell  
Keith Martin  
James Tomczak

Facilities  
Facilities  
Slots  
Facilities

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**15 YEARS**

Irene Allison  
Wendy Bartys  
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Michael Bleshenski  
Stanley Bobick  
Jonelle Bodrie  
Timothy Branda  
Peggy Caffrey  
Douglas Conrad  
Cheryl Cousins  
Angela Datzko  
Sheila Dillabough  
Kimberly Duncan  
Lisa Flynn  
Eric Gansser  
Nathan Geddes

Finance  
Guest Services  
Slots  
Facilities  
Slots  
Surveillance  
Security  
Slots  
Casino Administration  
Slots  
Food & Beverage  
Slots  
Finance  
Security  
Security  
Slots

Brenda Gorski  
Jo James  
Pamela James  
Dareth Johnson  
Danielle Kennedy  
Tamara Manyen  
Laurie Mates  
Brian Morley  
Donald Nelson  
Natalie Nichols  
Brandi Nusbaum  
Michelle Pfund  
Polly Powers  
Randolph Sellers  
Melissa Vollmer  
Christy Weaver

Surveillance  
Guest Services  
Security  
Accounting  
Security  
Finance  
Surveillance  
Facilities  
Hotel  
Slots  
Surveillance  
Guest Services  
Guest Services  
Slots  
Surveillance  
Casino Administration

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**20 YEARS**

Daniel Cloutier  
Dareld Osborn  
Michael Robinson  
Toni Swalley

Facilities  
Surveillance  
Security  
Casino Administration

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**25 YEARS**

David Hooper  
Edward Pfund

Security  
Slots



**Daniel Cloutier**  
20 years of service



**Toni Swalley**  
20 years of service



**Dareld Osborn**  
20 years of service



**Randolph Sellers**  
15 years of service



**Michelle Pfund**  
15 years of service



**Christy Weaver**  
15 years of service



**Mary Bennett**  
10 years of service



**Heather Goretcki**  
10 years of service



**Tiffany Cornell**  
Five years of service



## “Honoring Our Future” theme at 39th annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

It was once again a beautiful celebration of culture and heritage at the 39th annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Mnadendamadaa Waanezhiwebak “Honoring Our Future” on July 28-30.

Torrential downpours occurring Friday evening left the grounds and arena wet and muddy. It was announced 1 p.m. Saturday that grand entry would be moving to 4 p.m. and indoors in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort’s Entertainment Hall. Sunday’s noon grand entry also remained indoors.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**After relocating indoors, grand entry begins at the 39th annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow on Saturday, July 29 at 4 p.m. in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall.**

Head veteran Raymond Cadotte, flag carriers, members of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society,

and head dancers Delina White and Gerald White led the way in the arena with dancers following during grand entries.

This year’s masters of ceremonies were Joe Medicine and Brian Moore. Arena directors were Mark Kingbird Sr. and Mike Medawis.

Young Enemy was the host drum. Harvey Dreaver was the drum judge.

Wesley Cleland and Tracey Cleland were the dance judges.

Steven Oldman was the firekeeper.

Sound was provided by Hoka Sound.

This year’s powwow results are listed below.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Head dancers Delina White (left) and Gerald White (right) are photographed in the arena.**



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**Dancers pack the floor of the Entertainment Hall during grand entry.**



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**Head Veteran Raymond Cadotte (right) and members of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society lead the way in the arena during grand entry.**

## 2023 Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Results

Platinum Age		
Men	Women	
1st	Albert King Sr.	Debbie Plain
2nd	Royce Kingbird	Tina Hindsley
3rd	Mike King	Patty Gardner
4th	Mike Dashner	Doctor Evelyn White Eye

Golden Age		
Men	Women	
1st	Charles Belisle	Mariette Sutherland
2nd	Tony Wahweotta	Alana Tredeur
3rd	Walker Stonefish	Celina Cuda-Mataswagon
4th	Russ Blackbird	Dawn Shenosky

Drum Contest	
1st	Bear Creek
2nd	Good Fellas
3rd	Hay Creek
4th	Eagle Flight
5th	Red Clay

Senior Adult Men			
	Grass	Fancy	Traditional
1st	Buck Spotted-Tail	Wayne Silas Jr.	Adrian Klein
2nd	James Day	Gary Onaj	Sheldon Shebala
3rd	Darryl Bolton	Gabe Bullock	Gabriel Cleveland
4th	Gordon Nicotine-Sands	Adrian Harjo	Ahsinees Larson

Senior Adult Women			
	Fancy	Jingle	Traditional
1st	Star Silas	Heather Syrette	Cassie Thomas
2nd	Valerie Campbell	Maia Spotted Tail	Krystal Bigsky
3rd	Autumn Hart	Paula Shebala	Alexa Rae Day
4th	Rain Williams	Shelda Tom	Suzanne Nicholas

Junior Adult Men			
	Grass	Fancy	Traditional
1st	Desmond Madera	Albert King Jr.	Zhaawan Smith
2nd	Jace Roberts	Ascension Harjo	Marshall Fumaker
3rd	Dom Watson	Tyler Dashner	Nodin Aquash
4th	Chaske Jacobs	Albert Plant III	Cruz Perez

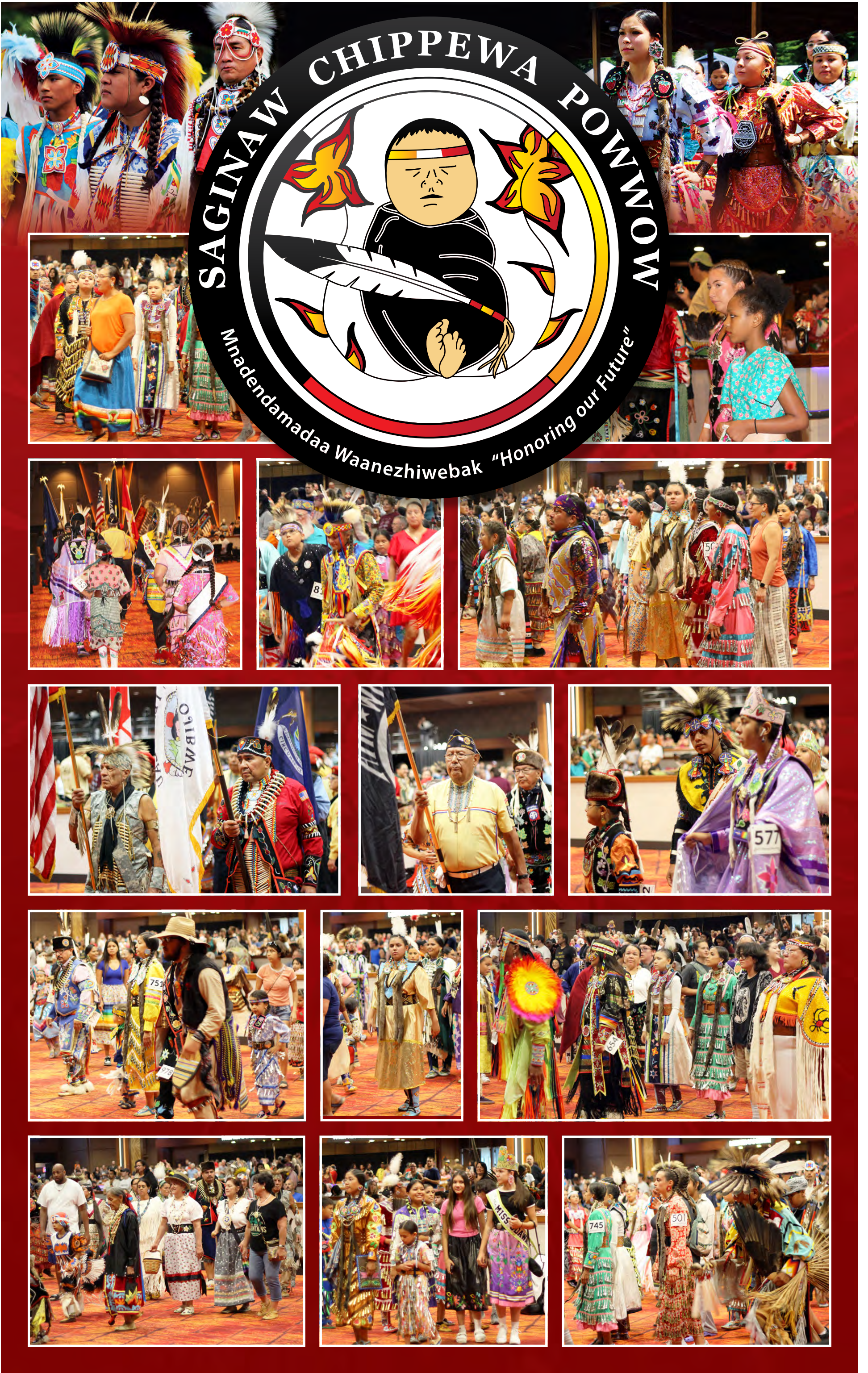
Junior Adult Women			
	Fancy	Jingle	Traditional
1st	Beedaskah Stonefish	Waskwane Stonefish	Oteskwe Shebala
2nd	Miigwaans Smith	Aerius Benton	Tia Lonetree Grey
3rd	Cherish Kingbird	Dajia Shinos	Paige Young Bear Brown
4th	Rachael Simon	Wassay Two Thunders	Reyna Prescott

Teen Boy			
	Grass	Fancy	Traditional
1st	Miskawakone White	Carmen Day-Bedeau	Ethan Warner
2nd	Rylin Elijah	Griffin Sands	Grason Jackson
3rd	Pahquis Tredeau	Frederick Highley	Gegek Webkamidad
4th	Xavier Escamen		Eddie Benton

Teen Girl			
	Fancy	Jingle	Traditional
1st	Violet Sutherland	Madison Kingbird	Florence Osawamick
2nd	Shandiin Shebala	Asalia Quigno	Oceana Peters L.
3rd	Keysha Two-Axe	Addyson Nanae White	Lillian Pedonievette
4th	Selese Syrette	Isabella White	

Junior Boys			
	Grass	Fancy	Traditional
1st	JJ Leblanc	Nabahe Shebala	Alex Klein
2nd	Brandon Woods	Dennison Whiteye	Biidwe Kingbird
3rd	Kaiden Oliver	Aakodewin Prout	Cason Fallis
4th	Erich Lehman Jr.	Albert King Iii	Hollis Perez

Junior Girls			
	Fancy	Jingle	Traditional
1st	Kasay Dreaver	Nalani Hopps	Layla Maness
2nd	Lilianna Klein	Bella White-Medicine	Mahaya Wells
3rd	Brynlee Warner	Ivey Sands	Kira Greenbird
4th	Ellie White Medicine	Nailah Pyawasit	Ela Greenbird



SAGINAW CHIPPEWA POWWOW  
Mhadendamadaa Waanezhiwebak "Honoring our Future"





## Sixty teams compete in ninth annual Soaring Eagle Open Golf Tournament

### MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The ninth annual Soaring Eagle Open golf tournament was held Aug. 11-13.

A total of 60 teams competed across three divisions.

On Friday, Aug. 11, at the PohlCat Golf Course, a total of 18 teams competed in the senior men's division, with 12 teams competing in the ladies' division.

The two-day open division at the Mt. Pleasant Country Club and Sunday, Aug. 13 at the PohlCat Golf Course. A total of 30 teams competed.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Open Division, Championship Flight winners:  
Schultz, Beyer and Skibinski**



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**Open Division, A Flight winners:  
Conway, Ginetti, Weber**



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**Open Division, B Flight winners:  
Wasegijig, Barnyard, Raphael**



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**Ladies' Division, Championship Flight winners:  
Stocker, Mantha, Flood**



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**Ladies' Division, A Flight winners:  
Ruhl, Quigno, Quigno**



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Seniors' Division, Championship Flight winners:  
Tillotson, Pohl, Black**



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Seniors' Division, A Flight winners:  
Chingman, Todd, Martel**

### Open Division Results:

#### Championship Flight

- **1st place:** Schultz, Beyer, Skibinski 118\*
- **2nd place:** Kelly, Howard, Gehres 118
- **3rd place:** Tedajewski, France, Mason 124\*
- **4th place:** Raymond, Kreger, Yunker 124\*
- **5th place:** Dewyse, Janky, Marsh 124
- **6th place:** Pohl, Labelle, Peffer 125

\*Indicates Handicap Tiebreaker

#### A Flight

- **1st place:** Conway, Ginetti, Weber 129
- **2nd place:** Rodriguez, Owl, Owl 130
- **3rd place:** Miskokomon, Miskokomon, Miskokomon 133\*
- **4th place:** Liedel, Haygood, Miller 133
- **5th place:** McPherson, Walters, Radavotich 133

\*Indicates Handicap Tiebreaker

#### B Flight

- **1st place:** Wasegijig, Raphael, Barnyard 133
- **2nd place:** Chingman, Todd, Martel 138
- **3rd place:** Goings, Rochefort, Savola 141
- **4th place:** Burton, Harris, Centera 144
- **5th place:** VanAlstine, Genoit, Bennett 145

### Ladies' Division Results:

#### Championship Flight

- **1st place:** Stocker, Mantha, Flood 63
- **2nd place:** Crampton, Braendle, McIntyre 65
- **3rd place:** Pearsall, Lee, Kiegler 67
- **4th place:** Nightingale, Parks, Rummler 68

#### A Flight

- **1st place:** Ruhl, Quigno, Quigno 73
- **2nd place:** Kreger, Kreger, Kreger 76
- **3rd place:** Penasse, Penasse, Mcleod 78
- **4th place:** Raphael, Naganashe, Walton 78

### Seniors' Division Results:

#### Championship Flight

- **1st place:** Tillotson, Pohl, Black 61\*
- **2nd place:** Balavitch, Porter, Gotaas 61
- **3rd place:** Winterlee, Gragg, Paletta 62
- **4th place:** Schmidt, Hause, Dunn 63

\*Indicates Handicap Tiebreaker

#### A Flight

- **1st place:** Chingman, Todd, Martel 69
- **2nd place:** Frontezek, Solomon, Zdybel 70\*
- **3rd place:** Kewayosh, Williams, Sanders 70
- **4th place:** Mejia, Anderson, Gould 72

\*Indicates Handicap Tiebreaker

## Tally recognized for 30 years of service on the Indian Child Welfare Committee



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Carole Tally (center)** is recognized by Tribal Council members on Tuesday, Aug. 15. Tally's retiring after serving 30 years on the Indian Child Welfare Committee. A certificate of appreciation is presented to Tally, offering a thank you for her past and present commitment and dedication to the children and families of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

## The Hill Campground pool open



Courtesy photo

The pool at The Hill Campground opened on Aug. 1 for day use and will be closing after Labor Day on Sept. 4. There is no admission fee to use the pool, open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel Facilities Team was responsible for fixing the pool and making it operational. The Hill Campground is located off of Tomah Road in Mount Pleasant. For more information, please contact 989-775-5899 or [TheHillCampground@sagchip.org](mailto:TheHillCampground@sagchip.org).

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## Pitbull promises “bigger and better” show during rescheduled concert

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Que no pare la fiesta. Don't stop the party. A party is exactly what Pitbull brought to Mount Pleasant, Mich. as soon as he eventually arrived during his rescheduled date on Saturday, Aug. 19.

Pitbull, aka “Mr. Worldwide,” was originally scheduled to perform at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's outdoor concert series on Sunday, July 9 when his private jet had a mechanical malfunction and he could not get to the show in time. Pitbull promised to make up for it as soon as he arrived.

Pitbull's performance began at 9 p.m., after a DJ performed for the crowd from 7:40 to 8:45 p.m. Pitbull performed a 75-minute lively set

which began with “Don't Stop the Party.”

After the very first song, he stopped the show to address the crowd. He thanked the audience for showing up once again. He addressed the elephant in the room – he described not making the first date as a mishap.

“Everything happens for a reason,” Pitbull said, mentioning the show will now be “bigger, better and they will have an even greater time.”

Accompanied by six back-up dancers who go by “The Most Bad Ones,” they brought the party right along with Pitbull. The entire show gave party-like, Las Vegas club vibes.

The show continued with “Hey Baby (Drop it to the Floor),” “Hotel Room Service,” “International Love” and “Rain Over Me.”

“Music has no barriers...,” he said. “It reminds us we



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**American rapper Pitbull performs with his official dancers, named “The Most Bad Ones,” during the Saturday, Aug. 19 at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's outdoor show.**

all bleed the same blood and breathe the same air.”

The performances continued with “Echa pa'lla (manos pa'rriba),” “I Feel Good,” “On the Floor,” “DJ Got Us

Fallin' in Love,” “Feel This Moment,” “Shake” “Culo” “I Know You Want Me (Calle Ocho)”

Throughout the entire evening, the energy level from

Pitbull and each of his dancers never diminished.

The show concluded with the spirited hits “Timber,” “Time of Our Lives,” “Fireball” and “Give Me Everything.”

## Kane Brown brings tour to Soaring Eagle with Chris Lane, Restless Road

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Today's country music fans gathered at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's outdoor venue for an evening filled with performances from Kane Brown, Chris Lane and Restless Road on Thursday, Aug. 3.

American country music singer-songwriter Chris Lane, a Kernersville, N.C. native, performed a one-hour set from 8 to 9 p.m.

His set began with “Fix,” “Take Back Home Girl,” “Let Me Love You” and “Tequila on a Boat.”

Lane also performed “Big, Big Plans,” a song created for and inspired by his wife, Lauren Bushnell, from “The Bachelor.”

In between songs, Lane was walking on stage, talking to the crowd and tripped. Not only did he land on the ground, the drink in his hand splashed all over his face. In good spirits, he laughed at himself and even posted the fall – caught on video – to his social media accounts in a slow motion reel accompanied by the Foo Fighters' song “My Hero.”

“I just broke my leg,” he joked to the crowd. “Somebody captured that on video. We're going viral tonight, alright?”

The video was captioned with, “Michigan I was fallin for you! Thanks for the good times.”



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Kane Brown performs during his Thursday, Aug. 3 outdoor show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.**

After laughing and shaking it off, Lane focused on the remainder of his set. He said he wanted to bring “the loudest, most obnoxious” girl on stage to sing to. As he looked at each section filled with screaming ladies waving at him to be chosen, he chose an ecstatic young girl whose seat was in the grandstands. She eagerly ran to the stage. On stage, she sported a large grin and kept covering her face in shock. Lane eventually switched hats with her; he sported the girl's sparkly pink cowgirl hat.

Lane and his band also performed “Small Town On It” and a medley which included Nelly's “Ride Wit Me.” He ended with his hit song, “I Don't Know About You.”

Infusing country with pop, rock and rap, headliner Kane Brown performed a 75-minute set at 9:30 p.m.

As a stop on his Drunk or Dreaming Tour, Brown began his Mount Pleasant, Mich. show with a lot of flames during “Lose It,” followed by “Grand,” “Like I Love Country Music,” “Famous Friends,” which he recorded with Chris Young and “Memory,” which he recorded with blackbear.

Acoustic guitar strums began “Be Like That” before confetti shot into the air, stirring shouts of surprise and excitement from the audience.

Brown and his band then performed “Used to Love You” (2016) and “Homesick,” dedicated to those who have served the country.

Bringing the energy level down a notch, Brown sat on a



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Country music artist Chris Lane takes the time to meet with fans back stage. He is photographed with Kayla Compau prior to his show that Thursday evening.**

stool to perform an intimate version of “Heaven.”

Pyrotechnics continued during “Bury Me in Georgia” and “Go Around.”

He entertained the crowd with covers of Gretchen Wilson's “Redneck Woman” and the Garth Brooks-famous hit “Friends in Low Places.”

Brown and the band continued with “Short Skirt Weather” and “What Ifs.”

As if the audience wasn't loud enough throughout the evening, the encore really brought out the hollers, especially when he brought his wife, Katelyn Brown, on stage to perform “Thank God” with him.

The show ended with more pyrotechnics and a launch

of confetti during “One Mississippi” and “Good As You,” during which he brought Chris Lane and the opening band Restless Road back out on stage to join him in the performance.

The opening band Restless Road performed a 30-minute set beginning at 7 p.m.

Restless Road is a country music band based in Nashville, Tenn. The group was formed and finished fourth in the American singing competition TV series “The X Factor” in 2013.

Restless Road performed their single “Growing Old with You,” along with “Sundown Somewhere,” “Headlights,” “Take Me Home” and more.



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 Friday, November 10  
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 Entertainment Hall  
 Tickets: \$44, \$54, \$72, \$78



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 8:00 p.m.  
 Entertainment Hall  
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 Entertainment Hall  
 Tickets: \$25



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## Carrie Underwood, Colbie Caillat deliver memorable performances at Soaring Eagle

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

Carrie Underwood with special guest Colbie Caillat made for an unforgettable night of music at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Aug. 24.

Rain in the area that night couldn't put a damper on the evening, as both stars shined brightly through the bleary weather at the outdoor venue.

Headlining the night was country music sensation Carrie Underwood.

Underwood rose to stardom after winning season four of the hit television series "American Idol" in 2005. Since then she has gone on to achieve incredible success including eight Grammy Awards, 16 Academy of Country Music Awards and 28 No. 1 singles.

The country music superstar treated fans to a set list of 21 songs, spanning her entire 18-year career.

Underwood came out with firing with the feisty lyrics of "Cowboy Casanova."

Next up were the inspirational hits "Something in the Water" and "Jesus, Take the Wheel," followed up by the upbeat, pop-infused hit "Undo It."

You could feel the palpable emotions behind her performance of "Cry Pretty."



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Carrie Underwood performs "Something in the Water" during the Aug. 24 outdoor concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.**

This was followed by the resilient, attitude-driven hit "Before He Cheats."

Fans were treated to one of her newest songs, with the catchy anthem "Crazy Angels." The song released in 2022 on her ninth studio album "Denim & Rhinestones." She performed three more tracks off the newest album with "Garden," "Ghost Story" and "Out of That Truck."

Other hit songs performed that night included "Church Bells," "Wasted," "All-American Girl," "Blown Away," "Two Black Cadillacs," "Good Girl," "Last Name" and "Dirty Laundry."

The concert came to a fitting conclusion with a trio of hits songs in "Hate My Heart," "Flat on the Floor" and "Smoke Break."



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Colbie Caillat performs her hit song "Fallin' for You."**

Opening the night for Underwood was two-time Grammy Award winning artist Colbie Caillat. The Malibu, Calif. born singer-songwriter has released six studio albums, with her seventh "Along the Way" set to release on Sept. 22, 2023.

Caillat began with her hit songs "Fallin' for You," "Realize" and "I Never Told You."

Next up was the Grammy Award winning "Lucky." The song was originally recorded as a duet with Jason Mraz.

Caillat effortlessly charmed the audience with her smooth, soothing voice during the hits songs "Try," "I'll Be Here" and "Worth It."

The hits continued with "Pretend" and "Still Gonna Miss You."

A highlight of the night was the cover of the hit Brooks & Dunn song "Neon Moon."

Caillat brought the set to a conclusion with her No. 1 hit single "Bubbly" followed by the catchy, upbeat "Brighter Than the Sun."

### Adopt a Pet



**Gramps**  
Gramps is a sweet 10-year-old senior Domestic Shorthair mix looking for a loving home to retire in. He is FIV+ but has shown FIV who is boss! It does not affect his daily living. His lack of teeth, however, does. Gramps is all gums because he arrived with broken teeth and an infected mouth. He has to eat a wet food-only diet. He may be rough around the edges due to having been through a lot in his life, but he has a lot of love to give.



**Karma**  
Karma is a 3-year-old male Pit Bull Terrier mix. This handsome boy will charm his way into your heart. He's an active pup that loves to run around outside. He will never say no to a good squeaky toy. He loves to carry his toys around. He has been with HATS since July 2022 and is awaiting his forever home.

**Humane Animal Treatment Society**  
1105 S. Isabella Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 [Hatsweb.org](http://Hatsweb.org)  
Phone: 989.775.0830 Email: hats.publicrelations@gmail.com

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

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

The SCIT Housing Program's households whose income falls within these limits, are eligible for HUD assisted rental units.

**For more information, please contact:**  
**Miranda Pelcher-Miley**  
Admissions & Occupancy Specialist  
• Phone: 989-775-4532  
• Email: MiPelcher@sagchip.org

FY 2023 Income Limits Summary								
FY 2023 Income Limit Category	Persons in Family							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$)	26,500	30,300	34,100	37,850	40,900	43,950	46,950	50,000
Extremely Low Income Limits (\$)	15,900	19,720	24,860	30,000	35,140	40,280	45,420	50,000
Low (80%) Income Limits (\$)	42,400	48,450	54,500	60,550	65,400	70,250	75,100	79,950

Median Family Income	
<b>Isabella County: \$74,900</b>	<b>Arenac County: \$69,900</b>





Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College hosts inaugural Mshiikenh 5k race

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**  
Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College held its inaugural Mshiikenh 5k run/walk behind the college's new location on the former Waabooz Run golf course.

The race had a great turnout and began at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12.

"There was no fee to race. It was free," said event coordinator Jayme Green, SCTC student success coach. "We really wanted to encourage all to come together at the future location of our college – classes will start in the new location in January – and be healthy."

Awards were given to overall male and female finishers, and all participants were given a keychain and event T-shirt.

Kevin Daum came in first place in the 5k with a time of 19:50:16.

Damian Marcinek came in second place at 20:59:86, and in third place was Toya Donner with 21:24:40.

The overall first place female finisher was Summer Terpstra with a time of 22:29:94. The second female finisher was Ava Robinson at 23:42:56.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck and Joseph Sowmick

Racers compete in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's inaugural Mshiikenh 5k run/walk on Saturday, Aug. 12 at 9 a.m.

"The racers enjoyed the beautiful scenery on the course," Green said. "The back area of the course runs along two lakes. Some (racers) commented that they liked the fact that it was all on grass trails."

Throughout the race route, signs were placed containing quotes about SCTC by students and staff. Some of the quotes included:

"I like the flexibility and personal approach at SCTC. There's more of a 1:1 connection."- Michael

"Embracing Anishinaabe culture and values gives each one of us an opportunity to develop into the unique, interesting and impactful person we were meant to be."- Dale

"SCTC lets you be you. It embraces you as you are and

helps you unlock your potential to be the best you that you can be."- Wes

"I love seeing our students gaining self-confidence as they progress through their educational journey."- Marco

"I love to see our students and hear them holler, 'Hi Auntie.' I am so proud of ALL our students."- Mary

"Thankful for the wonderful staff and faculty for

pushing me and inspiring me to get my degree when I had no motivation."-Joe

According to Green, the race was a success and there is a plan for a second annual 5k in 2024.

Green wished to thank the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel for allowing the use of the former golf course and the grounds keeping staff that helped prepare the course.

Health Department to host 14th annual HIV/AIDS 5k walk/run fundraiser

**CENTRAL MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) is gearing up for its 14th annual Central Michigan HIV/AIDS 5k walk/run, set to take

place on Saturday, Sept. 23, at Island Park in Mount Pleasant.

The event aims to educate the community, combat HIV/AIDS related stigma, and raise funds to support individuals diagnosed with and living with HIV/AIDS within the Central Michigan area.

"CMDHD strongly believes in upholding the

dignity and worth of all individuals and strives to provide the highest quality of life for those affected by and living with HIV/AIDS," said Shelby Pasch, CMDHD health promotion supervisor. "Proceeds from the fundraiser will contribute to support programs, including harm reduction, HIV medical care, case

management, and social service referrals. These services address a range of needs, such as insurance, primary medical care, food, housing, transportation, and counseling."

The event is open to all ages and ability levels, making it a family-friendly occasion that fosters community engagement and giving back. To register, please visit: <https://runsignup.com/centralmichiganhiv5k>

The registration fee for participants aged 18 and older is \$25.

Additionally, children aged 17 and younger can earn a free registration by bringing a donation for those in need to the Mt. Pleasant Care Store on the day of the race.

For those unable to attend in person, a virtual option is available. Participants can register for the "Virtual 14th annual Central Michigan HIV/AIDS 5k" by visiting the race webpage.

For more information or inquiries, please contact Anna Reetz at 989-773-5921 ext. 1480.

Scholarship Application NAFC Fitness Instructor Certifications

The Native American Fitness Council is offering six scholarships for Native Fitness Trainers to attend NAFC Fitness Instructor Certifications this fall. Scholarship recipients will receive complimentary enrollment to one certification. All travel expenses are the responsibility of the scholarship recipient. To be eligible, applicants must be 18+ years of age.

Scholarships will be awarded, and the recipients notified, a few days after applications are due.

Applying for:

- **Medical Conditions & Exercise Certification:** Hinckley, MN | Oct. 16-18, 2023  
Application Due Date: Sept. 15, 2023
- **Exercise & Aging Specialist Certification:** Hinckley, MN | Oct. 19-20, 2023  
Application Due Date: Sept. 15, 2023
- **Personal Trainer Certification:** Shawnee, OK | Nov. 13-16, 2023  
Application Due Date: Oct. 12, 2023

For more information: [john@nativeamericanfitnesscouncil.com](mailto:john@nativeamericanfitnesscouncil.com)  
[www.nativeamericanfitnesscouncil.com](http://www.nativeamericanfitnesscouncil.com)



Tribal Member  
**RÉSUMÉ**  
Development

Available through Human Resources

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

**Betsey M. Alonzo**, Tribal Development Coordinator  
Email: [Balonzo@sagchip.org](mailto:Balonzo@sagchip.org) | Phone: 989-775-5643

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WOCTEP is funded by the US Department of Education through the NACTEP program. Federal funds contribute to 92% of funding (\$500,666) and tribal support of 8% (\$42,329) for project year 1 (2022)



## SEPTEMBER 2023 | Tribal Community Event Planner

### Labor Day Weekend Picnic

- Sept. 1 | 4-7 p.m., food served at 4 p.m.
- The Hill Campground
  - [Recreation@sagchip.org](mailto:Recreation@sagchip.org)
  - Bingo, door prizes, sack races, egg toss, side attractions and musical chairs.

### Elders' Aquatics Exercise Class

- Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 2 p.m.
- Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel pool
  - [989-775-4694](tel:989-775-4694) or [JHarman@sagchip.org](mailto:JHarman@sagchip.org)

### SCTC STEAM Student Organization

- Sept. 6, 20 | 12-1 p.m.
- SCTC East Building, Room 6
  - [989-317-4827](tel:989-317-4827) or [KHart@sagchip.edu](mailto:KHart@sagchip.edu)

### Auricular Acupuncture

- Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 | 4-6 p.m.
- Behavioral Health
  - [989-775-4850](tel:989-775-4850)

### Teachings & Sweat Lodge with Traditional Healer Joe Syrette

- Sept. 7, 19 | 1 p.m.
- Behavioral Health
  - [989-775-4850](tel:989-775-4850) or [DePeterson@sagchip.org](mailto:DePeterson@sagchip.org)
  - Teachings in lodge: 1-3 p.m.
  - Sweat begins: 5 p.m.
  - Offered as prevention, an alternative to or for healing from opioid use disorder.

### Grandparents' Day Street Carnival

- Sept. 8 | 5-7 p.m.
- Andahwod (outdoors unless rain)
  - [989-775-4339](tel:989-775-4339) or [depelcher@sagchip.org](mailto:depelcher@sagchip.org)
  - Door prizes, 50/50 raffle, food, cotton candy, face painting, games, bouncy house, bingo and music.

### Men's Ribbon Shirt Class

- Sept. 11, 12, 13 | 5-9 p.m.
- Ziibiwing Center
  - [Registration: MLHadden@sagchip.org](mailto:Registration:MLHadden@sagchip.org)
  - Class taught by Wenonah Bird

### Traditional Healing with Joe Syrette

- Sept. 12, 13, 14 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Behavioral Health
  - [989-775-4850](tel:989-775-4850) or [DePeterson@sagchip.org](mailto:DePeterson@sagchip.org)

### Every Woman Has a Story

- Sept. 13 | 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Housing Department Conference Room
  - [Registration: BHVictimservices@sagchip.org](mailto:Registration:BHVictimservices@sagchip.org) or [989-775-4400](tel:989-775-4400)
  - Women's gathering of healing and a time to connect with other women in the community.

### Applique Workshop

- Sept. 16 | 6 - 8 p.m.
- Ziibiwing Center
  - [Registration: BHVictimservices@sagchip.org](mailto:Registration:BHVictimservices@sagchip.org) or [989-775-4400](tel:989-775-4400)

### Obstacles to Recovery

- Sept. 16 | 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Broadway Park
  - [Registration: JHarman@sagchip.org](mailto:Registration:JHarman@sagchip.org) or [989-775-4694](tel:989-775-4694)
  - Overcome an obstacle course around the reservation together in teams of two to five people.
  - Fifteen different stations

### Bandolier Bag Workshop

- Sept. 21 | 6 - 8 p.m.
- Ziibiwing Center
  - [Registration: BHVictimservices@sagchip.org](mailto:Registration:BHVictimservices@sagchip.org) or [989-775-4400](tel:989-775-4400)

### Whose Your Caddy? Open Golf Tournament

- Sept. 22 | **Registration: 8 a.m., shotgun start: 9 a.m.**
- Maple Creek Golf Club (Shepherd Mich.)
  - [989-775-4121](tel:989-775-4121) or [Recreation@sagchip.org](mailto:Recreation@sagchip.org)
  - Registration deadline: Wednesday, Sept. 20
  - Four person scramble
  - 30 team maximum
  - \$75 per player, \$300 per team
  - Teams must have two of the following: Any Tribal Member descendent of any recognized Tribe or a SECR/Migizi/SELCT/Tribal Ops employee

### Michigan Indian Elders Association Conference

- Oct. 1-3 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Kewadin Casino
  - [Registration: 989-775-4300](tel:989-775-4300)
  - Deadline to register: Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023
  - Open to all interested SCIT Elders (spots limited)

### Andahwod Fall Craft Bazaar

- Oct. 7 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Andahwod
  - [989-775-4339](tel:989-775-4339) or [depelcher@sagchip.org](mailto:depelcher@sagchip.org)
  - \$20 per table, payable at Andahwod
  - Vendors needed, open to the public

### Andahwod Monster Bash Costume Contest

- Oct. 13 | 7-10 p.m.
- Andahwod
  - [989-775-4339](tel:989-775-4339) or [depelcher@sagchip.org](mailto:depelcher@sagchip.org)
  - Community adults only
  - Cost: \$3 with costume, \$5 without costume
  - Snacks, games, costume contest, music and more.

### DK-12 Education Homework Lab

- Monday - Thursday | 3-5 p.m.
- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
  - [989-775-4071](tel:989-775-4071) or [dsmith@sagchip.org](mailto:dsmith@sagchip.org)

## SEPTEMBER 2023 | 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> </ul>		<p>Check out the Tribal Observer <b>ONLINE</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver">www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver</a></p>		<p>1 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m.   B. Health</p>	<p>2 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health</p> <p>3</p>
<p>4 Tribal Ops Closed Labor Day Recovery Group 1-2 p.m.   B. Health</p>	<p>5 Regular Council Session 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.</p> <p>Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m.   Zoom</p> <p>Bolo Tie Class 6-9 p.m.   Ziibiwing</p>	<p>6 Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym</p> <p>Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m.   B. Health</p> <p>Drums Out 7-9 p.m.   7th Gen</p> <p>Bolo Tie Class 6-9 p.m.   Ziibiwing</p>	<p>7 Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m.   7th Gen</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health</p> <p>Euchre Night 5:30-7:30 p.m.   Andahwod</p> <p>Sewing Night 5-8 p.m.   7th Gen</p> <p>Bolo Tie Class 6-9 p.m.   Ziibiwing</p>	<p>8 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m.   B. Health</p> <p>Bolo Tie Class 6-9 p.m.   Ziibiwing</p>	<p>9 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health</p> <p>10</p>
<p>11 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m.   B. Health</p> <p>Name That Tune 2:30-3:30 p.m.   Andahwod</p>	<p>12 Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m.   Zoom</p> <p>Language Bingo 1-3 p.m.   Andahwod</p>	<p>13 Elders Breakfast 9-10 a.m.   Andahwod</p> <p>Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym</p> <p>Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m.   B. Health</p> <p>Drums Out 7-9 p.m.   7th Gen</p>	<p>14 Euchre Night 5:30-7:30 p.m.   Andahwod</p> <p>Sewing Night 5-8 p.m.   7th Gen</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health</p> <p>Permanent Supportive Housing Process Workshop 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.   SECR</p>	<p>15 Tribal Observer deadline</p> <p>Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m.   B. Health</p>	<p>16 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health</p> <p>17</p>
<p>18 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m.   B. Health</p>	<p>19 Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m.   Zoom</p>	<p>20 Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym</p> <p>Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m.   B. Health</p> <p>Drums Out 7-9 p.m.   7th Gen</p>	<p>21 Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m.   7th Gen</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health</p> <p>Euchre Night 5:30-7:30 p.m.   Andahwod</p> <p>Dance Shield Workshop 5-8 p.m.   7th Gen</p>	<p>22 Tribal Ops Closed Michigan Indian Day</p> <p>Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m.   B. Health</p>	<p>23 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health</p> <p>Birthday Bingo 12-3 p.m.   Andahwod</p> <p>24</p>
<p>25 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m.   B. Health</p> <p>Bingo with Friends 1-3 p.m.   Andahwod</p>	<p>26 Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m.   Zoom</p> <p>Plant Workshop 3-6 p.m.   7th Gen</p>	<p>27 Elders Breakfast 9-10 a.m.   Andahwod</p> <p>Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym</p> <p>Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m.   B. Health</p> <p>Drums Out 7-9 p.m.   7th Gen</p>	<p>28 Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health</p> <p>Euchre Night 5:30-7:30 p.m.   Andahwod</p> <p>Sewing Night 5-8 p.m.   7th Gen</p>	<p>29 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m.   B. Health</p>	<p>30 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health</p>



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**Tribal Operations**

**Water Operator II**

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of water operator or related experience. A math test will be required and administered prior to interview. Training in hydraulics, physics, biology, science, or related field will help in learning this field. Must have mechanical skills, not limited to automotive, such as pumps, or shaft driven equipment.

**Water Operator III**

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Five years of water operator or related experience. A math test will be required and administered prior to interview. Training in hydraulics, physics, biology, science, or related field will help in learning this field. Must have mechanical skills, not limited to automotive, such as pumps, or shaft driven equipment.

**Waste Water Operator II**

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Three years' experience in wastewater/water field or directly related experience in plumbing or mechanical plant operations. Must be willing to take classes in microbiology, advanced math and beginning algebra courses.

**Waste Water Operator III**

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

**Administrative Assistant II**

In-house: Current SCIT Tribal Operations employees, SECR employees, SELC employees, and all SCIT Tribal members are eligible to apply. High school diploma or GED. Two years administrative support experience

**Social Services Supervisor**

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

**Tribal School Principal**

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education field. Five years teaching experience. Desired qualifications: Master's degree in education, administration, educational leadership or related field.

**Psychiatrist**

Open to the public. Medical degree. Licensed psychiatrist with a license in the State of Michigan and board certified. Three years' experience as a director of psychiatric services. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple organizations and community systems.

**Police Officer - Mt. Pleasant**

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation.

**Elementary Teacher**

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education or related field. Or currently enrolled in a teacher certification program, including alternative route programs, and able to obtain teaching certificate within six months of hire.

**Clinical Therapist - ITC**

Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain licensure within two years for date of hire. Full licensure desired.

**Resident Care Manager**

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in nursing preferred. Three years long term care experience. One year in a supervisory capacity. Experience and knowledge of services to assisted living services, adult foster care services and homes for the elderly.

**Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant**

Open to the public. Grant funded I.H.S. funding. Family nurse practitioner or physician assistant license. Masters of Science degree in nursing for family nurse practitioner.

Graduate of physician assistant program of study and successfully completed the physician assistant certification examination.

**Special Education Teacher**

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

**Clinical Therapist-Family Resource Program**

Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Desired qualifications: One year demonstrated mental health and co-occurring therapy experience with adults, youth, children and families.

**Victim Services Coordinator**

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work, counseling, or human services related field. Four years of program related experience, two years experience in domestic violence. One year of supervisory experience.

**Strategic Grant Specialist**

Open to the public. Grant-funded position. Bachelor's degree in business administration, communications, economics, or related field. Three years' experience in grant writing and grant administration. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered.

**Accountant**

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting. One year of experience in general accounting. Desired qualifications: Completed and passed a governmental accounting class as part of college curriculum. Tribal government accounting experience.

**Grants and Contracts Compliance Coordinator**

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

**General Labor Pool**

Open to SCIT Members only. Must be at least 18 years of age. Evening, overnight, holiday and/or weekend work may be required.

**Supplemental Instructor**

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

**Clerical Pool**

Open to SCIT Members. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Clerical experience is a plus.

**Deputy Court Clerk**

Open to the public. high school diploma or GED. At least 21 years of age. Two years record management and administration experience.

**Journeyman Lineman**

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. State of Michigan Journeyman Electrician License. Two years lineman experience desired.

**Physician**

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

**Registered Medical Assistant**

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Registered or certified medical assistant license. Minimum of one year experience working as a medical assistant in an outpatient medical clinic (family medicine preferred). Must be knowledgeable in CPT and ICD 10 codes and medical terminology.

**Family Advocate Specialist**

Open to the public. Associates degree in social services, human services or related field. Two years social services or human services experience desired.

**Soaring Eagle**

**Steward PT**

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

**Table Games Dealer Trainee PT**

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Under the supervision of a trainer assigned by Table Games management, responsible for attending training to become certified to deal the game(s) in which they are training for.

**Central Plant Operator**

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Three years of experience in a Central Plant, mechanical equipment en-

vironment, or licensed HVAC.

**Line Cook**

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

**Sous Chef - Pastry**

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

**Journeyman Electrician**

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Six years of experience working as an electrician or completion of a formal electrical apprentice program.

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**Finance Cashier PT**

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cash handling or cashiering experience.

**Line Cook**

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

**F&B Custodial Worker**

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

**Waitstaff PT**

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

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**Line Cook**

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

**Beverage Waitstaff PT**

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

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**ALL SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL MEMBERS**

**PROPOSED TRIBAL CONSTITUTION REVISION-MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA**

**TO PRESERVE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA BLOODLINE**

**No disenrollment proposed**

- **District 1 meetings on Monday, September 11, 18, and 25, 2023** from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Seventh Generation Ceremonial Building
- **District 2 meetings on Wednesday, September 13, 20, and 27, 2023** from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Saganing Community Center
- **District 3 meetings on Sunday, September 10, 17, and 24, 2023** \* Looking for locations within Detroit, Flint, Lansing, Grand Rapids, and Traverse City  
*Light refreshments to be served at the meetings*

**If you are interested in serving on the Tribal Constitution Revision Committee-Membership Criteria please send your inquiries to:**

- SCIT-Tribal Constitution Revision Committee  
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**Summons and Complaint Notices**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CONNIE SUE SPRAGUE:**

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800. Estate of Connie Sue Sprague. Date of Birth: June 7, 1958. Notice to creditors: The decedent, Connie Sue Sprague, died June 6, 2023. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Carla Sineway, personal representative, or to both the tribal probate court at 6954 East Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice. Personal Representative: Carla Sineway, 9285 East Broomfield Rd, Mt. Pleasant MI 48858, 989-980-8043.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARJORIE ANN GORDON (JACKSON):**

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800. Estate of Marjorie Ann Gordon (Jackson). Date of Birth: December 14, 1929. The decedent Marjorie Gordon who lived at 1131 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48915, died August 22, 2020. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to David J. Miller, personal representative, or to both the tribal probate court at 6954 East Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. Personal Representative: David J. Miller, 1131 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48915, 517-282-3099.



## Ziibwing Center's annual NativeFest sees large crowds for car bingo, Music & Comedy Night

### NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

NativeFest, the Ziibwing Center's celebration of North American Indian Culture, was once again a huge success this year. The two-day festivities began on Tuesday, July 25 with Indian Car Bingo in the Ziibwing Center's parking lot from 6 to 9 p.m.

Several prizes were won throughout the evening. The grand prize included \$1,200 in gift cards. The event was open to the public and \$25 per person.

Night two, Music & Comedy Night, was held on Wednesday, July 26 from 6 to 9 p.m.

With the forecast not cooperating (thunderstorms all day) the evening was moved from the Ziibwing Center lawn to inside the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall. A petting zoo was moved to the casino's parking garage.

Bounce houses, balloon artists and caricatures were seen in the Entertainment Hall. From 6 to 7 p.m., the



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Native American actor, motivational speaker and comedian Tatanka Means performs during the NativeFest Music & Comedy Night on Wednesday, July 26.**

Anishinabe Performance Circle graduation was held to showcase and honor the dancers that completed the program.

A 30-minute comedy slam and game portion was held at 7 p.m., and at 7:30, a live music performance by Brothers In Music occurred.

From 8 to 9 p.m., award-winning actor, motivational speaker and stand-up comedian Tatanka Means performed a comedy routine. Means is from

Chinle, Ariz. and represents the Navajo, Lakota, Dakota, and Omaha nations.

Means' most recent film is the Martin Scorsese-directed "Killers of the Flower Moon," set to be released in October.

Means performs stand-up comedy throughout Indian Country. He's also developed his own apparel company, Tatanka Clothing. The company creates apparel to uplift and inspire cultural empowerment.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Brothers In Music members Quinn Pelcher (left), Delmar Jackson Jr. (center) and Matt Ruffino (right) perform during the Music & Comedy Night**



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**A volunteer staff member and parked vehicles are photographed during Indian Car Bingo in the Ziibwing Center's packed parking lot on Tuesday, July 25.**

He was recently named "Entertainer of the Year" by the National Indian Gaming Association. Means is an alcohol and drug-free sober performer.

Along with the Ziibwing Center, NativeFest was sponsored by Project Aware, the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, The Mahoney Group and Soaring Eagle Bingo.

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## Performance Circle Graduates

Not pictured: Valerie Stevens, Eva J. Reyes, Joe Ojibwa, Ziibing Ojibwa

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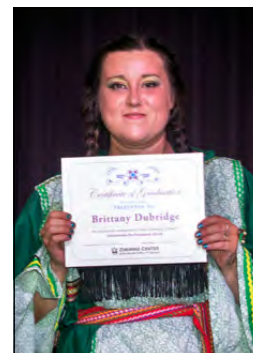
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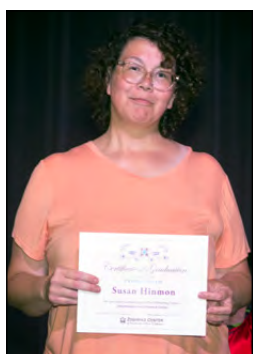
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