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(Moon of the Leaves Turning Color)

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Vandalism against Tribal community and property prompts message of awareness

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Public Relations Manager

On Aug. 16, an incidence of vandalism to Tribal buildings and property were brought to the attention of the Tribal Observer.

The incident involved unauthorized access to a Tribal building where spray paint was used to damage the walls along with broken glass and destruction of recreation equipment.

Tribal Administrator Dustin Davis said the Tribal community generously supports many events and hosts important family gatherings that promotes the culture and lifeways, and when buildings, property and assets are abused, it can alter plans and limit use availability.

“Recently, two of our buildings incurred damage and property loss due to trespass, vandalism and theft. We have increased our building management walk-throughs to enhance security and maintenance efforts,” Davis said. “To expand efforts to protect all Tribal buildings and property from illegal activity, we ask community residents to report any suspicious observations to our Tribal Police Department. Miigwetch for your assistance and support, community-based efforts are meaningful and encourage our togetherness.”



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Several areas of vandalism occurs in the men’s bathroom inside the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym. Spray paint litters the walls, mirrors, and both urinals and toilets.

Saginaw Chippewa Police Captain Kelly Babcock said the detective assigned to the case turned up three alleged juvenile suspects and one suspect that was 18 years of age.

Babcock said the case has been referred over and is being processed by the courts at

Tribal Observer press time.

Cathy Matthews, prevention manager for Behavioral Health, was in the process of finalizing the Prevention Team’s plans for an awareness event at the vandalism location.

“I was notified of vandalism to the proposed Overdose



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The Tribal Gym’s stage also suffers as blue spray paint is found on bleachers, lockers and hallways (including some images not worthy of reprint or photos).

Awareness & Remembrance Day venue which was to be held in Eagles Nest on August 31st. My heart was devastated by the destruction and spray paint damage done,” Matthews said. “I would like to give a special thanks to SCIT Facilities Director Paul

Walker and his dedicated team for their quick response. Due to their quick cleanup efforts, the event (was able to) remain at that location.”

Facilities Director Paul Walker said Maintenance

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2025 SCIT Primary Election Candidate List

Primary Election: Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025

Polling station open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym

District 1

- | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • Alonzo, Patricia (Trish) | • Jackson, Maggie | • Perez, Mary Alice |
| • Andy, Alyssa (Biss) | • Jackson, Sheligh | • Peters, Stephanie |
| • Anglin, Samuel C. | • Leasureaux, Sheila | • Peters, Summer |
| • Bailey, Willie III | • Mandoka, Lacey | • Pilar, Darcy (Sprague) |
| • Bennett, Brad | • Mandoka, Stacy | • Quigno, Diana |
| • Chippeway, Samantha | • McCreery, Michael | • Quigno, Mary |
| • Coffin, Melinda | • Mena, Frances | • Ricketts, Alice Jo |
| • Davis, Levi | • Merrill, David Jr. | • Ruhl, Gayle |
| • Davis, Tim J. | • Miller, Rodney Sr. | • Sisco, David Jr. |
| • Deaton, Carmen | • Montoya-Pego, Maia (Spotted-Tail) | • Skutt, Sharon |
| • Ekdahl, Ronald F. | • Nedwash, Nicole | • Sprague, Lucas |
| • Gonzalez, Guadalupe (Lupe) | • Otto, Carmen | • Sprague, Niibin |
| • Graveratte, Craig | • Otto, Christina | • Wassegijig, Jennifer (Vasquez) |
| • Graveratte, Jacqueline M. | • Otto, Felicia | • Wells, Noelle (Isham) |
| • Hadden, Marcella | • Otto McCoy, Kim | • Williams, Tanner David |
| • Hart, Kathy | • Pelcher, Katelyn | • Wilson, Miranda |
| • Jackson, Angel | • Pelcher, Sheridan | • Wright, Charles Michael |

There will be no primary election in District 2 or District 3 in accordance with Ordinance 4, Section 13. The General Election will proceed as scheduled.

District 2

Houle, Shirley

District 3

Cloutier, Frank J.

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Benjamin Victor Willis Sr.

August 19, 1941 – August 16, 2025

Benjamin Victor Willis Sr., age 83, of Mount Pleasant, Mich., a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, formerly of Sterling Heights, Mich., passed away Saturday, Aug. 16, 2025, at Medilodge of Mount Pleasant.



A Memorial Service for Benjamin will take place at Clark Family Funeral Chapel in Mount Pleasant, on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2025, at 1 p.m. with his nephew, Father Maurice Sands officiating. A luncheon will be served immediately following the service in the Reflections Reception Center. The family will greet friends beginning at 12 p.m. until the time of service. Interment will take place at Clinton Grove Cemetery, 21189 Cass Ave, Clinton Township, MI 48036.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Glioblastoma Research Organization, 2045 Biscayne Blvd., #189, Miami, FL, 33137. Envelopes will be available at the funeral chapel.

Benjamin was born Aug. 19, 1941, in Detroit, the son of Isaac Sequajaw and Pearl (Walker) Willis.

Benjamin was a U.S. Army veteran. He spent more than 30 years working for the Chrysler Corporation at the Hamtramck Assembly Plant.

Benjamin loved his job, going to the casino, collecting cologne, reading calculus books, and spending all of his time with his grandchildren.

Benjamin is survived by his grandchildren, all in Michigan, Amanda (Willis) Queen of Chesterfield Twp., Benjamin V. Willis, III of Roseville, Avery Willis, Isaac Willis of Gladwin, Jacob Willis of Gladwin; great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Benjamin was preceded in death by his parents; all of his siblings: Kenneth, Priscilla, Catherine, Walter, Floyd, Shirley, Emma, Margie, and Julia.

Benjamin will be laid to rest next to his son, Benjamin Victor Willis Jr. who preceded him in death.

You may view Benjamin's obituary online and send a condolence to the family at www.clarkfuneralchapel.com.

TRIBAL MEMBER HEALTH PLAN OPEN ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1 – OCTOBER 31, 2025

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 their Annual Report noting any changes to their Health Plan by Nov. 1, 2025.

Review benefit choices

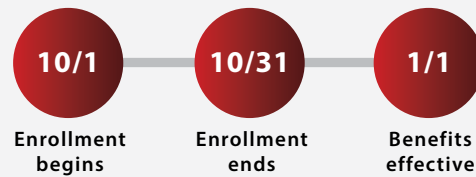
Share options with family

Mark your calendar



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.

Your Enrollment Timeline



For additional information, contact:

Lisa Ayling

989-775-4943
layling@sagchip.org

Craig Graveratte

989-775-4942
cgraveratte@sagchip.org



Wewebanaabiiwin Youth Fishing Tournament

CATCH & RELEASE

New date: Saturday, Sept. 27

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Registration starts: 8 a.m.

Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park

5514 E. Airport Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Free event, open to the public

- Age groups: 5 to 9, 10-13, and 14-17
- Hot dogs, hamburgers and side dishes
- Trophies will be awarded for the first three places

For more information, please contact:

989.944.0495 or KeRicketts@sagchip.org

Small Game Season 2025

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 106 subdivision 3 the 2025 Small Game Season within the exterior boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation and on designated Tribal Trust Lands outside the exterior boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation shall begin Sept. 1, 2025, and will close on March 31, 2026, unless ordered otherwise. The 2025 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 are available now at the Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations. \$10 per license. 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.

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SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL LIBRARY

Manaadjitoodaa Aandji Nisaakonigaadek

(GRAND RE-OPENING)

Grand re-opening and ribbon cutting
Wednesday Sept 24, 2025 at 3 p.m.

Come check out our new location and celebrate with us at the new Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Library

Now located inside the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College

5805 E. Pickard
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
989.317.4789 | saginaw.ploud.net



- ▶ **Everyone welcome!**
- ▶ **Refreshments provided**
- ▶ **Door prize drawing**



Funding in part provided by American Indian College Fund Grant (AICF)

For more information, please contact:

989-317-4770 or AHeidemmann@sagchip.org

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(LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH)

Help us celebrate the Tribal Library's grand re-opening in our new location by making sure you have a library card!

Use your card in September and be entered to win a prize!

Sign up for a library card!

- ▶ Come in during September to sign up or update your accounts
- ▶ You can also sign up online at: saginaw.ploud.net
- ▶ Or by scanning the QR code



Special Elder and Mentored Youth Deer Hunt 2025

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the 2025 Special Elder and Mentored Youth Deer Hunt within the exterior boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation and on designated Tribal Trust Lands outside the exterior boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation shall begin Sept. 1, 2025 and will close on Sept. 3, 2025, unless ordered otherwise. Further restrictions shall be as follows:

- Tribal Member youth for the purpose of this hunt are defined as ages 10 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 10-14 must be accompanied by a Tribal Licensed Parent or Guardian.

Persuant 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 10-14 years are only eligible to use a bow for this hunt.
- Ages 14-17 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 2025 Special Elder and Mentored Youth Hunt will allow for the harvest of one deer. Licenses and harvest tags are available now, at the Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations at \$10 per harvest tag. Only one tag is allowed for this special hunt.

- 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)

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Migratory Bird Season 2025/2026

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 109 Subdivision 3 the 2025/2026 Migratory Bird Season within the exterior boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation and on designated Tribal Trust Lands outside the exterior boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation shall begin Sept. 1, 2025, and will close on Jan. 31, 2026 unless ordered otherwise. The 2025/2026 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: one
- 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 five 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 are available now at the Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations. 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.**

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

Regular Tribal Council Sessions

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

Regular Council Session Dates

• Sept. 2 • Oct. 7 • Nov. 4

Trapping Season 2024

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 108 subdivision 2, the 2025 Trapping Season within the exterior boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation and on designated Tribal Trust Lands outside the exterior boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation shall begin Oct. 15, 2025, and will close April 29, 2026, unless ordered otherwise.

- Badger and otter limit two per season (tag included with license).
- Bobcat¹ is limited to two tags only whether hunting, trapping or combination of seasons.
- Muskrat, mink, beaver, raccoon, fox¹, coyote¹, skunk, weasel and opossum will not have a bag limit for the trapping season.
- No conibare style traps larger than 220 size (7"x7" jaw) may be used on land unless made inaccessible to cats and dogs at ground level.

Licenses will be available starting Sept. 25, 2025 at the Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations. Fee is \$10 per license.

¹Other Indians" may not hunt on Tribal Trust or Tribal owned Fee Land.
²Other Indians as defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 52.

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

¹Small Game License required to hunt bobcat, coyote and fox.

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One Member Needed
For the Saginaw Chippewa
Indian Health Board

Requirements:

1. Must be a SCIT Member
 2. Must be 18 years of age.
 3. Must have strong interests in the health services provided and the health problems within the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Community.
- ▶ Meetings are held in person or virtual once a month and a stipend is given for each meeting attended (If eligible).
 - ▶ Will need Tribal Council approval.

If interested:

Write a short letter stating why you feel you would make a good Health Board Member.

Mail or bring to the Nimkee Clinic:

Attention: Betsey Alonzo
2591 S. Leaton Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

- * Please include your phone number or a contact person.
- * When the letters are received at the end of the time period the letters are given to the Tribal Council and they will make the final decision.

For more information, contact:
989-775-4639 or bealonzo@sagchip.org



Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

**2026 POWWOW
LOGO CONTESTS**

The Powwow Committee is asking for community assistance in creating a logo and theme for each of the 2026 Powwows:

Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow: June 13-14, 2026

42nd Annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow: July 24-26, 2026

One logo design and theme will be selected for each Powwow.

Deadline: Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025

- The logo and theme should align
- Four color maximum in the design
- Must be hand-drawn or created electronically
- Please include your contact information

Please mail to:

Attn: Powwow Committee
7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

Email to:

Powwowcommittee@sagchip.org

Or drop off to Black Elk Building:

- **Human Resources:** c/o Seryna Acuna
- **Mail Room:** c/o Carla Bennett

For more information, please contact:
989.775.5600 or 989.775.0114

Deer Season 2025

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the 2025 Deer Season within the exterior boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation and on designated Tribal Trust Lands outside the exterior boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation shall begin Sept. 4, 2025, and will close on Feb. 1, 2026 unless ordered otherwise. Further restrictions shall be as follows:

- Sept. 4, 2025 - Oct. 31, 2025 shall be bow only
- Nov. 1, 2025 - Feb. 1, 2026 shall be bow or gun

The 2025 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. 21, 2025 at the Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations \$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 provided 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.

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Attention all Tribal Members:

To be eligible to vote in the upcoming 2025 Tribal Elections you must register to vote 30 days prior to the election date.

- ▶ **Last day to register to vote for the General Election is Friday, Oct. 3, 2025.**
- ▶ Voter Registration forms are available at the Tribal Clerk's Office and on the Tribe's website.
- ▶ If you've had a recent address change or name change you must also register to vote if you have not already.

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

**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, Sept. 9, 2025**
- ▶ **General Election: Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025**

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, Sept. 9, 2025 or on the day of the General Election, Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025 from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. from the Clerk's Office.

Any questions, please contact:
the Clerk's Office 989-775-4051

Fall Wild Turkey Season 2025

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B), the 2025 Fall Wild Turkey Season within the exterior boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation and on designated Tribal Trust Lands outside the exterior boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation shall begin Sept. 15, 2025, and will close Oct. 31, 2025, unless ordered otherwise.

The 2025 Fall Wild Turkey Season will allow for the harvest of one Turkey, either sex.

Licenses and harvest tags are available now at the Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations at \$10 per tag. Only one tag 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 Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.

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

2026 Annual Reports
Forms available now

Deadline: Friday, Oct. 31, 2025

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

Notarization is required

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

Your 2026 Annual Report MUST be filed before/ with submitting a Tribal Loan Application.

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



Tribal Council

Chief

Tim J. Davis | District One

Sub-Chief

Luke Sprague | District One

Treasurer

Maia Spotted Tail | District One

Secretary

Jennifer L. Wassegijig | District One

Sergeant-at-Arms

Christina Otto | District One

Chaplain

Alice Jo Ricketts | District One

Council Member

Brad Bennett | District One

Council Member

David Merrill Jr. | District One

Council Member

Frank J. Cloutier | District Three

Council Member

Ron Nelson | District Two

Council Member

Samantha Chippeway | District One



OPIOID SUMMIT

"Journey of Hope: Paths to Positive Change in the Opioid Crisis"

Presented by the Bureau of Indian Affairs
and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

Save the Date! Nov. 5 & 6, 2025

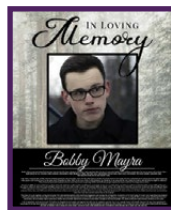
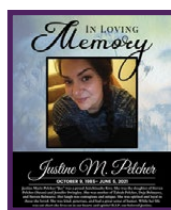
Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall

For more information, please contact:
989.775.4805 or Carjackson@sagchip.org

Submissions Needed

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

To fondly remember of the lives lost, to lend a voice to those who cannot speak, to bring families together to share their stories and to bring awareness through education. Let's also band together to stop the stigma and shame.



Please send a photo along with a brief description to share of your loved one to:

carjackson@sagchip.org or 989-775-4805

- A memory board will be created of your loved one to share with participants at the summit.
- More information regarding the 2025 Opioid Summit will be provided at: www.Sagchip.org

SEEKING DONATIONS

For Ziibiwing's
Fall Equinox Silent Auction

Items can be dropped off at:

Ziibiwing Center Gift Shop

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday

- ▶ **Accepting items now through Sept. 15**
- ▶ **Please include a piece of paper with your donation that includes the following:**

- Donor's name and phone number
- The retail value of each item donated

**All proceeds will go toward
Ziibiwing's events and programming.*



For more information, please contact:

Charla Riley at ChRiley@sagchip.org or 989.775.4756

Orange SHIRT DAY

"Every Child Matters"



Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025

Paint the Rez Orange

This is to honor and uphold survivors and intergenerational survivors of the Indian residential school system and to commemorate those who didn't return home.

Local middle and high school Native American offices decoration competition

- **Email your pictures:** Prevention@sagchip.org
- **Pizza party:** Provided for the top two best decorated offices
- **Winners chosen:** Monday, Sept. 29
- **Supplies:** Some decorations will be supplied



Wear your orange T-shirt on Thursday, Sept. 30

- **Swag bags:** Limited supply containing Orange Shirt Day items to be passed out to departments.
- **Group picture:** In front of Black Elk Building at 10 a.m.
**Community members invited to participate photo.*



For more information, please contact:
Prevention@sagchip.org | 989-775-4882

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.

2025-2026 YOUTH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections held: Nov. 13 & 14, 2025

Where: Native American Offices
**Only allowed to vote once*

Requirements

- SCIT Tribal Member
- Must be 12-20 years old
- Five signatures are required from youth of a federally-recognized Tribe



Packets available: Oct. 1, 2025

- Visit Native American Office

Packets due: Nov. 7, 2025 by 5 p.m. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

- To the Tribal Clerk's Office • Must have five signatures

Swearing in: TBD

- Council Chambers, Black Elk Building

For more information, email: youthcouncil@sagchip.org
www.sagchip.org/youthcouncil

Youth Council Advisors Needed

If interested, submit a letter of interest to:

YouthCouncil2@sagchip.org

For more information, email: youthcouncil@sagchip.org

TRIBAL OBSERVER

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

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

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

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



Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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

Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please mail form to:

Tribal Observer
7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Contact Information:

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



Attention Tribal Members:
ARTWORK NEEDED

The Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel is looking to purchase artwork to display inside The Landing restaurant.

Requested artwork includes:
Paintings, baskets, smaller stone art, and beadwork

The Casino Gift Shop is also looking to partner with local artists to sell their artwork:

Requested small artwork for sale includes:
Jewelry, hair accessories, and lanyards

If interested or for more information, contact:

Toni Swalley, Hospitality Director
tswalley@sagchip.org | 989-775-5910

ZIIBIWING CENTER

of Anishinaabe Culture & Lifeways

EVENT PARKING

SUMMER CONCERT PAID PARKING FUNDRAISER

Cost: \$15 per vehicle

- Parking is offered two hours before the concert starts.
- Vehicles must be removed by 5 p.m. the next day.
- Must place paid parking ticket visibly in front windshield.
- Free Premium Play will be given while supplies last.
- Proceeds will support our events and programming.
- We are not responsible or liable for any damage, lost or stolen items.
- Pass is non-transferable, must park in existing spaces, no parking grass.
- Call 989-775-0007 for free shuttle ride service to and from SECR.

Concert Dates	Start Time	Parking Timeframe
Sept. 1	7 p.m.	6-8 p.m.
Sept. 19	7 p.m.	6-8 p.m.
Sept. 26	8 p.m.	7-9 p.m.

Well & Septic PROGRAM

Free to Tribal Members who reside within the IHS service area: Isabella, Clare, Midland, Arenac Missaukee counties

If you are experiencing problems with your well or septic, please contact the Planning Department.

*You must own your home.

To make an appointment, please contact: Planning Department at 989-775-4014.

Working Together To Protect Our Environment

Tribal Membership Rotation Positions

These positions will be rotated around the following departments:

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

Open to SCIT Tribal Members:

- Applications online at: www.sagchip.org/careers
- Must obtain and maintain a gaming license
- Must have high school diploma or GED
- Wage: \$14 an hour, full-time
 - Four spots available for this 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 at 989.775.5600

Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Committee VACANCIES

Seeking three individuals who are committed to revitalizing Anishinaabemowin

Vacant positions: Three community Tribal Member representatives ages 25 and over

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

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

Send letter of interest to: Howard Webkamigad, ALRD Program Manager

By email: HWebkamigad@sagchip.org

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

STOP VAPING

Zhaawan Martell
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

Alexis Trepanier
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

www.sagchip.org/nimkee/StopVaping

Facebook: www.facebook.com/people/Saginaw-Chippewa-Indian-Tribe/100063712745068/

Youtube: www.youtube.com/@TheRealSagchip

Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations Announcement

Mno Shkiziwin Open Enrollment Period is Aug. 1 - Nov. 1, 2025

- On the website, an informational video, program guide and all forms are available for review.
- You may also pick up a packet with all details at the Black Elk Building in Mount Pleasant.

For more information, please contact: Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations

- Latasha, licensing specialist: (989) 775-4175
- Chris, director: (989) 775-4105
- Email: OTLR@sagchip.org
- Tribal Member only section of: www.sagchip.org

Elder Parking Permits

Elder Parking Permits are available at the Office of Tribal Licensing and Regulations. Please visit the office to complete an application and pick up new or replacement permits.

License Plates

Any Tribal Member who carries a SCIT License Plate on their vehicle: Please stop by the office any time there is a change in your personal information since your last renewal, including: name, contact information or physical/ mailing address.

Tribal Member

RÉSUMÉ Development

Available through Human Resources

Any Tribal Members needing assistance in creating or updating their resume are encouraged to set up an appointment by contacting: Human Resources Training & Development at 989-775-5600

Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

New changes start now!

Trouble finding transportation to your appointments that maintain your recovery?

What's available:

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

Call today to see if you qualify for assistance: *Must be referred by an outside or internal agency as a recommendation.

Erin Sprague: 989-775-4887 | ErSprague@Sagchip.org

Behavioral Health: 2800 S. Shepherd Rd.

MDHHS Substance Use Disorder Transportation Grant.

Recovery Gas Cards Distribution Program

Must be in active recovery to qualify for service.

▶By referral only ▶Opioid use currently or historically

\$30 Gas cards distribution schedule:
Tuesdays & Thursdays | 2-4 p.m.
Behavioral Health: 2800 S. Shepherd Rd.

For more information, please contact: Erin Sprague: 989-775-4887 | ErSprague@Sagchip.org

Recovery Housing Program

Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), Recovery Housing Program (RHP) supports individuals in recovery onto a path to self-sufficiency by expanding the housing capacity within the local are.

The grantor is NO LONGER ACCEPTING NEW APPLICATIONS.

Those who have communicated with Ame Edstrom prior to this notice are still being assisted through November.

Decembers payments, along with all future months, will not be allowable under this grant and will be the responsibility of the renter.

For more information, please contact: Behavioral Health at 989-775-7850

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

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

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

Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center, MyMichigan Health announce EMR partnership

MOUNT PLEASANT and MIDLAND, Mich. – Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center and MyMichigan Health jointly announced a new partnership aimed at integrating Electronic Medical Records (EMR) at Nimkee using MyMichigan’s Epic system.

This partnership is part of the Epic Community Connect program, which helps healthcare providers without compatible EMR systems to connect easily.

By joining, Nimkee will have improved access to patient records and can place orders and receive care notifications more efficiently, helping to improve service and patient care.

The program simplifies access to care, decreases costs and saves time by sharing resources and reducing duplicate tests.



“On behalf of Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to Tribal Council for their continued support and to MyMichigan Health for their valued partnership,” said Karmen Fox, executive health director of Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center. “The implementation of the Epic Community Connect program represents a significant advancement for our community.

“This initiative will greatly enhance the quality of care we

provide by streamlining communication between providers, improving access to vital health information, expanding health care access, and strengthening coordination of care throughout the region.

“We are honored to move forward in partnership to enhance the health care for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.”

MyMichigan Health, a non-profit health system headquartered in Midland, Mich., is a leader in providing award-winning, high-quality care to the 26-county region it serves.

MyMichigan Health provides a full continuum of care across a wide array of settings, including urgent care centers, home health, virtual care, as well as medical offices in more than 80 specialties and subspecialties including cardiology, hematology/oncology, orthopedics, vascular surgery, family medicine, pediatrics and more.

MyMichigan is affiliated with Michigan Medicine, the academic medical center of University of Michigan.

Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center will be joining a network of hospitals in MyMichigan’s Community Connect program, which include Helen Newberry Joy Hospital and Health System, Mackinac Straits Health System, MidMichigan Community Health Services,

and its most recent partner McKenzie Health System.

“We are so pleased to partner with Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center on the EMR program to provide a resource that will benefit their providers, staff, patients, and community,” said Lydia Watson, M.D., president and CEO of MyMichigan Health. “One of the great benefits of having Epic is the continuity of the medical record between providers at Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center and MyMichigan specialists improving communication between providers for improved care.

“I look forward to collaborating and leveraging our combined expertise on quality, performance improvement, operations, and strategy to fulfill our purpose of creating healthy communities together.”





41ST ANNUAL SAGINAW CHIPPEWA

POWWOW RESULTS

Platinum Age		
Men		Women
1	Albert R. King Sr.	Tina Hindsley
2	Mike King	Siobhan Marks
3	Reggie Pettibone	Erma Peters
4	Marin Denning	Sharon Skutt

Golden Age Women		
Traditional		Jingle/Fancy
1	Jill Seahmer	Sharon Eagleman
2	Stephanie Antone	Dr. Bimadoshka Pucon
3	Rhonda Loonsfoot	Yebishawn Oldshield
4	Teresa Renfer	Dawn Shenoskey

Golden Age Men		
Traditional		Grass/Fancy
1	Tony Wahweotten	Walker Stonefish
2	Everett Moore	Jason Whitehouse
3	J. Wayne Cleland	Gary Gibson
4	Paul Syrette	

Senior Adult Men			
Grass		Fancy	Traditional
1	James Bud Day	Darrell Hill	Alex Alvarez
2	Loren Warner	Tyler Lasley	Leland Thompson
3	Cody Bigjohn Jr.	Jr. Lonelodge	Craig Roote
4			Cruz Perez

Senior Adult Women			
Fancy		Jingle	Traditional
1	Nahmi Lasley	Janet Oliver	Amanda Moore
2	Tracy Cleland	Diana Pitawanakwat	Tillie Covers Up
3	Autumn Hart	Grace Hill	Alexa Day
4	Rain Williams	Adrienne Benjamin	Judy Robinson

Junior Adult Men			
Grass		Fancy	Traditional
1	Miisheen Shawaada	Albert King Jr.	Jarod Brown
2	Dom Watson	Jared Massey	Triston Lasley
3	Charles Lasley Jr.	Cetan Thunder Hawk Jr.	Wesley Hale
4	Gabe Jackson	Dylan Van Tubbergen	Zhaowon Smith

Junior Adult Women			
Fancy		Jingle	Traditional
1	Beedoskah Stonefish	Asalia Quigno	Ashley Rave
2	Shailen Seahmer	Miigwaans Smith	Waskwane Stonefish
3	Harmony Taylor	Shay Hale	Aanzhenii Bigjohn
4	Annie Luda	Kayla Dreaver	Grace Hill

Teen Boy			
Grass		Fancy	Traditional
1	Rylin Elijah	Benjamin Sanchez-Hinmon	Gegek Webkamigad
2	Roman Raimussen	Jaxten Silas	Dazen Pitawanakwat
3	Aakodewin Prout		Maheengunse Bear
4	Adrian Day		Harry Littlebird

Teen Girl			
Fancy		Jingle	Traditional
1	Jaslynn Hill	Denaya Pitawanakwat	Paundbiiscain Trudeau
2	Kisay Dreaver	Taliya Benjamin	Hope Stevens
3	Emma Lonelodge	Marisol Thompson	Aayla Chivis
4	Agnes Marshall	Azhibikoonz Trudeau	Naawaka Roeta

Junior Boy			
Grass		Fancy	Traditional
1	Ryan Riley	Nwaabdasse Trudeau	Azriel Shananaquet
2	JJ LeBlanc	Albert King III	David Pitawanakwat
3	Cameron Jamieson	Wam Marshall	Cason Falls
4	De'veon Pitawanakwat	Keaton Kingbird	Malakaih Perez

Junior Girl			
Fancy		Jingle	Traditional
1	Lynel Raphael	Waaskone Cleland	Autumn Ariles
2	Auroura Betts-Cecel	Lilliana Moore	Aniecia Guerrero Woods
3	Lilyana Raphael	Hazel Hale	Aliyah Velez
4	Cedar Lonelodge	Waasebigon Wemigwans	Sabryna Goodrich

Drum Contest			
1	Under The Pines	3	Fire Creek
2	Mountain Town	4	Bad Bird

Frybread Winners			
1	GG's Grub	3	Tina's Frybread
2	Alycia Atkinson		



“Maadizekwe Wiji” offers cooking teachings through Native Connections

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Public Relations Manager

On July 14 and 29, Sam Anglin, traditional food educator at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, offered a hands-on presentation through Native Connections and shared his knowledge on the spirit foods of our ancestors.

The “Maadizekwe Wiji” or “She/he starts cooking” event encouraged families to get in the kitchen and embrace the roots of healthy living by looking at food as medicine.

Anglin is also a trained recovery coach who shares his knowledge learned regarding traditional food systems by bringing cultural teachings of “Mino Bimaadiziwin,” the good way of life, into his culinary creations.

“I shared a discussion on how important the three sisters – corn, beans and squash – are when looking at indigenous gardening,” Anglin said. “Reconnecting with those original sisters is a healing that helps us to recover from culinary trauma brought from the boarding schools and commodity food experiences.

“The trauma that started from the fry bread, where commodity foods like flour and lard did not help our people with health challenges of diabetes and high blood pressure. When



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Sam Anglin, traditional food educator at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, provides examples of Indigenous cooking during two workshops at 7th Generation’s Elijah Elk Cultural Center.

our children went through the boarding school, they were fed slop, scraps and food filled with carbs while are traditional diet was full of vegetables, fish and game.”

Felicia Otto, Native Connections program coordinator, said working with Anglin for the Indigenous cooking demonstration was good medicine for the community.

“Events like this help keep our cultural connection, have health benefits, promote food sovereignty, and help plant the seeds in our community on food sharing goals that the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College is doing and promoting,” Otto said.

Native Connections brought this event to the community

through its SAMHSA grant, which Otto said, “Helps our community reclaim control of our food systems.”

Anglin commented about the great number of families in attendance, highlighting the elders and children family members together.

“Those spirit food from our ancestors were given in a good way and having elders there that encourage children to learn these healthy ways is inspirational to indigenous chefs everywhere,” Anglin said. “Relatives who cook for us have a special place in our hearts and they pass on that blood memory in their cooking.

“I remember my grandma making banana bread that filled the house with such a happy

Vandalism

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Supervisor Tim Walraven has been in contact with the Tribal Police as his staff assessed the damage to the facility.

“It makes work difficult trying to organize staff to complete work orders and cleaning tasks when their workers are called away to have to clean up after someone who decides to disrespect the Tribe’s buildings and property,” Walker said. “It’s also an unnecessary expense in costs for extra cleaning and maintenance supplies as well as possible overtime to get

this taken care of, or the potential not to be able to provide a service or the need to have an event change their venue at the last minute.”

Walker did give some assurance that the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym will be fully available to host upcoming scheduled events.

Walker reported that the Tribal Gym was cleaned up on Friday, Aug. 22 and the building is now, again, ready to host events.

“Our facilities team will also be ready to assist in preparing the gym for the upcoming

Tribal Primary Election scheduled for Tuesday, September 9th,” Walker said.

Tribal Prosecutor Tony Moses shared a statement regarding Statute 1.2034 Malicious Mischief that may apply to incidences of vandalism.

The Statute informs, “Any person who shall maliciously disturb, injure or destroy any livestock or other domestic animal or other property, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for a period not to exceed six months or to a fine not to exceed \$500, or to both such imprisonment and fine, with costs.”

Manoomin Berry Sweet Treat Recipe

(Makes six 1/2 cup servings)

Ingredients:

- 1 cup Wild Rice
- 1/2 cup sunflower seeds (shelled)
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1/4 cup fresh blueberries
- 1/4 cup fresh raspberries (or strawberries)

Instructions:

- Rinse rice two times in cold water until the water runs clear
- Add rinsed rice to three cups of cold water in a 3.5 qt. covered saucepan
- Bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium
- Simmer covered for:
 - Hand parched: 17-22 minutes
 - Store-bought cultivated: 35-40 minutes, or until rice is tender.
- Once cooked, drain excess water and then cool to room temperature
- In a large bowl, combine rice, sunflower seeds, berries and maple syrup
- Toss gently until well mixed
- Refrigerate and serve chilled.

aroma and it touched our loved ones in such a good way. It also passes those recipes on to a new generation.”

Anglin mentioned the importance of using the Tribe’s resources: The manoomin wild rice camp is coming up and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal

College’s Mishike garden will be coming into harvest time.

“Our friends from Seventh Generation also produce good medicines here and they always share that in a good way so there is a lot of ways to enjoy healthy cooking on the Reservation,” he said.



MICHIGAN INDIAN DAY

ACT 30 OF 1974

“The fourth Friday in September of each year shall be known as Michigan Indian Day. This date is not to be construed as a legal holiday.”

Although Michigan Indian Day was enacted in 1974, it did not gain momentum until 2007 when the House of Representatives resolved the following:

Michigan Indian Day is an excellent opportunity for Michigan citizens to better understand and appreciate the many contributions that people of Native American descent have made to our state.

The State of Michigan has the ninth largest population of American Indians in the country – more than 125,000.

Native American people have made vast contributions to the landscape, culture, history, politics and economy of Michigan.

Today, Native American people significantly contribute to environmental protection by setting an example of good stewardship, intergovernmental and international accord to oppose diversion of Great Lakes Basin waters.

Michigan should designate a day to focus attention on the many cultural and historical contributions of Michigan’s Native American community.

As a sovereign nation the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan recognizes and celebrates this as an established Tribal Holiday.

Information provided by: Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways



ZIIBIWING CENTER
of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways

Summer Baby Celebration held on July 30



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal community members bring their new additions to the Baby Celebration held at the Elijah Elk Cultural Center at Seventh Generation on July 30.

The theme of the event is “M’naajaadaa G’da Binoojiinhsminaanik” or “Let’s celebrate our babies.” The little ones receive a baby blanket from Seventh Generation and plenty of prizes donated through the Nimkee Maternal Child Health Program.

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People’s Powwow celebrates 19th annual gathering at Seventh Generation

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Public Relations Manager

On Aug. 23-24, hundreds of Tribal and community members came together on one of the last summer weekends as students return to school. The People’s Traditional Powwow celebrated its 19th annual gathering at Seventh Generation wooded area, located at 7957 East Remus Road in Mount Pleasant.

The Anishinaabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warrior Society led the Saturday grand entries at 1 and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Council Member David Merrill Jr., a veteran from the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, participated in the honor guard and as a men’s traditional dancer.

“My understanding of the eagle staffs is they were a part of tribal history at important meetings and events. They were present when clans gathered at ceremonies and treaties with other governments and they served to represent the people,” Merrill said.

Merrill continued, “This is one of my favorite traditional powwows because it’s comfortable out (there) with everyone dancing for the people. It’s not about the powwow money or competition here

– it’s about hanging out with family and visiting with our community members.”

Shoshone Paiute tribal member Jason Whitehouse provided emcee duties. He also said this is one of his favorite powwows.

“I love the setting and we get a good turnout of dancers, drummers and community in attendance. It reminds me of when I was a kid when I would go to the old school style powwows,” Whitehouse said. “Back in the day, we would powwow where there were a lot of trees, and it just brings out the traditional in everyone. The smaller arenas are more personable and were right up close to see all the action of both the dancers and drummers.”

Similar to many cultural events, traditional Native artisans joined with food vendors to provide a well-rounded experience for the crowd.

SCIT Member Sam Anglin, traditional food educator at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, was on site selling Indigenous creations from his stand.

“I’ve been able to talk to many people about the spirit foods of our ancestors and to share some Indigenous food knowledge with them,” Anglin said. “We have our manoomin



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

On Aug. 24, male dancers at the People’s Powwow participate in the dance special that honors the fish clan visionaries.

(wild rice) sweet treat, three sister salad with white bean hummus and a manoomin blueberry chicken wrap. I’ve been getting a lot of question on how the wild rice is grown and prepared, and the difference between commercial rice and the rice of our ancestors. Everyone has been curious on returning to the good food provided by the Creator and the healthy ways it can be prepared.”

Warpaint from North Carolina served as the host drum. River Wild from Michigan was, once again, chosen as the co-host drum.

Cultural Representative Daniel Jackson said this year’s invited drums were local drum Mountain Town and Eagle Flight from First Nations

London, Ontario.

Nathan Isaac of Rezonance Productions provided sound support for the weekend event. The drums resonated throughout the powwow grounds thanks to Isaac.

RJ Smith kept the dancers moving with many spot dances and specials as the arena director, and Head Veteran Ray Cadotte was on site for all grand entries.

The Jackson family generously sponsored the hand drum contest. It was won by Caden Pego with Eagle Flight Duo taking second place.

Four lucky youth also left happy after the Jackson family bike giveaway.

Tonya Jackson II, administrative assistant for

Seventh Generation, said the powwow is one of the ways her family gives back to the community.

“My dad (former Council member Delmar Jackson Sr.) raised us that way and we are supposed to give back to our community and always take care of those who need it the most,” Jackson said. “It is an opportunity to pass on those traditions that were taken from us and reviving those in a good way and show that hospitality to our visitors.

“Everybody loves the setting we have at the People’s Powwow, and it’s very laid back. You can chill out and relax from all the hustle and bustle and enjoy the powwow and each other’s company.”

Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick





Honored Veteran Buck Richardson receives recognition at retirement ceremony

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

The Department of Veteran Affairs capped off their week-long tribal veterans training by honoring W.J. “Buck” Richardson at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Aug. 22. Richardson is the minority veteran coordinator for the VA Rocky Mountain Healthcare Network based out of Fort Harrison, Mont.

Chief Tim J. Davis provided welcoming remarks. Tribal Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts offered a prayer, and Councilman and veteran David Merrill Jr. was in attendance throughout the week.

The goal of the training was to help attendees understand programs available for returning armed services members, veterans, and their families under the new PACT Act of October 2022. The Act expands healthcare and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service.

Minnie Martin, secretary for Anishinaabe

Ogitchedaw Veterans Warrior Society, said Richardson and other tribal veterans started a program decades ago to assist tribal veterans nationwide with navigating the VA system of healthcare.

“... Buck announced that he was retiring... I informed David Merrill and told him that I was going to go to the Ziibiwing Center and buy a Pendleton blanket for him,” Martin said. “We chose one with a limited edition of the Tribal emblem.”

Merrill also got a challenge coin, a small coin embossed with the unit’s emblem, to present to Richardson.

Richardson said he was “deeply moved” by the honor.

“My heart soared as I saw the Saginaw Chippewa logo put around my shoulders,” Richardson said, mentioning a military background runs in the family. “My sister was born in Mount Pleasant in 1967 while my old man was in Saigon serving on an 18-month tour. She was 11 months old before he ever had a chance to meet her...”



Courtesy of Misty Wolfgang

W.J. “Buck” Richardson (center) receives a gift of warmth from SCIT and Ogitchedaw Veterans to honor his retirement (left to right: Tribal Councilman and veteran David Merrill Jr., Richardson and Ogitchedaw Secretary Minnie Martin).

REQUEST FOR QUOTES:
Snowplow Services

Project overview: The Saginaw Chippewa Housing Department (SCHD) is requesting quotes for professional snowplow services for the duration of the 2025-2026 winter season. The Department is seeking a reputable firm to provide the following services only: snowplowing and salting. Service area will include approximately nine (9) residential homes and one (1) pole barn, listed below. Snowplow and salt all sidewalks (up to each porch), each driveway, and full length of cedar trail.

Project goals:

- Snowplow and salt areas in a safe, timely, and professional manner
- Communicate with the owner in a timely and professional manner

Project scope of work: Scope of work will include ten site locations as listed. Companies are encouraged to visit the locations to assess the areas to be covered. Please call Housing’s front office reception at (989) 775-4595 to inform us when you plan to be on site.

Ten locations in Standish, Mich. 48658:

- | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. 4256 Cedar Trail | 5. 4272 Cedar Trail | 8. 4522 Cedar Trail |
| 2. 4259 Cedar Trail | 6. 4283 Cedar Trail | 9. 4542 Cedar Trail |
| 3. 4268 Cedar Trail | 7. 4502 Cedar Trail | 10. 4545 Cedar Trail |
| 4. 4271 Cedar Trail | | |

Provide the following information:

- The principal address of the firm, and overview of services offered
- Company profile (key staff names, their titles and licenses)
- Contact information of key personnel
- Copy of the firm’s certificate of insurance (indicate level of professional and general liability coverage)
- Signed statement indicating the firm is not on the federal government’s debarred list of entities debarred from doing business with the federal government of the United States. For more information visit the official website of the US Government - System for Award Management at <https://sam.gov/content/home>
- An itemized cost estimate for all services requested in this RFQ and a schedule showing frequency of treatment applications

Submission deadline: Sept. 30 by 5 p.m.

Drop off or mail proposals to:

2451 Nish-Na-Be-Anong Dr.
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

Or emailed to:

- RoMaloney@sagchip.org
- MiPelcher@sagchip.org

For more information: 989.775.4581 or 989.775.4538



REQUEST FOR QUOTES:
Housing Rehabilitation

Project overview: Follow Saginaw Chippewa Building Code (Ordinance 1). Copies available upon request. Full rehabilitation of house at 3091 S. Leaton, Mount Pleasant, MI, 48858. Please reach out for more information if interested.

Submission deadline: Sept. 30 by 5 p.m.

Drop off or mail proposals to:

2451 Nish-Na-Be-Anong Dr.
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

Or emailed to:

- RoMaloney@sagchip.org
- MiPelcher@sagchip.org

For more information: 989.775.4581 or 989.775.4538



REQUEST FOR QUOTES:
Asphalt Pavement Replacement

Project overview: The Saginaw Chippewa Housing Department is requesting quotes for pavement reconstruction for nine residential homes, one pole barn, and the entire length of Cedar Trail road in Arenac County, Mich. The Department is seeking a reputable firm to provide the following services and products only: Work will include all steps necessary to demolish existing asphalt, prepare the base and install new asphalt, as well as any cleanup. Service areas will include ten separate addresses as listed below. Contractor must provide owner with the warranty information for asphalt.

Project goals:

- Demolish old asphalt and install new asphalt in a safe, timely, and professional manner.
- Removal of debris and clean up at each of the 10 sites.
- Communicate with the owner in a timely and professional manner.

Project scope of work: Scope of work will include all 10 locations as listed. Companies are encouraged to visit the locations to assess the areas to be covered. All required permits are the responsibility of the contractor. Permits can be obtained at the SCIT Planning Department 989-775-4014, <https://www.sagchip.org/Planning/Services.aspx/>. Please call Housing’s front office reception at 989- 775-4538 to inform us when you plan to be on site.

Ten locations in Standish, Mich. 48658:

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|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. 4256 Cedar Trail | 5. 4272 Cedar Trail | 8. 4522 Cedar Trail |
| 2. 4259 Cedar Trail | 6. 4283 Cedar Trail | 9. 4542 Cedar Trail |
| 3. 4268 Cedar Trail | 7. 4502 Cedar Trail | 10. 4545 Cedar Trail |
| 4. 4271 Cedar Trail | | |

Provide the following information:

- The principle address of the firm
- Contact information of key personnel, phone number(s), email
- An itemized cost estimate for all services and materials requested in this RFQ (Labor and Materials quoted separate)
- Copy of the firm’s certificate of insurance (indicate level of professional and general liability coverage)
- Signed statement indicating the firm is not on the federal government’s debarred list of entities debarred from doing business with the federal government of the United States. For more information visit the official website of the US Government - System for Award Management at <https://sam.gov/content/home>
- A copy of current business license
- Must use prevailing wages and fringe as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor (www.SAM.gov). See General Decision Number: MI20250008 dated 3/14/2025

Submission deadline: Sept. 22 by 5 p.m.

Drop off or mail proposals to:

2451 Nish-Na-Be-Anong Dr.
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

Or emailed to:

- RoMaloney@sagchip.org
- MiPelcher@sagchip.org

For more information: 989.775.4581 or 989.775.4538



REQUEST FOR QUOTES:
Replace Propane Appliances
With Natural Gas Appliance

Project overview: The Saginaw Chippewa Housing Department is requesting quotes for the removal, disposition of propane furnaces, air conditioners, and hot water heaters and for the installation of new appliances in eight (8) of the Tribe’s rental units. The Department is seeking a reputable firm to provide the following services and products only: New furnaces must be Energy Star Certified, efficient at 97% or above, single stage natural gas appliances. New central air conditioning appliances must be Energy Star Certified units. Work will include all pipefitting, sheet metal work, venting, electrical, condensate drain lines, and install and level AC pads. Start and test operation of all units installed. Service areas will include eight (8) separate addresses as listed below. Contractor must provide owner with the warranty information for all appliances.

Project goals:

- Remove and dispose of old appliances and install new appliances in a safe, timely, and professional manner.
- Vent appliances through the ceiling and roof as appropriate.
- Start and test appliances for proper functioning.
- Removal of debris and clean up at each of the 8 sites.
- Communicate with the owner in a timely and professional manner.

Project scope of work: Scope of work will include all seven (8) locations as listed. Companies are encouraged to visit the locations to assess the areas to be covered. All required permits are the responsibility of the contractor. Permits can be obtained at the SCIT Planning Department 989-775-4014, <https://www.sagchip.org/Planning/Services.aspx/>. Please call Housing’s front office reception at 989-775-4595 to inform us when you plan to be on site.

Eight locations in Standish, Mich. 48658:

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| 1. 4522 Cedar Trail | 4. 4272 Cedar Trail | 7. 4259 Cedar Trail |
| 2. 4542 Cedar Trail | 5. 4283 Cedar Trail | 8. 4545 Cedar Trail |
| 3. 4256 Cedar Trail | 6. 4271 Cedar Trail | |

Provide the following information:

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- Must use prevailing wages and fringe as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor (www.SAM.gov). See General Decision Number: MI20250008 dated 3/14/2025

Submission deadline: Sept. 30 by 5 p.m.

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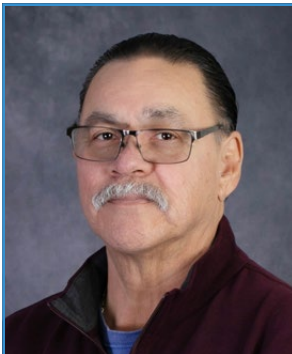


CANDIDATE PROFILES

The Tribal Observer is providing the Saginaw Chippewa community voters a feature of the candidates on the 2025 Primary Election ballot. All primary candidate photos are included. Profiles are also included for candidates who provided them. All profiles are published as submitted. The Tribal Observer did not edit in any way.



Samantha Chippeway



Tim J. Davis



Lacey Mandoka



Patricia (Trish) Alonzo

My name is Patricia Alonzo, I was born and raised here in Mount Pleasant. I have been employed with the Tribe for over 15 years. I am a detail-oriented administrative professional with a Master's degree in Administrative Leadership and extensive experience in educational administration, project management, and customer service. Currently serving as an Administrative Assistant II within SCIT Education, I assisted with project management efforts for the construction of Wii Maajikwad, overseeing departmental budgets and monitoring educational facilities. My commitment to student service and effective communication has facilitated strong relationships with internal teams and external stakeholders. With a diverse background that includes roles in banking, project management, and financial aid, I have honed my skills in customer relations, financial processes, and event coordination. My previous experience in Financial Aid has allowed me to navigate federal and state regulations, ensuring students received the necessary support for their educational pursuits.



Alyssa Andy (Biss)

I am running for council because I care deeply about our people and want to see our community grow in ways that benefit everyone. My goal is to bring forward opportunities that strengthen our well-being, create jobs, and make everyday life better. I would like to see a dispensary and a grocery store developed within our community, not only for convenience, but also to keep resources and revenue here at home. I also believe in the importance of honoring and investing in our traditions, which is why I support expanding and improving our powwow grounds. This space represents who we are and gives us a place to gather, celebrate, and pass our culture to the next generations. If elected, I will listen to the voices of our people, work hard to address our needs, and make decisions that lead to meaningful and lasting progress.



Samuel C. Anglin

Boozhoo, My name is Samuel Anglin, and I'm a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, born and raised in Central Michigan. My family is Pelcher/Collins. I have served our Tribe in multiple roles including SECR Banquet Chef, Support Services Manager at Andahwod CCC & ES, where I helped oversee the construction of the facility, developed policies, and maintained budgets, Permanent Supportive Housing Coordinator, and currently as the SCTC Traditional Food Educator. My work focuses on wellness, housing initiatives, food sovereignty, and community empowerment. I'm running for Tribal Council to bring accountable and culturally grounded leadership. I'm familiar with our Tribal Ordinances and will uphold the Tribal Constitution while creating sustainable solutions to modern challenges. Our future depends on thoughtful planning, transparency, and honoring the Seven Grandfather Teachings while embracing progress. I will lead with integrity, listen to our people, and work for all generations. Miigwetch for your support.



Willie Bailey III

Willie Bailey brings decades of dedication and service to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. He has worked as a heavy equipment operator with the tribe, served over 20 years as a tribal firefighter, and gained valuable law enforcement experience with both the Tribal Police Department and the Isabella County Sheriff's Office as a deputy. Willie's lifelong commitment to protecting and serving his community is the foundation of his leadership. As a Tribal Council candidate, his priorities include ensuring elders are cared for with honor, dignity, and respect, promoting accountability in the management of tribal funds, and making the best use of tribal lands and resources to benefit all members. With his proven record of service, integrity, and hard work, Willie Bailey is dedicated to strengthening the future of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. "Honor for Our Elders. Accountability for Our Future."



Brad Bennett

Aaniin membership, my name is Brad Bennett, it has been my honor to serve you, as a district 1 representative, and the tribe as a whole. As your representative, I have worked attentively with Tribal Council, Tribal leaders/representatives, and state and federal officials to protect our sovereignty, secure resources, and create new opportunities for our people. I believe strength comes from unity! That's why I am committed to ensuring your voice is always heard. I will continue to seek your input on critical decisions, and keep an open door policy. I am proud of our progress, but there is more work to do. I ask for your vote to continue building a prosperous and lively community, grounded in our traditions, for all our members. Thank you.



Melinda Coffin

Melinda Coffin – Tribal Council Candidate. With over 20 years of professional experience and a deep-rooted passion for community development, I am honored to announce my candidacy for Tribal Council. Throughout my career, I have built a strong foundation in leadership, strategic-planning, and problem-solving skills that are essential to serving our community effectively and responsibly. My work in the gaming industry has further strengthened my ability to think creatively, adapt to evolving challenges, and collaborate with diverse groups. I am committed to bringing fresh perspectives to the Council, promoting inclusive growth and ensuring that the voices of all community members are heard and respected. I believe that by working together, we can build a vibrant forward-thinking future for the next generation. Thank you for your support and consideration.



Levi Davis

My name is Levi Davis. I'm 43 years old born and raised here in Mount Pleasant. I reside in Clare. It's always been my passion to make the community much better and the goal is to provide better support and healthcare for our members even if I don't make council I hope to keep supporting in anyways I can. The ultimate goal is to give our members care and support and comfort. I will work hard to take the tribe into the future and make our future endeavors much more profitable for us all and provide as much educational support for our young members. That'll soon take over and provide for us and our elder age. Thank you for all the support. I appreciate it. I wish you all the best. Levi Davis



Carmen Deaton

Aanii, My name is Carmen Deaton. I see our tribe as a family business and I would like to work cohesively to ensure decisions are made with the intentions of our future success! I will utilize my professional expertise to make thoughtful and informed decisions with projects ongoing and those to come. I believe in protecting our elders and safeguarding the futures for our children. I value our strong and proud lineage. I have 26+ years of gaming experience working at SECR in Table Games, from a Dealer to a Manager. It has been an honor to represent and work for our Tribe on a daily basis. If you choose me as your Tribal Council representative, I will continue to be a leader for the good of our business and our tribe. I am looking forward to our continued success! Thank you!



Ronald F. Ekdahl

My name is Ronald F. Ekdahl and I am asking for your vote in the 2025 Tribal Council Election. I have served previously on the Tribal Council for 6 years (2015-2021). In that time I gained an in-depth knowledge on how the Tribe operates internally. I was also able to see how important our businesses, the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort and Saganing Eagles Landing, are to our way of life. Keeping our flagship businesses operating in an efficient and optimal level is a top priority of mine. I will do my best to support those employees and departments that play pivotal roles within the Tribe. I have a goal of working towards continued development of our business portfolios to create additional revenue streams. I would like to continue to support Migizi in their efforts. Miigwech, I hope to have your vote this election.



Guadalupe (Lupe) Gonzalez

Boozhoo! I'm thrilled to announce my candidacy for tribal council this year. With nearly 20 years of dedicated service to our tribe in areas such as education, culture, language, and substance abuse prevention, my commitment has always been to be of service to our people. I've lived on or near the Rez for almost my entire life and have witnessed the change in our community before and after gaming and all the pain and joy that has come with it. I am passionate about preserving our culture and language, addressing housing insecurity, promoting food sovereignty, and enhancing the well-being of our people. Anishinabe spirituality and culture are important to my life and work. I am running for council because I love our people and wish to continue serving them. With my education and professional background, I am ready and willing to represent our tribe in a good way.



District 1: Isabella



Katelyn Pelcher



Sheridan Pelcher



Diana Quigno



Craig Graveratte

I have 29 years with SCIT in many different capacities including our Gaming operation. I'm a Real Candidate ready to face Real Problems to make a Real Difference. I'm dedicated, hard working, dependable and willing to move OUR Tribe well into the future. I will be a true voice that works to move us forward. I support Community Togetherness that include Programs, Education and Essential Services that will strengthen OUR Tribe and move us out of the past. With hard times upon us, we must not continue with failed ideas but make positive change and venture out to invest in the Stability of our future. Now is the time for a positive change that brightens the financial outlook of our Tribe's success. Our Tribe's sovereignty is our greatest asset. We need to use it to our advantage that will create greater growth and prosperity for all of our members.



Jacqueline M. Graveratte

Aanii, my name is Jacqueline Graveratte. I would like to share my vision for our community and I ask for your support in this upcoming district 1, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal election. Growing up in Mt. Pleasant I have seen all of the challenges within our community. I want to be a voice for these challenges and turn these obstacles into opportunities that will benefit the membership directly. I'm committed to incorporating comprehensive community planning on our reservation, evaluate where we are now and make progress to where we should be for future generations. Our tribe has made great progress over the years and I want to be a voice that shapes the decisions and actions that affect the future of our community. Miigwetch, Jacqueline M Graveratte, MLA. jacquelinegraveratte@gmail.com



Marcella Hadden

I come to you as a relative, a listener, and someone who has been shaped by our traditional values. I believe in the importance of our language, our health, and our future generations. I will use my voice to support our members and strengthen our Tribal programs. I will keep our treaty rights and our cultural ways of life at the center of every conversation and consultation. Our membership carries the weight of intergenerational trauma from the boarding school era. Our ancestors endured hardships that no child should have ever had to live through. That pain continues to ripple through our families today. I believe that healing is the key to creating a brighter future for the generations yet to come. Together, we can honor the strength of our ancestors, protect what is sacred, and build a future filled with hope, wellness, and pride in who we are.



Kathy Hart

Boozhoo, I am Kathy Hart. I'm running for Tribal Council with a sincere heart, a clear purpose, and a deep commitment to the well-being of our people—today and for future generations. My focus is on financial security and wise investments, education, our elders, and protecting our future generations. The decisions we make today shape the world they will inherit. Let us build a community where they are safe, supported, educated, and empowered to move forward with pride and confidence. My service to my community, my education (Bachelor of Science in Administration), and my professional life have given me the skills to make good decisions and have prepared me to be a strong leader. With your support, I will be your voice, serve transparently and responsibly, and commit to our future. Miigwetch for considering me, Kathy, for Tribal Council. Together we can move forward, strong and united.



Angel Jackson

My name is Angel Jackson. With over 35 years of experience working for the Tribe and with Tribal regulations, it has been my honor to help revise and modernize outdated laws—paving the way for progress and positive change. In recent years, I've observed that our Tribe has become stagnant in some areas. I believe one of the best ways to move forward is by updating our laws to reflect the current needs of our people. With a Business Administration degree and decades of service on various committees and boards, I've had the opportunity to shape policy and streamline processes that benefit both the Tribe and its Membership. I bring an open mind, a willingness to listen, and a strong desire to speak on the issues that matter. I am committed to working collaboratively and meaningfully with those elected to the Council, always with the Tribe's best interests at heart.



Maggie Jackson

Aanii, I'm Maggie Jackson and I was born on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Reservation. My grandfathers are Delmar Jackson Sr. and Julius Peters, both who had served on previous councils. You may know me from my parents, Darryl and Theresa Peters-Jackson. Now it's my turn to take a chance at running for council. I plan on conserving our traditions, language and bringing back the 'unity' in our community. I plan to help our tribe heal, within our departments and our members. My voice I hope will be shared and loud enough for our members to come speak through. I plan on having an open door policy, as my grandfathers told me, 'Once you become elected on council, everyone becomes your family. We do not hate, we do not judge, and we do not discriminate.' Chii miigwetch for giving me the opportunity to speak, for I love my tribe. Gizaagin, baamaapii.



Sheligh Jackson

Boozhoo! I have two decades of work experience within our Tribe, I have committed with integrity and service to our membership, especially with our tribal elders. I earned associate degrees in Liberal Arts and Native American Studies, a Bachelor of Science in Sociology, and will graduate in December 2025 with a Master of Science in Administration with a concentration in Health Services. As a proud member of our tribal community, I believe in leading with vision, compassion, strategy, and respect. My academic and professional journey reflects my dedication to community empowerment and equity. I am running for Tribal Council to advocate for prioritizing new business ventures, transparent governance, improved health access, and more opportunities for all tribal members. My continued commitment to our people is not just professional, it is personal. I aim to serve with dignity, fairness, accountability, and heart for positive change.



Sheila Leauxaux

Hello, my name is Sheila Leauxaux. I've worked for the Tribe for 21 years, I recently retired. I graduated from the tribal college with my associates in business. I would like to see transparency from our Tribal Council, more focus towards our tribal youth. We need to look at other business opportunities, and what's best for the tribe and our community. I would like to wish everyone running, good luck!



Stacy Mandoka

Aanii, My name is Stacy Mandoka, I'm currently employed by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe as a Senior Recruiter. I have a degree in Liberal Arts and Business Administration. I have 21 + years of experience in Human Resources, including interim roles within our HR department such as Anishnabe Workforce Developer, HR Benefits Manager, HR Manager and most recently 12 years as HR Generalist for SECR. I have a very strong understanding of SECR and Tribal Operations policies and procedures. I'm honest, fair, goal-oriented, understanding, compassionate, a hardworking individual with a very strong work ethic. I promise to serve in the best interest for our people and businesses as well as be a voice for our membership. My goal is to see more job opportunities, mentoring and educational opportunities for our membership, while maintaining a continued focus on protecting the Tribes assets for our elders and our future generations. Migwetch



Michael McCreery

Moving forward through Truth and Reconciliation My relatives, our spirits are calling us to stand united. They tried to take our language, our ceremonies, our children. But we are still here. Our ancestors' songs echo in our hearts. Our elders remember the old ways. When to hunt, when to gather medicines, when the seasons speak. We must listen before they journey on. Our children need more than jobs—they need to know they belong to something sacred. They need pride in "who they are." When we eat traditional foods, we heal. When we pray together, we remember. When we support each other, we grow strong. We are connected to 573 other tribes across this land. Together, we carry the heartbeat of this continent. Choose leaders who understand our culture is not the past—it is our future. Our healing journey starts now.



Frances Mena

I am a proud District 1 resident with 15 years of experience serving our Tribe, including the last 10 years in Human Resources. My work in recruitment, administration, employee relations, and compensation has given me the skills to listen, problem-solve, and advocate for fairness. I make decisions based on the facts provided while keeping the best interests of our people at heart and the Tribe's future secure. My vision is to create a strong connection as your Tribal Council representative by listening with respect, fostering open communication, and ensuring every Tribal citizen feels valued and represented. I believe in building trust, strengthening relationships, and working together to keep our people shining. I bring dedication, accountability, and integrity, and I am committed to supporting strong ideas and thoughtful business decisions that move our community forward together.



David Merrill Jr.

Boozhoo relatives, aka Baby Dave. Committed to helping others, I’ve served in the Marine Corps, Public Safety, and as a Council Member for the past two terms. I’m raising my family here in our community and understand the issues and aspirations of our people. My leadership journey has taught me the importance of being at the table to advocate for tribal members. I believe in open communication, self-determination, sovereignty, culture and health and wellness. I want to bring more tribal members to the table to advocate for each other. I’m excited to work with others to advance prosperity for the next generation. Excited to see what growing our economic footprint will bring. Hard work, big reward. I’m thankful for the opportunity to serve our community and help bring resources to our nation. I humbly ask for your support and vote again. Thank you for considering me during this Election. Chi-Miigwetch!



Rodney Miller Sr.

Boozhoo, I’m Rodney Miller. I am running for Tribal Council to lead a sovereign movement that turns our sovereignty into lasting prosperity for every Tribal member. Guided by the Grandfather Teachings — humility (Dbaadendiziwin), bravery (Aakwa’ode’ewin), honesty (Gwekwaadziwin), wisdom (Nbwaakaawin), truth (Debwewin), respect (Mnaadendimowin), and love (Zaagidwin) — I will act decisively and with integrity. I have built a diverse real estate portfolio producing positive cash flow and created multiple business ventures with successful exits. Our current casino compact was built on exclusion; today’s highly populated states operate casinos without it. This is our moment to renegotiate compacts that serve the Tribe exclusively. We can leverage sovereignty for innovative business developments in emerging high-growth industries, capture new construction tax credits and expand our land base by building high-performing legal teams that have historically defended and executed sovereign rights based on treaties. Together, we will secure generational wealth, protect sovereignty, and create lasting opportunity. Chi-miigwech



Maia Montoya-Pego (Spotted-Tail)

Boozhu! My name is Maia Montoya-Pego (Spotted Tail); I am a dedicated team member with 16 years of service to the Tribe, specializing in both gaming and government accounting. I hold an MBA and MSA from the University of Michigan, reflecting my commitment to education and professional excellence. Known for a strong work ethic and proven follow-through, I have consistently worked to strengthen tribal governance and financial stewardship. Beyond my career; I am a lifelong jingle dress dancer, carrying forward cultural traditions that guide my work and daily life. I am a proud mother of three and Nokomis to one. My vision for the tribe is rooted in accountability, cultural strength, and a deep respect for community. With experience, education, and dedication, I would be humbled and honored to continue serving the Tribe with integrity.



Nicole Nedwash

I am Nicole Nedwash (McMullen) Having been raised in Saganing, The Cabay & James family I have experienced both the challenges and successes within our tribe. My goal is to contribute to the ongoing positive transformation for our community. I would be privileged to assume a more active role in this endeavor. Pursuing higher education has led me to attain my associates degree from The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal college. I am currently taking classes to continue my education working towards my bachelor’s degree. Through my Service with to our tribe, I have developed the ability to collaborate effectively with others and acquired essential skills for our community leadership. As a former provider of various tribal services focused on health and wellness. I am committed to working cooperatively with our department to enhance, expand, and modify these programs to meet our tribe’s needs. Chi Migwetch



Carmen Otto

Boozhoo, to my fellow tribal members, family and friends. My name is Carmen Otto. As the 2025 Tribal Council elections approaches, I want to offer some background information about myself and my hopes as a candidate. I have had multiple years of college education, namely Engineering studies with an emphasis on drafting technologies and Business Administration studies and I’ve worked in various departments within the tribe. As a former Council member, I know that there are many important tribal matters that impact us, such improving our gaming operations and revenue but also the tribal members’ needs. It’s my hope that we can make the improvements that are needed, such as affordable housing and services for our tribal members. As a tribe, SCIT has been fortunate, but there’s always opportunities to improve. I’m hoping for the best for my fellow candidates, and I respectfully ask for your consideration also. Chi Miigwetch



Christina Otto

Boozhoo my fellow tribal members, my name is Christina Otto. Chi Miigwetch for all the love and support this term. I remain grateful for the opportunity to serve you all and would be honored to continue in this role. Having gained a greater knowledge of the inner workings of our tribal government and enterprises; I remain hopeful for the next seven generations. As an alternate for NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) I have had the privilege of standing alongside other tribal leaders across Turtle Island, advocating for our membership and the collective fight for our sovereignty. With a Master of Social Work Degree from Michigan State University, I understand the social needs of the tribe and will continue to advocate and support current programs that serve our members. As I believe all are important to our general wellbeing (Physical, Mental, Emotional, and Spiritual). Miigwetch. Gmiikwetchwenmin (I appreciate you)



Felicia Otto

Aanii! My name is Felicia Otto and it is with deep gratitude that I announce my candidacy for a seat on Tribal Council. In 2023 I moved back home from Albuquerque to serve our nation after earning my Master’s Degree in Health Administration from the University of New Mexico. I have dedicated my career to managing healthcare organizations/departments, health and wellness, and cultural preservation. As a successful business owner, my experience has given me a skill set founded in leadership and advocacy. My hope for our nation is to strengthen our cultural heritage, create opportunities for economic growth, and ensure access to quality education and healthcare for our membership. I believe in leading with integrity, listening to the voices of our people, and making decisions that reflect the best interest for our entire community. Together we can build a stronger, more united future for our tribe.



Kim Otto McCoy

As a lifelong District 1 community member, most of my career has been with the Tribe starting with Summer Youth Program. I am currently working with Planning/Environmental Team. In 1986 I was honored to be asked by Chief Arnold Sowmick to take his seat on the Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs (MCIA) representing the 1819 treaty boundaries and appointed by Governor’s Blanchard and Engler. The MCIA had oversight of the Tuition Waiver which we still value and use today. During the course of my career, I have had the opportunity to work with local, state, and federal governments as part of a governmental relations team. If elected, I will utilize my years of experience in making the best decisions possible for the Tribal Membership as a whole. In addition, I will propose working on a strategic plan with Tribal Council, departments, and Tribal Community to maximize our resources and transparency.



Mary Alice Perez

My name is Mary Alice Perez, and I have over 26 years of experience with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. My career began in the Planning Department, branching out to Legal, Tribal Administration, Grants, and Bingo/SC Fundraising Project, Soaring Eagle Casino/Table Games, Enrollment, and am currently an Administrative Assistant II in the Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department. I have witnessed significant historical events on our reservation since childhood and have a deep understanding of our history from the past to the present. I’m Turtle Clan, an information holder/researcher, and I am fiercely loyal. My dedication to truth and responsibility is a fundamental part of who I am. I hold an Associate’s degree in Business from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, a Bachelor’s degree in Cultural and Global Studies, and a Certificate in Native American and Indigenous Studies from Central Michigan University. I care about all our Tribal Members and their well-being.



Stephanie Peters

I bring a rich background spanning over 25 years of experience. I will bring a wealth of knowledge, leadership, and a deep understanding of our community’s needs to Tribal Council. My commitment to preserving our heritage, advocating for our people, and encouraging growth has been unwavering. I am passionate about creating opportunities, ensuring transparent governance, and building a stronger future for the next generation. Your vote will support a proven leader who listens, acts with integrity, and puts the well-being of our Tribe first.



Summer Peters

Boozhoo, I am Summer Peters, great-niece of Frank Peters, who served on our Tribe’s first council in 1934. I am running for Council because my life passion is to empower our people to thrive as leaders, changemakers, and visionaries for the future. My purpose has always been to fight for those who have unheard voices & build systems that uplift our people and honors our culture. My vision is to promote accessible housing initiatives, diversify our Tribe’s economic development, achieve energy independence, expand employment opportunities for our members, and stand up for those who often feel left with the short end of the stick. My higher education—a BA in Economics and an MBA—is not the full culmination of who I am but becomes enhanced when grounded in cultural knowledge and lived experience. I love my tribe & know I can be an impactful leader for our people.



Darcy Pilar (Sprague)

Aanii, my name is Darcy Marie Pilar (Sprague). Daughter of Lawrence & Florence Sprague, Granddaughter of Philemon & Eleanor Sprague, Great-granddaughter of Eli (Little Elk) & Betsey Thomas. A Mother of 5 and a granny of 5 grandsons. Being born and raised here allowed me to witness “The rez” firsthand, before its growth and the benefits it has provided to us as members. I’m ready for change and the support it will provide our future generations. Graduate of the University of Phoenix with a Bachelor of Business in Information & Technology. Current employee of the Tribal Treasury department for over 12+ years, with a total of 23 years with the Tribe. As I look at myself, I believe I would be a valuable resource for our people and will strive to bring about change that benefits our future, today, tomorrow, and forever. Miigwech



District 1: Isabella



Mary Quigno

My name is Mary Quigno. I am a proud graduate of SCTC with an Associate’s Degree in Business and have also completed coursework toward a Bachelor’s Degree in Business with a focus in Human Resources. This year marks my 20th year of service with the Tribe, with the majority of that time dedicated to the Human Resources Department. As your representative, I will focus on diversifying our Tribal businesses while continuing to support both our youth and our elders—the foundation and the future of our Tribe. I am also committed to working toward making Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort a destination location that showcases our culture, strength, and growth. Thank you for your continued support in the upcoming election!



Alice Jo Ricketts

Aanii, Miigwetch to all my fellow Tribal Members for their continued support. I would love the opportunity to continue to serve you as a Tribal Council Woman. I truly love and respect my fellow tribal members and my greatest prayer is to see everyone Healthy, Happy and Prosperous. I will continue to represent you with the utmost Respect, Love, Humility, Courage, Truth, Honesty and Wisdom. Miigwetch and always know how valuable and important you are. Alice Jo Ricketts



Gayle Ruhl

My name is Gayle Ruhl. I’m committed to serving SCIT members by working hard, managing tribal assets responsibly, and maintaining tribal services and buildings for members. I want to help make decisions to get SECR back on top in the gaming industries. I value fairness, respect for elders, being open-minded, asking questions and striving for better each day. I have worked for the tribe over 20 years at BH, Council, SCTC, and currently at Andahwod. I earned a Bachelors and Master’s degree from Michigan State University. I raised my three boys here and love them and grandbaby dearly. It has always been an honor to serve on Tribal Council working to solve issues for membership. I believe in using training and travel wisely for the tribe, not for self-interest, I am willing to speak up on our treaty rights that have been fought over for generations.



David Sisco Jr.

Dave Sisco. HR Manager 30 plus years. My goal will be to make the businesses more profitable, once they are it will benefit all members in obvious ways. I would also like to explore the idea of all members being state tax exempt no matter where you live. We have been putting patches on everything both the business and financially and those patches aren’t going to be there forever so we need to make sure the action we take will make money for the foreseeable future. I’d appreciate your vote in the upcoming election. Sincerely Dave Sisco



Sharon Skutt

My name is Sharon (Walker) Skutt and I am running for Tribal Council in District One. I recently moved back to the reservation in April 2024 and it feels great to be a part of the Tribal Community again! I worked in the Higher Education Department for about sixteen years, providing support to students as they pursued their education goals. During that time, I was appointed to the Fair Treatment Team by Tribal Administration. I’m familiar with many Tribal Departments having worked with a number of them. I retired in 2013 and have enjoyed traveling extensively. I decided to run for Tribal Council because I would like the opportunity to serve the Tribal Community. While it’s important that we have educated Council members, we should remember that years of life experiences and perspectives are also essential. Please carefully consider including elders in your vote. Miigwetch for your time and consideration.



Lucas Sprague

Boozhoo, It has been an honor to serve the Tribal membership as Sub-Chief during the 2023–2025 term. This journey has come with many challenges, but with those challenges came growth—both personally and professionally. In the spring of 2023, I earned my Master of Science in Administration degree. That experience deepened my understanding of the value of education and how it plays a vital role in shaping students into professionals. I see that same drive and determination in our next generations, who are entering the workforce with passion, knowledge, and a strong desire to contribute to the community. The future of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is very bright. Lastly, I would like to say chi-miigwetch for your continued support.



Niibin Sprague

Aanii, my name is Niibin Sprague, and I am running for Tribal Council to bring forward innovation, progress, and collaboration. With experience in gaming operations, I will work to expand entertainment opportunities, create equitable housing solutions, address insurance challenges, and empower our youth through financial literacy. I also believe in pursuing smart investments in stock and cryptocurrency to strengthen our Tribe’s future. My commitment is to reclaim our position as industry leaders by embracing new technologies and processes that drive growth. Our parents and grandparents took bold risks to secure our future - I am prepared to do the same so that our community continues to thrive for generations to come.



Jennifer Wassegijig (Vasquez)

Serving our community on Tribal Council has truly been an honor. Every step of the way, I’ve done my best to listen, learn, and represent the needs and hopes of our people with honesty and respect. I care deeply about our tribe and will continue to be a voice for our membership. Though I am only one vote, I carry my decisions with great care and responsibility, doing what I believe is right for the future of our Tribe. Thank you for your trust and continued support. Jennifer Vasquez Wassegijig



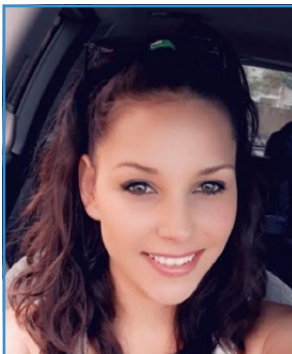
Noelle Wells (Isham)

Boozhoo, I’m Noelle Wells, daughter of Michelle Otto (SCIT) and Edgar Isham (LCO), and I’m seeking your support for Tribal Council. My journey of service includes an Associate’s degree in Native American Studies from Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and a decade working within our Tribal Operations in administration, legal, and Ziibiwing. I’ve also proudly served five years on the SCIT Powwow Committee, deepening my connection to our traditions. My passion is to serve our community by building a future where economic opportunities flourish and all Tribal members have access to the essential resources they need such as affordable housing, skills for success through workforce development, and comprehensive health & human services for the next seven generations. Miigwetch for your consideration and support.



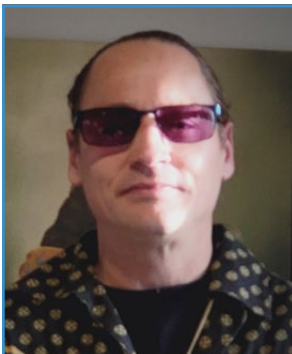
Tanner David Williams

I am a proud graduate of Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College with an associate’s degree in general science and currently pursuing a bachelor’s in physics at the University of Michigan. My work experience includes serving as a Revenue Auditor for the Soaring Eagle Casino and as a Summer Youth Manager, giving me insight into both business operations and the importance of investing in our future generations. I was raised by my parents, Karen and David, who loved and respected everyone, treating people equally as best as they could. I want to carry that same spirit forward; to see our Tribe grow in unity, strength, and opportunity. My platform focuses on economic growth, better healthcare, renewable energy, and cultural revitalization. I believe in practical projects that meet every day needs; a tribal co-op grocery store, solar housing to lower costs, and improving our wellness center with stronger staffing and better insurance.



Miranda Wilson

Boozhoo, My name is Miranda Renae Wilson. I am thirty-four years old and raising seven children. I was born and raised on this reservation. My favorite memories will always be here. My family, I come from, The Bennetts, Peters, and Sanders. They lived here on this reservation their whole lives as well. My great-great-grandfather was Peter Bennett. One, of the Seven Grandfathers who started the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe under federal recognition. I was taught growing up that we are a community and that we are a whole, to make choices and changes as a whole. My plan to run for tribal council is simple: to be a voice for the People and ideas. To completely open the doors between the tribal council and our members. To make available to the community our resources and ideas as well. To be the change that helps our tribe succeed further. Sincerely, Miranda Wilson



Charles Michael Wright

Boozhoo (Aannii), my name is Charles Michael Wright(Pelcher/ Collins) I am running for District 1 Tribal council. Currently I work as a Tribal Wastewater Operator for the Tribe and have been for over the past 7 years .I am a Certified Level 3 WWTP and Level 2 WWTC Operator. I served election committee two terms, currently a four year term on Tribal DGB and the Tribe EMC team. I am licensed/ bonded notary public, experience with Roberts Rule of Order, assisted with ceremonies at behavioral health, seventh generation, Flint Stone Street Project and repatriation. My diverse work outside the Tribe brings real – world experience. I will advocate increasing assistance for elder health care and membership, generating more revenue sources, protecting per capita revenues, a healthy youth and education program, tribal mentorship and vocational education and transparency for the Tribal membership. I humbly ask for your support District 1 Tribal Council. Miigwetch



District 2: Saganing



Shirley Houle

Boozhoo, I humbly extend my deepest gratitude to each of you for your continued support in allowing me the honor of representing and serving the Saganing community. As a Traditional Kwe I walk with love and respect for the Grandfather teachings that root me spiritually to our precious Earth, Medicines, Ceremonies, Language and Community. The past eight years I’ve had the privilege of serving as a Representative Advocate in Saganing a role that has been very fulfilling serving your needs. As I step forward I carry with me a strong voice and a clear vision. This journey will give me the opportunity and responsibility to lead for positive change, membership equality and sustainable growth. My future endeavors Include housing development for our elders and community members and a vigilant dedication to preserving our success as a tribe and seeing our community prosper. Chii Miigwetch for walking this path with me.

District 3: At Large



Frank J. Cloutier

With 25 years of service within the Tribe, I possess institutional knowledge of ordinances, policies and resolutions. Previous leadership experience provides consistent efforts. The At-Large district is an important part of our Tribal community. I have worked with leadership to bring equality and mutual benefit to our district. The Mno Shkiziwin (GWE) Act is a good example of those efforts. To turn our Per-Capita income into “Tax Free” expense money will relieve the income tax pressure for many families. I am also working with our team to include as many At-Large members as possible into the Tribal Tax agreement that would allow for tax free income/sales tax exemptions. It is less important who we vote for; however it is more essential that we as District Three members vote and have our voices heard. I am humbly asking for your support and your vote this November.

There will be no 2025 Primary Election in District 2 or District 3 in accordance with Ordinance 4, Section 13.

The candidate in District 2 and the candidate in District 3 will be on the ballot for the November General Election.

Please be mindful that this is Only for the Primary Election and the General Election will proceed as scheduled.

SECTION 13. PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

- (b). SAGANING DISTRICT. In the event that the Saganing District shall have more than two candidates for the office of Tribal Council, a primary election will be held on the second Tuesday of September to determine two eligible candidates for the General Election.
- (c). AT LARGE DISTRICT. In the event that the at Large District shall have more than two candidates for the office of Tribal Council, a primary election will be held on the second Tuesday of September to determine two eligible candidates for the General Election.

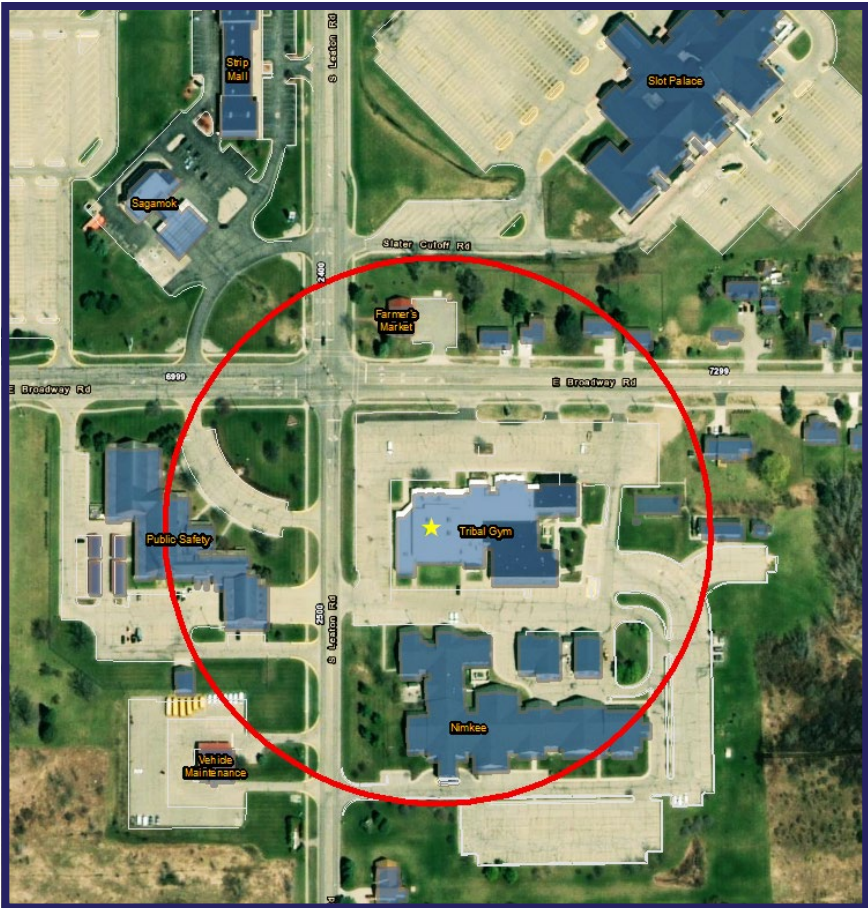
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Ordinance 4, Section 19. Prohibition against interference with Elections.

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

- (a) On any land owned by the Tribe or held in trust for the Tribe, excluding property leased for residential use:
 - (i) post, display or distribute any material that directly or indirectly makes reference to an election, a candidate or a ballot question (This subsection does not apply to official material that is required by law to be posted, displayed or distributed in a polling place on election day);
 - (ii) solicit, persuade or endeavor to persuade, intimidate or threaten a person to vote for or against any particular candidate or for or against any ballot question that is being voted on at the election; or
 - (iii) either directly or indirectly, for the person’s own benefit or on behalf of any other person, receive, agree or contract for valuable consideration for voting or agreeing to vote, or inducing or attempting to induce another to vote, or for refraining or agreeing to refrain, or inducing or attempting to induce another to refrain, from voting; or
 - (iv) either directly or indirectly, give, lend or promise valuable consideration to or for any person as an inducement to influence the manner of voting by a person relative to a candidate or ballot question or as a reward for refraining from voting; or
- (b) loiter within a building where a polling place is located or within 500 feet of any entrance to such building, including any parking areas adjacent or appurtenant to such building; or
- (c) directly or indirectly utter or address any threat or intimidation to an election official or other person authorized to administer or enforce election laws or to conduct, oversee or monitor an election or to assist in the carrying out of such duties, with the intent to induce such person to do any act not authorized by law or to refrain or delay in the performance of any duty imposed by law.



Election Timeline
2025 Primary & General Elections

- Sept. 8 | 5:15 p.m. — Certification of Voting Machines
- Sept. 9 | Primary Election Day — Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.
- Sept. 10 | Primary Election Results and Candidates List Posted
- Sept. 18 | Absentee Ballots for General Election available in the Tribal Clerk’s Office and mailing of Absentee Ballots for General Election begins for duly registered At-Large District voters. Mailing begins for duly registered, qualified voters from Districts 1 and 2 who submit an Absentee Ballot request to the Tribal Clerk’s Office. All Absentee Ballots for General Election must be received by the Tribal Clerk’s Office by Nov. 4 at 8 p.m. to be counted.
- Oct. 3 | Last day to register to vote for the General Election
- Nov. 3 | 5:15 p.m. — Certification of Voting Machines
- Nov. 4 | General Election Day — Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.
- Nov. 5 | General Election Results Posted

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FRIDAYS
5PM-11PM

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ENTERTAINMENT



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ACCESS Club members will receive one (1) entry for every 200 points earned. Guests can began earning entries now through 11PM on September 22. Color, make and model may vary.



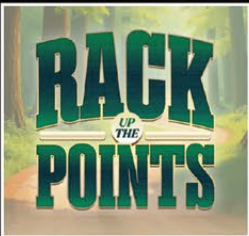
FRIDAYS
5PM-10PM

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11AM-9PM

One lucky winner will be drawn to play Spin Pong from 11AM-9AM every hour. Drop the ball, spin the wheel and score cash if it lands on a prize spot. Earned 1,500 points? You get a bonus ball for more chances to win!



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Foreigner, Loverboy, Night Ranger bring the energy and hits to Soaring Eagle

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort welcomed Foreigner, Loverboy, and Night Ranger on Saturday, July 26. The classic rock groups performed as part of the Outdoor Summer Concert Series.

Since Foreigner's inception in 1976, the British-American rock band has gone on to sell more than 80 million records. Their discography includes nine top 10 singles on the Billboard Hot 100.

Foreigner took the audience on a journey that night; spanning more than four decades of greatest hits.

This began with a trio of classics in "Double Vision," "Head Games" and "Cold as Ice."

Next up was the power ballad "Waiting for a Girl Like You," followed by "Dirty White Boy."

The hit single "Feels Like the First Time" was followed by the funky, strutting beats of "Urgent."

After a keyboard and drum solo, the band transitioned into the melodic classic "Juke Box Hero."

A two-piece encore began with No. 1 hit single, "I Want to Know What Love Is." The Shepherd High School's choir, the Blue & Gold Singers, joined the band on stage during the performance of the hit song.

Foreigner closed out the night with the hot and heavy, innuendo-filled hit, "Hot Blooded."



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Foreigner performs on the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort outdoor concert stage on July 26.

Playing before Foreigner was Canadian rock band Loverboy. The band rose to prominence after the release of their 1980 self-titled album. They would go on to release a string of multiplatinum albums and hit singles. Loverboy gained popularity during the '80s with their catchy pop-rock hooks, and energetic, radio-friendly hits.

Loverboy's set began with spirited performances of "Notorious," "Lucky Ones" and "Queen of the Broken Hearts."

The hits continued with "Take Me to the Top," "The Kid Is Hot Tonite," "Lovin' Every Minute of It" and "Hot Girls in Love."

Loverboy ended the night with performances of the synthesizer-infused "Turn Me Loose" and the party-rock anthem "Working for the Weekend."



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Loverboy plays many hit songs including "Turn Me Loose" and "Working for the Weekend."

American rock band Night Ranger served as the opener for the show.

Night Ranger kicked off the night with the high-energy single "(You Can Still) Rock in America," followed by "Sing Me Away" and "Coming of Age."

Next up was a cover of Ozzy

Osbourne's "Crazy Train." The band dedicated the performance to the legendary rock figure, who had passed away just days prior to the concert.

Fans were treated to many hits that night including "Night Ranger," "High Enough," "When You Close

Your Eyes" and "Don't Tell Me You Love Me."

The band closed with the timeless "Sister Christian."

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

Soaring Eagle welcomes legendary country music duo Brooks & Dunn



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Brooks & Dunn members Kix Brooks (left) and Ronnie Dunn (right) perform during their Aug. 8 outdoor concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Country music's legendary duo, Brooks & Dunn, made a stop to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Friday Aug. 8. The renowned artists thrilled fans with their iconic blend of country and rock as part of the Summer Outdoor Concert Series.

The Country Music Hall of Famers Kix Brooks and Ronnie Dunn were a cornerstone of the country music scene in the '90s and early 2000s. Their musical legacy spanning over three decades, and 20 No. 1 hits.

Taking to the stage, Brooks & Dunn began with the hit songs "Brand New Man," "My Next Broken Heart" and "She's Not the Cheatin' Kind."

The hits kept coming as the

band transitioned in to "Mama Don't Get Dressed Up for Nothing," followed by "We'll Burn That Bridge," "You're Gonna Miss Me When I'm Gone" and "Ain't Nothing 'Bout You."

Next up was the sentimental hit "Red Dirt Road," followed by "Lost and Found" and the punchy, rock-infused riffs of "Hard Workin' Man."

Other songs performed that night included "Play



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Bayker Blankenship performs a number of hits off his debut 2024 album "Younger Years."

Something Country," "That Ain't No Way to Go" and "She Likes to Get Out of Town."

Brooks & Dunn slowed it down with a performance of the timeless melody of "Neon Moon."

The energy was dialed right back up with the honkytonk vibes of "Rock My World (Little Country Girl)" followed by the catchy chorus of "My Maria."

Saving the best for last, the duo performed an encore of

"Boot Scootin' Boogie" and "Only in America."

Opening for Brooks & Dunn was country musician Bayker Blankenship. The 19-year-old from Tennessee burst on to the scene after the release of his debut album "Younger Years" in July 2024.

Blankenship played a number of hits off that debut album including "Maxed Out," "300 Miles," "Runnin' on Fumes," "Tennessee Sunset" and "Thinking of Me."

ENTERTAINMENT



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Three Days Grace With Special Guests I Prevail & Return to Dust

Friday, September 19 | 7PM
Outdoor Concert

Tickets: \$31, \$83, \$86, \$99



Bourbon & Bacon

Saturday, September 20
6PM VIP | 6:45PM General Public
Entertainment Hall
Tickets: \$60 GA, \$125 VIP



Tim McGraw With Special Guest Travis Tritt

Friday, September 26 | 8PM
Outdoor Concert

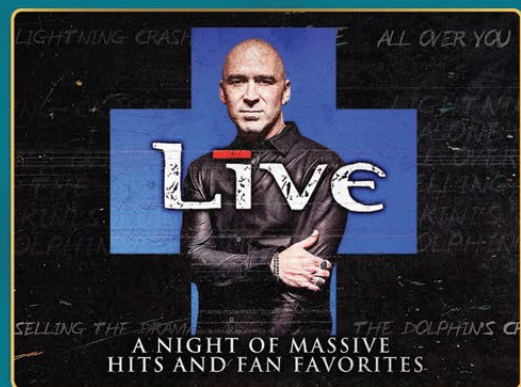
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Snoop Dogg, Too \$hort bring party of nostalgic hip-hop hits to central Michigan



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Snoop Dogg makes his return to the outdoor stage at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Sunday, Aug. 10.

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Hip-hop legend Snoop Dogg brought the energy and nostalgic hits once again to the outdoor concert series at Soaring Eagle on Sunday, Aug. 10. This time, Too \$hort and DJ Double K were also on the bill with him.

Snoop Dogg performed a one-hour set, bringing nothing but the hits – and special guests.

It's always going to be a party when Snoop Dogg shows up. He came in hot with several bangers including: "The Next Episode," "Nuthin' but a 'G' Thang," "Gin and Juice" and much more.

To the audience's delight and surprise, he brought out Warren G for "Regulate" and "This D.J."

Also with him, The Lady of Rage joined on stage to perform "G Funk Intro" and "Afro Puffs." Kurupt was also there and helped Snoop perform "Let's Get High" and "Snoop's Upside Ya Head."

He covered some hits by 2Pac, The Notorious B.I.G., and even Katy Perry.

It's always a treat to have Uncle Snoop in town.

American rapper and record producer Too \$hort opened for Snoop, performing a 40-minute set.

Too \$hort, a pioneer of West Coast hip-hop, is known for his hit songs including "The Ghetto"

and "Blow the Whistle."

Kicking off the show for the first hour was DJ Double K that kept spinning the hits and entertaining the crowd.

DJ Double K is known for his high-energy performances and lives in both Indiana and Maui, Hawaii.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Too \$hort gets the show started as the opening act before Snoop Dogg.

Saganing casino features parking lot concert and party with rocker Bret Michaels

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel is no stranger to bringing live entertainment to its parking lot and outdoor area. This year, the Saganing casino stepped up its game and brought in national touring acts.

The "Stars and Guitars Summer Concert Series" kicked off with rocker Bret Michaels on Thursday, Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. The occasion saw about 2,000 attendees and was held in the lot south of the casino.

Michaels, known as the lead singer of Poison and also for his solo career, is well-known for hits "Nothin' But a Good Time" and "Every Rose Has Its Thorn."

"Bringing the first national act to Saganing felt incredibly



Courtesy of The Rock Station Z93

Roughly 2,000 attendees flock to the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel parking lot for the first "Stars and Guitars Summer Concert Series" featuring rock musician Bret Michaels on Aug. 21.

exciting and energizing – it marked a milestone not just for the venue, but for the entire community," said Michelle Pfund, guest services director for SELC Marketing. "There was a real sense of pride and enthusiasm in setting the stage for something bigger, and it's thrilling to imagine what the

future holds as we continue building momentum and welcoming even more unforgettable experiences."

Pfund also got some inside scoop from the rock star himself.

"Bret Michaels shared with several staff members that he absolutely loved Saganing and the surrounding area; even



Courtesy of The Rock Station Z93

Bret Michaels interacts with the crowd on that Thursday evening.

choosing to extend his stay by an extra night," Pfund said. "His enthusiasm for the venue and the local vibe added a personal touch to an already unforgettable event."

The Saganing concert series continued on Thursday, Aug. 28 with Roots & Boots, featuring country musicians Aaron Tippin, Collin Raye and Sammy Kershaw.

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Saganing Employee Appreciation Day sees 370 associates in attendance

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

It was a great turn out at the Saganing Employee Appreciation Day, held on Wednesday, Aug. 6, located both indoors and outside the Saganing Tribal Center.

An estimated 370 Saganing associates attended in addition to their guest(s), which totaled precisely 567 people in attendance.

“Our employee appreciation picnic is a day that our staff looks forward to every year,” said Christy Weaver, administrative assistant II for Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel. “All team members are encouraged to bring their immediate family members out for a day of fun. When I



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Nearly 400 Saganing employees flock to the Saganing Tribal Center for some fun recognition during the employee appreciation day held on Aug. 6.

say all Saganing team members, I mean all – including all... from Sagamok, Saganing Water Plant, Tribal Police

Department and the Saganing Tribal Center.”

Team members receive a gift bag when they check in, and are welcome to lunch and to play games for a chance to win prizes. There was an impressive “human slot machine” and prize wheel to play.

“Our Carpenter Kurt Humerickhouse built our human slot machine game and Supervisor Dwayne painted it – it was a huge hit,” Weaver said.

According to Weaver, all of the prizes for the those games were donated by Marketing Director Michelle Pfund.

Weaver purchased the gift bags and large raffle items.

“At the end of the event, we had a raffle for some pretty awesome gifts. Our Chef Jesse Qualls, with his helpers Charlie Stonestreet and Damion Coyer, did a fantastic job at keeping everyone fed throughout the day with a baked potato bar,” Weaver said.

Employees were given 10 raffle tickets for a chance to win prizes of their choice. Prizes included everything from an electric guitar and diamond earrings to a floating

mat for lake fun, Smart TVs, a grill, a kayak, and much more.

There was even a dunk tank. Some of the brave volunteers who endured the frigid waters of the dunk tank included: CEO Joe Nayquonabe, Conrad Kowalski, Michelle Pfund, Brad Wilk, Jennifer Davis, TJ Bunker and Rick Elenbaas.

In addition to Saganing employee volunteers, several Tribal Council members and Soaring Eagle associates were also present to assist.

Along with the dunk tank, there were bounce houses set up outdoors for kids to enjoy.

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Bingo with Friends bring smiles and laughter to Saganing Outreach Center

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

On Aug. 12, a good time was ready for the taking as another Bingo with Friends lunch event brought smiles and laughter to Saganing Outreach Center.

Shirley Houle, Saganing outreach services manager, welcomed Nimkee Public Health Nurse Sue Sowmick as she provided services to the gathering.

“Bingo with Friends has always been one of our bigger well-attended events here in Saganing. I look forward to visiting with the elders from Andahwod and many other community members, friends,” Houle said. “We also look forward to Sue who so graciously makes available health monitoring blood pressure checks and shares her cooperation for hands on for our event. Good food with lots of laughs are always guaranteed.”

Sowmick said she always enjoys visiting with her Saganing patients.

“I (provided) some emergency preparation education. With fall and winter months coming, you know that Michigan weather can get dicey, so get prepared now,” Sowmick said. “I also want to encourage everyone to get their updated fall flu vaccines.”

Saganing Outreach Supervisor Sandra Compau said there were 45 event attendees, including Andahwod residents that made the trip from Mount Pleasant.

“A special thank you goes to Elder Activities Coordinator Denise Pelcher for being our guest bingo caller,” Compau said. “We would also like to say ‘miigwetch’ to the Saganing Indian Church for donating fried chicken for the luncheon along with many bingo prizes.

“Bingo is a reoccurring bi-monthly event the second Tuesday of the month and will return in October. We also offer a Sewing in Saganing session with Seventh Generation employee Tonya Jackson the first Monday of every month.”

Other upcoming programs scheduled include a Sept. 9 Grandparents Day Breakfast at 10 a.m. A Soup



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

Saganing Bingo with Friends held Aug. 12

Day will be held on Sept. 15, sponsored by ACFS.

A Tawas Lodge Nature Walk will take place with Seventh Generation Cultural Representative Eric Sowmick on Sept. 22.

In October, the Central Michigan District Health Department and Nimkee Clinic will sponsor vaccine

clinics at the Saganing Community Center. They will be open to all on Monday, Oct. 6, Friday, Oct. 24, and Monday, Nov. 17.

For more information on upcoming events, please contact the Saganing Outreach Center at 989-775-5822.

Elders powwow homecoming trip euchre tournament winners



First Place:
Darcy Crampton & Melissa “Zulu” Mays



Second Place:
Gilbert Hendrickson & Teri Bennett

Healthy Eating Dietician Presentation

Monday Sept. 22, 2025

1-2 p.m. | Andahwod CGA

Andahwod has partnered with Region VII Area Agency on Aging to offer a presentation on healthy eating with their registered dietitian. Region VII AAA is Isabella County's support agency for older adults advocacy.

Title VI Needs Assessment Survey

We are still asking SCIT elders to complete a survey to help us better understand the needs of elders in our community.

Please sign up to complete a survey and receive a \$20 gift card! To schedule a time to complete this survey, call Andahwod at 989-775-4300 or just stop by.

If you have already completed a survey, miigwetch for your assistance in helping us identify your needs to create and sustain vital services.

Elders Advisory Board VACANCIES

Accepting submissions from interested SCIT Elders.

Must meet the following requirements:

- ▶ SCIT Elder
- ▶ Advocate for SCIT Elders
- ▶ Attend meetings regularly

If you meet these requirements and would like to submit a letter of interest, please mail the letter of interest with your name, address, and phone number to the following address, drop off, or email to shjackson@sagchip.org

Andahwod CCC & ES
2910 S. Leaton Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

For more information, please call:
The Andahwod front office at 989.775.4300



September 2025 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1) Timothy Walraven
Timothy Pete | 8) Barbara Bennett-Fleming
Sharon Cole
Florence White
Amelia Hinton | Karen Gibson
Evelyn Grills
Sharll Hudson
Joseph Smith Sr.
Christine Baird | Garry Douglas
Jennifer Jones
Selene Moore
Cherin Rossbach
Sandra Rubin-Warner
Edison Pelcher
Richard Smith Jr. |
| 2) Jamie VanDerSteen | 9) Michelle Colwell
Wilma Bennett
David Chatfield | 17) Jon Beaulieu Sr.
Clifford Collins
Darcy Crampton
Barbara Huffine
Kristine Smith
Lela Walker
Laura Perez | 25) L. E. Reed Jr.
Mark Godbey
Kevin O'Brien
Barry Skutt Jr. |
| 3) Deanna Campbell
Joyce Ervin
Diane Leksche
Mark Ojeda-Vasquez
Nancy Coleman
Bonnie Jackson
Michelle Yoder
Doyletta Good | 10) Dawn Briggs
Judith Hunt
Kimberly Lewis | 19) Brenda Gardner
Paul Chamberlain | 26) Matthew Seger
Martin Curry
Lucinda Graverette-Smith
Janet Kerns
Lena Jackson |
| 4) Laura Schaad
Michelle Stanton
David Buche | 11) Darlene Watkins
Kimberly Stowell | 20) Charles Jackson | 27) Sheridan Pelcher
David Wilson
Tonia Bliss
Kristine DePeel |
| 5) Lance Peters
Arthur Steele
Jacqueline Baker
Sherry Obrecht
Tracey Olivier
Marion Roth
Kelly Chamberlain | 12) Myria Carr
Wayne Dutton
Michael Chamberlain
Jeffrey Pigeon Jr.
David Stevens | 21) Perry Bailey Jr.
Michael Bearden
Brian Peters
Monique Dyer | 28) Fitzgerald Stevens |
| 6) Andrew Naganashe
Christopher Fallis
Stephanie Slater | 13) Louanna Bruner
Shellie Pelcher
Darci Tucker
Lorelee Werth | 22) Lori Nahdee
Angela Peters
Jacqueline Ortiz
Melissa Mays
Thomas Fallis
Jessica Chamberlain | 29) Agnes Flynn
Dianne Nelson
Jerome Pigeon Jr.
Marcella Wing
Anthony Davis |
| 7) Mark Chapoton
Salina Jackson
Dianna Goodwin
Forrest Jackson
Robert Waynee Jr.
Elizabeth Hughes | 14) Doreen Eggleston
Jeffrey Brown
Eugene Ives Jr.
Julie Treib | 23) Judith Mays
Louise Smith
Rita Medina | 30) Donald Chippewa Sr.
Sonja Sowmick
Thomas Kerns Jr.
Glen Bennett |
| | 15) Gary Rueckert Sr.
Andrew Byce Sr.
Rodney Dutton | 24) Jerry Douglas
Maurice Pego Jr. | |
| | 16) Tonya Fallis | | |



Andahwod Continuing Care Community and Elder Services
Elders' September 2025 Newsletter

Andahwod Phone Numbers

- **Gayle Ruhl:** 989.775.4305
Administrator
 - **Sandra Pelcher:** 989.775.4300
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 - **Dawn Chippewa:** 989.775.4308
Billing/Administrative Assistant II
- **Careena Meyers:** 989.775.4315
Support Services Manager
 - **Galina Kolb:** 989.775.4301
Resident Care Manager
 - **Sheligh Jackson:** 989.775.4307
Elders Advocate
- **Patty Kequom:** 989.775.4302
Activities Assistant
 - **Denise Pelcher:** 989.775.4339
Activities Coordinator
 - **Maintenance:** 989.775.4313



Andahwod CCC & ES business hours are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. After business hours, or if it is an urgent matter, please call the Security Desk at 989-775-4317 or the Nurse's Station at 989-775-4319.

September 2025 Andahwod events

Coffee Break Daily 2:30 p.m.	Name that Tune Sept. 9 2:30 p.m.	Firekeepers & Gun Lake Casino Trip Sept. 16, 17	Language Bingo Sept. 23 1-3 p.m.
Sewing Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.	Grandparents Day Celebration Sept. 10 4-6 p.m.	Bingo with Friends Sept. 19 1-3 p.m.	September Birthday Bingo & Potluck Aug. 27 12 p.m.
Walking Club Thursdays 1 p.m.	Elders Breakfast Sept. 10, 24 9-10 a.m.	Healthy Eating Dietician Presentation Sept. 22 1 p.m.	<i>**Activities and events are subject to change.</i>
Euchre Thursdays 5:30 p.m.	Birthday Celebration Sept. 11 2:30 p.m.	For more information, please call Andahwod at: 989.775.4339	
Elders Lunch Sept. 3, 17 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.			

Grandparents Day
CELEBRATION

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025
4-6 p.m. | Andahwod CGA

Community elders are invited to Andahwod to enjoy food, games, and prizes in honor of Grandparents Day.

Theme: Take me out to the ballgame.

Menu: Hot Dogs, Pulled Pork, Salad, Chips Pretzels, Fruit, Drinks

Accepting donations for a cake walk!

For more information, please call:
Andahwod at 989-775-4300

FIREKEEPERS CASINO HOTEL & GUN LAKE CASINO RESORT

ELDERS TRIP

Sept. 16 & 17, 2025

Tuesday, Sept. 16 itinerary:

- Depart from Andahwod at 8:30 a.m.
- Arrive at FireKeepers Casino at approximately 10:30 a.m.
- Depart FireKeepers Casino at approximately 3 p.m.
- Arrive at Gun Lake Casino Resort at 4 p.m. for check in

Wednesday, Sept. 17 itinerary:

- Depart Gun Lake Casino Resort approximately 10 a.m.
- Return to Mount Pleasant at 12 p.m. (noon)

Cost:

- **\$40 deposit, \$40 returned:** when Tribal elder gets on the bus, or if driving arrives at FireKeepers with double occupancy
- **\$40 deposit, \$0 returned:** with a single occupancy
- **\$60 deposit** for non-elder guest or non-Tribal guest with \$20 returned when getting on the bus

Deposit: Must be paid at Andahwod

Deadline: Monday, Sept. 8 by 5 p.m.

- We have a limited number of rooms so we encourage everyone to share a room with someone or even 3-4 people to a room. This will allow more people to go.
 - First priority given for 50+ elders with 50 open seats for double occupancy rooms.
 - Casino play and meals provided at each stop.
- *Six spots available, this will fill up fast!*

For more information, contact:
Andahwod at 989.775.4300

Elders' powwow homecoming trip cornhole tournament winners



First place:
Dave Brodie & John Henry



Second place:
Shawn & Larry Kimewan



Third place:
Ron Pelcher & Al Jackson

Elders Minor Assistance Program (EMAP)

This grant assistance is available for minor home and vehicle repairs under program guidelines. SCIT elder over 60 years of age may be eligible.

Elders may stop in, call, or email for more information. Applications and guidelines are available in the Andahwod front lobby.

September 2025 Andahwod CCC & ES Menu

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Cheeseburgers Chicken Pot Pie	2 Chef Salad Pork Taco w/ Beans n Rice	3 Chicken Noodle Soup Beef Burrito Elders Lunch 11:30 a.m.	4 Goulash w/Butter Bread Egg Salad Sandwich	5 Tuna Fish Casserole Smoked Sausage w/Potatoes	6 Chef's Choice
7 Chef's Choice	8 Baked Chicken Pork Roast	9 Fish Sandwich w/Hush Puppies Beef Stir Fry	10 Tomato Soup w/Grilled Cheese Grandparents Day Elders Breakfast: 9 a.m.	11 Polish Dog w/Potato Salad Beef Stew w/Biscuits	12 Mole Chicken w/Spanish Rice Steak Sandwich w/ Onion Rings	13 Chef's Choice
14 Chef's Choice	15 Spaghetti w/Meatballs Mashed Potato Bowl	16 BBQ Chicken w/Baked Potato Sloppy Joe	17 Potato Soup w/Fry Bread Cobb Salad Elders Lunch 11:30 a.m.	18 Fried Bologna Minestrone Soup	19 Italian Sub Sweet & Sour Pork w/White Rice	20 Chef's Choice
21 Chef's Choice	22 Chicken Alfredo w/Garlic Bread Turkey Bacon Ranch Wrap	23 Grilled Cheese Burger w/Veggie Ham and Potato	24 Vegetable Beef Soup Steak Dinner Elders Breakfast: 9 a.m.	25 Wing Ding Basket Pork Chop w/Asparagus	26 Chili B.L.T	27 Chef's Choice
28 Chef's Choice	29 Baked Ziti Teriyaki Pineapple Chicken	30 Mushroom Swiss Burger w/Fries Stuffed Peppers	*Menu subject to change* <i>*Warning: Consuming under cooked foods or eggs could lead to a Food Bourne Illness. **Warning: Please inform cashier/staff of any severe food allergies you may have prior to sitting down. Thank you</i>		Sugar free available upon request. Call kitchen for lunch and dinner at 989-775-4314.	



SEPTEMBER 2025 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Native Farmers Market

Sept. 2, 9, 16 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Farmers Market Pavilion
- Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads
- PublicRelations@sagchip.org

SCIT Recreation Open Gym

Sept. 3, 10 | 6-8 p.m.

- Wii Maajiikwad/Recreation Center
- 2875 Gikendasso Way, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.
- Recreation@sagchip.org
- Open to everyone, ages 17 and up

Memorial Shadow Box Workshop

Sept. 15 | 5-7 p.m.

- 7th Generation (7785 E. Remus Rd.)
- [989-775-4870](tel:989-775-4870) or MSteeleCyphert@sagchip.org
- No registration required
- Open to the first 20 participants (first come, first serve basis)

Rezball Basketball League

Sept. 17, 24 & Oct. 1, 8 | Games at 6 p.m. & 7 p.m.

- Wii Maajiikwad/Recreation Center
- 2875 Gikendasso Way, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.
- [989-775-4093](tel:989-775-4093) or KShomin@sagchip.org
- Competitive men’s division (17 and older)
- Recreation coed division (25 and older)
- \$30 per person
- Tournament held on week five: Oct. 15

Little People Teaching & Ceremony

Sept. 19 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- Ezhibiigaadek Asin (Sanilac Petroglyphs)
- 8251 Germania Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
- [989-775-4751](tel:989-775-4751) or MLHadden@sagchip.org
- With Shannon Martin

CMDHD 16th annual Central Michigan HIV/AIDS 5K Walk/Run

Sept. 20 | 9:30 a.m. or virtually

- Island Park (331 S. Main St., Mt. Pleasant, Mich.)
- Register online at: <https://runsSignup.com/Race/MI/MountPleasant/CentralMichiganHIVAIDS5k>
- \$25 per person for those ages 18 and older
- Those under age 18 can join for free with a donation to The Care Store on race day.

One Day Fasting Camp

Sept. 20 | 9:30 a.m.

- Ezhibiigaadek Asin (Sanilac Petroglyphs)
- 8251 Germania Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
- [989-775-4751](tel:989-775-4751) or MLHadden@sagchip.org
- Mandatory instructional meeting held Sept. 19

Two-Spirit Talking Circle

Sept. 22 | 6-8 p.m.

- 7th Generation (7785 E. Remus Rd.)
- LeRuffino@sagchip.org or kt@greatlakesbaypride.org
- A safe, affirming space for Two-Spirit and Native LGBTQ+ people and their allies to connect, share experiences, and find healing.

Traditional Healing with Joe Syrette

Sept. 23, 24 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Behavioral Health (2800 S. Shepherd Rd.)
- *Schedule an appointment: 989-775-4850*
- This event is for the SCIT community

Tribal Library Grand Re-opening

Sept. 24 | 3 p.m.

- New Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Library at the Tribal College (5805 E. Pickard, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.)
- [989.317.4770](tel:989-317-4770) or AHeidemann@sagchip.org
- Refreshments provided

Community Mental Health Fair

Sept. 24 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

- Island Park (331 S. Main St., Mt. Pleasant, Mich.)
- ACrispin@sagchip.org
- Booths from various local organizations will be providing services and resources
- Free food

Who’s Your Caddy? Open Golf Tournament

Sept. 26 | Shotgun start at 9:30 a.m.

- Firefly Golf Links (Clare, Mich.)
- [989.775.4522](tel:989-775-4522) or Recreation@sagchip.org
- \$80 per player
- Four person scramble
- Registration deadline: Thursday, Sept. 18

Manoomin (Wild Rice) Camp

Sept. 26, 27, 28 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- 7th Generation (7957 E. Remus Rd.)
- [989-317-4827](tel:989-317-4827) or khart@sagchip.edu
- Join us to learn about Manoomin and how to preserve our “Food that Grows on Water.”

MIIBS Powwow: Niimi’idiwin (A Dance)

Sept. 26 | 1-4 p.m.

- Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School
- 1400 W. Pickard, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.
- mLhadden@sagchip.org or [989.775.4751](tel:989-775-4751)

NEW DATE: Youth Fishing Tournament

Sept. 27 | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., registration starts at 8 a.m.

- Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park
- 5514 E. Airport Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
- [989-944-0495](tel:989-944-0495) or KeRicketts@sagchip.org
- Free event, open to the public
- Age groups: 5 to 9, 10-13, and 14 to 17
- Trophies awarded for top three places

SEPTEMBER 2025 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
<div>1</div> <div>Tribal Ops Closed</div> <div>Labor Day</div> <div>Recovery Group</div> <div>1-2 p.m. B. Health</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Regular Council Session</div> <div>9 a.m. Council Chambers</div> <div>Native Farmers Market</div> <div>10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Market Pavilion</div> <div>Saganing Day Trip:</div> <div>Native Farmers Market</div> <div>8 a.m. - 3 p.m.</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Recovery Talking Circle</div> <div>9 a.m. B. Health</div> <div>Eagle Feather Teachings</div> <div>1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health</div> <div>Drums Out</div> <div>7-9 p.m. 7th Gen</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Saganing Day Trip:</div> <div>Lumberman’s Monument</div> <div>8 a.m. - 4 p.m.</div> <div>Sacred Fire Lunch</div> <div>12-1 p.m. 7th Gen</div> <div>Community Sewing Nights</div> <div>5-8 p.m. 7th Gen</div> <div>Peer 360 at BH Lodge</div> <div>6-7 p.m. B. Health</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Fireside on the Rez</div> <div>11:30 a.m. B. Health</div> <div>Birch Bark Earring Workshop</div> <div>3-5 p.m. 7th Gen</div> <div>Spirit Bear Talking Circle</div> <div>7 p.m. Andahwod</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Chippewa River Education Day</div> <div>12-5 p.m. Chip-A-Waters Park</div> <div>Fireside on the Rez</div> <div>6 p.m. B. Health</div> <div>7</div>
<div>8</div> <div>Sewing in Saganing</div> <div>9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saganing</div> <div>Recovery Group</div> <div>1-2 p.m. B. Health</div>	<div>9</div> <div>SCIT Primary Election Day</div> <div>Polls open: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tribal Gym</div> <div>Native Farmers Market</div> <div>10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Market Pavilion</div> <div>Recovery on the Rez</div> <div>2-3 p.m. Zoom</div> <div>Copper Bowl Workshop</div> <div>5-7 p.m. 7th Gen</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Recovery Talking Circle</div> <div>9 a.m. B. Health</div> <div>Eagle Feather Teachings</div> <div>1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health</div> <div>Drums Out</div> <div>7-9 p.m. 7th Gen</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Community Sewing Nights</div> <div>5-8 p.m. 7th Gen</div> <div>Peer 360 at BH Lodge</div> <div>6-7 p.m. B. Health</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Fireside on the Rez</div> <div>11:30 a.m. B. Health</div> <div>Spirit Bear Talking Circle</div> <div>7 p.m. Andahwod</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Fireside on the Rez</div> <div>6 p.m. B. Health</div> <div>AOVWS Meeting</div> <div>2 p.m. Ziibiwing</div> <div>14</div>
<div>15</div> <div>Tribal Observer DEADLINE</div> <div>Saganing Soup Day</div> <div>12-2 p.m. Saganing</div> <div>Recovery Group</div> <div>1-2 p.m. B. Health</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Native Farmers Market</div> <div>10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Market Pavilion</div> <div>Recovery on the Rez</div> <div>2-3 p.m. Zoom</div> <div>TCG Night</div> <div>5-8 p.m. 7th Gen</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Recovery Talking Circle</div> <div>9 a.m. B. Health</div> <div>Eagle Feather Teachings</div> <div>1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health</div> <div>Drums Out</div> <div>7-9 p.m. 7th Gen</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Saganing Breakfast</div> <div>10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Saganing</div> <div>Sacred Fire Lunch</div> <div>12-1 p.m. 7th Gen</div> <div>Community Sewing Nights</div> <div>5-8 p.m. 7th Gen</div> <div>Peer 360 at BH Lodge</div> <div>6-7 p.m. B. Health</div>	<div>19</div> <div>Fireside on the Rez</div> <div>11:30 a.m. B. Health</div> <div>Spirit Bear Talking Circle</div> <div>7 p.m. Andahwod</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Fireside on the Rez</div> <div>6 p.m. B. Health</div> <div>21</div>
<div>22</div> <div>Recovery Group</div> <div>1-2 p.m. B. Health</div> <div>Tawas Nature Walk</div> <div>10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tawas Property</div> <div>Call 989-775-4780</div>	<div>23</div> <div>Nimkee Fitness Cookout Fundraiser</div> <div>11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Market Pavilion</div> <div>Recovery on the Rez</div> <div>2-3 p.m. Zoom</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Recovery Talking Circle</div> <div>9 a.m. B. Health</div> <div>Eagle Feather Teachings</div> <div>1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health</div> <div>Drums Out</div> <div>7-9 p.m. 7th Gen</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Community Sewing Nights</div> <div>5-8 p.m. 7th Gen</div> <div>Peer 360 at BH Lodge</div> <div>6-7 p.m. B. Health</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Tribal Ops Closed</div> <div>Michigan Indian Day</div> <div>Fireside on the Rez</div> <div>11:30 a.m. B. Health</div> <div>Spirit Bear Talking Circle</div> <div>7 p.m. Andahwod</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Fireside on the Rez</div> <div>6 p.m. B. Health</div> <div>28</div>
<div>29</div> <div>Recovery Group</div> <div>1-2 p.m. B. Health</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Orange Shirt Day</div> <div>“Every Child Matters”</div> <div>Wear your orange shirt</div> <div>Recovery on the Rez</div> <div>2-3 p.m. Zoom</div>	<div>● SECR Payroll</div> <div>● SCIT Per Capita</div> <div>● SCIT Payroll</div> <div>● Curbside Recycling</div> <div></div>	<div>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:</div> <div>MIIBS BRUSH REMOVAL</div> <div>SEPT. 8-12, 2025</div> <div>Small Stipend or Community Service</div> <div>Clean up grounds and brush around entry ways</div> <div>Contact: 989-775-4751 or mLhadden@sagchip.org</div>		



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Tribal Operations

Residential Treatment Support Technician

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite. Desired qualifications: Previous experience in the substance abuse field. Experience in a residential treatment center. Experience with Native American traditions and culture.

Clinical Therapist Child and Family Services

Open to the public. Licensed master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain licensure within two years from date of hire. One year demonstrated mental health and co-occurring therapy experience with youth, children and families.

Interim Clinical Therapist - RTC

Open to the public. Interim position. Licensed master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain full licensure within two years from date of hire. Experience with co-occurring diagnosis and treatment.

Physician - Nimkee

Open to the public. Medical degree or doctor of osteopathic medicine. Current board certification in specialty. Two years' experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting desired. I.H.S. & N.H.S.C. Loan Repayment Eligible Clinic. Eligible Employer for Public Student Loan Forgiveness as a non-profit.

AWARE SMHA Project Co-Coordinator

Open to the public. Grant funding through Sept. 30, 2028. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. One year of experience in mental health services working with children and families of children with severe emotional disturbances.

Registered Medical Assistant

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

Elementary Counselor/Family Outreach AWARE

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

SCTC Supplemental Instructor

Open to the public. At least 60 completed credits towards a college degree with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above. Temporary employment, part-time shift and days based on departments needs.

Tribal Code Compliance Officer

Open to the public. Five years' relevant experience including building construction, inspection and ordinance enforcement. Communication and interpersonal skills to deal effectively with property owners, State, local, and Tribal governmental representatives, builders, contractors, other office staff and community-at-large.

Dentist

Open to the public. DDS/DMD degree from an accredited school. Michigan licensed dentist. Must be able to pass background check. Two years working Dentist experience desired. Eligible Employer for Public Student Loan Forgiveness as a non-profit.

Dental Hygienist PT

Open to the public. Two years working experience in dental hygiene desired. IHS and NHSC loan repayment eligible clinic. Eligible Employer for Public Student Loan Forgiveness as a non-profit. Michigan Registered Dental Hygienist license. Certification to expose dental radiographs.

Special Education Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in special education, education or related field. Teaching certificate with special education endorsement. Eligible Employer for Public Student Loan Forgiveness as a non-profit.

Registered Medical Assistant Andahwod

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

Certified Nursing Assistant

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year of direct care experience desired. Must be able to effectively communicate with residents and all members of the health care team and have good computer skills.

Data & Evaluation Analyst

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

SCTC Adjunct

Instructor - History

Open to the public. Master's degree required in identified discipline.

Previous teaching experience preferred. Under the supervision of the dean of instruction, responsible for the preparation, presentation, and evaluation of classroom instruction and related activities during the day, evening, or weekend.

Residential Support Technician PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite. Desired qualifications: Previous experience in the substance abuse field. Experience in a residential treatment center. Experience with Native American traditions and culture.

Billing Account Clerk BH

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be 18 years of age. Must possess an associate's degree for medical billing and coding professional from either the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) or the National Healthcare Association (NHA).

Clerical Pool

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

General Labor Pool

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

Pharmacy Technician

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Pharmacy Technician License. One year experience working in a pharmacy desired. Eligible Employer for Public Student Loan Forgiveness as a non-profit.

Soaring Eagle

Rotation Program - Gaming

Must be SCIT Tribal Member. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Under the supervision of the training and development manager, work in a supportive environment to gain experience and learn skills required to perform SECR line-level positions. The Tribal Member Rotation program will be developed within Soaring Eagle Gaming departments who can provide on-the-job experience to unite the goals and curriculum of the program. This program

is intended for Tribal Members to gain knowledge and experience in each department for future employment opportunities. The Tribal Member will be rotated within different departments and jobs based on a schedule developed by Human Resources and the needs of the business. This position will not be eligible to accept tips. At the completion of this program, employees will receive a certificate that will provide the Tribal Member with minimum qualifications for any line-level position within Soaring Eagle Gaming.

Line Cook

Open to the public. 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. Four years of hotel kitchen experience, or similar restaurant experience.

Kitchen Equipment Technician

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Three years of experience in commercial food equipment repair.

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. Must be able to obtain a Certified Pool Operator license.

F&B Cashier PT

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

Poker Supervisor

In house posting: Any SCIT Tribal Members or associate that works for SECR, SELC & SCIT may apply. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Minimum of two years' casino dealing experience for each game in which certificates are possessed.

Line Server PT

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

Master Carpenter

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Five years of experience as a carpenter with an

emphasis in progressive responsibilities in the carpentry field up to project design and coordinating the work of other carpenters.

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F&B Attendant FT

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

F&B Attendant PT

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

Master Plumber

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Ten years of experience as a master plumber.

Bartender PT

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

Beverage Waitstaff FT

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

Beverage Waitstaff PT

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

Line Cook

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

F&B Cashier

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

Inventory Control Driver Warehouser

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

Slot Attendant

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

Players Club Rep FT

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

Players Club Rep PT

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

Laundry Attendant PT

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

Cage Cashier PT

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

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT NOTICES

NOTICE TO JOSHUA JORDAN BETTS IN THE MATTER OF THREE MINOR CHILDREN:

CASE NO. 18-JCW-0458, DATES OF BIRTH: 02-21-2016, 09-16-2016, 09-25-2017

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court Children's Division. The Court has taken jurisdiction of the minors in references to the case number listed above. A hearing for Petition to Terminate Parental Rights to a Minor will be conducted by the court on **Sept. 10, 2025 at 1 p.m.** in the courtroom at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 before the Honorable Michelle Horn. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that JOSHUA JORDAN BETTS personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Court continuing its jurisdiction over the minors and the eventual termination of parental rights. Rights of parties as to counsel is set forth in Title II of the Children's Code, Chapter 2.3, Section 2.313(a).

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF JEROME GENE WHITEPIGEON:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. 989-775-4800. Estate of Jerome Gene Whitepigeon. Date of Birth: Dec. 30, 1949. Notice to creditors: The decedent, Jerome Gene Whitepigeon, who lived at 905 S. Coleman Rd., Shepherd, MI 48893, died April 5, 2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Elizabeth Chivis, personal representative, or both the Tribal Probate Court at 6954 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice. Personal Representative: Elizabeth Chivis, 4991 Engle Rd., Middleville, MI 49333. 989-317-7295.



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Rezball 2025 three-on-three basketball tournament held Aug. 14

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The Recreation Department hosted RezBall 2025, a three-on-three basketball tournament, on Thursday, Aug. 14.

The annual event was held for the first time inside the Wii Maajikwad/Recreation Center

on the basketball courts.

Players received a free lunch and event T-shirt.

Teams from four different divisions vied for the first-place trophies. Second-place finishers were also awarded medals for their efforts.

The results for the tournament are below.

Rez Ball 2025 results

Men's division:

- **First place:** RiverP (Rashaun Redstar, Casey Smith, Kyle Ready, Oscar Smith)
- **Second place:** Belters (Julian Florey, Josh Wemigwans, Owen Wojtusik, Julian Khagegab)

9th-12th grade division:

- **First place:** Belt boys (Jayden Perez, Andreas Ramirez, Trey Bross, Isaiah Rodriguez)
- **Second place:** Roth (Bryson Roth, Aiden Raphael, Alex Evans, Bentlee Skinner)

6th-8th grade division:

- **First place:** Goon Squad (Aakodewin Prout, Tyrell Trepanier, Reid Cregger, Alonso Mendez)
- **Second place:** O.P (Braylon Shaw, Grayson Dake, Ryan Bandlow, Armani)

5th & under division:

- **First place:** NHBP Ballerz (Lawrence Ross Jr., Kobe Donaldson, Adarius Mandoka, Anthony Whittaker)
- **Second place:** Drayzens Dreams (Harley Shomin, Garner Shomin, Drayzen Cotton)

Observer photos by Matthew Wright

