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(Moon of the Falling Leaves)

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## Project Venture holds Tribal Youth Healing Walk on Sept. 17

### DOLORES WINN

Youth Program Coordinator

The Tribal Youth Healing Walk on Saturday, Sept. 17 was a very powerful and inspiring community event bringing together many people. We had 115 attendees who came out to support our youth and walk the path from the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym to 7th Generation.

Project Venture teens, 14-year-old Angelita Martinez and 12-year-old Sereniti Cole, stood at the front of our walk, carrying smudge and were able to smudge the Rez while we walked our path.

This healing walk came about because our Project Venture youth had noticed many other teens struggling with their mental health and struggling with thoughts and ideations of suicide. Our teen group wanted to raise more awareness for mental health and suicide prevention, so we decided to hold this healing walk in September during National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

We met each week starting in July and planned every part of the healing walk together. The students took the initiative to make this healing walk a huge community awareness event.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The Tribal Youth Healing Walk, to raise awareness for youth mental health, is underway on Saturday, Sept. 17, down Broadway Road from the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym parking lot and ending at 7th Generation.

We went to downtown Mount Pleasant on several occasions to drop off flyers. Sereniti Cole explained to all the businesses and organizations the purpose of our walk and kindly asked each business if they would like to participate or attend.

Our youth met many great people in Isabella County and were invited in to the Mt. Pleasant School of Dance to introduce themselves to the dancers there and make new connections with other youth. Our teens also went to the Mt. Pleasant Farmers Market to spread the word about the walk.

Angelica Hinmon, a 16-year-old Shepherd High School student, created the



beautiful logo for our T-shirts and banners. She is a very talented and creative student who has been actively involved and enrolled in Project Venture Tribal Youth program for the past four years.

Angelica created this thoughtful logo in 10 minutes. She said the logo was originally inspired by a logo she made for Project Venture several years ago. She wanted to



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Chief Theresa Jackson** speaks about how important Tribal youth are to the community.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Judy Pamp, principal of the Saginaw Chippewa Academy,** addresses the youth before the walk is underway.

include lots of different Native floral designs in her logo, healing symbols such as the eagle feather waved above the abalone shell with medicines inside and the colors of the medicine wheel for healing.

We sent her design to Matthew Wright, graphic

designer for the Tribal Observer, and he turned it into digital form. We were able to use her beautiful logo on all of our T-shirts and banners for this healing walk. Angelica

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## Open Enrollment is Approaching for Tribal Members' Health Plan

Save the Date: Oct. 1 – Oct. 31, 2022

Open Enrollment is your once-a-year chance to adjust your health plan coverages. Upon electing benefits, you will not be able to make changes until the next open enrollment period, unless you experience a qualifying life event.

**Please note: ALL Members must complete an enrollment form to have benefits.**

Review benefit choices

Share options with family

Mark your calendar



### Your Enrollment Timeline



For additional information, contact:

**Lisa Ayling**  
989-775-4943  
layling@sagchip.org

**Craig Graveratte**  
989-775-4942  
cgraveratte@sagchip.org

Be on the lookout for more information about your benefit offerings and how to enroll. Please reach out to Lisa and Craig with any questions you have at this time.

## Tribal Operations resuming normal hours:

Effective Monday, Oct. 3, 2022, Tribal Operations and related offices will resume normal business hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday- Friday.

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## James Michael Kemewun Smith

October 06, 1997 – August 24, 2022

Our beloved son, grandson, brother, nephew, cousin and friend began his journey to the spirit-world Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2022.

James was born on his great-grandfather's 77th birthday, Oct. 6, 1997, to Jim and Debra Smith of Mount Pleasant, Mich.

James had a big heart, kind soul and unforgettable smile. He was a natural born outdoorsman who loved spending time hunting or fishing.

His favorite time of year was when the salmon run. Every year he would make his way up north, tromp miles through the thick woods to get to his favorite fishing spot, unknowingly fishing in the same area of the same river our ancestors used to catch salmon.

When he was not spending time outdoors, he enjoyed being with his friends, playing cards, dice or just simply hanging out. He was, in his own words, "A Country Boy who loved to catch the salmon."

James is survived by his parents, Jim and Debra Smith of Mt. Pleasant, brother Matthew (Alexandria) of Mt. Pleasant, grandparents Michael (Belle) Zygmunt of Mt. Pleasant, Nan Trudy (Rick) Ralston of Mt. Pleasant, Linda Smith of Shepherd, uncle Alvin (Trina) Zygmunt of Mt. Pleasant, aunts Elizabeth (Jerry) Smith of Mt. Pleasant, Breanna (Andrew) Tatro of Shepherd, cousins Dylan Zygmunt, Benji Tatro, Lily Tatro, Brandi Smith as well as many great aunts and uncles, numerous second cousins and his best friend Jon Lownsbery of Shepherd. James was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Jim and Rita Bailey, Al Zygmunt and Louella Martinez, grandfather Roger Smith, uncles Bill Smith, and Tommy Lilly.

James, our hearts will ache until we can be together again. We love you more than words can describe, Baamaapii our sweet boy.

A service for James was held Monday, Aug. 29 at Berry Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Pastors Ron Ives and Bill Champlin officiated.



## Eliza Anne Owl

February 1, 1956 – August 30, 2022

Eliza Anne Owl, age 66, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022, at her home.

Eliza was born in Rosebush, Mich., on Feb. 1, 1956, daughter of Fred and Frances (Altman) Neyome.

Eliza was a member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and worked for the Tribe for more than 20 years in various positions. She retired in February 2021. Eliza worked in various positions throughout Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services, behavioral health, and youth treatment centers. She impacted countless numbers of lives throughout her life.

Eliza was passionate about her heritage; she was a cultural leader and teacher, loved beading and was voted best fry bread within the Tribe. She advocated for victims of domestic violence and ran a shelter in Canada for almost 10 years.

Eliza is survived by her children Frances (Darren) McGraw of Manitoulin Island, Canada, Melissa Owl (Jim Fulger) of Mt. Pleasant, Allan "Pete" (Alicia) Owl Jr. of Mt. Pleasant, Derrick Owl (Kristi Butler) of Mt. Pleasant; 11 grandchildren Tahsheenah, Chase, Aleigha, Max, Kashin, Alex, Blake, Jordanna, Lyric, Paul, Isaac; 13 great-grandchildren; sister Genevieve Chippeway (Robert Onnie Bennett) of Mt. Pleasant; and special friend Ronald Kwiatkowski of Weidman.

Eliza was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Eva and Anita; and daughter Jennifer Owl.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Friday, Sept. 2, 2022, at 3 p.m. with Benjamin Evers officiating. Interment followed at Denver Township Cemetery. A luncheon took place at the Tribal Gym immediately after burial. The family received friends at the funeral chapel that Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to for Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services Foster Care Program.



## Douglas Field Jackson

June 18, 1963 – August 22, 2022

Douglas Field Jackson, age 59, of Callaway, died on Monday, Aug. 22, 2022.

Doug was born on June 18, 1963, son of the late Wilford Jackson and Gladys A. (Meshigaud) Steele.

Doug was also preceded in death by his wife, Betty Epperley Jackson; sister, Earlene D. Jackson; and brothers, Thomas Jackson, Daryle Jackson and Samuel Jackson.

He was longtime member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Surviving are his sister-in-law and caregiver, Lisa Jones and husband, Jeff of Graham, N.C.; sister-in-law, Teresa Wright and husband James of Blacksburg, Va.; brothers, Eugene Jackson of Escanaba, Mich., Andrew Steele of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., Arthur Steele of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; good friend, Rendy Agee; and his beloved pets, Gypsy, Zippy and Birdie.

Special thanks to Gentle Shepherd Hospice for their care.

A memorial service will be held privately by the family. Arrangements by Flora Funeral Service and Cremation Center, Rocky Mount.

## Valerie Zoicher

November 4, 1950 - September 3, 2022

Valerie Zoicher, age 71, of Southgate.

Beloved mother of Michael (Michele) Zoicher and Matthew Brogan; loving grandmother of Madison (David) and Mackenzie (Brendan); great-grandmother of Michael and Paislee; dearest sister of Douglas Zoicher, Larry Zoicher, Naomi Staggs, Belinda Land, Eric Zoicher, Carol (Vincent) Zoicher and William (Angela) Zoicher.

Valerie was preceded in death by parents Adolph and Virginia Zoicher, brothers David Zoicher and Michael Zoicher.

Memorial contributions appreciated to: St. Labre Indian School, 112 St. Labre Campus Drive, Ashland, MT 59003



## December Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits

**Deadline: Friday, Nov. 4, 2022 by 5 p.m.**

Forms accepted beginning Monday, Oct. 3, 2022

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

**Notarization is required**

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

**For more information, please contact:**

The Tribal Clerk's Office at 989.775.4051

## Now available at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries



### Molly of Denali Games Lending Kits

The Molly of Denali Games Lending Kit is designed for families with children ages 5 to 8, but is fun for the whole family. The Lending Kit includes an assortment of educational Molly of Denali games, co-designed with families and Alaska Native collaborators. Each game features opportunities to explore informational text, Molly's community, and families' own cultures and values.

**Contact information:**

- Phone: 989-775-4508
- Email: [AHeidemann@sagchip.org](mailto:AHeidemann@sagchip.org)  
[KCondon@sagchip.org](mailto:KCondon@sagchip.org)  
[LDisel@sagchip.org](mailto:LDisel@sagchip.org)



## Attention SCIT Tribal Members: Notice of Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing on Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 8:30 a.m. in the Chambers at the Black Elk Building, 7500 Soaring Eagle Boulevard, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. This hearing will address application for a renewal of a Retail On-Premise General License and Retail Off-Premise General License presented to Tribal Council by Robert Juckniess, CEO for the Migizi Economic Development Corporation. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing is as follows:

Renewal of the Tribal Liquor License for Retail On-Premise and Off-Premise General License for the Soaring Eagle Waterpark & Hotel located at 5665 E. Pickard Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Such license, if renewed, would cover selling of packages beer, wine, and liquor for consumption by buyers on-premise and off-premise. The license, if renewed, would be for the duration of one full year commencing on Nov. 21, 2022 and expiring on Nov. 20, 2023 with hour of alcohol sales consistent with section 10 of the Gaming Compact of Aug. 20, 1993, and the Tribe's Liquor Control Act, Chapter 8.7.

## Attention SCIT Tribal Members: Notice of Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the hearing may be held, in the Council Chambers at the Black Elk Building, 7500 Soaring Eagle Boulevard, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. This hearing will address: the liquor license application presented to Tribal Council by Bob VanWert, General Manager of the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Hotel, or his representative. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing is as follows:

Renewal of the Retail On-Premise General Liquor License for the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Hotel located at 2690 Worth Road, Standish, Michigan 48658. Such License, if approved, would cover all indoor areas, outdoor areas, Gaming Floor, Function Rooms, and all other applicable areas of the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino where beverage service is appropriate and allowed; including the Tribal Center and Saganing Powwow Grounds located at 2570 Worth Road, Standish, Michigan 48658 and outdoor events area for services during events. This License, if issued, would be for the duration of one full year from Nov. 30, 2022 through Nov. 29, 2023, with hours of alcohol service consistent with Section 10 of the Gaming Compact of August 20, 1993, and also including hours of service for Sunday Alcohol Sales and Sales on Christmas Eve until midnight, Christmas day beginning at noon and New Year's Day until 4 a.m.

**SOARING EAGLE CASINO & RESORT**

**DETROIT LIONS TICKET OFFERS**

Team Members now have access to exclusive Detroit Lions ticket offers for this upcoming season!

Go to <https://fevo.me/dlpartner> and enter promo code: Soaringeagle22.

**Nimkee Fitness**

**Monday – Friday**  
8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Yoga Class**  
Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.

For more information: Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690




“WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR FUTURE”

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

**Regular Tribal Council Sessions**

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

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

**Regular Council Session Dates**

- Oct. 4 • Nov. 1 • Dec. 6

**SCIT Tribal Scholarship DEADLINE**

Anything postmarked on or before **Oct. 15, 2022** will be accepted. To find out what you need to turn in, please contact Olivia Maniowabi, post-secondary support specialist, at omaniowabi@sagchip.org or 989-775-4505.



**Spirit Bear Meeting**  
 AA Talking Circle

**Every Saturday at 1 p.m.**  
 Andahwod CCC & ES  
 South (Birch Lodge) fire pit

**For more information, please contact:**  
 Roger High at 989-944-1937



**Conservation Committee Seats**

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 beginning Nov. 15, 2022. Per Ordinance 11, section 102, subdivision 2 and the approved Ordinance 11 Committee By-Laws.

**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



**All letters of interests must be received no later than:**  
 Friday, Oct. 21, 2022 at 3 p.m.

**COVID-19 & Flu Vaccination Clinics**

**At Nimkee Public Health**

- ▶ **Oct. 5:** for 5 and up
- ▶ **Oct. 12:** for 6 months and up
- ▶ **Oct. 26:** for 5 and up

**By appointment only**  
 To schedule an appointment call:  
 989-775-4695 or 989-775-4629

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**Walk in Clinics**

- ▶ **Oct. 10:** 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1-5 p.m.  
Saganing Tribal Center
- ▶ **Oct. 20:** 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1-3 p.m.  
SECR Entertainment Hall
- ▶ **Oct. 27:** 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1-5 p.m.  
Saganing Tribal Center

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**Vaccines available:**

- **Bivalent Booster**
- **Moderna for ages 12 and up:** First, second, third (for immunocompromised)
- **Pfizer for ages 12 and up:** First, second, third (for immunocompromised)
- **Pfizer for 5 and up:** First, second doses and boosters
- **Pfizer for 6 months to 4 years:** First, second, third dose series
- **Influenza Vaccine**



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

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

Tribal Member Name	Date of Death
Bailey, Robert Harold	01/13/2022
Chippeway, Ryan Douglas	07/05/2021
Coleman, Lisa Renee	01/30/2022
Conway, Mariah	10/10/2020
Cyr Sr, Norman Joseph	10/26/2021
Davis, Adelaide Darlene	10/17/2020
Davis, Tony Craig	04/25/2022
Holbrook, Tammie Carlene	12/24/2021
Hoon, Virginia Mae	11/07/2021
Jackson, Clara Elizabeth	02/01/2022
Kellogg, Laura Levone	03/06/2022
Lautner, Toby Joe	03/17/2021
Maki, Terry Lee	02/23/2022
Mcdonald, James Allan	10/08/2020
Moses Jr, Garland Roy	11/26/2021
Nahgahgwon Jr, Lawrence	06/12/2021
Nelson, Phillip Louis	01/27/2022
Pamp, Matthew John	10/15/2021
Pamp, Shane Leonard	10/10/2021
Pamp Crooker, Betsy Lynn	11/24/2021
Perez, Nicki	01/10/2021
Rubin, Ann Margaret	12/07/2021
Rubin, Theresa Ann	01/09/2021
Rueckert Sr, Dolly Ann	12/02/2020
Seger, Beatrice	11/11/2020
Shambo, Jeannette Marie	04/21/2021
Smith, Jesse Davis	02/25/2022
Sprague, Jeffrey Charles	10/04/2020
Stevens, Paul Leroy	11/20/2020
Stone, Domic Ambrose	01/04/2022
Verga Sr, Lawrence David	12/17/2021
Weaver, Laura Beth	12/13/2021
Witting, Anikka	12/09/2020



**Happy Heavenly Birthday Mommy**  
 10/19/46  
**Forever Missed**  
 Love, Sheena & Family

**Youth Council Election Timeline**

- Youth Council election packets available Oct. 3 and are due by Nov. 4
- Elections will take place Nov. 17-18
- Newly-elected Youth Council will be sworn in Dec. 5



**\*\*Dates subject to change**

[www.sagchip.org/youthcouncil](http://www.sagchip.org/youthcouncil)

**For more information:**  
 YouthCouncil2@sagchip.org

**SCIT Elders Holiday Luncheon**  
**Friday, Nov. 4, 2022**  
**Lunch: 12 p.m.** | Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth

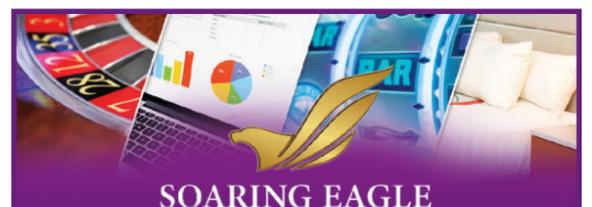
**\$20 per person**

- Open to first 35 SCIT Elders who sign up
- Own transportation is suggested – Andahwod van seating is limited
- Must sign up for Andahwod van

**Payment is due: Oct. 19**

- Please pay at Andahwod front desk

**For more information:**  
 Call Andahwod at 989.775.4300

**Tribal Membership Rotation Positions**

**These positions will be rotated around the following departments:**

- ▶ Bingo
- ▶ Finance
- ▶ Slots
- ▶ F & B
- ▶ Hotel
- ▶ Security
- ▶ Marketing
- ▶ Table Games
- ▶ EVS Facilities
- ▶ Guest Experience
- ▶ Inventory Control

**Open to SCIT Tribal Members:**

- Applications available at: [www.sagchip.org/careers](http://www.sagchip.org/careers)
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Four spots available for this pilot program.
- Learn line level skills in order to be a successful employee.
- Discover which department is the best fit.

**For more information, please contact:**  
 Human Resources 989.775.5600




## Tribal Council

**Chief**  
Theresa 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

## FOSTER CARE Packets Available

For anyone interested in becoming a foster care family or needing more information about fostering.



For questions and inquiries, please email:  
ACFSPrevention@sagchip.org



## Huron-Manistee National Forests

### ANNUAL PASSES

are available at Business Regulations in the Black Elk Building

\*Passes are for Tribal Members only at this time.

For more information, please contact:  
Business Regulations at 989-775-4109 or 989-775-4175

## 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.

## Rental Assistance for Housing for Client Hardship

Behavioral Health wishes to provide assistance to persons who are at risk of losing their housing. Behavioral Health's rental/mortgage assistance may be used to help individual households afford housing costs in the form of rent or mortgage. The maximum number of months allowed is three months in a 12 month span. Help with security deposits are not permitted under this assistance. With that in mind, the policy of Behavioral Health is to help all prospective applicants regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, age, creed, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, and status with regard to public assistance. In addition, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan complies with local fair housing and civil rights laws and will help with reasonable rent/mortgage payment for applicants if they or any family member has a disability or handicap.

- Rent will be paid month to month and will not be paid in advance for future months.
- If approved, assistance is permitted for a maximum of three months out of a 12 month time span.
- Individuals who are deemed eligible to receive assistance must have a means to pay for a portion of their monthly rent. The portion one must pay will be 40 percent of the monthly rent/mortgage fee. The funding source through Behavioral Health pays for 60 percent of the rental/mortgage monthly fee.
- Assistance for furniture, security deposits, utilities such as electric, water, and heat are not permitted through this funding source.
- Participants must meet with Behavioral Health on a monthly basis to determine steps taken by the applicant to secure other financial means to pay for their rent/mortgage. If the participant misses these required appointment(s) for any reason, any further assistance toward rental payments may be terminated/ended.
- Behavioral Health is not responsible for locating or securing housing. Each participant is responsible for finding housing for themselves.

### Property Priorities/Eligibility Screening Process

- Clients must be a SCIT member or direct descendant in order to be eligible for assistance with housing. Clients are also eligible if they are members of a federally recognized tribe and are residing in the defined service areas of Isabella, Midland, Clare, Missaukee, or Arenac counties.
- SCIT Behavioral Health will determine the individual's housing status, tribal affiliation and whether or not the tenant is able to abide by the terms of this agreement and could benefit from rental assistance for housing or from assistance with paying their mortgage payment.
- When rental/mortgage assistance funds are used to pay rent on units, the lease/mortgage must be between the program participant/applicant and the landowner.
- The participants must use the rental/mortgage assisted unit as their primary and only residence.

### Application Procedure

- An applicant must submit a completed application to be considered for rental/mortgage assistance. Applications can be located at Behavioral Health by calling 989-775-4850 or by stopping by the front office. Staff from Behavioral Health will assist potential applicants with filling out the application if needed.
- The completed application should be submitted to Behavioral Health for initial screening and eligibility determination.
- Rental/Mortgage Assistance from Behavioral Health does not automatically guarantee continued placement in an apartment or house beyond the 3 months rental assistance that's provided.

# TRIBAL OBSERVER

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

### Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

### Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

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

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

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



## To Honor and Respect: An Anishinabe Ancestral Remains Repatriation Observance held

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

To Honor and Respect: An Anishinabe Ancestral Remains Repatriation Observance was held Thursday, Aug. 25.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and its Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways, in partnership with the Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation and Repatriation Alliance (MACPRA), repatriated ancestral human remains and associated funerary objects.

Ancestral human remains of more than 120 individuals and 449 associated funerary objects from Michigan State University, one individual from Michigan State



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Nibing Gitzis Photography

**Members of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society participate in the “To Honor and Respect: An Anishinabe Ancestral Remains Repatriation Observance” at the Nibokaan Ancestral Cemetery on Thursday, Aug. 25.**

Police- Lansing, Mich. and at least four individuals from a private land owner from Oscoda, Mich. were repatriated.

Final preparations and ceremonial protocols were

arranged during the 11 a.m. “Preparing for the Journey” ceremony at the Ziibiwing Center.

The “Recommitment to the Earth” ceremony was held at 1 p.m. at the Nibokaan



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Nibing Gitzis Photography

**Ancestral human remains of more than 120 individuals and 449 associated funerary objects from Michigan State University, one individual from Michigan State Police- Lansing, Mich. and at least four individuals from a private land owner from Oscoda, Mich. are repatriated.**

Ancestral Cemetery at 7525 E. Tomah Rd. in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

A 3 p.m. journey feast, held at the Ziibiwing Center, concluded the ancestral protocols.

The Tribe invited the public to join the repatriation activities to “create a collective public understanding and awareness of Native American ancestral issues and implications.”

## Mobile zoo heads to Andahwod for Grandparents Day Celebration

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Whispering Pines Mobile Zoo – featuring farm animals and exotic animals – traveled to Andahwod Continuing Care Community & Elders Services for the Grandparents Day Celebration on Friday, Sept. 9.

From 3 to 6 p.m., llamas, camels, goats, sheep, cows and more were present on Andahwod’s lawn for an educational, hands-on learning – and petting – experience.

A game of bingo and food were also provided.

Whispering Pines Mobile Zoo is Michigan’s largest mobile zoo.



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## Tribal Member receives Outstanding Student of the Year in Economics award

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Tribal Member Amber Boulley received the Outstanding Student of the Year in Economics award from Santa Barbara City

College in California.

The following was submitted about Boulley, written by Ruth Morales:

“Amber is a rising star in economic research. She is already using economic analysis to study the consequences of federal labor

market policies on marginalized populations. She is committed to strengthening her toolkit to examine policies that affect Indigenous communities and is interested in furthering our understanding of the institutional and economic forces

influencing their outcomes. Amber was accepted into the University of Chicago’s Economics Summer Institute and will pursue her bachelor’s degree at a top research university starting this fall. We are proud to have her as the 2021-2022

Outstanding Student of the Year in Economics and look forward to learning about her continued success. Congratulations, Amber!”

Boulley has been accepted to the University of California Berkeley for her graduate studies.

## Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy visit Tawas Lake restoration project

**JOSEPH SOWMICK**

Public Relations Manager

On Sept. 1, the Environmental Team and Tribal Council Sgt.-at-Arms David Merrill Jr. welcomed a delegation of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) representatives to an onsite visit of the Tawas Lake restoration project.

Merrill was joined by members of the Environmental Team: Troy Techlin, Sally Kniffen, Dustin Hager and Katie Hager.

EGLE Director Liesl Clark was accompanied by her Chief of Staff Andy Draheim, Tribal Liaison Katie Lambeth, Geology Tribal Liaison Larry Englehart, Environmental Quality Analyst Andy Karge and Environmental Field Manager Ann Person.

Topics discussed included: Native culture and relations to wild rice, rare finds in the Tawas ecosystem (long nose Garr), eagle sightings, and plover and sandpiper habitats.

“Witnessing the largest wild rice bed in the state, learning about the central place wild rice plays in the culture and history of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, and spending time with good people who share a strong commitment to the environment was very enriching and rewarding,” Clark said. “We look forward to our continued work with Tribal Nations and the Michigan Wild Rice Initiative to help protect and restore manoomin in Michigan.”

Environmental Manager Troy Techlin said having the

opportunity to host the rice beds tour will help support efforts to improve communication strategies for sharing information between state and tribal governments.

“The meeting on September 1st with EGLE leadership was a great opportunity to meet outside of an office setting,” Techlin said. “We enjoyed great weather and had some great conversations about what the Tribe is doing on Tawas Lake to protect and restore the wild rice. I hope to host many more meetings like this in the future with leadership from the State of Michigan. I feel when we can come together in the field to see and talk about topics first hand it allows for easier dialog and relationship building.”

Environmental Specialist Sally Kniffen said the restoration project began on Dec. 6, 2016 during the Cloutier administration.

“The State of Michigan Executive Office extended an invitation to Chief Frank Cloutier to begin a dialogue about issues related to restoration and management of wild rice in the state,” Kniffen said. “The goal of the initial meeting was to learn more about the range of values, perspectives and concerns about wild rice in Michigan.”

Cloutier now serves as Tribal Council’s District Three representative and reflected on the project’s implementation.

“During my term, we thought it was in our best interest to reclaim a substantial footprint within our aboriginal lands that would allow our members an opportunity to



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Environmental Team members and Sgt.-at-Arms David Merrill Jr. (fifth from right) welcome a delegation from Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy to the Tawas Lake restoration project.**

practice our treaty rights cultural practices and community programming,” Cloutier said. “It was clear back then that collaboration and education through programs such as ricing could assist with our cultural sharing.”

Liesl Clark said consulting and collaborating with Tribal Nations to protect Michigan’s land, water, and air – and the people, flora, and fauna it sustains – has been one of the responsibilities of her job as EGLE director that she values and enjoys the most.

“While I know I have only encountered a small share of the cultural teachings of Native tribes, I am inspired every time I have the opportunity to listen, learn, and experience them. More than anything, those teachings help me refocus on why we do what we do to protect Michigan’s environment and public health,” Clark said.

Clark continued, “The cultural teachings of Native tribes help reset my mind on our mission, the deep and enduring connection between people and the environment, and our obligation to leave this place better than we found it for future generations.”

During the tour, Clark heard about the Tribe’s environmental stewardship programs from

members of the Environmental Team who are doing the work every day. Clark highlighted, in particular, those who spend much of their time in the never-ending battle to control invasive species.

“Among other initiatives, they are hand removing individual Eurasian Watermilfoil plants from the lake beds in Tawas to protect the wild rice, square-foot by square-foot by square-foot,” Clark said. “In the days since that visit, I was reminded that EGLE has just four team members who are 100 percent focused on aquatic invasive species. Protecting the environment is a big, painstaking job, and no one agency, Tribal Council, or other entity has the capital and human resources to get it done on their own. That is why it is so important to connect and partner with people and institutions who share values, see challenges from a similar perspective, and are united by a commitment and urgency to make a difference.”

The delegation saw the equipment on the specially rigged pontoon which featured giant suction hoses that bring the pulled weeds onto the boat for automated bagging to the booms that prevent fragmented weeds from escaping the area to seed and

spread in other places.

Clark said she noticed the way in which the team is working its way across the lake bed parcel-by-parcel is deliberate and methodical.

“The team is doing the job that way to preserve the wild rice and protect it from outside pressures to spray harmful chemicals that would provide a quicker, easy option for controlling the invasive species,” Clark said. “It is impressive and honorable to work away at a daunting task like that with a combination of innovative thinking and problem solving and hard, grueling work.”

According to Outreach Specialist Katie Hager, animals and fish native to the ecosystem include: Long nose Garr, bluegill, northern pike, large and small mouth bass, perch, carp, catfish, crappie, sand hill crane, piping plover, black-bellied plover, Baird’s Sandpiper, American redstart, black tern, loon, whimbrel, turkeys, ducks and geese, beavers, bald eagles, and white tail deer and fawn.

Some of the highlights of native and non-native vegetation, according to Hager, include: Native species: pick-erelweed, wild rice/Manoomin and white water lily. Invasive species: Common frog-bit, Eurasian watermilfoil, Virginia creeper, reed canary

### Otto sworn in to Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Board of Regents



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

On Thursday, Sept. 8, Christina Otto was sworn into the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College’s Board of Regents by Chief Theresa Jackson in Tribal Council chambers at 4:30 p.m.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The wild rice beds are photographed



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Sgt.-at-Arms David Merrill Jr. provides information to the EGLE delegates and Environmental Team during the Tawas Lake tour.**



## Editorial: Environmental Team, Tribal College organize Chippewa River clean up

### KATIE HAGER

Environmental Outreach  
Coordinator

On Wednesday, July 6, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Environmental Team partnered with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College to organize the second annual cleanup of the Chippewa River.

A popular route of the river was chosen after Independence Day so that our cleanup would have the most impact.

To start off the event, we met at Deerfield Park on a sunny morning. With the assistance of Tribal Elder Daisy Kostus, we were able to bless and give thanks to nibi (water) while also asking for protection when being carried down the river in a beautiful water ceremony.

The ceremony is fulfilled by women as Anishinabek women have profound relationships with water.

After the water ceremony, trash and recycling bags were provided and passed around to each watercraft while participants were instructed on trash vs. recyclable items while also being given instruction on some invasive species present in the area so that our group did not contribute to the spread.

Volunteers then launched and collected trash from Deerfield to Meridian Park, which is about a three-hour paddle.

The groups' watercrafts consisted of mostly canoes, kayaks, and one paddleboard. Kayaks were used to access areas that were not navigable in canoes while the canoes offered great places to store/transport the larger, bulkier items that were collected along with sharp items. Trash collects and piles along the riverbanks, often becoming stuck in limbs or fallen trees.

Some of the trash collected included plastic, glass, aluminum cans and bottles, discarded shoes, fishing line, lawn decorations, and even a patio umbrella. More than five bags of recyclable materials were collected while four bags of trash were collected.

The trash was picked up and disposed of by Isabella County Parks and Recreation while the recyclable materials were brought back by the SCIT Recycling Coordinator Kevin Chamberlain to be recycled correctly.

Throughout the paddle, many of the volunteers noticed how plentiful the native vegetation was while also seeing animals and insects that attest to the health and the beauty of our ecosystems in Michigan. Some of this wildlife included turtles, fish, butterflies, bees, spiders, crayfish, many different types of birds, and even Dobsonfly larvae.

By removing trash and debris from the water we are not only making it safer for



Photos courtesy of Katie Hager

The Environmental Team and Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College partner and organize the July 6 Chippewa River cleanup.

us, as recreational users, but for the overall health of the river system and all of the wildlife that call the river and surrounding areas home. Environmental waste and trash are hazardous to native birds, fish, and other wildlife directly harming habitats, releasing chemicals, and creating unsafe conditions for both humans and animals.

What can you do? Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Pick up trash whenever you can. Collect bottles, glass, plastic, newspapers, and/or old books and take them to your local recycling facility. Learn to compost at home. Clean and properly store tools, toys, and outdoor furniture.

When visiting beaches and parks, please take your trash with you when you leave: carry in, carry out. Save packaging and buy bulk whenever possible. Avoid single-use items whenever possible, especially when they are single-use plastic items.

Think green before you shop and instead look for sustainable or ecofriendly alternatives. Do you need it? Will you use it? Do you already own it? Can you borrow it? Is it built to last? Can you buy it used?

Sort your landfill trash, compost, and recyclables by utilizing sorting bins. Click "Recycling" on the SCIT website for more information

or view <http://www.sagchip.org/Planning/Recycling-Program.aspx>.

We wanted to say chi-miigwetch to all of our hard-working volunteers who came and were determined to help clean our river that made the event so successful, to Isabella County Parks and Recreation for trash collection; to Kevin Chamberlain for supplying, aiding, and educating during our paddle; and to the Environmental and Tribal College team members that helped organize, load and unload watercraft while all sharing the significance of keeping our local areas and waters clean.

## Racist slur removed from federal use in nearly 650 places

### NATIVE ORGANIZERS ALLIANCE

(Editor's note: The following article has been sent to the Tribal Observer from Pyramid Communications.)

Washington, D.C. — On Sept. 8, the Department of

the Interior announced that new names have been chosen to replace "sq--" from nearly 650 graphic features. The statement below from Judith LeBlanc (Caddo), executive director of Native Organizers Alliance, can be quoted in-full or in-part.

"This racist, sexist, and demeaning term for Native

peoples has no place in our public spaces and has caused harm to our people for decades. Our Native women are caregivers, knowledge keepers, and the backbone of our communities. They deserve and have demanded better. We're happy to see the federal government take

action to remove this word from use.

It's yet another example of why representation is so critically important. As a Native woman, Secretary Haaland understands the harm this term has caused and has taken action to make our public lands and spaces more welcoming for everyone."



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## Healing Walk

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felt proud that her design has been shared with the Tribal community.

We hope to continue this walk every year and continue to raise awareness for mental health.

Our Project Venture youth and walk participants also created their own posters to hold during the walk. I was amazed to see how powerful their messages were. Lots of messages filled with hope and encouragement; things like: “Don’t Give Up. Your Story Is Not Over Yet. YOU MATTER. Choose Life. End the Stigma...It’s Ok to Talk about Mental Illness. It’s OK Not to be OK. Choose Love. You are not ALONE. Call 988 for Help.”

If youth are struggling with any mental health crisis or ideations of suicide, they can reach out to Behavioral Health counselors, Project AWARE counselors at the schools, Seventh Generation cultural programming, Isabella Child Advocacy, Rise Advocacy, the National Suicide Crisis hotline: 988.

Project AWARE also has a great list of community resources that teens or their families can get in contact with.

Project Venture collaborated with many different Tribal departments to plan and coordinate this healing walk. On behalf of Project Venture, we would like to extend a huge thank you to the following:

- Tribal Council members: Chief Theresa Jackson, Sub-Chief Jennifer Wassegijig and Treasurer Gayle Ruhl for being present at the healing walk
- 7th Generation staff for helping set up large tent for us, and letting us host our event at Ceremonial Building.
- Judy Pamp for her beautiful prayer and blessing before the walk began
- Alexis Syrette and Anna Winters for all their help in planning and coordinating walk
- Joseph Sownick for being an outstanding emcee and DJ for this event
- Lupe Gonzalez of the Tribal College for covering our food costs
- Sam Anglin for preparing the delicious meal of walking tacos

- Project AWARE counselors and therapy dogs for being onsite
- Zaagate Mentoring Program specialists Alicia Bowen and Jacqueline Wemigwans for hosting mental health booth
- Officer Joe Maxey and Tribal Police for being onsite to provide safety and direction on our walk
- Tribal Fire
- Isabella Child Advocacy Center for hosting booth with mental health resources
- Peer 360 Recovery Alliance for hosting booth with resources, support and prizes for community
- Project Venture Tribal Youth teens for their hard work in planning and leading this walk and smudging the Rez
- Redrum Motorcycle Club & Society – Saginaw Chippewa Chapter for donating cases of water to our event
- Soaring Eagle Casino shuttle bus service for transporting people back to their cars

- Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries for resources and printing
- Bead & Powwow Supply for abalone shells for smudge kits
- Mahoney & Associates for creating our T-shirts and banners
- All of the Tribal youth, friends, and families who came out to support and partake in our healing walk
- All the amazing volunteers who helped set up and clean up event

It was very powerful to see the community come together for our youth and our families offering support and being a part of this healing experience.

We are grateful to have such a strong community here that provides all of these mental health services for our youth.

Project Venture looks forward to collaborating with the Tribal community for future events and providing cultural programming for our youth and families. It truly takes a village.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Tribal youth and community members participate in and hold up signs of encouragement during the healing walk for youth mental health.

This is an image found in the National Anthropological Archives, a Smithsonian Institution. This is Dan Wheaton, taken in 1894 by an ethnographer Harlan Smith. We want to hear your thoughts! What do you know about Dan Wheaton?



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## Tribe recognized during Central Michigan University's Traditions Day football game

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe was recognized during the Central Michigan University Chippewas' Traditions Day home football game on Saturday, Oct. 17.

Surrounded by Tribal Council, Tribal community members and Central Michigan University officials and the football team, the Onion Creek singers performed an honor song on the football field before kickoff.

Tribal Council members Chief Theresa Jackson, Sub-Chief Jennifer Wassegijig, Treasurer Gayle Ruhl, Sgt.-at-Arms David Merrill Jr., Samantha Chippewa and Luke Sprague were recognized on the field during the first media timeout in the first quarter, alongside CMU President Robert Davies and Athletic Director Amy Folan.

"We are proud to showcase a part of our great culture with the CMU community," said Chief Theresa Jackson. "Having the opportunity to share a song from our community drum highlights not only the importance of our relationship, but also helps all community members better understand some of the great traditions



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Onion Creek singers perform an honor song on the football field at Central Michigan University's Traditions Day during the Oct. 17 home game.

and importance they have in our community. Chi-miigwetch for allowing us to share the field and highlighting the relationship between two strong communities."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

(Left to right) CMU Athletic Director Amy Folan and Tribal Council members Luke Sprague, Sgt.-at-Arms David Merrill Jr., Treasurer Gayle Ruhl, Samantha Chippewa, Sub-Chief Jennifer Wassegijig and Chief Theresa Jackson, and CMU President Robert Davies are recognized on the football field during the Traditions Day game.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

## Fall Tribal Youth Sports Come and support our Tribal youth!

### Mt. Pleasant High School

#### Varsity Football

- #58 Kenny Wemigwans
- #84 Atreyu Sineway
- Kayden Weekley

#### JV Football

- #14 Frederick Highley

#### JV Soccer

- #20 Isaiah Otto-Powers

#### Swimming

- Mackenzie Burger

#### Freshman Football

- #14 Konner Hiliger
- #3 Isaiah Rodriguez
- #66 Alex Grice
- #78 Zhaawan Martell
- #72 Nikodin Davis

#### Freshman Volleyball

- Miikawadizi Prout

#### Cheerleading

- Bailey Burger

### Mt. Pleasant Middle School

#### Cross Country

- Mangan Merrill
- Abbie Patterson
- Tru Quigno
- Donovan Morrow

#### 8th grade Volleyball

- Madison Isham

#### 7th grade Volleyball

- Madison Kendall

#### 8th grade Football

- Gracin Montoya

#### 6th grade Football

- Zachary Flaucher

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### Beal City Public Schools

#### Varsity Football

- #71 Skylar Graveratte

#### JV Football

- #50 Joseph Federico

### Renaissance Public School Academy

#### Volleyball

- Asii'anah Barnes
- Laila Pope

#### Cross Country

- Kenisynn Shaw
- Bryson Roth

### Shepherd Public Schools

#### Varsity Football

- #57 Hunter Johnson

#### JV Football

- #15 Jonathan Bailey

#### Cross Country

- Mishiikehn Sprague

#### Varsity Volleyball

- #11 Jayla Trepanier

#### JV Volleyball

- #4 Tyannah Trepanier

#### Freshman Volleyball

- #2 Bree Sprague
- #10 Sandra Slater

#### 8th Grade Volleyball

- Braylee Trepanier

#### Cheerleading

- Tiara Osawabine
- Kerra Whitepigeon

#### Golf

- Lily Dean
- Anjelina Reyes



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*A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm*

# Anishinaabemowin CROSSWORD

Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

### Across

- 4: Let's celebrate it
- 5: It's getting cold
- 7: Wreath
- 8: Bat
- 9: October
- 10: Ricing/Harvesting rice

### Down

- 1: They are harvesting
- 2: Pumpkin
- 3: Halloween
- 6: Feast

### Word Bank

- Sa-kweb-zi-win
- Pash-kwa-naa-jiinh
- Maamwi-wii-si-neng
- Bnaak-wii-wak
- Mno-mi-ni-keng
- Ta-senh-wang
- Bnaakwe-giizis
- Mnaaj-too-daa
- Ni-ksi-naa
- Kos-man

### Down

- 1. They are harvesting (bnaakwiwak)
- 2. Pumpkin (kosman)
- 3. Halloween (tasenhwang)
- 6. Feast (maamwiwisi-neng)

### Across

- 4. Let's celebrate it (mnaajtoodaa)
- 5. It's getting cold (niksinaa)
- 7. Wreath (sakwebziwin)
- 8. Bat (pashkwanajiiinh)
- 9. October (bnaakwegiizis)
- 10. Ricing/Harvesting rice (mnomiinkeng)

### Answers



## Seventy-one golf teams compete in eighth annual Soaring Eagle Open

### MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The eighth annual Soaring Eagle Open golf tournament was held on Aug. 12-14 at the PohlCat Golf Course. The PohlCat is a par 72, championship course located in Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

A total of 71 teams competed across three divisions. On Friday, Aug. 12, a total of 18 teams competed in the senior men's division, with 12 teams competing in the ladies' division.

The open division saw a total of 41 teams competing across a two-day tournament on Aug. 13-14.

Observer photos by Matthew Wright



### Men's Division Results:

#### Pretenders Flight

- **1st place:** Chingman, Martell, Todd 139 (-5)
- **2nd place:** Conwat, Ginetti, Weber 141 (-3)
- **3rd place:** Sprague, Wassegijig, Peters Jr. 142 (-2)

#### Contenders Flight

- **1st place:** Martin, Martin, Andersen 127 (-17)
- **2nd place:** Tedajewski, Mason, Franke 131 (-13)
- **3rd place:** McClellan, Brink, Cram 132 (-12)

#### Championship Flight

- **1st place:** \*Kelly, Howard, Miske 114 (-30)  
*(\*Two time champions)*
- **2nd place:** Shirley, Worman, Sargent 117 (-27)
- **3rd place:** Schultz, Butler, Skicinski 117 (-27)

### Senior's Division Results:

#### Championship Flight

- **1st place:** Carto, Lundeen, Crandall 58 (-14)
- **2nd place:** Phillion, Sniogowski, Housner 58 (-14)
- **3rd place:** Pohl, Tillotson, Black 59 (-13)

#### Pretenders Flight

- **1st place:** Fronzak, Solomon, Zdube 68 (-4)
- **2nd place:** Kewayosh, Williams, Sands 68 (-4)
- **3rd place:** Williams, Warner, Jakobs 69 (-3)

### Ladies' Division Results:

#### Championship Flight

- **1st place:** \*Stocker, Mantha, Flood 61 (-11)  
*(\*Two time champions)*
- **2nd place:** Nightingale, Rummeler, Parks 62 (-10)
- **3rd place:** Crampton, McIntyre, Brandle 66 (-6)

#### Contenders Flight

- **1st place:** Penasse, Penasse, McCloud 75 (+3)
- **2nd place:** Neyome, Quigno, Ortiz 76 (+4)
- **3rd place:** Navarro, Montoya, Leureaux 81 (+9)

## October 2022 Tribal Elder Birthdays

- 1) Caroline Zocher  
Joanne Butzin  
Ross Francis  
Sandra Johnson
- 2) Jamie Ritter  
Oren Brown  
Valerie Quinn
- 3) Marion Joseph  
Trudy Ralston  
Mark Rueckert  
Sandra Compau  
Aaron Camburn
- 4) Gonzalo Alaniz Jr.
- 5) Elsie Sanders  
Sandra Chappel  
Claire Dunnigan  
Joyce Moore  
Cheryl McKee
- 6) James Smith Sr.  
Helen Huyser  
Nonda Lynn  
Daniel Sawmick  
Susan Schramm  
Kathleen Yacks  
Theresa Carter
- 7) David Sisco Jr.  
Rebecca Bratten  
Kathleen Koenig  
Colleen Sisco  
Kelly Trombley  
William Pelcher
- 8) Ellen Kellogg-Bachert  
Ronald Pelcher

- 9) Phyllis Brodie  
Sharon Sasse
- 10) David Perez Jr.  
Terri Rueckert  
Roger Tebo
- 11) Kenneth Lee  
Dorothy Netmop  
Jonie Abella
- 12) Kim Elliott  
Barbara Krause  
Tina Montoya  
Richard Van Vugt
- 13) Phyllis O'Neal
- 14) Daniel Bailey  
Dennis Kequom  
Roger Rusch  
Carrie Farr
- 15) Christopher Bailey  
Theodore Cantu  
Theodore Stevens Jr.
- 16) Charlene Chancellor  
Marvin Davis  
Marvin Davis Jr.
- 17) Lisa Bennett  
Sarah Martin  
Minnie Stevens  
Cynthia Dalton  
Marjorie Dubay  
Mary Hobbs  
Kris Peters  
Jody Clark
- 18) Terry Chamberlain

- 19) Paul Pego  
Gordon Hart
- 20) Gilbert Hendrickson Jr.  
Lawrence Sprague Sr.  
Linda Willard  
Kevin Wray
- 21) Judy Pamp  
Krystal Pelcher  
Gypsy Angiano  
Spencer Kirby
- 22) Robert Rodriguez Jr.  
Kimberely Stigger
- 23) Jeffrey Smith  
Rebecca Jackson  
Scott Saboo  
Ramona Walker  
Dean Waynee
- 24) David Brodie
- 25) Sandra Rood  
Philemon Sprague Jr.  
Tom Bailey  
Kenneth Jeffrey Jr.
- 26) Audrey Nelson  
Tracy Terrill-Leathers  
Mariann Pelcher-Wright
- 27) Ruthie Pelcher  
Gonzalo Ramirez Jr.  
Mark Spencer  
Kenneth Stevens
- 28) Julia Hay  
Michael Randall  
Christina Salter

- Jeanette Mandoka  
Carpenter
- 29) Kenneth Fallis
- 30) Dinah Griffus  
Colleen Chippewa  
LeAna Sams

- Gloria Mulbrecht  
Carl Jackson
- 31) Brenda Champlin  
Ronald Falcon  
Antonio Rodriquez  
Joseph Snyder Jr.  
Stacey Fallis

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## Stories shared, loved ones remembered during Overdose Awareness and Remembrance Day

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Wednesday, Aug. 31 was International Overdose Awareness Day, a day to honor those who have died from an overdose and to reflect on grief of those left behind. To recognize this day, an Overdose Awareness and Remembrance Day was held from 6 to 8 p.m. in Behavioral Health's backyard.

Tribal Council Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig helped begin the event with a prayer and welcome.

"Thank you, everyone who honored your loved ones and those that shared their stories this evening," Sub-Chief Wassegijig said after the event. "I know it's not easy but you did it! I believe it's important to share our stories and hold this event annually; it helps us remember our loved ones, helps us heal, bring awareness and hope of saving a life in our community."

As a dinner of chicken alfredo, made by Sam Anglin, was served, presentations were held.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department presented information on the "Good Samaritan" law.

"You can't get in trouble if you call the police if



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Stories of hope are told, loved ones are remembered and information is shared during the Overdose Awareness and Remembrance Day on Wednesday, Aug. 31, held in Behavioral Health's backyard.

someone has overdosed," the Tribal Police said.

Michigan's "Good Samaritan" law passed in 2016 "prevents drug possession charges against those that seek medical assistance for an overdose in certain circumstances. This law makes saving lives the priority during a drug overdose, not criminal prosecutions of illegal drug users" (Michigan.gov).

Sarah Deaton, case manager for Behavioral Health, provided information about NARCAN® Nasal Spray, a prescription medicine used

for the treatment of a known or suspected opioid overdose emergency.

"All pharmacies in Mount Pleasant have NARCAN®," Deaton said. "Behavioral Health does too."

The event then offered an open invitation for anyone in attendance to share their experience, remember a loved one or share messages of strength and hope.

One attendee, Tammy, said she lost her son to an overdose.

"I know that he struggled for many years like I did," Tammy said at the

event. "I'm glad I'm back in (Behavioral Health's) RTC (Residential Treatment Center), again. It's been 30 days now."

Another attendee, Andrew, shared his story about overdosing.

"You think you're just hurting yourself but you're hurting others," Andrew said. "I'm lucky to still be alive."

At the time of the event, Andrew said he has been in treatment for four months and it is his sixth time in treatment and he is "doing good today."

"I relapsed so many times but I never gave up on recovery," he said.

Through tears, Bernard and Bonnie Sprague spoke in memory of their daughter, Lindsey Sprague, who died of an accidental overdose of fentanyl.

Bonnie Sprague spoke about Lindsey's journey in treatment and shared stories about Lindsey.

The event was a collaboration between Tribal Court, Behavioral Health and the Housing Department to recognize American Indian Sobriety Month.

## Gun Lake Tribe members offer gift bundle to SCIT Tribal Council



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Buddrick Day (fifth from left) and Wyatt Szpliet (sixth from left) of Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish (Gun Lake) Tribe bring Tribal Council members a gift bundle on Sept. 7.

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Members of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish (Gun Lake) Tribe, Buddrick Day and Wyatt Szpliet, offered a gift bundle to Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council members in an effort to ask permission to harvest manoomin (rice) in Tawas Lake.

Day and Szpliet gifted Tribal Council on Wednesday, Sept. 7 in chambers.

"We appreciate Bud and Wyatt coming up and

personally asking permission to harvest manoomin in Tawas Lake," said Chief Theresa Jackson. "It's always great to see young men following the cultural protocols and offering in a good Anishinaabe way."

"Their bundle that consisted of hand made goods and products from the Gun Lake community was

thoughtful and a welcome gift to the Council," Chief Jackson said.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Gift bundle presented by Day and Szpliet

## Field Monitoring TRAINING

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Organized by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and Michigan State Historic Preservation Office.

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**Rain date: Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022**

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- There is no charge for this training and Tribal/Community Members are encouraged to attend.

**To reserve a spot, please contact:**

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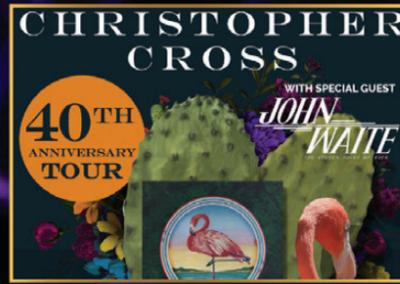
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## Kid Rock, Buckcherry combine for concert doubleheader at Soaring Eagle

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

Excitement was at an all-time high during the weekend of Sept. 3-4 at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. For the second straight year, musical sensation Kid Rock was in town for two back-to-back concerts. The Michigan-born singer-songwriter paired up with American rock band Buckcherry both nights.

Kid Rock kicked off his two-hour set with the heavy-hitting songs “Devil Without a Cause,” “You Never Met A... Quite Like Me,” “American Bad Ass” and “Cocky.”

Changing up the energy, Rock slowed it down with his feel-good, rock anthem “All Summer Long,” followed by “First Kiss” and “Don’t Tell Me How to Live.”

The hits continued with “Cowboy,” “Wasting Time,” “Bad Reputation,” and “Picture.”

Hit songs “Rock n Roll Jesus” and “Only God Knows Why” were followed by the patriotic anthem “Born Free.”

Much to the delight of fans, Rock ended the night with a three-piece encore beginning with the politically-charged song “We the People” and the soulful hit “Rockin’.” Rock finished on a high note, with a spirited



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Kid Rock points out to the crowd during the second night's outdoor performance on Sunday, Sept. 4 at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.**

performance of “Bawitdaba.” American rock band Buckcherry opened for Kid Rock both nights. The band’s music is well-known for their old school rock ‘n’ roll attitude, rife with raunchy lyrics and hard rock riffs.

To kick off the rowdy fun, Buckcherry rocked through their hits “54321” and “So Hott.”

The show continued with their chart-topping 1999 hit “Lit Up,” followed by

“Ridin’,” “Hellbound” and “Too Drunk...”

The melodic self-reflective ballad “Sorry” was followed by “Gluttony” and “Slammin’.”

To close out their set, Buckcherry performed the unruly, hard-edged single “Crazy B.”

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



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**Kid Rock performs "Devil Without a Cause" during the Sept. 4 concert.**



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Members of Buckcherry come together at center stage during the performance of the hit song "Lit Up."**

## One, two punch of Wiz Khalifa and G-Eazy highlight outdoor concert

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted the one, two punch of rap/hip-hop artists Wiz Khalifa and G-Eazy on Saturday, Sept. 10. The artists combined for two memorable, one hour and 15 minute sets on the outdoor concert stage.

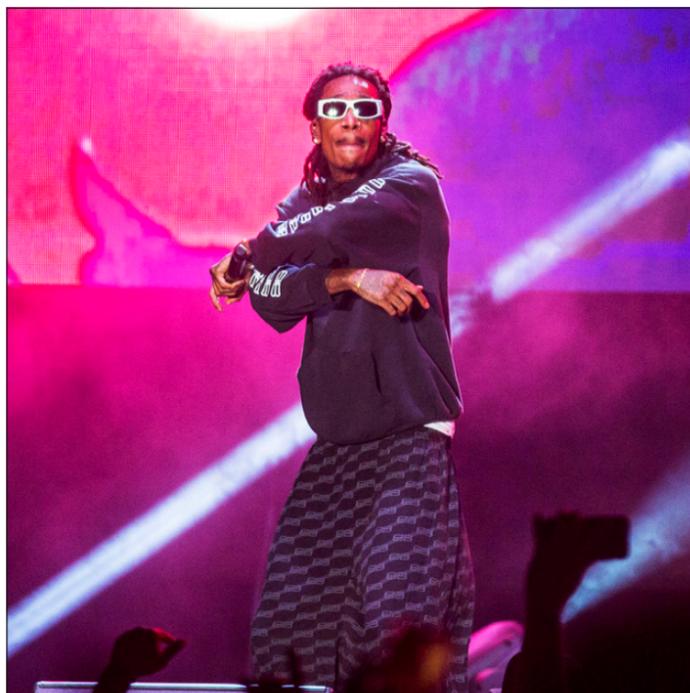
The easygoing, feel-good vibes of Wiz Khalifa were on full display during his set. Fans were there for a good time, and the American rapper was more than happy to provide it.

Khalifa began with “We Dem Boyz,” and his number one hit single “Black and Yellow.”

The set continued with “Or Nah,” “Remember You,” “You and Your Friends” and “The Thrill.”

A cover of Mike Will Made-It’s hit song “23” was followed by “Roll Up,” “Bake Sale” and “On My Level.”

Fans were treated to songs from throughout his career including “Memory Lane,” “Keys,” “Indica Badu,” “So High” and “Mezmozorized.”



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Wiz Khalifa performs his hit song "Black and Yellow" during the Sept. 10 outdoor concert show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.**

To close out the night, he performed a four-piece encore of “We Will See Ya,” “Young, Wild & Free” and the number one charted song “See You Again.”

The show came to a fitting end with “Taylor Gang,” a song created as an ode to his legion of fans.

Opening the night for Khalifa was Bay Area rap

legend G-Eazy.

G-Eazy performed a rapid fire set of hits including “I Mean It,” “The Plan,” “West Coast,” “Calm Down,” “Boss Tycoon” and “1942.”

Saving the best for last, he closed out his performance with a trio of the hit songs “Me, Myself & I,” “No Limit” and “Still Be Friends.”



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**G-Eazy looks out to the audience during his performance on the outdoor concert stage.**



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## Summer holiday fun for all held at the Labor Day Family Picnic

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Recreation Department, in collaboration with Andahwod Continuing Care Community & Elder Services and the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, once more hosted its annual Labor Day Family Picnic.

The picnic was held on the holiday on Monday, Sept. 5 from 1 to

5 p.m. at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground.

Events and games included: family bingo, bag and sack races, egg tosses, musical chairs, a bean bag tournament, and many more side attractions.

Door prizes were awarded and food was served at roughly 1 p.m.

Joseph Sowmick, public relations manager, served as event emcee and DJ.

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## World Mental Health Day, Oct. 10, 2022:

### 'Make mental health and well-being for all a global priority'

**CENTRAL MICHIGAN  
DISTRICT HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT**

Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) would like to recognize World Mental Health Day on Oct. 10, 2022. Mental health awareness continues to hold an important role in the overall health and well-being of our world.

The efforts at increasing awareness and decreasing stigma regarding mental illness and behavioral health issues are helping, but we have more work to do.

The World Health Organization weighs in about worldwide mental health, stating the following:

- While the pandemic has taken, and continues to take, its toll on our mental health, the ability to reconnect through World Mental Health Day 2022 will provide us with an opportunity to rekindle our efforts to protect and improve mental health.

- The COVID-19 pandemic has created a global crisis for mental health, resulting in a more than 25 percent increase in both anxiety and depressive disorders compared to the first year of the pandemic. At the same time, mental health services have been severely disrupted, and the treatment gap for mental health conditions has widened.

- A staggering 84 million people worldwide were forcibly displaced during 2021. We must deepen the value and commitment we give to mental health as individuals, communities, and governments and match that value with more commitment, engagement, and investment by all stakeholders, across all sectors.

- Stigma and discrimination continue to be a barrier to social inclusion and access to the right care; it is important that we all play our part in increasing awareness about which preventive mental health interventions work, and World Mental Health Day is an opportunity to do that collectively. We

envision a world in which mental health is valued, promoted, and protected; where everyone has an equal opportunity to enjoy mental health and to exercise their human rights; and where everyone can access the mental health care they need.

You can do your part in helping to raise awareness by being open with others about your own mental health and how you are feeling. Talk about emotions and struggles. Normalize

the negative emotions that come through life stresses by acknowledging them and working through them, even seeking the help of a professional if needed. Be a listening ear for someone who is struggling in their own life.

Another important facet of helping increase mental health awareness and overall health in our communities is to be aware of the resources available for individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis. Do not be

afraid to point people in the right direction for local resources, even helping them make the call if necessary.

The newest resource is **988**. Individuals can *dial 988* for suicide prevention and mental health crises. In addition to the **988** number, you can call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at **1-800-273-8255**, or you can text **HOME to 741741** to reach a crisis counselor.

Please visit us at our website [www.cmdhd.org](http://www.cmdhd.org)

### Two new Tribal Police officers sworn in on Sept. 20



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New Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police officers Bradley Feger (left) and Joshua Riffe (right) are sworn in on Sept. 20 in Council chambers.

## EZHI NOODJIMOYING (How We Heal)

### A Collaborative Series on Mental Health Considerations When Working in Native American Communities

- Mno Biimaadiziwin (Walking in Balance)**  
Introduction to the Foundations of Native Culture  
Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022 | 1-3 p.m. EST via WebEx  
• Presenters: Christina Osawabine, BS, & Heather Syrette, BSW
- Walking the Red Road**  
A Cultural Collaborative Program to Leading a Sober Lifestyle  
Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022 | 6:30-8 p.m. EST via WebEx  
• Presenters: - Christina Otto, MSW, CAADAC, CP-TP  
- Andrew Vasquez, Tribal Community Support Member  
- Anna Winters, Certified Peer Recovery Coach
- Zaagaaté (The Coming of the Light)**  
Considerations & Interventions for School Administrators when Working with Native Students and Families  
Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023 | 6-7:30 p.m. EST via WebEx  
• Presenter: Heather Syrette, BSW
- Wii Sookwiitaadiidaa (Let's Support/Help One Another)**  
Building Rapport and Reducing Bias & Prejudice While Working with Native Clients  
Wednesday, April 12, 2023 | 6-8 p.m. EST via WebEx  
• Presenter: Alexis Syrette, M.A. in Indigenous Education from Arizona State University, B.S. in Family Studies from Central Michigan University.

► More information and registration will be coming soon!  
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This four-part series is provided in collaboration with the Central Michigan University Counseling Program, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Behavioral Health Services and Project Aware.



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- Homework assistance and tutoring

### Spirit Bear Meeting: AA Talking Circle

Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | **1 p.m.**

- Andahwod, south Birch Lodge fire pit
- 989-944-1937

### Sewing Club at Andahwod

Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | **3:30 - 6 p.m.**

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 Oct. 12 | **For 6 months and older**  
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- 989-775-4695 or 989-775-4629

### Mending Broken Hearts

Oct. 5 | **5:30-7:30 p.m.**

- Behavioral Health Large Conference Room
- Healing from unresolved grief and intergenerational trauma
- With White Bison Wellbriety Movements
- Open to first 15 participants who register
- [ChOsawabine@sagchip.org](mailto:ChOsawabine@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4818

### Ask Auntie

Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 | **12-1 p.m.**

- SCTC East Building, Room 2
- [SDeaton@sagchip.org](mailto:SDeaton@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4846

### Community Sewing Nights

Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 | **5-8 p.m.**

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

### Euchre Nights at Andahwod

Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 | **5:30-7:30 p.m.**

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

### Walk-in Vaccination Clinics

Oct. 10 | **9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1-5 p.m.**

- Saganing Tribal Center

Oct. 20 | **9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1-3 p.m.**

- SECR Entertainment Hall

Oct. 27 | **9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1-5 p.m.**

- Saganing Tribal Center
- 989-775-4695 or 989-775-4629

### To Go Elders Breakfast

Oct. 12 | **9-10 p.m.**

- Andahwod
- 989-775-4300
- SCIT Elders: Free
- Non-SCIT Elders: \$6

### Halloween Haunt and Trunk or Treat

Oct. 14 | **6-10 p.m.**

- Saginaw Chippewa Campground "The Hill"
- Alternate rain site: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- [Recreation@sagchip.org](mailto:Recreation@sagchip.org)
- Costume contest: 6 p.m.
- Trunk or Treat: 6:45 p.m.
- Trunk or Treat registration begins: 5 p.m.
- Fear Factor: 8:30 p.m.
- Food trucks
- Family pictures by Niibing Giizis Photography
- Client access code: Halloween2022

### Fall Feast

Oct. 20 | **7-9 p.m.**

- Seventh Generation
- [TJackson@sagchip.org](mailto:TJackson@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4780
- Feast plates encouraged
- Guest speaker: JD Gibson

### Chebon-Baa presents Remembering Our Youth Round Dance

Oct. 22 | **Begins with Pipe Ceremony at 5 p.m.**

- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- 989-824-0667 or 989-824-0623
- Feast at 6 p.m.
- Round dance starts at 7 p.m.
- Giveaway at midnight
- Specials to be announced

### Beading Workshop

Oct. 25, 26 | **10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

- Seventh Generation
- [TJackson@sagchip.org](mailto:TJackson@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4780
- Open to 20 participants
- Cost: \$20

### SCIT Elders Holiday Luncheon

Nov. 4 | **12 p.m.**

- Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth, Mich.
- 989-775-4300
- \$20 per person
- Open to first 35 SCIT Elders who sign up
- Andahwod van seating is limited, must sign up
- Payment due Oct. 19, pay at Andahwod front desk

### The 25th annual Veterans Feast

Nov. 11 | **Doors open at 5 p.m.**

- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms
- All veterans welcome

## OCTOBER 2022 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
<b>3</b> December Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits Available Due: Nov. 4 by 5 p.m. Recovery Group 1-2 p.m.   B. Health	<b>4</b> Recovery On The Rez 2-3 p.m.   Zoom	<b>5</b> Eagle Feather Teaching 1:30-3 p.m.   B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym	<b>6</b> Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m.   7th Gen Auricular Acupuncture 4-6 p.m.   B. Health Recovery on the Rez 6-7 p.m.   B. Health	<b>7</b> Fireside On The Rez 11:30 a.m.   B. Health	1/8 Fireside On The Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health 2/9
<b>10</b> Indigenous Peoples' Day Recovery Group 1-2 p.m.   B. Health	<b>11</b> Foraging with Daisy 11 a.m.   SCTC Recovery On The Rez 2-3 p.m.   Zoom	<b>12</b> Eagle Feather Teaching 1:30-3 p.m.   B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym	<b>13</b> Auricular Acupuncture 4-6 p.m.   B. Health Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health	<b>14</b> Fireside On The Rez 11:30 a.m.   B. Health	15 Fireside On The Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health 16
<b>17</b> Recovery Group 1-2 p.m.   B. Health	<b>18</b> Tribal Observer Deadline Recovery On The Rez 2-3 p.m.   Zoom Bingo with Friends 10:30 a.m.   Saganing	<b>19</b> Eagle Feather Teaching 1:30-3 p.m.   B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym	<b>20</b> Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m.   7th Gen Auricular Acupuncture 4-6 p.m.   B. Health Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health	<b>21</b> Fireside On The Rez 11:30 a.m.   B. Health	22 Fireside On The Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health 23
<b>24</b> Recovery Group 1-2 p.m.   B. Health	<b>25</b> Peer 360 Online Recovery On The Rez 2-3 p.m.   Zoom Drums Out 7-9 p.m.   7th Gen	<b>26</b> Eagle Feather Teaching 1:30-3 p.m.   B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym	<b>27</b> Auricular Acupuncture 4-6 p.m.   B. Health Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health	<b>28</b> Fireside On The Rez 11:30 a.m.   B. Health	29 Fireside On The Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health 30
<b>31</b> Recovery Group 1-2 p.m.   B. Health	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SECR Payroll</li> <li>● SCIT Per Capita</li> <li>● SCIT Payroll</li> <li>● Curbside Recycling</li> <li>● Waste Collection*</li> </ul> <p><small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small></p>			 Check out the Tribal Observer <b>ONLINE</b> <a href="http://www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver">www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver</a>	



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## 100 Employment

### Tribal Operations

#### 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.

#### Water Operator III

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

#### Sexual Assault Therapist

Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Two years' experience in counseling. One year experience working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.

#### General Labor Pool

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

#### Resident Care Manager

Open to the public. Registered nurse. 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.

#### 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.

#### Registered Medical Assistant

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Registered or Certified Medical Assistant License. One year experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting.

#### Victim Services Counselor

Open to the public. Master's degree in social work, counseling, or human services related field or have a limited license in the State of Michigan and gain full licensure within two years from the date of hire. Two years' experience in counseling. One year experience working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. Experience with federal grant reporting, tracking, and evaluation.

#### Clinical Therapist - ITC

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

individuals who can obtain licensure within two years for date of hire. Two years demonstrated mental health and co-occurring therapy experience with adults preferred.

#### Clerical Pool

Open to SCIT Members only. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Clerical experience is a plus. Applicants must have a telephone contact number and be available on short notice for short-term employment.

## Soaring Eagle

#### Line Server FT

Open to the public. Must be able to work weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts.

#### Line Server PT

Open to the public. Must be able to work weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts.

#### F&B Cashier

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

#### Concierge FT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. One-year customer service and cash handling experience.

#### Concierge PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. One-year customer service and cash handling experience.

#### Waitstaff FT

Open to the public. Restaurant server experience preferred.

#### Waitstaff PT

Open to the public. Restaurant server experience preferred.

#### Table Games Dealer Trainee

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

#### Culinary Supervisor

Open to the public. Three years of restaurant or banquet cooking experience. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of restaurant or banquet cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility. Must be able comprehend house training and pass standardized written culinary competency test by at least 60 percent.

#### Revenue Auditor

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Prior bookkeeping or cashiering experience, preferably in the gaming setting.

#### 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.

#### F&B Chef

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Four years of upscale, high volume, hotel kitchen experience, or similar restaurant experience. Two years supervisory experience.

#### Building Maintenance Worker

Open to the public. One year of experience in a building maintenance, technical, manufacturing or similar position.

#### Bartender

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

#### Sous Chef

Open to the public. 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.

#### Front Desk Agent PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One-year customer service experience and cash handling experience.

#### Stewarding Supervisor

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Associate degree in hospitality or related field preferred.

#### Journeyman Plumber

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Seven years of experience working as a plumber.

#### Kitchen Equipment Technician

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

#### Server Assistant

Open to the public. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements.

## Saganing

#### Slot Attendant

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

#### Water Operator II

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

school diploma or GED. Three years of experience in water operations or related experience.

#### Senior Accountant

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting. Four years of experience in accounting: casino or hospitality accounting preferred. Proficient with Microsoft Office and accounting software.

#### Slot Technician Supervisor

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Five years slot technician experience. Guest service experience. Desired qualifications: bachelor's degree in electronic or electro mechanics preferred. Three years in a supervisory capacity preferred.

#### Maintenance Worker

In-house only, only SCIT Members and SELC/SECR employees may apply. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year custodial and maintenance experience.

#### Central Plant Operator

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

#### Beverage Waitstaff

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

#### Waitstaff FT

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

#### Waitstaff PT

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

#### F&B Attendant

Open to the public. Cash handling, banking, or accounting experience.

#### Guestroom Attendant

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

#### Sous Chef

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Culinary degree from an ACF (American Culinary Federation) accredited school preferred.

#### Front Desk Agent

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year customer service experience and cash handling experience.

#### Police Officer

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

# Quillworking

## ADVISORY WORKSHOP

**Wednesday, Oct 5, 2022**  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Ziibiwing Center

**Pre-registration is required**

- Open to the first 8 community members that register
- Space is limited

**To pre-register, please contact:**

**Nathaniel Lambertson**  
Funding & Development Specialist

- Phone: 989.775.4756
- Email: [nalambertson@sagchip.org](mailto:nalambertson@sagchip.org)

Participants will be asked to give their opinion on quillwork items within the ZC collection for inclusion in a future traveling exhibition. We are seeking people that have experience WITH quillworking, or just an interest in the subject.

- Lunch will be provided
- Participants that stay for the entire 9-5 program will receive a \$100 gift card.

This event is in support of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (ILMS) grant that Ziibiwing currently has in partnership with the Michigan State University Museum, the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation and Eyaawing Museums.

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## Summons and Complaint Notices

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BLANCHE BELL KUHN

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800. The estate of Blanche Bell Kuhn: The decedent, Blanche Bell Kuhn, Date of Death: Nov. 22, 2020. Personal representative: Sheena J. Swanigan 4499 Tillie Dr., Flint, MI 48504. Notice to Creditors: Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.



## Annual Peoples Traditional Powwow at Seventh Generation honors roots of our community

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Public Relations Manager

The seasons of change are upon us again and the changing of the leaves could be seen in the spirit of the 16th annual Peoples Traditional Powwow.

The festivities began in a good way with smudging of the Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds and lighting of the sacred fire on Aug. 26. The Friday evening kick-off ceremonies began with a meal featuring hot dogs, hamburgers and plenty of s'mores followed by lacrosse and a "Rez Jam" karaoke.

Food vendors, Native arts and crafts booths joined with the drummers, dancers and veterans as they prepared for Saturday, Aug. 27 grand entry processions at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Anishinaabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warrior Society joined Head Veteran and Lac Courte Oreilles Elder George Martin leading in the SCIT eagle staff, Seventh Generation eagle staff, veterans' staff, Ogitchedaw healing staff and Gun Lake healing staff followed by the SCIT, U.S., Canada, and State of Michigan flags and armed services flags.

Invited drums included host drum Eagle Flight Singers from First Nations London, Ontario, co-host drum River Wild from Dowagiac, Onion Creek Singers from Mount Pleasant, Mich. and Mission Hill from Bay Mills Indian Community.

Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish (Gun Lake) Tribal Member Shannon Martin served as powwow emcee and shared those duties with co-emcee Caden Pego.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Head Veteran George Martin (far right) and the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warriors Society lead grand entry into the powwow arena at Seventh Generation.**

Serving as arena director and coordinator of contests and spot dances was Lac Courte Oreilles and Turtle Clan Tribal Member Robert "RJ" Smith.

"I'm really impressed with the Peoples Powwow because it's a huge community effort and I like the fact that so many people donate and give their time, efforts and resources to make sure everyone has a good time," Smith said. "Just coming onto the powwow grounds with the oaks and maple trees all around is just a feeling that's hard to put into words. Our teaching are just like that where you have to go to those communities to appreciate all those gifts that are there."

Tonya Antoine, administrative assistant II for Seventh Generation, worked alongside Lee Ann Ruffino, cultural manager, and her fellow staffers throughout the weekend and marveled how everything came together.

"The annual Peoples Powwow is a great time had by not only community members but those who travel near and far," Antoine said. "The setting is always welcoming and Seventh Generation staff strives for all to enjoy themselves and take a step back

from their fast-paced lives to enjoy nature and our culture at its best."

The Sunday, Aug. 28 events included a spirited hand drum contest with first place going to Mission Hill. Runners up were Eagle Flight, followed by Caden Pego, Swifty Jay and AOVWS Warriors Nathan and Dr. Minnie Martin.

The Jackson family was on hand to support and honor the hand drum singers who participated.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Co-emcee Tribal youth Caden Pego sits in with Onion Creek Singers at the 16th annual Peoples Traditional Powwow.**

The special event of the weekend was a jingle dress dancer Hope Stevens to Tribal youth Olivia Pelcher. Tears of joy and gratitude filled the arena as many reflected how they remembered when regalia was handed down and feasts were held in honor of those ceremonies.

Chief Theresa Jackson and her husband Darryl were on hand to present two lucky

youth with new bikes, courtesy of the Jackson family.

Seventh Generation, Antoine said, would like to send special chi-miigwetch to: "Our head staff, the SCIT Housing department, Ziibiwing, SCTC Extension, MMCC, Meijer, PR department, Council, Julie Snyder, Shannon Martin, Caden Pego, R. Smith and Joe Sowmick. Without these people, we would not have a successful event."



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