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Annual Tribal-State Summit highlighted with honoring education and art

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

Michigan's 12 federally recognized tribal nations were invited to the 2025 Tribal-State Summit, in partnership with the State of Michigan through the Office of the Governor, on Friday, Oct. 11.

The Summit was held at the Woldumar Nature Center in Lansing, Mich. The annual summit is held to continue to open up dialogue between the sovereign tribes and the State, while identifying key opportunities and finding ways to collaborate to bring growth and sustainability to Michigan tribes and the State.

The day began with the opportunity for tribal leaders to have one-on-one meetings with Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

SCIT was welcomed by Gov. Whitmer and was represented by Tribal Council members: Sub-Chief Luke Sprague, Secretary Jennifer Wassegijig, Sgt.-at-Arms Christina Otto, Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts and Brad Bennett.

This year's dialogue focused on prioritizing the finalizing of several key negotiations between SCIT and the State of Michigan. The goal is to complete and implement these before the governor finishes her final term in 2026.

The Council also placed an emphasis on meaningful consultation and bringing tribal nations to the table before decisions are made. This will ensure tribes can weigh in on how to best complete the work necessary for desirable outcomes from all parties involved.

Tribes were then given an opportunity for an open round-table forum with tribal liaisons and administrative staff members from more than 25 State departments. This time allowed for tribal leaders to share recommendations in improving relationships between State departments and tribal nations. It also opened up discussions about how to better serve tribal nations and ensure they have opportunities to secure crucial resources for their communities.

The day was then highlighted by a special presentation in honoring Indigenous education with a focus around the Indigenous Education

Initiative's educational materials presented in a well-rounded and curated box of educational resources. The purpose in sharing these resources is to assist in helping educators confidently and effectively teach about Indigenous histories, cultures, and contemporary contributions.

The overall goal is to continue to create a message that encourages everyone to explore these resources and learn about the rich history of Michigan's tribal nations. Please visit the Indigenous Education Initiative's website at www.ieimi.org for all materials.

Gov. Whitmer was also excited to announce the appointment of SCIT Member Melissa Isaac to the Native American Heritage Fund Board. This board was established by the



Courtesy photo

SCIT representatives pose for a photo with Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (center) during the annual Tribal-State Summit held on Oct. 11 in Lansing, Mich.

Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP).

The structure of the board consists of two NHBP seats, two governor-appointed positions, and one Michigan Department of Civil Rights seat.

"I am deeply honored to receive an appointment from Governor Whitmer to serve on the Native American Heritage Fund Board," Isaac said.

"This board, established by the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, exists to 'promote positive relationships between public and private K-12 schools, colleges, universities, local units of government, and Michigan's federally recognized Native American Tribes.'"

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SCIT General Election 2025 Candidate List

General Election: Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025

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

(7070 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858)

District One (Vote for up to 10)

- Alonzo, Patricia (Trish)
- Bennett, Brad
- Davis, Tim J.
- Ekdahl, Ronald F.
- Gonzalez, Guadalupe (Lupe)
- Graveratte, Craig
- Hart, Kathy
- Jackson, Angel
- Jackson, Sheligh
- Leasureaux, Sheila
- Montoya-Pego, Maia (Spotted-Tail)
- Otto, Christina
- Otto McCoy, Kim
- Peters, Summer
- Quigno, Diana
- Quigno, Mary
- Ricketts, Alice Jo
- Ruhl, Gayle
- Sprague, Lucas
- Wassegijig, Jennifer (Vasquez)

District Two (Vote for one)

- Houle, Shirley

District Three (Vote for one)

- Cloutier, Frank J.

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James Luke Smith Sr.

October 6, 1953 – October 10, 2025

James Luke Smith Sr., passed away Friday, Oct. 10, 2025, at his home.

Jim was born Oct. 6, 1953, in Lansing, Mich., the son of Gordon and Cecilia (Turcotte) Smith. He was a graduate of Sexton High School with the Class of 1973. Jim worked for Oldsmobile and the Meijer Distribution Center, both in Lansing.

On April 22, 1989, Jim married Kelli Nickerson. He was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

An avid sports fan, Jim loved his Detroit Tigers, Detroit Lions, and MSU Spartans. He enjoyed going to a Tigers game, going out to eat, and loved socializing with people. Most important to Jim were his grandkids; he loved having fun and spending time with them, especially teaching them how to fish. Jim's had an unshakeable faith in Jesus; he lived for the Lord.

Jim is survived by his wife, Kelli Smith of Mount Pleasant; daughters Nicole (Erich) Lehman, Isabella (Kevin) Taylor of Mt. Pleasant; grandchildren Lukas Smith, Erich Lehman Jr., Logan Lehman, Mycah Lehman, Vegas Lehman, Sagelee Lehman; goddaughter Emari Mojica; brother Joseph Smith; sister Faith Davis of Tennessee; special nieces Crystal (Juan) Ramos, Brandy Smith, Toni Smith, Tonia Town; special great-nieces Anjelina Reyes, Sariah Farrell, Abigail Farrell, Naomi Farrell; special nephews Robin Drews, Casey Smith, Juan Ramos, Justin Weathers, Justin Houghton, Matthew Grandy, Dominick Grandy, Cole Davis, and Clayton Davis; and several other nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; son Jim "Jimo" Smith Jr.; daughter Jesse Smith; and siblings Delores, Harold, Daniel, Timothy, Samuel, Abraham, David, and Ruth.

Funeral services for Jim took place at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025, at 2 p.m. with Pastor Anthony Waldrop officiating. Burial took place in Denver Township Cemetery. The family greeted friends beginning at 12 p.m. until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Scott Thomas Raymond

December 7, 1977 – October 3, 2025

Scott Thomas Raymond, age 47, of Mount Pleasant, passed away on Oct. 3, 2025. Born on Dec. 7, 1977, he was the beloved son of Margaret Falsetta and Leroy Raymond.

Scott's greatest joy was time spent with his family. Sunday and Monday dinners were traditions he treasured, and holidays were always marked by togetherness, laughter, and love.

He shared a particularly close bond with his nephew, Alex, rarely missing a sporting event or milestone in his life. His siblings, Matthew and Heather, could always count on Scott's steadfast presence, whether it was during everyday moments or life's bigger celebrations.

For more than 25 years, Scott proudly worked at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, where he was respected and cherished by colleagues who became an extended family to him. His years of service were honored, a reflection of his commitment and the warmth he brought to his workplace every day.

Scott found peace and joy in the outdoors, whether casting a line while fishing, spending quiet mornings in the woods hunting, or racing RC cars. He lived life with a balance of passion, devotion, and fun, never losing sight of the people who mattered most to him.

He is survived by his son, Brent (Kara); his parents, Margaret and Leroy; his siblings, Matthew and Heather; his cherished nephew, Alex; and many extended family members and friends who will hold his memory close.

He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents; his uncles, Bill Falsetta and Richard Falsetta; and other extended family who no doubt welcomed him with love.



Wayne Franklin Dutton

September 12, 1939 – September 28, 2025

Wayne Franklin Dutton, 86 of Freeland, Mich., passed away Sunday, Sept. 28, 2025, at Great Lakes Rehab Center in Saginaw, Mich.

Wayne was born Sept. 12, 1939, in Rosebush, Mich.; however, he spent all of his childhood running around Grayling. He was preceased in death by his wife, Katheleen Dutton; daughter, Stacey Dutton; mother, Lillian (Williams) Dutton; two sisters, Sarah and Rose; two brothers, Arnold and Roy; and so many more that his family affectionately joked that he was the last of the Mohicans.

In 1959, he met his Kat (Kathy) and fell in love. They married in 1960, and had 61 beautiful years together making memories, while building a family.

Wayne was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and took great pleasure and pride when talking about his heritage. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He adored his family and friends and always enjoyed a visit that usually included a funny story or a cherished memory that he would share.

Wayne enlisted in the United States Navy in 1960, and served in both active and reserve duties until his retirement 20 years later. Wayne served aboard the USS Piedmont (Dixie Class Destroyer) as well as time within the San Diego Naval Base offices. Wayne was assigned to Grayling Reserve upon completion of active duty.

Wayne's next opportunity came in the form of a banker's life, where for several years he worked at Michigan National Bank while hitting the books at Saginaw Valley State College Electrician Trade School. Wayne worked at Saginaw Steering Gear as an electrical apprentice before obtaining his journeyman's and then his master's licenses. He went on to work for General Motors, where he retired after 32 years.

He is survived by his three sons, Anthony Dutton, Randy Dutton, Rodney (Joy) Dutton; five grandchildren, Maxwell, Madison, Dakota, Lucas, and Gabriella; a sister-in-law, Karen (Bill) Coe; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Everyone was invited to pay their respects on Sunday, Oct. 5 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the W. L. Case Funeral Chapel, 4480 Mackinaw Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603. A private service was held for immediate family members only on Monday, Oct. 6, followed by military observed burial at Pine Grove Cemetery 6680 Dixie Hwy Bridgeport, MI 48722.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to Amazing Grace Animal Rescue or SVRC Industries at svrcindustriesinc-bloom.kindful.com/



"Honoring our Wounded Warriors"

Monday, Nov. 10, 2025

SECR Saginaw Ballroom

Registration and doors open: 5:30 p.m.

Grand Entry: 6 p.m.

- With the Blue House Singers followed by a flag song and posting of colors
- Opening prayer: Tribal Council Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts
- Door prizes and silent auction items available for bids

Program and dinner following Grand Entry

- Opening remarks by Chief Tim J. Davis
- Remarks by Tribal Council members
- Recognizing special guests and dignitaries
- Swearing in of AOVWS officers
- Keynote Speaker: Darren Hafeli
- Honor Song for wounded warriors
- Door prize drawings, 50/50 raffle and silent auction items will be awarded
- Traveling song by Blue House Singers

All Veterans welcome

Photos requested:

- Please bring in photos of veterans who have walked on.

For more information, please contact:

Paul Walker at 989-775-4232 or PWalker@sagchip.org

DETROIT MERCY LAW

**PROJECT ACCESS:
FREE Expungement Clinic**

Thursday, Nov. 6, 2025 • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Location: SCIT Public Safety Building
6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858



COVID-19 & FLU Vaccination Clinics

Dates for the clinics this fall (tentative)

- **Nov. 4: 12 a.m. - 8 p.m.** | Tribal Election (Tribal Gym)
• With Nimkee Clinic • Flu vaccine
- **Nov. 11: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** | Entertainment Hall
• With CMDHD & Nimkee • Flu and COVID-19 vaccines
- **Nov. 12: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.** | Andahwod (Elders breakfast)
• With Nimkee Clinic • Flu vaccine
- **Nov. 17: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.** | Saganing Tribal Center
• With CMDHD & Nimkee • Flu and COVID-19 vaccines

Please bring your ID, insurance cards and reading glasses with you.

- Please protect our community: If you currently have COVID-19 (under quarantine) or are feeling ill, please wait for your immunization until recovered.



Nimkee
Memorial Wellness Center

To look up vaccine history or download vaccination proof, please visit:

<https://mdhhs.mimmsportal.state.mi.us/>

For updated information about vaccines and COVID-19, please see: www.CDC.gov

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



Kathryn Theresa Genereaux

November 21, 1950 – October 16, 2025

Kathryn Theresa Genereaux, age 74, of Mount Pleasant, Mich. passed away Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025, at My Michigan Medical Center in Midland, Mich.

Kathryn was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., on Nov. 21, 1950, the daughter of Isaac and Susan (Negake). She graduated from Sexton High School and earned her associate degree from Lansing Community College.

Kathy married Charles "Muz" Pamp; he preceded her in death on Sept. 11, 1979. She was a jewelry buyer for Brother Gambit Slick Trading Company; a job she loved.

For several years, Kathy was a blackjack dealer at Soaring Eagle Casino until her retirement. She was a proud member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Kathy loved her family and there wasn't anyone more important than her sons, and loved spending time with all of her family. She liked having fun; she and her girlfriends proudly took first place multiple times in their pool league.

Kathy will always be remembered for her amazing cooking abilities, especially her bread and baked beans. She enjoyed sharing her skills and recipes with her family, often teaching them so her talent will be passed on for many generations.

Kathryn is survived by her sons, Miengun (Melissa) Pamp, Azhuwauk "Che" Pamp, all of Brutus, Mich.; grandchildren, Miengun, Azhabek, Mia, Wahsnoday, Azhanay, Ogitchida, Mnookmi, Elizabeth, Niigik, Waaskonye, Ray, Miigwan; great-grandchildren Naanin, Ziibin, Zaagidiwin, Miskomin, Miinan "Martin Jr."; and many other extended family members that she loved.

Kathryn was preceded in death by her parents; husband Muz Pamp; granddaughter Nangonhs Massey; infant sister Denise; brothers Rodney, Colby, Michael, Gary; and sister Mary Sue.

Graveside services for Kathryn took place at Bennett Cemetery in Wayland, Mich., on Monday, Oct. 20, 2025 at 1 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.







“WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR FUTURE”

Attention Tribal Members

Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings

are held at 9 a.m.

Regular Tribal Council Sessions

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

Regular Council Session Dates

• Nov. 4 • Dec. 2 • Jan. 6

ATTENTION

Soaring Eagle Waterpark will be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, starting Oct. 1. We will return to normal business hours on Dec. 18.





Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services

Star Tree Program

Applications accepted: Nov. 3-14, 2025

Community members are invited to help make the upcoming holiday better for those less fortunate children by participating in the Star Tree Program to make a child's Christmas happier. 'Tis the Season for gift giving!

How to Help

Select a Star from the ACFS Star Tree in the lobby of ACFS between Nov. 19 through Dec. 12, 2025.

- The Star will contain a number and child's age. (example: G2- for a girl or B7- for a boy)
- It will have a wishlist provided by the child with clothing sizes and color preferences.

Purchase the gift(s) or substitutes listed on the Star

- Not all gift(s) need be purchased. The wish list is just a variety of preferences for gifts.

Wrap the gift(s) and bag/bundle the gift(s) together

- With the star attached to the outside of the bag/bundle.
- Please do not label the individual gift(s) with the number (example: G2).

Return the gift(s) with the stars to ACFS

- Anytime between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.
- **Gifts are due back to ACFS on or before Dec. 12**
- Gifts will be distributed between Dec. 17, 18 & 19
- Applicants must pick up gifts by Dec. 19 at noon, as offices will be closed.

Interested in Sponsoring?

Please contact ACFS at 989.775.4901



Active Native Youth



Deadline: Dec. 11, 2025

Send in one photo of your Tribal Member, descendant students to be featured in the January 2026 issue of the Tribal Observer.

Email your photo and information to Observer@sagchip.org

Please include the following:

- Name • School • Grade • Sports/activities



MIGIZI

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CO.

Attention Adult Tribal Members

Migizi EDC is seeking to fill two community member seat vacancies on its Board of Directors.

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

A letter of intent will be accepted until Nov. 14, 2025 and should be mailed to:

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



SEEKING DONATIONS

From the community for the 2026 Saginaw Chippewa Round Dance

Drop off items at: Wii Maajikwad School
2875 Gikendasso Way, Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

- **Now until March 9, 2026**
- Hours: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday- Friday**
 - Please attach a name to the donated item
 - **Donations can be picked up. Call: 989.775.4453**
- **Donation examples include:** Ribbon skirts, beaded items, gift cards, swag bags, play sets (toys), lanyards, gas cards and merchandise baskets
 - *Anything that you think would make a great gift is appreciated!*
- **Donations will be used as gifts, spot dance and prizes**

For more information, contact:
SBlackbird@sagchip.org | 989.775.4453



Election Timeline

2025 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

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

▶ **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 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



SCIT MEMBER VETERANS NEEDED

To participate in the Mid-Michigan Honor Flight

We need your support. We can't fly without you!

Who we are

Mid-Michigan Honor Flight is a regional hub of the Honor Flight Network. Honor Flight Network is the national organization behind the massive effort to see that ALL veterans have opportunity to see their memorials FREE OF CHARGE.

Who is eligible to go on the flight?

We are currently taking applications for WWII, Korean War and Vietnam veterans or any terminally-ill veteran from any time, concentrating on our most elderly veterans .

Who else can go?

We take guardians on each flight to escort these heroes to Washington, D.C. Many guardians are needed as we are focused on the safety and comfort of our veterans. Guidelines for Guardians and applications can be found on our website: www.midmichianhonorflight.org

To RSVP, please contact:
SCIT Public Relations
Publicrelations@sagchip.org or 989-775-4059

Deadline: Monday, Dec. 15, 2025



Mid-Michigan Honor Flight

"It's never too late to thank a veteran"

www.midmichianhonorflight.org



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



Part of the Law Enforcement Challenge, help the Tribal Police Department bring home the win again this year!

Drop off new, unwrapped toy donations

Collection box locations:

- ▶ Tribal Police and Tribal Court lobbies
- ▶ Sagamok Express Mobil
- ▶ Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel

Collection ends second week of December



For more information, please contact:
Tribal Dispatch at 989.775.4700



SIXTH ANNUAL

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

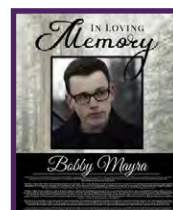
The Opioid Summit Committee is requesting the community's support for submittal of a picture and a written brief story of remembrance of their loved one who would like a chance to share with others due to opioid, alcohol substance misuse and suicide.

To fondly remember 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



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.

Foster Parents NEEDED!

**Help us keep our children safe:**

We are in need of Primary Foster Care homes and Emergency and Respite Care homes to provide quality care for children in foster care. This quality includes sharing love and providing security, stability, and understanding.

A foster parent applicant is:

- ▶ 21 years of age or older
- ▶ Of good physical, mental, and emotional health
- ▶ Has a stable and permanent home
- ▶ Able to pass a background check
- ▶ Of good moral character

A foster home can be made up of a family, married couple, or single parent.

If interested, contact:

ACFS foster care licensing worker at 989.491.2077



SCAN QR FOR APPLICATION



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

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



INDIGENOUS
Journalists Association

**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





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





SCIT Pendleton Blanket Raffle Fundraiser

On sale: Saturday, Nov. 1
Drawing: Friday, Dec. 12

Tickets: • One for \$5 • Five for \$10
Tickets can be purchased at:

- **Ziibiwing Gift Shop:** Open M-F, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- **Or from Ziibiwing staff:** Charla Riley, Glenna Halliwill, Noelle Wells or William Johnson

**All proceeds support Ziibiwing Center activities and programming.*

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 residential homes and one 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: Nov. 28, 2025 by 5 p.m.

Drop off or mail proposals to:
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Howard Webkamigad, ALRD program manager

By email:
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Indian Child Welfare Committee Vacancy

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There is currently one vacancy.
***Open to SCIT Tribal Members only**

Letters of interest must be submitted to:
Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services
by Friday, Nov. 21, 2025

- Please include your contact information and a brief statement about why you would like to be on the ICWC in your letter.

For more information, contact:
Felicia Bross at 989-775-4906

Send letter of interest to:
Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services
7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858





Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe provides remarks on the passing of longtime leader of Indian Gaming Association, Ernie Stevens Jr.

JOSEPH SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

With heavy hearts, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and its Tribal Council provided remarks about the passing of longtime leader of Indian Gaming Association, Ernest “Ernie” L. Stevens. Stevens passed away on Friday, Sept. 26.

Stevens was a recognized and respected leader of the Oneida Nation in Wisconsin and his voice shown through as a loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

Frank J. Cloutier, current Tribal Councilman and former chief, recalled attending one of the National Congress



Courtesy photo

Ernie Stevens Jr.

of American Indians conventions as Stevens was actively running for the chairmanship.

“Ernie was young, energetic and full of hope for the future. He met with me and asked for my support,” Cloutier said. “I

was very happy to provide that support on behalf of our leadership during that time and have never regretted it. We have worked together on so many issues over the years and have banded together to support our fellow Native community.”

Cloutier commended the leadership Stevens demonstrated in Indian Country but said he was humbled to refer to Ernie as a dear friend.

Tribal Councilman David Merrill Jr. said Indian Country lost a true leader with the passing of Stevens.

“Our community has lost a guiding fire, and Ernie’s absence will be felt greatly throughout the gaming industry. His work has allowed our nations to gain power

and influence to advocate for important priorities of our tribes,” Merrill said. “One moment that has stayed with me was his ability to connect with a story and with you as an individual. He was an extremely busy at the trade-shows and with the Indian Gaming Association, but made time to visit and connect with fellow tribal leaders.”

Merrill said he remembers how Stevens carried with him an ability to remember key figures with Saginaw Chippewa historical leadership and the relationships he made with them.

“He remembered lots of our past tribal leadership who served. Often with generations, differences can be disconnected and that’s where

Ernie stood apart,” Merrill said. “He didn’t just speak at younger people, he truly listened. He sought out our perspectives on where Indian Country was headed and how we could remain relevant in a rapidly changing world.”

Merrill said he observed many occasions where Stevens remained true to his core values of tribal sovereignty, youth advocacy, and community development.

“His engagement was not symbolic; it was sincere and deeply rooted in respect for others,” Merrill said. “I will miss his mentorship and I offer my sincere condolences to his family: Miigwetch and thank you for sharing him with our Tribe and Indian Country.”

Ernie L. Stevens Jr.

July 5, 1959 – September 26, 2025

Ernie L. Stevens Jr., a loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away on Friday, Sept. 26, 2025. He gave his life in service to his family, his Nation, and to Indigenous peoples everywhere. While Ernie was a citizen of the Oneida Nation in Wisconsin, he was known far beyond his home community for his dedication to tribal sovereignty, youth advocacy, and community development.

To the people who knew him, he was someone who always left an event last because he had to stop and talk to everyone. He enjoyed telling a long-winded story but loved hearing stories from others just as much. No matter where he was, he took time to share how proud he was of his children, how much he loved his wife, and how he was shaped by the strong women who raised him: most notably, his mother and grandmother.

From his earliest years, Ernie carried the teachings of his mother’s activism. At just 13 years old, he stood alongside members of the American Indian Movement at Wounded Knee, learning what it meant to fight for his people.

In his later years, his grandmother would establish a home near Duck Creek in Oneida for her family. It is here that Ernie would build on this homestead and provide a space for everyone to feel welcome. A homestead built on many stories. Born in Los Angeles, and raised in Milwaukee, for many years, he enjoyed the hustle and bustle of the big city. But he was most fond of the quiet days playing cribbage in his front yard with his wife.

Ernie earned his associate degree from Haskell Indian Junior College in 1983, alongside his wife. Haskell held a special place in his family’s story, as his grandmother, Maria Hinton, had also attended when it was still a boarding school.

In time, all five of Ernie and Cheryl’s children would follow in their footsteps, each attending Haskell and playing basketball there. Over the years, Ernie could often be found in the stands cheering on the games, giving guest lectures, handing out T-shirts, and showing up in every way possible to support the students. He loved Haskell deeply and often spoke of the mentors who believed in him before he believed in himself.

Ernie earned his bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Mount Senario College in 1996, where he was active on the Indian student council. During that time, he also served briefly as a reserve officer for the Barron County Sheriff’s Department. He often spoke of how a kind soul gifted him his officer’s belt during a time of need, a gesture he treasured and carried with him throughout his life. While still in

northern Wisconsin, Ernie also became the youngest coach in the state, leading both basketball and soccer at UW–Barron. This marked his transition from player to coach, a path that grew into a lifelong commitment, hosting countless basketball camps, funding travel to tournaments, sponsoring jerseys, and supporting student-athletes across the country.

After graduation, Ernie returned home to run the Oneida Outreach Program at the Norbert Hill Center, where community members could earn college credit from Mount Senario College. He reflected on this time often and with pride, remembering how he leaned on community members to serve as educators, expanding access to opportunities that had not always been available. It was during this program that his mother and stepmother formed a lasting friendship, a reminder to him of how education could build bridges within community.

With Cheryl’s steady encouragement, Ernie later continued his own learning journey, earning a master’s in management from the University of Phoenix in 2021.

Education did not always come easily to Ernie, but with the steadfast support of his wife and the guidance of dedicated mentors, he persevered and found success. What fueled him most was his passion for athletics: Boxing, basketball, football, baseball, and softball, which carried him across the country, earning championships, trophies, and jackets, but most importantly, forging lifelong friendships.

His own struggles with academics gave him a deep respect for the power of education, and he became a strong advocate for others to pursue their studies. At the same time, because athletics had been a lifeline during his most challenging times, he committed himself to supporting the athletic journeys of young people throughout Indian Country. This dedication ultimately led him become co-founder of the Soaring Eagle Foundation, a tribute to the Soaring Eagle Boxing Club and an organization created to help Indigenous youth follow their dreams both on and off the court.

From 1993 to 1999, Ernie served as a councilman for the Oneida Nation Business Committee, where he worked to strengthen economic opportunity and improve services for his community through self-determination. His leadership quickly extended to the national stage, being nominated and elected as first vice president for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) in 1999.

In 2000, he was elected chairman of the Indian Gaming Association (IGA), a position he would hold for 24 years. At the time of his passing he was serving his 13th term, having been reelected in April 2025. Under his leadership for IGA, Ernest helped guide tribal gaming through unprecedented growth, making tribal government gaming the largest segment of the U.S. gaming industry. The success of gaming meant new schools, better health

care, infrastructure, elder services, and youth programs for tribal nations across the country.

Ernest also served on the boards of the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, the Nike N7 Foundation, Native Forward, the Center for Native American Youth, and the Boys & Girls Club’s Native American advisory board.

He was inducted into The Boys & Girls Club Alumni Hall of Fame in 2012, the American Gaming Association’s Hall of Fame in 2015 and honored by many other organizations for his tireless advocacy. Throughout his career, Ernest worked with countless tribal leaders, members of Congress, and global organizations, but he never forgot who he represented. Whether he was testifying before Congress, addressing a national conference, or sitting in a tribal gym, he carried himself as a warrior for the people.

To Indian Country, he was an advocate, mentor, and friend. At home, he was Cheryl’s best friend of 47 years, a devoted father, and a loving grandfather. Of all his titles and responsibilities, being Papa was the role he cherished above all others. To his 20 grandchildren, he leaves behind a legacy of endless love: Nyah, Patricia, MarjaRia, Ernest, Tierra, Brandon Jr., Daniel, Sierra, Marley, Markane, Mason, Lucia, Riddek, Orion, Lennon, Isley, Maria Grace, Luka, Abi, and Quade. Whether he was picking on them, giving them bubble gum, or just settling for a fist bump, they endured his teasing with groans and felt his love with each breath that he was near.

He is survived by the love of his life, Cheryl Rose; his five children: Brandon (Ashlee), Ernie III (Stephanie), Margaret, Maria, and Lois (Paul); his siblings: Kelly (Shelly), Toni (Doug), Mike (Tommi), Pam, Jennifer, David, Michelle (Tehassi), and Apache (Brian); and his mother, Marjorie.

He is preceded in death by his grandmother, Maria Hinton; his father, Ernie Stevens Sr.; his stepmother, Patricia; his little brother, Coleman; and his beloved German Shepard, Luke.

Ernie Stevens Jr. was more than a leader; he was family to us all. As we honor his journey, we remember his laughter, his bright presence in every room, his willingness to listen, and his unwavering commitment to our people.

May we continue his work by living out the values he held dear: family. community. sovereignty.

Family and friends were invited to gather for visitation on Friday, Oct. 3, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Oneida Nation Elementary School (Oneida, Wisc.).

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Oneida Nation Longhouse. Burial followed at Oneida Sacred Burial Grounds Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Soaring Eagle Foundation, in support of the newly established Ernie Stevens Jr. Scholarship Fund, inquiries to legacy@soaringeaglefoundation.com.



Matthew Felan named CEO for Migizi Economic Development Company

FREDRICK KUHLMAN
Migizi Marketing Manager

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan has hired Matthew Felan as the new CEO for Migizi Economic Development Company. Migizi EDC is a tribally owned subsidiary that handles non-gaming business interests spanning several industries, including travel and leisure, energy, housing, and land management.

“We are excited to welcome Matt Felan to the Migizi EDC team. Matt’s passion, his ability to bring people together

utilizing his expansive network, and the depth of his experience in this space, will allow us to continue to look at diversifying our portfolio and assist in growing the brand of Migizi EDC,” said Brad Bennett, Tribal Councilman and Migizi EDC Board chairman.

Felan comes to Migizi after serving for the past 11 years as the president and CEO of the Great Lakes Bay Business Alliance, which serves Midland, Bay, Isabella, and Saginaw counties, as well as the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Felan has been a major fundraiser in presidential,

gubernatorial, and congressional elections for more than 20 years. Currently, Felan serves as a trustee for the Bay City Public Schools Board, including three years as Board president, and has held a seat on the McLaren Bay Board of Directors.

Migizi EDC is a proud supporter of Special Olympics Michigan, where Felan has served as the chief development officer for the organization.

“I am truly honored to be selected as the next CEO of Migizi,” Felan said. “It is a privilege to serve the people and nation of the Saginaw Chippewa

Indian Tribe. I look forward to building a diverse portfolio of investments that will help ensure the financial sustainability and prosperity of the tribe for the next seven generations.”

Felan is a graduate of Michigan State University and is married with two children.

Heather Gallegos, chair of the Great Lakes Bay Business Alliance, said: “I want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Matt Felan on his new role and thank him for 11 years of dedicated leadership. His



commitment to regionalism and collaboration has strengthened the Great Lakes Bay Region. We are deeply grateful for his service and wish him continued success as he begins this exciting new chapter.”

The Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance has been a trusted partner of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and this move enhances what is already a productive and strategic relationship.

Nimkee Clinic receives endowment from CMU for two new AEDs

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Public Relations Manager

The Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center has been chosen for the 2025 recipient of Pulse3 Endowment, from Central Michigan University’s College of Medicine, bringing two new AVIVE Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to the SCIT community.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Dr. Steven Vance (fourth from left), associate dean of clinical education for the CMU College of Medicine, meets with Tribal Council and Nimkee Clinic representatives as the donated AEDs are delivered on Oct. 23.

The Pulse3 Endowment for Cardiovascular Health exists within the CMU College of Medicine by virtue of a \$500,000 gift from the former Pulse3 Foundation in Saginaw, Mich.

Dr. Steven Vance, associate dean of clinical education from the CMU College of Medicine, visited the Nimkee Clinic on Oct. 23 as the clinic received the AEDs.

According to Vance, the endowment is designated to support community and CMU College of Medicine-based health initiatives and programs within the Great Lakes Bay Region.

“In particular, we support initiatives that increase the

availability of educational and community-based research programs designed to prevent cardiovascular disease and injury, improve health, and enhance quality of life,” Vance said.

Vance also wished to express gratitude for Nimkee’s long-standing support of CMU’s medical student programs at the College of Medicine.

“Since 2016, CMU students have rotated at (Nimkee) and consistently rate the experience as outstanding,” Vance said.

As part of their fundraising

effort, the College of Medicine hosts an annual “Shocks and Saves” charity hockey game. Funds raised at this event support the AED grant program.

On Nov. 21, 2005, Detroit Red Wings player Jiri Fischer suffered a sudden cardiac arrest on the ice during a televised game and was successfully resuscitated by prompt CPR and AED usage by the Red Wings medical staff.

The Pulse3 Foundation, in conjunction with Fischer-initiated charity hockey games,

“Shocks and Saves,” raises funds to place AEDs in public venues and to start CPR for the general population.

“Now entering its 17th year, Shocks and Saves has raised over one million dollars for the purchase of AEDs and delivery of training to our community,” Vance said. “To date, Pulse3 has trained over 20,000 people in CPR and AED usage.

“Since 2008, Pulse3 has donated over 400 AEDs to the schools, churches, and nonprofits in the Great Lakes Bay Region and these AEDs have saved at least 20 lives. Overall survival for cardiac arrest in our region is nearly 15 percent; almost double the statewide survival.”

Lindsay Drumm, strategic grant specialist for SCIT, said she was approached in early January for assistance in securing the funding for the AEDS.

Drumm said Tribal Fire Chief Fred Cantu, Vinnie Kequom (assistant director of IT), and David Chatfield (safety coordinator) approached the Office of Grants and Contracts for assistance in securing the

funding, as several departments had expressed need for additional AED units.

“When we first contacted Dr. Vance and Angela Appold from the Central Michigan University College of Medicine regarding the Pulse3 Endowment, we learned the program initially supported only Zoll AEDs, a brand not currently used in our Tribal buildings,” Drumm said.

“Recognizing the importance of consistency in life-saving equipment, when every minute counts, we emphasized the need for all responders to operate the same AED brand (Avive) found throughout our Tribal buildings,” Drumm said. “After reviewing our request and conducting further research, Dr. Vance generously donated two Avive AEDs to the Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center.”

Drumm said a special thank you goes out to “the incredible staff at Nimkee,” especially Health Educator, Robyn Grininger, for her help and collaboration in assisting with this grant application.”

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Isaac continued, “The Fund’s work is grounded in supporting projects that advance accurate representation, cultural understanding, and relationship-building values that align closely with my personal and professional commitments. As one of the governor’s appointees, I look forward to working alongside

tribal leaders and partners to continue this important work in a way that honors our ancestors and creates opportunities for future generations. Miigwetch to those who have paved the way and continue to guide this collective effort.”

The day then concluded with the annual gift giving exchange. This was a highlight of the day for many as the

stories behind the gifts were truly remarkable.

This year a handmade medallion titled “A Mother’s Power” was created by SCIT artist Julia Romero and presented to Whitmer on behalf of SCIT. The medallion was created to celebrate the strength, love and sacrifices of mothers – a reflection of the unconditional care that guides us all.

Romero included an essay explaining the inspiration behind the medallion: She describes the intentional choices of both the colors and materials uses in crafting this magnificent piece.

“Each element of the medallion carries meaning, from the traditional odemin (heart berry) to the buckskin, greenery, and shells, representing the gifts and resilience of Mother Earth and the enduring power of mothers



Courtesy of Jennifer Wassegijig

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer holds up her medallion titled “A Mother’s Power,” gifted by SCIT artist Julia Romero.



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden

SCIT Member Melissa Isaac poses for a photo with Gov. Whitmer after the governor appoints Isaac to serve on the Native American Heritage Fund Board.

Gov. Whitmer expressed her sincere gratitude and was honored to wear a piece with such a meaningful message.



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Monarch Butterfly Day Celebration held at Ziibiwing on Oct. 3

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

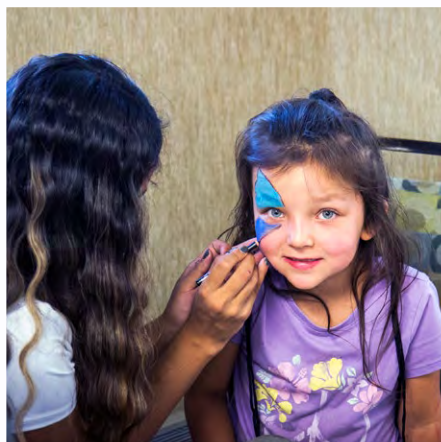
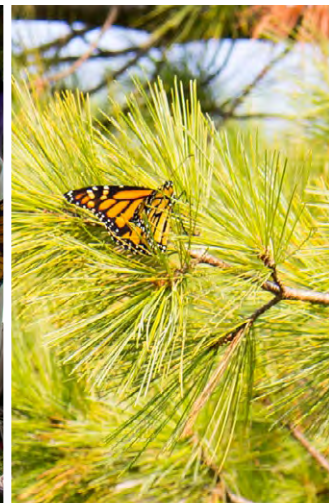
The Ziibiwing Center hosted the Monarch Butterfly Day Celebration on Friday, Oct. 3.

The event featured door prizes, cookie decorating, face painting, educational and craft activities, and Anishinabe Butterfly Dance demonstrations.

Guests were also treated to a release of 11 monarch butterflies. The butterflies grew in their chrysalis for six weeks before emerging. The chrysalis is the pupal stage in a butterfly's life cycle, where the caterpillar undergoes metamorphosis to transform into a butterfly.

The event was also made possible by contributions from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and Planning Department.

Observer photos by Matthew Wright



Tribal Historic Preservation Office receives \$40,000 Protecting Native Places Grant

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On July 22, the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO) announced the Ziibiwing Center is one of the recipients for its 2025 Protecting Native Places Grants.

NATHPO announced this year marks a "historic

expansion" of the program, with an increase in the number of recipients and size of the grants.

The Ziibiwing Center's Tribal Historic Preservation Office received a \$40,000 grant which, according to Marcella Hadden, tribal historic preservation officer, will be used for two interns until May 2026 and aid towards a fasting camp in September.

"The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan co-manage the ezhibiigaadek asin (Written on Stone) at the Sanilac Petroglyphs Historic State Park near Cass City, Michigan," said William Johnson, curator/office manager for the Ziibiwing Center. "... The grant will continue to assist the State



ZIIBIWING CENTER
of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways

and Tribe with public lands management and to protect this sacred site."

Johnson continued, "This grant helps to preserve our cultural places, promote our cultural heritage and honor our connectedness to Mother Earth. We continue to be blessed with genuine support from NATHPO."

Twenty-five THPOs received the grants this year, and the amount increased from \$5,000 to \$40,000.

"Tribal historic preservation officers spend their days

performing the sacred work of protecting sacred places and cultural resources," said NATHPO Executive Director Dr. Valerie Grussing in a media release. "NATHPO is proud to provide direct support for that work through our Protecting Native Places grants. We are grateful for the support of the Mellon Foundation, without which we could not have expanded the reach and strength of that support, and we look forward to continuing and growing this program in the years to come."

Orange Shirt Day honors Indigenous children lost at residential and boarding schools



Observer photo by Alicia Raphael

On Tuesday, Sept. 30, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal community recognizes Orange Shirt Day, which honors and remembers Indigenous children who were taken from their families and put into residential schools. Orange Shirt Day also symbolizes "Every Child Matters" and wearing orange raises awareness for those children that were taken and never made it back home to their families.

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Council Resolution assists Tribal grandparents, extended family through revisions

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Public Relations Manager

Keeping Native children with Native families is a natural extension and of tribal culture and an assertion of tribal sovereignty.

The Tribal Council directed the Legal Department to work with several departments to develop Tribal Code revisions that recognize the importance of grandparents and extended family to Tribal Member children.

Tribal Resolution 25-066 ensures that tribal grandparents and extended family have the ability, if necessary, to petition the Tribal Court for visitation of their tribal member grandchild, niece, nephew or cousin.

Departments taking part in the development of the revised Grandparents Code included the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, Anishinaabeg Child and Family Services, and Behavioral Health. The review process also was strengthened through the support given by

the Tribal Health Board and the Elders Advisory Board.

After consultation, the Legal Department forwarded the proposed changes to the Tribal Children’s Code to Tribal Council for their review and approval given on March 12, 2025.

Resolution 25-066 states: “Whereas: The Tribal Council finds that the Title II Amendment for visitation rights for grandparents and extended family members as provided herein is in the best interests of the Tribe.”

District Three Council Member Frank Cloutier said Grandparent & Extended Family Visitation Rights, as defined in the Resolution within the Title II Children’s Code, was an essential act given, both culturally and traditionally, extended family members such as grandparents assist in rearing tribal children.

“Much too often western culture finds its way into our daily lives and we lose sight of our traditional habits,” Cloutier said. “Tribal Council responded to the call of our

members when addressing these rights so we can ensure our way of life remains consistent with our day-to-day lives.”

The five page Resolution can be found in the Tribal Members section at www.sagchip.org. The 68-page document entitled “Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Law TITLE II Children’s Code” and the provision regarding grandparent and extended family visitation rights (Chapter 2.13) can be found in its entirety on the SCIT website as amended June 11, 2025.

STEAMAG Student Organization hosts open mic night on SCTC Main Campus

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Public Relations Manager

More than 15 performers took the stage as the STEAMAG Student Organization and

Community Connection Catalyst hosted an open mic night in SCTC Main Campus parking lot on Oct. 11.

The event started in the spirit of prayer with visiting First Nations Elder Mary

Moose offering Anishinaabe blessings. She was joined by SCTC Extension and Farm Coordinator Kelly Willis and Elder Daisy Kostus who offered smudge medicine, followed by an honor hand drum song by SCTC Success Coach Joe Genia.

SCTC President Carla Sineway gave opening remarks and said it was exciting to see a lot of students and community members in attendance.

“So many times when we go in so many different directions, we can question whether we are talented, but we are in our own way. Many times the talent that we have, people don’t see it or maybe they do,” Sineway said. “The point is we are all talented in some way, so never believe that you don’t have anything to offer. Look at all the people who came out to share their gift and talent with us, and we all get the chance to support our college together right on this stage.”

The audience’s selected winner was Jace Armstrong who shared improv observations and standup comedy. Sophia Powell from the Great Lakes Learning Academy won the youth category for her



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick
Nike Truth
Adult category winner



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick
Sophia Powell
Youth category winner

rendition of the Laufey number “From the Start.” SCTC Student Nike Truth took the honors in the adult category for her original poetry recitation of “Grandpa’s Cooking.”

Other performers included Tristan Green, Jeremy Bird, Warren Altman, Natasha Miniard, Nagweyaab Kahgegab, Dana Delellis, Mgizi Wemigwans, Bill Antrobius, Dale and JR.

The STEAMAG student organization also provided Indian Tacos as a fundraiser and the Taquerio Soto truck was on hand for another food option.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick
Jace Armstrong
Audience pick winner

Tribal voting 500-foot radius, non-interference zone

Ordinance 4, Section 19. Prohibition against interference with Elections. On Election Day for any Council election, including any Primary, General, Special, Run-Off or removal Election, a person, including any Tribal official, employee or representative, shall not:

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

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

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

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

(iv) either directly or indirectly, give, lend or promise valuable consideration to or for any person as an inducement to influence the manner of voting by a person relative to a candidate or ballot question or as a reward for refraining from voting; or

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

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



City of Mt. Pleasant recognizes, celebrates Indigenous Peoples’ Day 2025

PUBLIC RELATIONS
DEPARTMENT

On Tuesday, Oct. 14, the Mt. Pleasant City Commission and City staff were accompanied by Tribal Council representatives and the Blue House Singers at City Hall. The City Commission meeting, generally held on the second Monday of the month, was slated on Tuesday for the month of October, as City Hall was closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples’ Day on Monday, Oct. 13.

The night began with an introduction of the Blue House Singers who shared an honor song with all in attendance.

The City of Mt. Pleasant continues to observe Indigenous Peoples’ Day and carried forward the tradition of presenting a special proclamation to Tribal Council to show its commitment to celebrating this special day.

Indigenous Peoples’ Day

continues to honor and celebrate Indigenous peoples across America. The day also provides an opportunity to recognize the rich histories, vibrant cultures, and the enduring impact Tribal Nations have on our local, regional, and national communities.

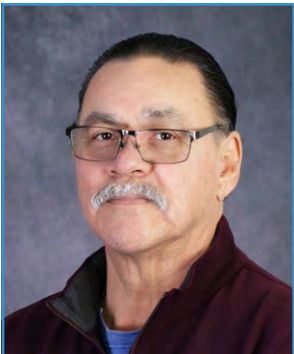


Observer photo by Erik Rodriguez
City of Mt. Pleasant Vice Mayor Maureen Eke presents the proclamation, which recognizes Oct. 13, 2025 as Indigenous Peoples’ Day, to Sub-Chief Luke Sprague as Tribal Council members Samantha Chippeway and Secretary Jennifer Wassegijig support.



GENERAL ELECTION
CANDIDATE PROFILES

The Tribal Observer is providing the Saginaw Chippewa community voters a feature of the candidates on the 2025 General Election ballot. All General Election 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.



Tim J. Davis



Patricia (Trish) Alonzo

My name is Patricia ‘Trish’ Alonzo, I would like to start by thanking you all for voting. I was overwhelmed with love and support. I have been employed with the Tribe for 15+ years. I am a detail-oriented administrative professional with a Master’s degree in Administrative Leadership and have extensive experience in administration, project management, and customer service. Currently an Administrative Assistant II within SCIT Education, assisting 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.



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.



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.



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.



Kathy Hart

My family is Francis/Hart & Collins. Thirty-five years ago, I moved back home. I’ve served on various committees, including the Parent Advisory, Powwow, Education, and Elders Boards, and I’m currently serving on the Michigan Indian Elders Association. My service to my community, my education (Bachelor of Science in Administration), and my professional experience have equipped me with the skills to make sound decisions and have prepared me to be a strong leader. My priorities are our children, elders, financial security, language, culture, education, and open, honest leadership. With your support, I will be your voice, act transparently and responsibly, and dedicate myself to our future. If elected to Tribal Council, I promise to always do my best to make decisions that serve the best interests of all our members. Let’s build a stronger future — for the next seven generations. Miigwech for considering me, Kathleen (Kathy) Hart, for Tribal Council.



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.



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 Leasureaux

Hello, my name is Sheila Leasureaux. 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!



Maia Montoya-Pego (Spotted-Tail)

Boozhu! My name is Maia Montoya-Pego (Spotted Tail). I am humbly asking for your support in my candidacy for Tribal Council. I bring a proven, excellent work ethic and strong financial background. I have lead and contributed to several key financially strategic actions in my time as a tribal councilor. I value listening, learning, and working together, even when opinions differ. I am committed to helping guide responsible decisions that support our Tribe today and for generations to come. On a personal level, I am a life-long jingle dress dancer. I also enjoy running and will be completing my third half-marathon this winter, a reflection of the discipline and perseverance I carry into all areas of life. I am grateful for the ability to live a healthy lifestyle while serving our community. I humbly ask for your support in representing your voice in a tribal council position. Miigwech!



District 1: Isabella



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)



Kim Otto McCoy

In a past election I mentioned my parents-Mom, Lorna Kahgegab Call, and Father, Peter Otto. I failed to give the reason why I was referring to them. They were on Tribal Council for many years which led to Carmen, David, Michelle, and myself growing up in the back of Tribal Council meetings-some held at the old “Tribal Council Hall” (Methodist Church). I learned from my parent’s-dedication, protecting our sovereignty, and serving the Tribal community. If elected, I will work with Tribal Government and Operations, Gaming, and Economic Development in supporting innovative strategies that maximize our resources. I intend to make the best decisions possible for the Tribal Membership as a whole and not just for myself or my family. These are some of the things that I pray about since I became born again and if you’ve read this far, you have prayed with me. Matthew 18:20



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.



Diana Quigno

My name is Diana Quigno. My service to our community spans over thirty years. Whether through my work at Nimkee or as your Tribal Sub-Chief and Chaplin, I have consistently dedicated my life to proudly serving our Tribe with the goal of building a strong and sustainable legacy. I will continue to work hard to provide leadership that is honest, cooperative, and committed to progress rooted in tradition. We live in unprecedented times where it is necessary for our leaders to protect our legacy. I promise to serve with the core values of wisdom, love, respect, bravery, honesty, humility and truth in my commitment to working for you. It would be an honor to serve as your Tribal Council District 1 representative again if trusted with your vote. Thank you for your consideration and good luck to everyone running. No matter what, we are in this together!



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

Aanii, first thing, I will work to get things done because our members are the most important reason to run for council. I am dedicated to serve tribal members and do the best as a team member of council. There are challenges and it’s important to work on as many as possible in those two years. Listening to members, making improvement is what I try to do each day. I believe services, Tribal Operations buildings, and employees need the attention members deserve. Making the casino and businesses more profitable is another top priority. I have worked here 20 years, seeing what works and don’t, I always want to help make this tribe better. I got my Masters of Social Work to learn to service the tribe and members better. I value the community, my family, humility and good honest hard work. I would be honored for your vote. 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.



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.

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.



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



Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College welcomes new team members

AMANDA FLAUGHER

Dean of Student Services

It's my pleasure to introduce to you some new faces on the student services team.

Millie Thomas is one of two student services assistants. She will be assisting with the GED program and testing (Accuplacer, etc.) If you need help finishing your GED, please contact Millie at 989-317-4963 or e-mail Mithomas@sagchip.edu.



Carol McCoy is the new financial aid officer and is located in the financial aid office on the first floor. She can be reached by phone at 989-317-4963 or e-mail Cmc coy@sagchip.edu

Mgizi Wemigwans is one of two student services assistants and is located at the front desk. Mgizi will be available Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. He can be reached by e-mail at MgWemigwans@sagchip.edu. Mgizi can help answer any question about the college.

Andrew Wagner is the admissions/registrar and is located in the registrar's office on the first floor. He can be reached by phone 989-317-4821 or e-mail Awagner@sagchip.edu.



Courtesy photo

Left to right: Millie Thomas, Carol McCoy, Mgizi Wemigwans and Andrew Wagner

Editorial: Madison Kennedy-Kequom joins SCTC, provides an introduction

Aanii! I am very excited to join the Tribal College Student Success Center and be of help to you! I will be helping you with history, Native American studies, and OJB101.

I graduated from Michigan State University with a major in comparative cultures and politics. At MSU, I became familiar with many skills needed for college: the research process, reading academic journals, planning and writing papers, citing/references, editing, etc.

I also know how challenging language learning can be, as I have been both the teacher and student. I love talking about

language learning, linguistics, study methods, etc., so, I can help with review/studying, goal setting/planning, and anything else to help your language journey.

Aside from the serious stuff, I love drawing, beading, and design. I am always down to help, give advice, and be a part of your journey in education. Miigwech!

- **Hours available:**
Monday - Thursday
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **Location:** Success Center
- **Phone:** 989-317-4757



Courtesy photo

Madison Kennedy-Kequom

Tribal College welcomes Chef Sam Anglin, traditional food educator

SCTC STAFF

Anni Boozhoo, it is with great pleasure SCTC welcomes Samuel Anglin as the new traditional food educator. Samuel brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Tribal College.

Samuel started at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in 2002 at The Water Lily Fine Dining restaurant and then was promoted to the position of department chef of banquets and catering. Samuel was hired in 2007 as the support service manager

for Andahwod CCC & ES for a total of 13 years. Samuel also helped lead the Native Farmers Market for two seasons.

Samuel attended SCTC and graduated with an associate degree in business. Samuel also has attended Intercoastal Vocational College in Santa Ana, Calif. and obtained his Drug and Alcohol Counseling Certificate and is still working on CDAC 1 licensure.

He was a case manager for Gratitude Lodge Detox and Residential in Newport Beach and also worked in business development for Zinnia Health



Courtesy photo

Sam Anglin

as the Native American outreach specialist.

Samuel is a SCIT Member and likes to spend time with his family, vacationing, attending live music shows and outdoor foraging activities. Samuel loves to cook and teach Indigenous foods. He has taken part in chef mentoring at various inter tribal food summits across the nation. He has cooked and learned traditional food from Chef Sean Sherman the Sioux Chef and Chef Brian Yazzie. Samuel takes great pride in his culture and loves to share his knowledge.

Please help us welcome Samuel to the team. He can be reached at by phone at (989) 317-4861 for questions about traditional food and tasty recipes. He may also be reached by e-mail: SAnglin@sagchip.edu. Please check the Tribal College's Facebook page for upcoming events.

Sam Anglin's Manoomin Berry Sweet Treat

Makes six ½ cup servings

Ingredients:

- 1 cup wild rice
- ½ cup sunflower seeds (shelled)
- ½ cup maple syrup
- ¼ cup fresh blueberries
- ¼ cup fresh raspberries (or strawberries)

Instructions:

- Rinse rice two times in cold water until 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 or if using
*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

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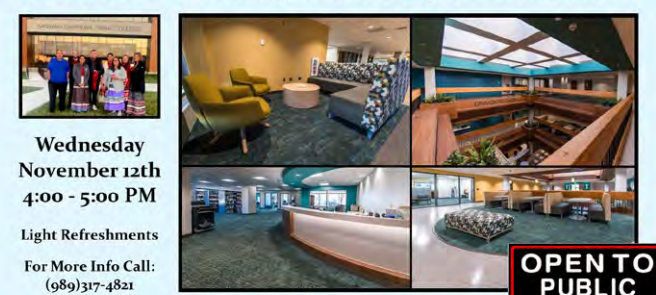


Thursday November 6th

Time: 9:00 AM



Tribal College Campus Tours



Experience our Campus

Our team is excited to show off our Main campus during a general campus tour as well as sharing their personal experiences as to why tribal college is so special.





Eighth annual Youth Fishing Tournament held at Hideaway RV Park

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Public Relations Manager

On Sept. 27, more than 75 community youth took to the shore and pier – along with getting on Grewe’s Lake in canoes and kayaks – at the eighth annual youth fishing tournament.

The event, held at the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park on 5514 E. Airport Rd. in Mount Pleasant, offered trophy prizes in three age divisions (5-9, 10-13, and 14-17 year old).

The “Wewebanaabiiwin” catch-and-release tournament had first responders from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police and Fire helping youth with life jackets and water safety.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and pizza kept the crowd fed while

raffle prizes, donated by corporate sponsors, gave everyone a chance to be a winner.

Event Coordinator Kevin Ricketts thanked sponsors including Soaring Eagle Waterpark, Project Venture, Cup of Joy, Recreation, Behavioral Health, Peer 360, Tribal Court, Migizi Economic Development Company, Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services, and Bite This Fishing Lures.

Rose Jackson, manager for the RV Park, thanked her staff and customers who came out to help the youth during the tournament.

The Central Michigan University Bass Team served as weighmasters and provided the measurements for the winning catches.



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

Three quilts donated to SCIT Permanent Housing by local guild

MATTHEW WRIGHT
Staff Writer

Members of the Mid Michigan Quilters Guild presented three quilts on Oct. 3 to the SCIT Permanent Supportive Housing Complex: Maawi Noojimang Gamil (A Place of Healing Together).

This housing complex was built in 2023 to establish a healing community based on the concepts of Housing First and Harm Reduction Models.

The Mid Michigan Quilters Guild has been providing support to local communities for more than 30 years. From baby quilts, surgical pillows and post-surgery items to

local hospitals, quilts to the fire departments for fire/emergency victims, as well as to several foster care agencies and shelters.

The mission of the guild is to provide community support as well as education and fellowship to members on different quilt making techniques.

Tamara House, president of the guild, shared how the idea to create the quilts was formed. House has also worked at Nimkee Public Health for the past 27 years.

“In 2024 we voted to adopt a three-bedroom apartment of the newly-built Permanent Supportive Complex. After countless hours of collaboration, creativity, and problem



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

The Mid Michigan Quilters Guild present three quilts that are donated to the SCIT Permanent Supportive Housing Complex on Oct. 3.

solving by an incredibly dedicated team, we completed this goal,” House said. “We started with a simple idea to provide a quilt for each bed in this apartment to give a more caring and supportive feel to the family

during a challenging time.”

House also shared a thank you to all of the members who helped with the project.

“I want to thank all of the Mid-Michigan Quilter Guild members who have supported

and contributed to this project. It wouldn’t have been possible without your time and talent,” House said. “We hope that this will also inspire other groups to contribute for the remaining apartments.”

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Finn
Finn is a young male Belgian Malinois mix. Finn is looking for a fun-loving, high-energy companion to keep up with his active lifestyle. Finn needs a confident, experienced handler who can provide him with firm direction, consistency, and plenty of outlets for his energy. Due to his prey drive, Finn isn’t fit for homes with cats or small dogs. However, he may do well with a dog his size or larger after a meet and greet.

Kyo
Kyo is a young male Domestic Shorthair. This playful little whirlwind is as sweet as they come. Whether it’s chasing shadows or pouncing on invisible foes, Kyo brings the energy! When the zoomies fade, it’s all about snuggles. He enjoys head scratches, belly rubs, and cozy cuddles. Equal parts mischief and mush, this redhead is ready to steal your heart.

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R&B performers Brian McKnight and Ginuwine entertain Soaring Eagle audience

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Two '90s R&B heartthrobs treated fans to an evening of nostalgic hits: Brian McKnight and Ginuwine graced the indoor Soaring Eagle stage on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Beginning the evening with his enthusiasm and sensual hits, Ginuwine performed an hour set, launching it with "Hell Yeah," "Same Ol' G" and "Stingy."

Throughout his performance, Ginuwine showcased dedicated fan engagement: Consistently talking to the audience and asking them to repeatedly sing back a lyric to him.

Ginuwine's performance also included "None of Ur Friends Business," "I Need a Girl," "In Those Jeans," "So Anxious" and "Differences."

Fans screamed when the opening lines to "Pony" began. The song was Ginuwine's 1996 debut single and received double platinum certification.

Next up and continuing with the R&B hits, the 17 time Grammy-award nominated artist, Brian McKnight, performed a 90-minute set.

McKnight brings the R&B romance theme to his singles. He kicked off his portion of the show with "Superhero," "When You Wanna Come," "Love of My Life," "Anytime," "The Only One for Me" and "Faithfully."

With his vocals still smooth and strong, his high belting range continued on with



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

R&B musician Brian McKnight performs during the Oct. 4 show at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

several songs including "10 Million Stars," "Everything," "6, 8, 12" and much more.

Towards the end of his performance, fans were thrilled to hear McKnight perform his

single that became the most successful on the music charts – "Back at One" (1999), which rose to number two on the Billboard Hot 100.

He also ended with "One



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Ginuwine kicks off his set on the indoor concert stage.

Last Cry" (1992), his first hit single off the album "The Way Loves Goes," which became certified platinum.

The evening proved R&B music is still alive and well.

SECR hosts Aaron Lewis, The Stateliners and their "American as it Gets" tour

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Aaron Lewis and his band, The Stateliners, brought their "American as it Gets" tour to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Lewis began his career as the founding member, and front man of alternative rock band

Staind in 1995. He branched out of rock into a successful solo career as a country musician with his debut 2011 album "Town Line." The album reached No. 1 on Billboard's Country Album Chart.

His discography now includes six studio albums, including the chart-topping albums "Sinner" (2016) and "State I'm In" (2019).

Lewis took to the Entertainment Hall stage, alongside the seven members who make up The Stateliners.

They began the night with the country hits "It Keeps on Workin'," "God and Guns," "Story of My Life" and "Forever."

Next up was a country-infused rendition of the Staind hit song "Right Here,"

followed by Lewis' solo hits "The Road," "Vicious Circles" and "Granddaddy's Gun."

The hits continued with the country twang of "State Lines," "Sinner" and "That Ain't Country."

To close out the regular set, the band performed another Staind hit, "It's Been Awhile."

Audience members were

treated to a five-piece encore, beginning with "Encore: 75," "Can't Take Back" and "Over the Hill."

The night ended with the anthemic "Country Boy" and "Am I the Only One."

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



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Country musician Aaron Lewis performs during his Oct. 18 concert at the Soaring Eagle.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Aaron Lewis (center) joins the members of his band The Stateliners.

Live brings a night of massive hits and fan favorites to Soaring Eagle

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort welcomed alternative rock band Live on Friday, Oct. 10 for a night of massive hits and fan favorites.

Formed in Pennsylvania in 1984, Live has sold more than 23 million albums worldwide.

Their discography includes nine studio albums, with two number one albums "Throwing Copper" (1994) and "Secret Samadhi" (1997).

The band currently features founding member Ed Kowalczyk on lead vocals and rhythm guitar.

Live jumped straight in to the hits with performances of "Pain

Lies on the Riverside," "Selling the Drama" and "All Over You."

Next up was the melodic hit "Iris" followed by "Lady Bhang (She Got Me Rollin')," "The Distance" and "The Dolphin's Cry."

Other songs played that night included "Leave the Radio On," "Rattlesnake," "Lakini's Juice" and "White, Discussion."

The band left the stage, teasing audience members with a two-minute-long intro track to "Turn My Head," before remerging for an encore performance of the song.

Live would end the night with two more of their biggest hits in "I Alone" and the slow, methodical "Lightning Crashes."



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Live's band members join lead singer Ed Kowalczyk (center) on stage during the Oct. 10 Soaring Eagle concert.



Andahwod hosts open discussion featuring Tribal elders' conversation with MDHHS

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

On Oct. 22, the Andahwod Continuing Care Community & Elder Services hosted an open discussion format where Tribal elders were given an opportunity to have a candid conversation with State of Michigan. Elders shared their thoughts on needs and services for the development of Michigan's next three year State Plan on Aging.

Elders Advocate Sheligh Jackson said 20 elders attended the conversation with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Bureau of Aging, Community Living, and Supports (ACLS Bureau).

"These strategic planning sessions will help formulate a statewide needs assessment," Jackson said. "Participants highlighted the importance of keeping elders in their homes, regular wellness checks, home safety measures, and more extended care options to support aging with dignity."

MDHHS State Assistant Administrator Tammy Lemmer served as facilitator and was joined by her colleague Candice Dubbs from the ACLS Bureau (formerly the Aging and Adult Services Agency, or AASA). Region 7 Area Agency on Aging staff



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Megan Twardecki, Region 7 Area Agency on Aging contracts and billing director, speaks during the Oct. 22 MDHHS event at Andahwod.

Stephanie Nelson and Megan Twardecki were also on site to highlight services offered to elders through their programs.

Lemmer said State Units on Aging are tasked under the Older Americans Act with developing and administering a multi-year state plan on aging that provides goals and objectives related to assisting older residents, their families, and caregivers in their states.

"A critical element of the state plan development is a statewide needs assessment," Lemmer said. "These efforts include key informant interviews, including one to be held with Tribal elder services directors, community conversations with older adults and caregivers, and a survey of older adults/elders."

Lemmer continued, "The conversations and surveys are intended to help the State Unit on Aging better understand the needs and priorities of elders by hearing directly from them about their knowledge and experiences with elder services through the Tribe and/or the local Area Agency on Aging."

Isabelle Welsh, MDHHS tribal government services and policy departmental specialist, said SCIT was selected among the 12 federally-recognized tribes in Michigan. Other efforts are taking place at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Bay Mills Indian Community.

"Our goal is to ensure the tribal voices of elders and caregivers are heard and that's why we are hosting a series of community conversations across the state," Welsh said. "These sessions are designed to gather input from adults aged 55-60 (and older) and their caregivers about their needs, experiences, access to resources, and any barriers they may face."

Megan Twardecki, contracts and billing director, said Region VII's relationship with SCIT helps them remain aware of and adapt to culturally specific needs.

"Our goal is to ensure relevancy and eliminate risks of disparity in the availability and effectiveness of our

services," Twardecki said.

Gayle Ruhl, director for Andahwod, said she appreciated members of the Elders Advisory Board and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Health Board for attending.

"For those that were not able to attend, there will be a virtual

meeting planned for those who missed the in-person session or those who would like to offer more input," Ruhl said.

The virtual session is set for Thursday, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. For more information and a link to attend the meeting, please call (517) 230-9707.



HUMAN RESOURCES:
Training/Certification Opportunities

Associate Degree
Dental Hygiene Program

The Dental Hygiene degree program at Ferris State is the largest in the State of Michigan and one of the largest Dental Hygiene AAS degree programs in the nation.



Criminal Justice Law Enforcement
with Basic Police Training

The Delta College Criminal Justice program is designed to give you specialized knowledge of the criminal justice field combined with a broad general educational.



Water & Wastewater
Treatment Technology

Earn an associate degree in water and wastewater treatment technology. When you're done, you'll be able to take licensing exams.



Hotel Management

In this comprehensive online hotel management course, you will gain a solid understanding of the growing hospitality business — from historical context to the current trends.



Clinical Dental Assistant

This comprehensive online dental assisting course will provide you with the essential skills and knowledge needed to become a dental assistant, including every aspect of professional dental assistance.



Certified Clinical Medical
Assistant (CCMA)

You will learn the professional traits and responsibilities to become a vital part of the healthcare team in a medical office, clinic, hospital, and other healthcare settings.



Medical Billing
& Coding Certification

Train for an in-demand healthcare career in medical billing and coding and prepare for industry certification.



Pharmacy Technician

This online certification course will prepare aspiring pharmacy technicians to effectively assist the pharmacist in the packing and distribution of medication.



For more information, please contact:

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October recognizes Domestic Violence Awareness



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Behavioral Health raised awareness for Domestic Violence Awareness Month throughout October with events. Purple Thursday was recognized on Oct. 16, with awareness shirts distributed throughout the community and within Tribal Operations departments. Employees and community members were encouraged to wear purple in unity with others across the country to support, pay tribute, and honor friends, family, and community members who have experienced domestic violence.



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

Boozhoo elders! Snowplowing applications are now being accepted until all spots are filled. Everyone must fill out an application. Priority goes to elders over 70 years of age and living alone. Elders under 65 years old must have medical documentation and pay a \$50 fee for the season. Application and guidelines are available at Andahwod or on the website.

The Family Caregiving Assistance Program is available for those who provide care to grandchildren, relatives, or immediate family members. Grant assistance available for afterschool programs, summer camps, etc. This assists the caregiver by providing respite hours. Please remember it is important to plan early when applying for programs.



Elders visit Cranberry Farm in South Haven, Mich.



Courtesy of Andahwod

Barbara Krause



Courtesy of Andahwod

(Left to right) Ellie, Patty, Barb, Gloria, Judy, Barbara, and Denise

Elders Minor Assistance Program (EMAP)

This grant assistance is available for minor home and vehicle repairs that fall under program guidelines. SCIT elders 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.

November 2025 Andahwod events

Coffee break
Daily | 2:30 p.m.

Sewing
Tuesdays | 10:30 a.m.

Walking Club
Thursdays | 1 p.m.

Euchre
Thursdays | 5:30 p.m.

Line Dancing
Nov. 4, 18 | 6:30 p.m.

Elders Lunch
Nov. 5 | 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Name that Tune
Nov. 10 | 2:30 p.m.

Tribal Operations Closed
Nov. 11 (Veteran's Day)

Elders Breakfast
Nov. 12, 26 | 9-10 a.m.

Birthday Celebration
Nov. 12 | 2:30 p.m.

Elder Law & Estate Planning
Nov. 13 | 2-4 p.m.

Trip to Zehnder's of Frankenmuth
Nov. 14 | 2-4 p.m.

Understanding Dementia
Nov. 18 | 1-2 p.m.

Thanksgiving Lunch
Nov. 19 | 11:30 a.m.

Bingo with Friends
Nov. 21 | 1 p.m.

Birthday Bingo & Potluck
Nov. 22 | 12 p.m.

Language Bingo
Nov. 24 | 1 p.m.

Violin w/Amanda Armstrong
Nov. 25 | 2:30 p.m.

Tribal Operations Closed
Nov. 27, 28

For more information, please call Andahwod at: 989.775.4339

***Activities and events*

Andahwod CCC & ES

Adopt a RESIDENT

Add special cheer to an elder's
holiday this season!

Begins: Monday, Nov. 17, 2025

Drop gifts off by: Thursday, Dec. 18 at 5 p.m.

- Gifts will go to Andahwod residents.
- All gifts must be wrapped and properly labeled with the code given when signing up.
- Gifts may be dropped off at Andahwod front desk.

To sign up for a resident, please visit Andahwod front desk or contact: Sandra Pelcher at SaPelcher@sagchip.org or 989-775-4300

Attention Caregivers and interested individuals

Andahwod will be hosting the following presentation to anyone who is interested in learning information on this topic.

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2025 at 2 p.m.

- **Topic:** Understanding Dementia-Related Behaviors & Enjoying Family Celebrations
- **Presenter:** Susan Evans, Program Manager, Alzheimer Association Michigan Chapter

ELDER LAW & ESTATE PLANNING

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Citizens & Their Spouses

Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025
2-4 p.m. | Andahwod CGA

2910 S. Leaton Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

PRESENTER: Pasquali Law Office

TOPICS:

- Wills
- Probate
- Michigan Medicaid
- Powers of Attorney
- And more
- Trusts
- Long-term Care



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Q-AND-A SESSION
For more information, please contact:
Andahwod at 989.775.4300

November 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
2 Chef's Choice	3 BLT Pork Roast	4 Fish Sandwich w/Hush puppies Beef Stir Fry	5 Elders Lunch Pizza Tomato Soup w/Grilled Cheese	6 Polish Dog w/Potato Salad Beef Stew w/Biscuits	7 Baked Chicken Steak Sandwich w/Potatoes	1/8 Chef's Choice
9 Chef's Choice	10 Spaghetti w/Meatballs Mashed Potato Bowl	11 BBQ Chicken w/Baked Potato Sloppy Joe	12 Elders Breakfast Potato Soup w/Fry Bread Cobb Salad	13 Fried Bologna Sandwich Minestrone Soup	14 Italian Sub Sweet & Sour Pork w/White Rice	15 Chef's Choice
16 Chef's Choice	17 Chicken Alfredo w/Garlic Bread Philly Wrap	18 Grilled Cheese Burger w/Veggie Ham & Potatoes	19 Thanksgiving Lunch Steak Dinner	20 Wing Ding Basket Pork Chop w/Asparagus	21 Chili BLT	22 Chef's Choice
23 Chef's Choice	24 Ribs w/Potatoes Teriyaki Pineapple Chicken	25 Mushroom Swiss Burger w/ Fries Goulash & Butter Bread	26 Elders Breakfast Chicken Noodle Soup Egg Salad Sandwich	27 Chef's Choice Happy Turkey Day!	28 Chef's Choice	29 Chef's Choice
30 Chef's Choice	*Menu subject to change* *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				Sugar free available upon request. Call kitchen for lunch and dinner at 989-775-4314.	



NOVEMBER 2025
Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1) Candace Benzinger
Maurice DeMeyere | 17) Phillip Peters Jr.
Laurie Pease
Penny Raap
Lillian Bennett |
| 2) Robin Grippi
William Scott
Thomas Russell
Patrick Loonsfoot | 18) Terri Bonnema
Kimberly Hebert
Brenda Stanton
Melissa Summers |
| 3) Joni DeLaCruz
Barbara Chapoton | 19) Faith Carmona-Pego
Sheila Leaux
Christopher Williams
Bernice Nelson
Henrietta Malone
Brad Spencer |
| 4) Bernard Sprague
Rose Clouse
Minnie Periard | 20) Jo James
Kathryn Moran |
| 5) David Detzler
Karen Sanford | 21) Allen Pego
Gena Qualls
Viola Nahgahgwon
Deanna Jenkins
Chip Neyome
Stacey Mays |
| 6) Kathleen Hart
Lawrent Cabay
Marcia Lewis
Kenneth Watson III
Harold Schotl
Laura Martin
Naomi Waynee
Rhonda Sasse | 22) Joseph Kulik Jr.
Clayton Nedwash Sr. |
| 7) Judith Ramirez
James Ritter | 24) Corrinna O'Leary |
| 9) Lisa Elamin
Marshall Jackson
Wilson Ferrio Jr.
Pamela Kropp
Lawrence Mena
Frank Snyder | 25) Marcel Guess
Laura Meffert
Cammy Cummins |
| 10) Glen Coffin | 26) Valorie Semmens
Sidney Stone
Barbara Fridline |
| 11) Brent Jackson | 27) Amanda Nahgahgwon
Stephen Randall |
| 12) Marclay Crampton
Lenore Davis
Kenneth Maloney | 28) Wayne Watson Sr.
David Bennett
Norman Cyr Jr.
Carolyn Fisher
Daniel Kirby
Mark Nahmabin |
| 13) Stuart Jackson
Barbara Johnson | 29) Tammy Chamberlain
Valerie Querback |
| 14) Raymond Pelcher Sr. | 30) Darlene Chippewa
Daisy Kendall
Chris Pego
Barbara Garcia |
| 15) Peggy Vliek
Robert Bates | |
| 16) Sherry Jackson
Kathy Barber
Randy Dutton
Michael Finney
Davina Key
Jody Wojcik | |



Thanksgiving Lunch

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Location: Andahwod

- Price:
- SCIT elders: Free
 - All ages: \$10 per person
 - All to-go orders add: \$2

Please join Andahwod for turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, green bean casserole, sweet potatoes, dinner rolls and pies.



Two more Tuesdays:

► Nov. 4 ► Nov. 18

6:30-7:30 p.m. | Andahwod CCC & ES

Come out and learn line dancing!

- All skill levels, including beginners welcome.
- If this event is well received, it will become a regular event on Tuesday evenings.
- Open to any community members, ages 18 and older.
**Please no children as this is a residential facility.*
**This is a drug and alcohol free event and facility.*
- No cost, free for everyone
**Donations are always welcome to help cover costs.*

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



Three separate prize drawings:

- **First prize:** Two tickets to the Detroit Lions vs. Green Bay Packers on Thanksgiving (valued at \$634 each)
- **Second prize:** VIP watch party with meal voucher (valued around \$75)
- **Third prize:** Detroit Lions merchandise (valued around \$150)

Tickets available now

Drawing: Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 9:40 a.m.

Tickets: ► One for \$10 ► Three for \$20

Purchase from any EAB Member:

Gilbert Hendrickson, Barb Sprague, Flossie Sprague, Carole Tally, Marie Kequom or Andahwod Elder Services.

**Proceeds go to Elders Services activities and trips*

For more information, please contact:
Andahwod at 989.775.4300

Statewide Needs Assessment

The Bureau of Aging, Community Living, and Supports (ACLS Bureau) is launching a statewide needs assessment to inform the development of Michigan's next three-year State Plan on Aging. To ensure the voices of older adults and caregivers are heard, we are hosting a series of community conversations across the state.

Virtual Session: Nov. 13, 2025 at 6 p.m.

Please call 517-230-9707 to register and receive meeting link.

These sessions are designed to gather input from adults ages 55-60+ and their caregivers about their needs, experiences, access to resources, and any barriers they may face. An electronic survey (with printable PDF versions) will be available soon to further support this effort.

Request for Qualifications (RFQ):
SNOWPLOW SERVICES

Project overview: Andahwod CCC & Elder Services
Responses will be received between:

Oct. 1, 2025 at 8 a.m. to Dec. 3, 2025 at 5 p.m.

**"RFQ for snowplow services" must be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope. **Submissions received after this date may not be considered.*

Purpose of the request for qualifications:

Andahwod Continuing Care Community and Elder Services are currently seeking two to three bonded and insured companies for a grant period of April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2026 to provide snowplow services for elder members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe during the winter months. Hours vary from 16 to 20 hours per week until grant ends March 31, 2026. Service area is Isabella County to five to 10 elder homes. Grant provided by Title VI: Older Americans Act.

Qualification Requirements:

- High school diploma or GED
- Must be 18 years of age
- Work experience with older adults
- Must be able to effectively communicate
- Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License
- Must provide proof of liability insurance
- Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position
- Must be able to obtain HIPAA certification within seven days from date of hire
- Native American preference shall apply to all positions

Submission of Qualifications:

Interested parties are invited to submit three copied Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) to:

Andahwod CCC & ES
Attention: Sheligh Jackson, elder's advocate
SHJackson@sagchip.org
2910 S. Leaton Rd.
Mt Pleasant, MI 48858



The SOQ should include the following:

1. Individual profile and contact information
2. Relevant experience and qualifications
3. Copies of relevant certifications, accreditations, diploma and copy of driver's license
4. Available hours of work and minimum asking rate of pay

Request for Qualifications (RFQ):
ELDER CHORE PROVIDER

Project overview: Andahwod CCC & Elder Services
Responses will be received between:

Oct. 1, 2025 at 8 a.m. to Nov. 3, 2025 at 5 p.m.

**"RFQ for elder chore provider" must be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope. **Submissions received after this date may not be considered.*

Purpose of the request for qualifications:

Andahwod Continuing Care Community and Elder Services are currently seeking two to three qualified elder chore providers for a grant period of April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2026 to provide in-home care for elder members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Hours vary from 16 to 30 hours per week until grant ends March 31, 2026. Grant provided by Title VI: Older Americans Act.

Qualification requirements:

- High school diploma or GED
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Certified Nurse Aide
- Certificate highly desired
- Work experience with older adults
- Must be able to effectively communicate
- Must pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position
- Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal Driver's license and qualify for coverage by SCIT auto liability insurance carrier
- Must be able to obtain BLS certification within 30 days from date of hire
- Must be able to obtain HIPAA certification within seven days from date of hire
- Native American preference shall apply to all positions

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Request for Qualifications (RFQ):
HOME HEALTH AIDE

Project overview: Andahwod CCC & Elder Services
Responses will be received between:

Oct. 1, 2025 at 8 a.m. to Nov. 3, 2025 at 5 p.m.

**"RFQ for elder chore provider" must be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope. **Submissions received after this date may not be considered.*

Purpose of the request for qualifications:

Andahwod Continuing Care Community and Elder Services are currently seeking qualified one to three home health aides for a grant period of April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2026 to provide in-home care for elder members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Hours vary from 10 to 16 hours per week until grant ends March 31, 2026. Grant provided by Title VI: Older Americans Act.

Qualification requirements:

- High school diploma or GED
- Must be 18 years of age
- Work experience with older adults
- Must be able to effectively communicate
- Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal Driver's license and qualify for coverage by SCIT auto liability insurance carrier
- Certified Nurse Aide
- Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position
- Must be able to obtain BLS certification within 30 days from date of hire
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NOVEMBER 2025 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Wii Maajiikwad Afterschool Program

Monday-Friday | 3-5:30 p.m.

- Wii Maajiikwad (2875 Gikendasso Way)
- ESchlegel@sagchip.org or 989-775-4453
- Open to grades 1-12
- Enrollment packets for the 2025/2026 school year: Can be picked up/dropped off at Wii Maajiikwad school side administration office

Project Venture Afterschool Youth Program

Thursdays beginning Nov. 6 | 3-5 p.m.

- Wii Maajiikwad, Room A117 (2875 Gikendasso Way)
- 989-775-5804 or tahsfoley@sagchip.org
- Youth space and programming open to ages 12-17.

SCTC STEAM^{AG} Meetings

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

- SCTC LGO Conference Room (5805 E. Pickard Rd.)
- 989-317-4827 or khart@sagchip.edu

Book Discussion: Sisters in the Wind

Nov. 3, 17 | 12 p.m.

- Tribal Library (5805 E. Pickard Rd.)
- 989-317-4470 or AHeidemann@sagchip.org
- Read “Sisters in the Wind” by Angeline Boulley, and discuss with other readers.
- Registration is required at Tribal Library service desk
- By registering, you affirm that you will read the book before the discussions and will attend both sessions ready to discuss.

Author Talk Presentation: Joseph Lee

Nov. 5 | 2 p.m.

- Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Library (5805 E. Pickard)
- 989-317-4470 or AHeidemann@sagchip.org
- Register: https://libraryc.org/crdl/99972/register

Recreation Youth Basketball Open Gym

Nov. 5, 12, 19 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

- Wii Maajiikwad (2875 Gikendasso Way)
- Recreation@sagchip.org
- Open to grades 3-8

Spirit Feast

Nov. 7 | 6-8 p.m.

- 7th Generation (7785 E. Remus Rd.)
- TJackson@sagchip.org or 989.775.4750
- An Anishinabek ceremony that honors our ancestors and loved ones that have walked on.

Make One, Take One Ribbon Skirt

Nov. 8 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Ziibiwing Center (6650 E. Broadway)
- Registration: 989.775.4751
- Only 10 spots available
- Must be intermediate sewing level

Veterans’ Feast

Nov. 10 | Doors open at 5:30 p.m., grand entry at 6 p.m.

- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Ballrooms
- PWalker@sagchip.org
- Honoring our wounded warriors
- All veterans welcome
- Photos requested: Please bring in photos of veterans who have walked on.
- Keynote Speaker: Darren Hafeli

Youth & Family Traditional Healing Clinic

Nov. 12 | 9 am. - 3 p.m.

- Behavioral Health (2800 S. Shepherd Rd.)
- Appointments: 989.775.4870
- With Joe Syrette
- Youth ages 10 to 24 will take priority.
- Family and community also welcome.

SCTC GED Adult Education Open House

Nov. 12 | 3-4 p.m.

- SCTC (5805 E. Pickard Rd.)
- 989-317-4963

SCTC College campus tours

Nov. 12 | 4-5 p.m.

- SCTC (5805 E. Pickard Rd., Mt. Pleasant MI, 48858)
- 989-317-4821
- Experience our campus: Our team is excited to show off our main campus during a general campus tour as well as sharing their personal experiences as to why Tribal College is so special.

ACFS “Stuff the Van” Food Drive

Nov. 13 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Black Elk Building (7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.)
- 989-775-4991
- Shelf stable, canned goods (proteins, vegetables and fruit), whole grains, hygiene products (soap, shampoo and deodorant).

Author Talk Presentation: Amanda Peters

Nov. 13 | 7 p.m.

- Ziibiwing Center (6650 E. Broadway)
- 989-775-4750
- Register: https://libraryc.org/crdl/100577/register

Two-Spirit Talking Circle

Nov. 24, Dec. 22 | 6-8 p.m.

- 7th Generation (7785 E. Remus Rd.)
- LeRuffino@sagchip.org or kt@greatlakesbaypride.org

ACFS Foster Care Christmas Bazaar

Dec. 14 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- SECR Ballrooms (6800 E. Soaring Eagle Blvd.)
- 989.775.4914

NOVEMBER 2025 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
HONORING SAGANING TRADITIONAL POWWOW Save the date: June 6-7, 2026 Powwow Grounds — 2750 Worth Rd., Standish, Mich.		42nd Annual Saginaw Chippewa POWWOW Save the date: July 24-26, 2026 The Hill Campground — 7525 E. Tomah Rd., Mt. Pleasant, Mich.		● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling	1 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health 2
3 Sewing in Saganing 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saganing Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health	4 General Election Day 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	5 Recovery Talking Circle 9 a.m. B. Health Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health	6 Free Expungement Clinic 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Public Safety Community Sewing Nights 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen Peer 360 at BH Lodge 6-7 p.m. B. Health	7 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health Spirit Bear Talking Circle 7 p.m. Andahwod	8 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health AOVWS Meeting 2 p.m. Ziibiwing 9
10 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health	11 Tribal Ops Closed Veterans Day Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom	12 Recovery Talking Circle 9 a.m. B. Health Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health	13 Tribal Observer DEADLINE Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m. 7th Gen Soup Day 12-1 p.m. Saganing Peer 360 at BH Lodge 6-7 p.m. B. Health	14 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health Spirit Bear Talking Circle 7 p.m. Andahwod	15 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health 16
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Tribal Operations

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.

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.

Clerical Pool

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

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.

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. IHS & NHSC loan repayment eligible clinic. Eligible employer for public student loan forgiveness as a nonprofit.

Registered Medical Assistant - Nimkee

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.

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 nonprofit.

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 nonprofit.

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. One year experience in administration of federal grants and contracts, and grant writing.

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STC 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.

Billing Account Clerk Behavioral Health

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

Student Support Tutor

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. College level math. Must be able to pass math test with a score of 70 percent or better. Desired qualifications: Experience working with youth.

Police Officer

Open to the public. Arenac County. High school diploma or GED. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Must not have criminal history that would prevent applicant from acquiring any certification or qualification required. MCOLES certified or MCOLES certifiable. CPR and First Aid Certifications. Associate degree desired.

Dental Office Manager

Open to the public. Must be a registered dental assistant, or higher. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma, or equivalent. Must have one year experience working in an office management environment. Must have knowledge of dental terminology, understand procedures, and diagnosis.

Telecommunication Technician I

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in information telecommunications technology or related field. One year of experience in telecommunications. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered. Experience with Nortel/Avaya PBX system. Experience with voice and data cable and fiber optic installation, termination and testing.

Paralegal Prosecutor PT

Open to the public. Associate degree from accredited institution. Excellent communication, writing, research, and

computer skills. Bachelor's degree in administration preferred. Supervisory experience preferred.

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.

Dental Assistant

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Graduate of a dental assisting program or two years of dental assisting experience. Certification to expose dental radiographs.

Natural Resources Technician

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years old. Must be able to swim and use a canoe.

Case Manager

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work, human services, or related field. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple organizations and community systems. One-year case management experience.

Family Advocate Specialist

Open to the public. Associate degree in social services, human services or related field. Desired qualifications: Two years social services or human services experience. Experience with Native American communities.

Accountant

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting. One year of experience in general accounting.

Soaring Eagle

Master Plumber

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Ten years of experience as a licensed plumber which includes a combination of apprentice, journeyman and master plumber.

Line Cook

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

Guest Room Attendant PT

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

Kitchen Equipment Technician

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

current Universal Refrigerant Certification. Under the supervision of the central plant supervisor, repair and maintain all kitchen equipment for all food and beverage outlets.

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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Master Plumber

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Ten years of experience as a master plumber. Must have a current and maintain a State of Michigan master plumbers license. Under the supervision of facilities supervisors, perform and oversee major repairs/new and old installations on plumbing systems. Provide direction to hotel maintenance workers, kitchen equipment technicians and central plant operators.

Beverage Waitstaff FT

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

Beverage Waitstaff PT

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

F&B Attendant FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Cash handling, banking, or accounting experience desired.

F&B Attendant PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Cash handling, banking, or accounting experience desired.

Culinary Supervisor

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of restaurant or banquet cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility.

Line Cook

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

Count Team Assistant

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

F&B Cashier PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Cash handling, banking, or accounting experience desired.

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF RICHARD J. STARKEY:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 East Broadway, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. 989-775-4800. Estate of Richard J. Starkey. Date of Birth: September 25, 1964. Notice to creditors: The decedent, Richard J. Starkey, who lived at 127 W. Wright Ave., Shepherd, MI 48883 died November 19, 2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Stephani Spanne, 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: Stephanie Spanne, 1138 N. Crawford Rd., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858.





Recreation Department hosts Trunk or Treat at The Hill Campground

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Approximately 1,250 community members were treated to a spooky, treat-filled, good time on Friday, Oct. 17.

Hosted by the Recreation Department, the annual event was held at The Hill Campground.

Music was provided by DJ Joe Sowmick.

Trunk or Treat began at 6 p.m. and allowed guests to get treats from a gathering of

decorated vehicles.

The Recreation Department donated more than \$900 in candy, with many additional donations coming in from the community.

A best decorated trunk contest was also held. Taking first place was Nikki Mark and Elisa Maldonado. Second place went to Redrum & Redspirit (Martha Wemigwans, Jonny Wemigwans, Brian Pilar, and Darcy Pilar). Anishinabeg Child and Family Services took third place.

Observer photos by Matthew Wright

