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Native American Heritage Fund announces 2024 grant recipients

Tribal-backed fund supports projects in 10 Michigan communities; today zero schools have "R-word" mascots

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — The Native American Heritage Fund (NAHF) Board has selected 10 Michigan communities as recipients of the fund's 2024 grants. At the Board's June 12 meeting, projects were chosen from a pool of 13 applicants.

Grants totaling nearly \$484,500 were awarded to support community projects, academic programming updates, mascot changeovers and other initiatives that honor Native American culture and history in the area.

Priority was given to funding the decommissioning of inappropriate mascots among Michigan public schools, recognizing the financial burden schools face when updating facilities, uniforms and more.

"Over the past several years, we have helped 15 schools retire and rebrand their mascots. In 2018, we started with six 'R-word' mascots. After this year, we will have zero in Michigan," said NAHF Chairperson Dorie Rios, who is also the Tribal Council Chairperson for the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP). "Our approach goes beyond merely addressing the issue superficially; we aim to be an



integral part of the solution in transforming these mascots. Our commitment extends beyond financial assistance; we are here to offer guidance and support to communities as they navigate away from offensive names and towards more respectful and inclusive identities."

The NAHF urges schools to consult not only students, but also local tribes when reconsidering a school mascot, and specifically funds schools that have identified the new branding and are prepared and approved internally to make the change.

The 2024 NAHF grants include:

- **Albion College** — \$35,000 to create a culturally-appropriate exhibit and site co-management plan at the Whitehouse Nature Center.

- **Camden Frontier School** — \$105,061.20 to rebrand the current mascot from the "R-word" and to rebrand signage, floors, athletic facilities and apparel with the new "RedHawks" mascot imagery.

- **East Jordan Public Schools** — \$12,570 to implement the Nbwaachiwedaa miinwaa Kinomaagedaa: Let's Visit and Learn Program. This grant is in addition to the NAHF grant that East Jordan Public Schools received in 2021, as NAHF continues to work with and support schools as they make ongoing changes.

- **Gladstone Area Schools** — \$18,575.05 to maintain and protect Native American statues that have been in their park since 1988 and to implement educational and community engagement initiatives.

- **Grand Ledge Public Schools** — \$3,200 to create a culturally appropriate Anishinaabe history lesson for third graders.

- **Grand Valley State University** — \$63,467.20 to support Native and Indigenous students at GVSU and to expand all of GVSU's awareness of Anishinaabe culture.

- **Plymouth-Canton Community Schools** — \$145,894.40 to replace the "Chiefs" mascot at Canton High School with the new "Cobras" mascot.

- **Okemos Public Schools** — \$8,000 to develop inquiry-based Michigan history lessons for all third graders in the district, with a focus on the Anishinaabe

people and their impact on the Okemos community. This grant is in addition to the NAHF grant received in 2021.

- **Port Huron Area School District** — \$86,052.24 to replace the mascot at Michigamme and Roosevelt elementary schools and high school. This grant is in addition to the NAHF grant received in 2023, as NAHF continues to work with and support schools as they make ongoing changes.

- **Suttons Bay Public Schools** — \$6,600 to further develop cultural curriculum, which is in addition to the NAHF grant received in 2020 and 2018.,

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MICHIGAN INDIAN DAY ACT 30 OF 1974

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Information provided by: Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways



ZIIBIWING CENTER
of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways



Delegation of students and community from Okaya, Japan visit SCIT



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

On Aug. 5, Tribal Council met with a delegation of students and community members from Mount Pleasant's Sister City, Okaya, Japan. The delegation visited the Ziibiwing Center and learned about tribal history and enjoyed sharing their language and culture with leadership in Council chambers. The delegation also joined several Tribal Members for lunch at the Siniikaung Bistro located inside Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

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Betty Jane Ashmun

June 14, 1947 – August 9, 2024

Betty Jane Ashmun, age 77, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Aug. 9, 2024.

Betty was born June 14, 1947 in Flint, Mich., the daughter of William Otis Ashmun and Mary Jane (Davis) Ashmun. Betty enjoyed gambling, bingo and powwows. She was a huge Elvis fan. Her greatest joy was being a grandma and great-grandma.

She was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

She is survived by her daughters, Kelly (Lamondo) Buggs, Candice Ashmun (Richard) Baker, Kristen Schaefer; nine grandchildren, Jeffrey Wade, Shawn Bliss, Britney Garfield, Jimmy Garfield, Niki (Dustin) Oldenburg, Cachet Ashmun, Sachet Ashmun, Isabella Ashmun Buggs, Tyler Baker; 16 great-grandchildren; sister, Janet Woolard; special niece, Angie (Todd) Todson; special nephew, William "Billy" (Doreen) Ashmun; and special cousin Robin Allen.

She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents; brother, William "Bill" Ashmun; brother-in-law, John Woolard and special friend George.

Funeral services were held 11 A.M. on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2024 at Sharp Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 6063 Fenton Road, Grand Blanc, with Pastor Jim Garfield officiating. Interment was held at Pinconning Cemetery, Pinconning, Mich. Visitation was held from 4-9 P.M. on Monday Aug. 12; and 10 A.M. until the service at 11 AM on Tuesday, August 13.

Contributions may be made to the family.



Patrick Lane McClain

August 2, 1967 – July 07, 2024

Patrick Lane McClain, born on Aug. 2, 1967, in San Diego, passed away on July 7, 2024, in Trenton, Mich., at the age of 56.

Patrick was a loving father who cherished spending time with his daughters and found great joy in the companionship of his beloved furry friend, Bella.

He is remembered for his warm heart and the endless love he shared with those around him.

Patrick is preceded in death by his parents, James and Iva McClain, and his brother, Richard McClain.

He is survived by his two daughters, Kelsey and Megan, who will continue to hold his memory close to their hearts.

Cremation services took place at "The Witness Crematory," located inside Michigan Memorial Funeral Home.

His family and friends are invited to remember and celebrate his life in their own special ways. Patrick will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew him.



It's been 4 years and it hasn't gotten easier, I love you.

Sept. 6th. Mama Bear

Happy Birthday Peanut, forever young

We love and miss you. Sept 20th



Chad Allen Adkisson

September 8, 1977 – August 12, 2024

Chad Allen Adkisson, of Flint Township, age 46, died Monday, Aug. 12, 2024 at his residence.

Chad was born in Flint, Mich. on Sept. 8, 1977, the son of Gerald and Marilyn (Watson) Adkisson.

Funeral services were held at 2 P.M. on Monday, Aug. 19, 2024 at the Plumb-Smith Funeral Home, Pastor Sarah LaRose-Nettelle officiating. Cremation followed. Interment will occur later, next to his mother, at Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation was held at 10 A.M. until the time of service on that Monday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Genesee County Humane Society or ABATE of Michigan.



Joseph Dean Oller

April 15, 1981 – July 30, 2024

Joseph Dean Oller, of Mount Pleasant, formerly of Flint, age 43, died Tuesday, July 30, 2024 in Chippewa Township.

Muckaday Dean Getin Nondagosin was born April 15, 1981 in Flint, the son of Darrell Gene and Linda Grace (Lavolette) Oller. He was employed as a security guard at Soaring Eagle Casino.

Surviving are: son, Andrew Oller; daughter, Sara Marie Oller; daughter, Maddilyn Dean Riley; sister, Marie Oller; brother, Darrell Gene Oller II.

Funeral services were held 1 P.M. on Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024 at the Plumb-Smith Funeral Home, Pastor Brad Lake officiating. Cremation followed. Final interment will occur later in Bendle Cemetery.



Tribal Member
RÉSUMÉ
Development

Available through Human Resources

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

Betsey M. Alonzo
Balonzo@sagchip.org | 989-775-5643

SCTC
Land Grant
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Positions Available
Provides SCTC students access to new experiences, research, and hands-on learning opportunities working with professionals in the field.

Application deadline: Sept. 20, 2024 by 5 p.m.

It will provide up to \$2,700.00 per student for the fall "24" and spring "25" semesters to qualified students. We can work around your class schedule.

▶ **Start:** Oct. 7, 2024 ▶ **End:** May 3, 2025

Criteria:

- Must be an enrolled SCTC student
- Must be able to do physical labor
- Commit to eight hours per week
- Must have and maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Must be enrolled in at least one STEAM (Science, Technology, Art, Agriculture, Math) related course

If interested, please contact:

Kathleen Hart | 989.317.4827 | khart@sagchip.edu

*"If reasonable accommodation is needed to participate, please contact Mary Pelcher, 1-989-317-4967, mpelcher@sagchip.org or mpelcher@sagchip.edu. Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College is committed to the full inclusion of all qualified individuals. As part of this commitment, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College will ensure that persons with disabilities are provided reasonable accommodations. **Non Discrimination Statement: Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College (SCTC) and its Board of Regents is committed to providing a non-discriminatory and harassment-free educational and working environment for all members of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College community, including students, faculty, administrators, staff, and visitors. It is the policy of SCTC that no person shall be discriminated against, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, including harassment, in employment and admissions, in education, or in any program or activity for which the College is responsible, on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender, gender identification, sexual orientation, disability, age, religion, medical condition, veteran status, marital status or any other characteristic protected by institutional policy or tribal or federal law. ***



ZIIBIWING CENTER of Anishinabe Culture & Lifestyles

Collections Committee Vacancies

Attention Tribal Members

The Ziibiwing Center is seeking interested individuals to serve on its Collections Committee.

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

Interested members need to:

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

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

William Johnson, Curator/Operations Manager

• **Email:** WJohnson@sagchip.org
• **Phone:** 989.775.4730
• **Mail:** ZC Collections Committee
c/o William Johnson
6650 E. Broadway
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

District 1 SCIT Elders

Hazardous Tree Removal PROGRAM

Maximum \$1,000 per District 1 SCIT Elder homeowner Requirements:

- ▶ 55 years and over
- ▶ Reside within District 1 jurisdictional boundaries
- ▶ Hazardous tree(s) must be evaluated by Planning Department staff

Documentation needed:

1. Proof of homeownership
2. Provide at least one estimate from insured tree removal contractor

Wood is for Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Elder homeowner, other Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Elder, or Tribal department use and may not be sold.

Contact information:

Kim Otto McCoy, Planning Department
• **Phone:** 989-775-4014
• **Email:** KMcCoy@sagchip.org



Working Together To Protect Our Environment



WII MAAJIKWAD

PLAQUE Fundraiser

Plaques will be placed on 18 benches around Wii Maajikwad.

Plaques cost: \$500 each

- Each plaque will have the pre-engraved wording: "In Honor of"
- Maximum letter count for customizable area: 50 letters
- Black plaques only: no colored plaques
- Plaque size: 2" x 10"
- Must be a Tribal Member's name



Wii Maajikwad
"WHERE WE GROW"

Payments can be made at:
Accounting in the Black Elk Building

For more information, please contact:
ESchlegel@sagchip.org or 989.775.4453



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

Regular Tribal Council Sessions

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

Regular Council Session Dates

• Sept. 3 • Oct. 1 • Nov. 5



PROJECT ACCESS: FREE Expungement Clinic

Monday, Oct. 28, 2024 • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law students, along with volunteer attorneys, will be conducting a FREE EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC.

Individuals will have their ICHAT (Michigan criminal record) reviewed, be advised on eligibility for expungement, and if eligible, be provided with assistance preparing the Application to Set Aside Conviction, along with directions for filing and next steps.

Please note this important information:

1. A person with more than three felony convictions is NOT eligible for expungement under Michigan Law.
2. To be eligible for an expungement: seven years must have passed for a person with more than one felony conviction; five years must have passed for a person with one felony or a serious misdemeanor; or three years must have passed for one or more misdemeanors, since the completion of probation, discharge from parole, or completion of incarceration, whichever is later.
3. Not all criminal convictions are eligible for expungement under Michigan Law.



- ▶ Registration is **REQUIRED**.
- ▶ Clinic limited to 50 people.

Pre-Registration closes:
 Monday, Oct. 21, 2024 at 5 p.m.



Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations Announcement

New Department Name!

The former Business Regulations & Tax Department is now the Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations.

Contact information and updated forms can be found online at:

- www.sagchip.org/BusinessRegulations
- www.sagchip.org/forms.aspx

Mno Shkiziwin Open Enrollment Period is Aug. 1 - Nov. 1, 2024

All new applications and requested changes must be submitted by Nov. 1, 2024 at 5 p.m. to take affect January 2025.

Please call or email the Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations with any questions.

- **Latasha, licensing specialist:** (989) 775-4175
- **Chris, director:** (989) 775-4105
- **Email:** OTLR@sagchip.org

Elder Parking Permits

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

License Plates

Friendly reminder for any Tribal Member who carries a SCIT License Plate on their vehicle:

Please stop by the office any time there is a change in your personal information since your last renewal, including name, contact information, physical/ mailing address, or Driver's License renewal.

Sagamok Loyalty Cards

Sagamok Loyalty Cards for eligible Tribal Members are available at the Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations. Pick yours up ASAP to continue receiving Fuel and Tobacco tax discounts at Sagamok!



UMR UPDATE

Important changes to your UMR Health Coverage that will take effect on Jan. 1, 2025

Dialysis Coverage

- ▶ No longer covering Out of Network Providers for Inpatient/Outpatient Services.
- ▶ Patients currently effected will be notified to begin transition to an In-Network provider of choice.



Community Photo Submissions Needed

Nimkee Clinic is requesting family-friendly photos to display within the clinic.

Requested photo subjects include:

- ▶ Powwow dancers
- ▶ Drummers
- ▶ Sports
- ▶ Community events
- ▶ Active/healthy lifestyles
- ▶ Generational photos



Please email photo submissions to:

KAFox@sagchip.org

Nimkee
 Memorial Wellness Center

*A photo release form will need to be completed if your submission is used by Nimkee Clinic.



Mno D'biishkaan Lori!

I hope today is the best. You are so loved!!

Sept 22nd



Happy Birthday Shelayna,

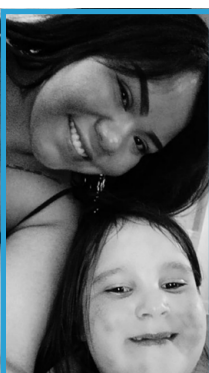
I am so proud of you.

We love you.
 Sept 8th



Happy 60 to my PIC

Love, Shellie



Happy Birthday Addison,

we love you so much honey.

Sept 26th



Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to my mini me. Words can't express how much I love you!

Sept 26th



Happy Birthday Mno Dbishkaan

Carla Cummins
 September 14th

Charla Riley
 September 5th

May the Lord Bless us with Many More! Love, Charla



Happy Birthday Karter!

We love and miss you!

Sept. 9th



Mno D'biishkaan Pony Boy.

We love you.
 Sept 14th




Tribal Council

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Tim J. Davis | District One

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Secretary
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Brad Bennett | District One

Council Member
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Ron Nelson | District Two

Council Member
Samantha Chippeway | District One

Council Member
Theresa Peters-Jackson | District One

Huron-Manistee National Forests

Camping Available

Camping fees are waived

Go to Rec.gov
- Select Huron-Manistee National Forest

Select your dates and campground

When checking out:

- Fill in your personal information
- Apply an eligible pass discount:
 - * Pass type: Tribal fee waiver
 - * Tribal Name: Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- Check the box: Tribal ID Card
 - * Make sure to have your Tribal ID card when checking in at the campground

For more information, contact:
Kim Otto McCoy, Planning
(989) 775-4014 or KMcCoy@sagchip.org



Nimkee

Memorial Wellness Center

Orchard Lab Services

Open for walk-ins, or skip the line and schedule an appointment 989-775-4687
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Please remember to bring all outside lab orders with you or fax directly to Nimkee Clinic at 989-775-4680.
Lab will remain closed for all Federal Holidays

For more information, please call: 989-775-4600

Pharmacy Services

Nimkee Pharmacy hours:
Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Meijer Pharmacy hours:
Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Cardinal Pharmacy hours:
Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For more information, please call: 989.775.4608

Same-day appointments

We want to ensure that all patients have a positive experience at Nimkee Clinic. If you have a same-day appointment, we kindly ask that you focus on addressing any urgent issues during your visit. To give your non-urgent concerns the attention they deserve, we may schedule a follow-up visit. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Same-day appointments are scheduled for 15-30 minutes

To schedule your appointment, please call: 989.775.4600

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.


Elders Assistance Home Repair Program (EAHRP) and Elders ADA Accessibility Program (EAAP)

Tribal Member Elders, age 55 and older, or Tribal Members with a documented long-term disability


EAHRP guidelines, D. 3. and EAAP guidelines, D. 3 homeowners insurance requirement has changed. Homeowners insurance is no longer needed to qualify for:

- ▶ EAHRP once in a lifetime grant of \$5,000
- ▶ Or EAAP grant of \$5,000 every 10 years

Contact information:
Kim Otto McCoy
• Phone: 989-775-4014
• Email: KMcCoy@sagchip.org



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ZIIBIWING CENTER

of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways

The Ziibiwing Center will be open to the public during the following holidays:

- ▶ Michigan Indian Day — Friday, Sept. 27, 2024
- ▶ Veterans Day — Monday, Nov. 11, 2024
- ▶ Martin Luther King Jr. Day — Monday, Jan. 20, 2025
- ▶ Presidents Day — Monday, Feb. 17, 2025
- ▶ Easter — Monday, April 21, 2025

2024 MICHIGAN POWWOW TRAIL

Newberry Powwow
Sept. 7, 2024 | Newberry, Mich.
• 4935 Zee Ba Tik Ln., Newberry, MI 49868

GVAIL 63rd Annual Traditional Powwow
Sept. 7-8, 2024 | Grand Rapids, Mich.
• 2001 Monroe, Grand Rapids, MI 49505

For more information, please visit:
<https://calendar.powwows.com/events/categories/pow-wows/pow-wows-in-michigan/>

TRIBAL OBSERVER

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

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

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

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



Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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

Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

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



Youth Mental Health Survey

The Native Connections program at SCIT Behavioral Health is conducting a mental health survey for SCIT Tribal youth between the ages of 9 to 24.

Behavioral Health has incentives available for anyone who completes the surveys. Please call Sarah Jones, data analyst, at 989-775-4898 for the incentives or for more information.

The survey will assist in gathering information about our community to help prevent substance misuse and suicide among our Tribal Youth.

SCAN QR CODE



Ziibiwing Center Community Digital Archive ASSISTANCE NEEDED

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



You can view the current development at this temporary web address:
<https://cdsc-wsu.org/ziibiwing-center/home>

For more information, please contact:

- Email: ZiibiwingQuestions@sagchip.org
- Phone: 989-775-4733 or 989-775-4748

Deer Season 2024

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

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the 2024 Deer Season within the exterior boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation and on designated Tribal Trust Lands outside the exterior boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation shall begin Sept. 4, 2024, and will close on Feb. 1, 2025 unless ordered otherwise. Further restrictions shall be as follows:

- Sept. 4, 2024 - Oct. 31, 2024 shall be bow only
- Nov. 1, 2024 - Feb. 1, 2025 shall be bow or gun

The 2024 Deer Season will allow for the harvest of five deer as follows:

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

Licenses and harvest tags will be available starting Aug. 28, 2024 at the Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations \$10 per harvest tag. Only five tags are allowed.

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

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

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

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

Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee Currently has vacancies

The Planning Department is soliciting letters of interests for adult Tribal Members interested in serving on the Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee (SCCC) for a Tribal Council appointed two year term beginning Nov. 15, 2024. Per Ordinance 11, section 102, subdivision 2 and the approved Ordinance 11 Committee By-Laws.

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

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



dseal@sagchip.org

All letters of interests must be received no later than: Friday, Oct. 18, 2024 at 3 p.m.

2025 Annual Reports Forms available now

Deadline: Friday, Nov. 1, 2024

Tribal Clerk's Office hours:

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Notarization is required

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

Your 2025 Annual Report MUST be filed before/ with submitting a Tribal Loan Application.

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

Spring Wild Turkey Season 2024

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

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B), the 2024 Fall Wild Turkey Season within the exterior boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation and on designated Tribal Trust Lands outside the exterior boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation shall begin Sept. 15, 2024, and will close Oct. 31, 2024, unless ordered otherwise.

The 2024 Fall Wild Turkey Season will allow for the harvest of one Turkey, either sex.

Licenses and harvest tags are available starting Aug. 28, 2024 at the Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations at \$10 per tag. Only one tag allowed.

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

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

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

Small Game Season 2024

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

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 106 subdivision 3 the 2024 Small Game Season within the exterior boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation and on designated Tribal Trust Lands outside the exterior boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation shall begin Sept. 1, 2024, and will close on March 31, 2025, unless ordered otherwise.

The 2024 Small Game Season will allow for the bag limits as listed:

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

Small game species are defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 103 subdivision 66. Licenses will be available starting Aug. 28, 2024, at the Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations. \$10 per license. Animal harvest must be reported within 72 hours of take by phone, email, or online.

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

Migratory Bird Season 2024/2025

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

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 109 Subdivision 3 the 2024/2025 Migratory Bird Season within the exterior boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation and on designated Tribal Trust Lands outside the exterior boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation shall begin Sept. 1, 2024, and will close on Jan. 31, 2025 unless ordered otherwise.

The 2024/2025 Migratory Bird Season will allow for the bag limit as listed. **NON TOXIC SHOT ONLY.**

Migratory bird season daily bag limit:

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

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

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

***No more than five hooded mergansers in the aggregate.

Reporting within 72 hours of harvest is mandatory per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 109, Subdivision 5(B).

A small game license is also required as per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 109, Subdivision 2.

Licenses will be available starting Aug. 28, 2024 at the Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations. Fee is \$10 per license.

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

Special Elder and Mentored Youth Deer Hunt 2024

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

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the 2024 Special Elder and Mentored Youth Deer Hunt within the exterior boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation and on designated Tribal Trust Lands outside the exterior boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation shall begin Sept. 1, 2024 and will close on Sept. 3, 2024, unless ordered otherwise. Further restrictions shall be as follows:

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

The 2024 Special Elder and Mentored Youth Hunt will allow for the harvest of one deer. Licenses and harvest tags will be available starting Aug. 28, 2024, at the Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations at \$10 per harvest tag. Only one tag is allowed for this special hunt.

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



Major cash prizes, scholarships awarded at Soaring Eagle Open golf tournament

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

It was time once more for competitive golf games vying for large sums of money. The 10th annual Soaring Eagle Open, a three-day golf tournament played between PohlCat Golf Course and Bucks Run Golf Course in Mount Pleasant, Mich., was held Aug. 16-18.

The tournament, presented by Imagine This and made possible by numerous sponsors, featured different scrambles and tournaments.

The seniors' (age 50 and older) three-man scramble was held on Friday with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. at PohlCat. Twenty-seven golfers competed. It cost \$210 per person (\$630 total for the three-player team), and paid out \$7,800 in cash prizes.

The ladies' three-player scramble was held at the same time and location. There were 21 participants. This outing paid out \$3,900 in cash prizes.

The Friday night skins game was held at 3 p.m. at PohlCat. It cost \$75 per



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Top teams collect their cash prizes to wrap up the 10th annual Soaring Eagle Open golf tournament during the closing banquet on Sunday, Aug. 18 in a ballroom in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

person (\$225 total for the three-player team).

The open tournament was held Saturday and Sunday with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. at both PohlCat and Bucks Run. There were 72 golfers. The cost was \$350 per person (\$1,050 total for the three-player team). Entry covered green fees and cart fees. All registrants received a polo shirt, sleeve of golf balls and goodie bag.

On Sunday, Aug. 18, a 4 p.m. banquet was held in a ballroom in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort to conclude



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the weekend's tournaments and award cash prizes to the top teams.

For the first time as part of the annual event, this year a portion of the sponsorship proceeds went towards funding \$1,000 scholarships to 10 local high school and college students.

"The committee felt that with the money raised by our amazing sponsors, we could incorporate this into the outing without taking away from the payouts that were set for the winners or each outing," said Tanya Bardy, advertising/public relations manager for the Soaring Eagle Marketing Department. "It was great to read all of the essays that were submitted and to hear all of the stories of where the kids came from and what their future goals are when it comes to furthering their education. This will definitely be something that stays as part of this outing."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Miranda Pelcher-Miley (center) is a scholarship recipient and is photographed with her family and CEO Melinda Coffin.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The big winner's this year are Team VanBonn: Bryce Fleisher, Devon VanBonn and Shane Egan. This team also had a hole-in-one on Sunday at Bucks Run on Hole #17.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

(Left to right) Bear Raphael, Aaron Tadajewski and Steve Wassegijig also won big in a flight and are photographed during the banquet.

The 10 scholarship recipients were: Aubury Dubey, Meghan Pols, Burger, Lorain Martinez, Haily Davis, Pelcher-Miley, Ashton Vogel, Conner Stempk, Ayla Sisco and Tayden Davis.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Lorain Martinez (third from left) is one of the 10 scholarship recipients and is photographed with family members and Soaring Eagle CEO Melinda Coffin (right).

Rental Assistance Program

SCIT Housing Department is now taking applications for rental assistance

- ▶ Open to low-income Native households within Michigan's lower peninsula
- ▶ Assistance is limited to SCIT's eight county service area as defined by HUD: Arenac, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Montcalm, Mecosta, Midland and Osceola.
- ▶ Applicant must be a member of a federally-recognized tribe
- ▶ Must meet HUD income limits: www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html
- ▶ First come, first serve
- ▶ Will pay the security deposit and first month's rent while funds last



For more information, please contact:

Miranda Pelcher-Miley | 989-775-4532 | MiPelcher@sagchip.org

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

FY 2024 Income Limits Summary

Based on 2024 U.S. Median Income: \$97,800

1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
\$54,768	\$62,592	\$70,416	\$78,240	\$84,499	\$90,758	\$97,018	\$103,277

If household income is at or below these amounts, you are income eligible.

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Paperwork required: Current and new members are to fill out new membership and liability forms, along with signing an access expectation sheet.

Access prohibited: It is prohibited to enter the facility after business hours without filling out the 24/7 access paperwork.

Staff: Fitness staff will be available from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to assist with the access paperwork.

Yoga Class | Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact:
Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690



Cup of Joy, an organic coffee and tea shop with a boutique, opens on the Reservation

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

There's a new coffee shop in town. Luckily for Tribal Members and employees, it's located right on the Reservation. Cup of Joy, an organic coffee and tea shop, also features a boutique.

Cup of Joy is Tribal Member-family owned and operated. The shop is owned and ran by Tribal Council Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts and her husband Kevin Ricketts; children, Jordan Kopke, Margaret Kopke and Kallena Ricketts; and grandchildren, Sereniti and Genesis.

What started as a mobile coffee cart quickly expanded to a shop.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Cup of Joy, an organic coffee and tea shop and boutique, is located in the Sowmick Plaza at 2410 S. Leaton Rd., Suite 2, in Mount Pleasant.

"I purchased an old, raggedy 1982 concession cart," said Alice Jo Ricketts. "I refurbished it and we hit the ground running."

In July 2022, we had our first gig at the Tribal Gym during the fireworks at the Casino."

From there, there was a need to expand as the cart was limited for space. Ricketts asked a Migizi Board Member about renting the space. She said she walked in the empty space and knew right then that it would be the perfect spot for the shop.

The grand opening was held on Thursday, Aug. 1.

This is the sole coffee shop for the Tribe, aside from Native Grind, housed in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

What makes Cup of Joy unique, Ricketts said, is their coffee and teas are organic. Ricketts heard about the company they purchase from, Equal Exchange, through GreenTree Co-op Market in Mount Pleasant.

"The beauty of Equal Exchange is they are an indigenous organization. They harvest all organic," Ricketts said. "... When people help them harvest, they pour back into underprivileged people groups.... I have tried different organics and they're pretty similar but this one had the best taste, the best flavor with both the coffee and the tea."

Cup of Joy offers a selection of hot and iced coffees with a variety of syrups, including sugar free syrups. The teas include black tea and iced tea.

Sept. 1 kicks off the fall menu



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Cup of Joy features a selection of hot and iced coffees, teas and a weekly food menu.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Cozy seating is available at the shop.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The boutique portion of the shop features antiques, beadwork by Alice Jo Ricketts, candles, collectibles and more.

and a fan favorite – pumpkin spice will be available. Chai tea will also become available.

Lemonades are also on the menu – they incorporate a shot of lotus, a plant-based energy drink.

Starbursts have been a popular menu item. They contain a shot of the pink lotus, lemonade and strawberry or raspberry.

Ricketts wished to thank

Niibin Sprague for introducing Cup of Joy to lotus.

The food menu changes weekly. Some of the featured items thus far have included: breakfast burritos and sandwiches, biscuits and gravy, chili, soup, goulash and more.

Ricketts said they are also trying to incorporate a bit of culture by offering wild rice, fry bread and blanket dogs.

The boutique portion of the shop features vintage antiques, beadwork made by Ricketts, candles, collectibles and more.

Cup of Joy is located in the Sowmick Plaza at 2410 S. Leaton Road, Suite 2, in Mount Pleasant, Mich., and is currently offering delivery on the Reservation.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

As of Tribal Observer press time, Cup of Joy is schedule to have free Wi-Fi. Ricketts said she welcomes the community, especially kids to come in to visit or do their homework.

Ricketts said they also plan on purchasing a TV and hope to host viewing parties for sports games.

Article sponsored by Cup of Joy

FIFTH ANNUAL OPIOID SUMMIT
"Raising Awareness, Taking Action, Saving Lives"
 Presented by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

Oct. 28 & 29, 2024
SECR Entertainment Hall

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For questions or more information, contact:
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SUBMISSIONS NEEDED

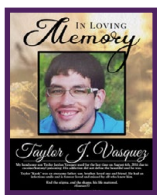
The fifth annual Statewide Tribal Opioid Summit Committee is requesting the communities support for submittal of a picture and a written brief story of remembrance of their loved one who would like a chance to share with others due to opioid, alcohol substance misuse and suicide.

- The Summit will pay a memorial tribute on Oct. 28 & 29, 2024 at the Soaring Eagle and Casino & Resort in the Entertainment Hall.
- 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:

Carol Jackson at Carjackson@sagchip.org

- A memory board will be created of your loved one to share with participants at the summit.
- For more information, please visit: www.sagchip.org



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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Jayne Martin at midcentralahc@cmich.edu

- A variety of shifts and times available.
- Access to presentations, speakers and vendors included.



TRIBAL ARTISANS

Location: SECR Entertainment Hall (Pipe and drape included)

- Set-up beginning: Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024 from 3-5 p.m. and Monday, Oct. 28, 2024 from 6:30-7:30 a.m.
- No fee for table rental for Tribal member or descendant. Space is limited! First come, first serve basis by Oct. 20, 2024.
- Wireless internet
- Hotel code: TOS102924 (Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort)
- Responsible for own food costs
- Please donate an item for door prize raffle

To register, or for more information, please contact:
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Blanton sworn in as new Tribal Police Officer on Aug. 6



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Officer Nathaniel Blanton (far left) was sworn in by Chief Tim J. Davis, with support from Tribal Council members, on Tuesday, Aug. 6. Tribal Council welcomed back Blanton as he has served as a Tribal police officer prior.



MSU's Indian Law Clinic receives funding to continue supporting Native families, tribes

MSU TODAY

The Michigan State University College of Law's Indian Law Clinic has received funding to continue its work of assisting tribes with enforcement of the law. The MSU clinic is the only law school clinic in the country that regularly represents tribes in both state and federal courts on Indian Child Welfare Act, or ICWA, cases.

Most recently, the clinic successfully represented four intervening tribes at the United States Supreme Court, while continuing to represent tribes in state appellate courts.

To continue this work, the NoVo Foundation has provided \$400,000 in funding for the next two years. The funding will allow the clinic to hire additional lawyers and administrative support to increase its capacity and provide more MSU law students with the opportunity to work on ICWA cases and take on more tribal clients.

Although the ICWA was passed by Congress in 1978 to prevent the removal of American Indian and Alaska Native children from their families, Native children today are disproportionately represented in the system at a rate 2.5 times higher than their population in the country.

Kathryn E. Fort, director of clinics at the MSU College of Law, runs the Indian law clinic.

"This funding will allow the clinic to work with more tribes in litigation as well as address additional policy needs, including advising on state ICWA laws, expanding the network of ICWA attorneys for tribes, and the creation of bench and bar educational materials," Fort said.

The clinic is focused on supporting sustainable sovereignty for Native families and tribes and advocating for respect and decency for them. The staff's deep knowledge of tribes and their systems means it can provide unparalleled support for tribes in both state and federal systems.

The reach and work of the clinic is national; representing tribes across the country and providing MSU law students with experience and connections across the country. Until this funding, the clinic operated with one clinical professor and one fellow.

Other work at the clinic includes advocacy, such as participating in state ICWA

legislation drafting and passage across the country, working with the federal government on new and innovative funding models to achieve equity in funding for tribal systems, and training social workers and jurists on ICWA and related state laws.

"I am thrilled with this significant support from the NoVo Foundation," said Kathryn E. Fort, director of clinics. "For

them to recognize the importance of the work of the Indian Law Clinic is gratifying. We look forward to expanding our work and meeting the needs of tribes and Native families."

For those who want to learn more about the clinic or who need assistance, visit the clinic's website or contact the clinic at clinic@law.msu.edu or 517-432-6880.

SCIT Tribal Court officials comment on MSU's Indian Law Clinic's continued funding

Chief Judge Michelle Horn for SCIT Tribal Court asserts the work of ICWA plays a vital role in protecting the rights of American Indian and Alaska Native children, preserving culture and safeguarding tribal self-government.

"As a Michigan State University College of Law alumnus, I am proud of the work being done through the Indian Law Clinic," Judge Horn said. "The value to children, families and tribes as a whole is immeasurable."

Tribal Court Prosecutor Tony Moses said he believes the Indian Law Clinic is an

important asset in helping all Court systems understand the often times complex but absolute rights of American Indian and Alaskan Native Families and their children.

"The Clinic also provides a great opportunity for MSU law students to gain this knowledge through practical and real-life experiences," Moses said. "As an MSU law alum and current Saginaw Chippewa Indian tribal prosecutor, I am very proud and grateful to have such a law clinic close by and helping in the cause of protecting the rights of these Native families and children."



2024 Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Results

Platinum Age		
Men	Women	
1	Albert R. King Sr.	Ladybird Jack
2	Mike King	Cindy LeClaire
3	Joe Bointy	Tina Hindsley
4	Jim White Sr.	Erma Peters

Golden Age Women		
Traditional	Grass/Fancy	
1	Denise Haury	Shelley Eagleman-Bointy
2	Colleen Thomas	Marie Dreaver
3	Jessica McCullough	
4	Edwina Tosa	

Golden Age Men		
Traditional	Grass/Fancy	
1	BJ Haury	Walker Stonefish
2	Gabriel Cleveland	Jerry Youngbear
3	Tony Wahweotten	
4	Everett Moore	

Drum	
1	The Boyz
2	War Paint
3	Bad River
4	Eagle Flight
5	Little Soldier

Senior Adult Men			
Grass	Fancy	Traditional	
1	Lee Jack Jr.	Darrell Hill	Brando Jack
2	James Bud Day	Nigel Schuyler	Adrian Klein
3	Loren Warner	Wesley Cleland Sr.	Joe Syrette
4	Delvin Cloud	Tyrone Shawana	Mervel Larose

Senior Adult Women			
Fancy	Jingle	Traditional	
1	Autumn Hart	Grace Hill	Krystal BigSky
2	Tracy Cleland	Darcie BigBear	Amanda Moore
3	Rain Williams	Regina Kiogima	Tosha Goodwill
4	Heather Syrette	Dolly Pucan	Krystol Abol

Junior Adult Men			
Grass	Fancy	Traditional	
1	Jace Roberts	Darryl Hill, Jr.	Malcolm Murphy
2	James Eaglestar	Albert King, Jr.	Jared Brown
3	CJ Laskey	Liam Sands	Nodin Aquash
4	Jarod Broome		Josiah Tsatoke

Junior Adult Women			
Fancy	Jingle	Traditional	
1	Sara Bointy	Prairie Rose Jack	Aryana Robinson
2	Virginia Bull-Bear	Jovelle Schuyler	Shelby Bointy
3	Coral Pettibone	Kayla Dreaver	Kasey Perez
4	Mackenzie Jacobs	Erin Roberts	Kendra Hale

Teen Boy			
Grass	Fancy	Traditional	
1	Ma-koonse Aquash	Jaymison Hill	Gegek Webkamigad
2	Adrian Day	Wiingeshk Shawana	Zaidis Deleary
3	Dazer Pitawanakwat	Griffin Sands	Maheengunse Bear
4	Aspen Kewayosh-Deleary	Benjamin Sanchez Hinmon	Little Bear Jamieson

Teen Girl			
Fancy	Jingle	Traditional	
1	Maniyee Jack	Panno Wahwassuck	Hope Stevens
2	Jaslynn Hill	Keshina Jack	Mackenzie Nolan-Summers
3	Selese Syrette	Denaya Pitawanakwat	Jordin Eaglestar
4	July Hunter	Niich Wemigwans	Cypress Kewayosh-Deleary

Junior Boys			
Grass	Fancy	Traditional	
1	JJ LeBlanc	Caiden Tortalita	Alexander Bigslay Klein
2	Brandon Woods Jr.	Albert King III	Jordyn Smith
3	Cameron Jamieson	Jasper Jamieson	Cason Falls
4	Anthony Janke	Shaune Leareaux	Azriel Shananaquet

Junior Girls			
Fancy	Jingle	Traditional	
1	Lilianna Bigsky Klein	Ivey Sands	Na'naya Jack
2	Kisay Dreaver	Lily James	Ruby James
3		Lilliana Moore	Athena Begay
4		Faye Sky Wemigwans	Gena Sinopole



SCIT delegation attend Wetland Vegetation Identification Training in St. Ignace

JOSEPH SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

On Aug. 1, the SCIT Environmental Team attended a Wetland Vegetation Identification Training hosted by the Region 5 Tribal Wetland Working Group in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy.

The team included Tribal Council Member David Merrill Jr., along with Ayla Sisco, natural resources technician, and Owen Howard, NPS pollution specialist, from the SCIT Environmental Planning Team.

The training was held in the St. Ignace, Mich. area and was specifically designed for Tribal staff and Tribal Members within EPA Region 5. The travel funding was paid for from a scholarship from the National Association of Wetland Managers.

Merrill said the training allowed participants to practice wetland plant identification at two sites near St. Ignace wetland habitats. The training also introduced participants to existing wetland monitoring and assessment protocols.

“Katie Fairchild from EGLE provided an overview of plant identification techniques in the field near historic wetlands



Courtesy photo

(Left to right) Environmental Team’s Owen Howard, NPS pollution specialist, and Ayla Sisco, natural resources technician, and Tribal Council Member David Merrill Jr. are photographed near the Mackinac Bridge after the Wetland Vegetation Identification Training, hosted in St. Ignace, Mich. on Aug. 1.

sites in between the Hiawatha National Forest and Lake Michigan. We then visited several wetland community types, where we identified various wetland plants,” Merrill said. “One simple way they showed us to identify was utilizing technology such as apps SEEK or iNaturalist. Other suggestions is talking with elders who have cultural and traditional knowledge of our plant relatives.”

The afternoon sessions included tribal and state monitoring training. Fairchild demonstrated EGLE’s wetland

vegetation monitoring protocols by offering hands-on experience in applying these methods.

Natural Resources Technician Ayla Sisco found the training was extraordinarily

beneficial, as they were able to hear perspectives from representatives from EGLE, National Association of Wetland Managers, and other tribes.

“Over 30 wetland plants were identified and we were taught how EGLE does their wetland vegetation surveys. This information is extremely helpful to the work that the Environmental Team does on Tawas Lake and within the Saginaw Bay,” Sisco said. “There were also several attendees that worked closely with manoomin (wild rice) restoration, so I enjoyed hearing their stories and sharing information.”

Owen Howard, NPS pollution specialist, values the field experience and mentions the conference was a beneficial experience.

“I had a great day learning about wetland plants and the delineation processes. In total, I learned around 20 new wetland plant species that will help

me be a better steward of the land in my position, moving forward,” Howard said. “I am very grateful for the opportunity to learn from my peers in such a beautiful location.”

Merrill appreciated the opportunity to connect with other environmentalist in Indian Country along with fellow tribal staffers Owen and Ayla.

“I learned wetlands are important because it is like Mother Earth’s kidneys and liver. They help filter out pollutions from reaching our drinking water, streams, waterways and lifeblood,” Merrill said. “I look forward to assisting our environmental department in helping advocate protection of mother earth. I enjoy the ability to network with other tribal environmentalists.”

Merrill said he was honored for the opportunity to represent the Tribe and thanked Tribal Council and Tribal Membership for the opportunity to serve.

NAHF

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The awards will be distributed and shared with the public at the NAHF Grant Award ceremony at FireKeepers Casino Hotel on Friday, Sept. 13, following the NAHF Board Meeting at 11 a.m.

The NAHF Board is composed of: Chairperson Dorie Rios (NHBP tribal council chairperson); Vice Chairperson Melissa Kiesewetter (Michigan Dept. of Civil Rights tribal liaison/Native American specialist); Secretary Elizabeth Kinnart (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians citizen); Treasurer Robyn Elkins (NHBP tribal council vice-chairperson); and Board Member Kimberly McClellan (Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians).

Department of Veterans Affairs Tribal Veterans Representatives Training



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Chief Tim J. Davis (left) provides opening remarks and Tribal Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts (right) provides the invocation for the Department of Veterans Affairs Tribal Veterans Representatives Training on Monday, Aug. 19 in a ballroom at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

The Tribal drum group, Blue House Singers, provided the opening drum song.

The purpose of the knowledge-based training is to help attendees understand programs available for returning armed services members, veterans, and their families under the new PACT Act of October 2022.

SUPPORTING A LOVED ONE DEALING WITH MENTAL AND/OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

STARTING THE CONVERSATION

When a family member is drinking too much, using drugs, or struggling with a mental disorder, your support can be key to getting them the treatment they need. Starting the conversation is the first step to getting help.

How You Can Help

- 1 IDENTIFY AN APPROPRIATE TIME AND PLACE.** Consider a private setting with limited distractions, such as at home or on a walk.
- 2 EXPRESS CONCERNS AND BE DIRECT.** Ask how they are feeling and describe the reasons for your concern.
- 3 ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR FEELINGS AND LISTEN.** Listen openly, actively, and without judgement.
- 4 OFFER TO HELP.** Provide reassurance that mental and/or substance use disorders are treatable. Help them locate and connect to treatment services.
- 5 BE PATIENT.** Recognize that helping your loved one doesn’t happen overnight. Continue reaching out with offers to listen and help.

What to Say

- “I’ve been worried about you. Can we talk? If not, who are you comfortable talking to?”
- “I see you’re going through something. How can I best support you?”
- “I care about you and am here to listen. Do you want to talk about what’s been going on?”
- “I’ve noticed you haven’t seemed like yourself lately. How can I help?”

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Environmental cleanup: What you can do

KATIE HAGER

Environmental Outreach Coordinator, Planning

Minimize your environmental impacts:

Please help clean up and keep clean our Tribal lands and waters, parking lots, sidewalks, buildings, trails, and spaces. You can make a difference by practicing responsible hiking, walking, or outdoor recreation by picking up just one piece of trash.

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Before leaving, clean your footwear and gear. Be sure to scrape off dirt and debris. To see how you can take further actions to prevent the spread of invasive species visit: www.playcleango.org/take-action/#backpacking

Reasons to pick up trash: protects Mother Earth and wildlife; prevents water pollution; promotes public health; can inspire others to take action; reduces greenhouse gas emissions; conserves natural resources; supports environmental education and stewardship; improves mental health; encourages community engagement; creates a cleaner, safer community; supports local conservation efforts; and sets a good example for the next generations to come.

Safety: Be sure to always use care and best judgement when picking up garbage - wear close-toed shoes and protective gloves or use a trash grabber for items that

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Leave hazardous items such as: needles, medical waste, syringes, batteries, oil drums, and canisters ALONE as these may not be safe and have specific waste instructions and regulations.

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• **Sept. 4 National Wildlife Day** - day dedicated to bringing awareness to endangered animals but also to acknowledge conservation, zoos, and sanctuary efforts to develop preservation and conservation outreach and education especially to our children, the animal's future caretakers and conservationists.

• **Sept. 15 Greenpeace Day** – day dedicated to bringing about change in the way we treat our environment. It calls for peaceful protests to improve the air that we breath, reduce fossil fuel dependencies, avoid single-use throw away items such as plastic, and improve water quality.

• **Sept. 16 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer** – also known as World Ozone Day. This day is dedicated to the ozone layer, a fragile shield of gas that helps preserve and protect Earth from harmful ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

• **Sept. 16 Collect Rocks Day** – take a walk to the park, beach, or stream to collect some pretty rocks, like Michigan's Petoskey stones.

• **Sept. 21 National Clean-up Day** – the largest single-day cleanup event in the U.S. bringing together volunteers to serve their communities.

• **Sept. 22 Car Free Day** – People are encouraged to find alternative transportation than their cars to reduce emissions such as walking, biking, or taking public transit.

• **Sept. 27 National Crush a Can Day**

• **Sept. 28 National Hunting and Fishing Day** – celebrates outdoors activities while emphasizing stewardship and conservation.

• **Sept. 28 National Public Lands Day** – national single-day volunteer effort for public lands from trail maintenance

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- Dispose of unwanted bait, fish parts, and packing materials in the trash DO NOT dump them in the water or on land.
- Sweep out your RV or tent interior before leaving.
- Rinse watercraft, trailer, and equipment with high pressure hot water when possible.
- Buy plants native to your area.

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to tree plantings, removing trash, and observing wildlife.

To report concerns regarding illegal dumping, hazardous materials, contaminated land or pollution concerns call the Planning Department at 989-775-4014.

Community input is an important part of environmental health to help guide property cleanup, reuse and redevelopment activities. Identifying and responding to environmental concerns is enhanced when individual community members become involved.

Tribal Member Rotation Program employee moves into full-time position

HUMAN RESOURCES

You may have noticed someone new dealing cards at Soaring Eagle this summer... and that person just might

be Julian Kahgegab. When Kahgegab was hired into the Tribal Member Rotation Program in late April, he already had an idea in the back of his head of which job would be the one for him.

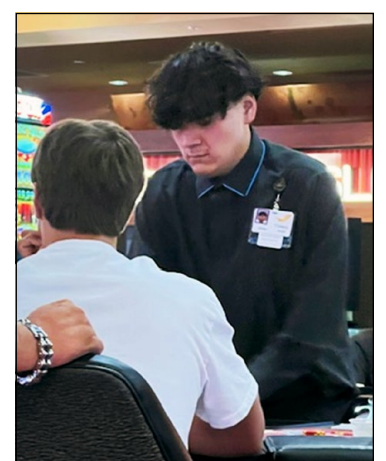
“When I was a kid, I was at a family reunion and one of my relatives was dealing blackjack to some family members,” Kahgegab said. “I always thought that was cool and something I would like to do. When I got trained in Table Games as part of the Rotation Program, it didn't feel like work. It was fun and I was excited to come to work every day and learn more about dealing cards. I found out there are a lot of good people in Table Games, and my supervisors help me out when I need it.”

As part of the Rotation Program, Kahgegab went through the Table Games, Finance, Guest Experience, and

Entertainment departments. Moving through these different areas is challenging, to say the least. There is so much to learn in a short amount of time, and always being the new guy might be the hardest part.

Although Kahgegab says, “Getting up early every day was definitely my biggest challenge!” That makes working his current late night swing shift a perfect fit.

On behalf of Human Resources, we congratulate Kahgegab for participating in the Tribal Member Rotation Program and accomplishing his goal of finding a job he enjoys, with good people and good pay.



Courtesy photo

Julian Kahgegab (right) works as a table games dealer at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. He was hired into the Tribal Member Rotation Program in April.

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Employees, family and friends come together for summer fun at Saganing Appreciation Day

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Public Relations Manager

On Aug. 7, Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel employees came together with family and friends for some summer fun at the Saganing Appreciation Day.

The event was held at the Saganing Outreach Center and featured a wealth of activities that included food, door prizes and lots of family-friendly fun.

Bob VanWert, general manager of the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel, said, “We look forward to holding this event each year as it provides us the opportunity to ‘give a little back’ to all of the staff who work so hard throughout the year making Saganing what it is.”



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Council Member Frank Cloutier (left) and Scott Binder, SELC slot tech, distribute door prize tickets at Saganing Appreciation Day.

VanWert said the event allows administration and staff the opportunity to share some time together on a more personal level.

“We are grateful to Tribal Council for their continued support, as without that,

none of this would be possible,” VanWert said. “We also appreciate all of the Council members who took the time out of their busy day to come out and assist with (the event) festivities.”

Tribal Council Member Frank Cloutier (District Three representative) said being part of the appreciation day is a full circle moment for him.

“I was there as we prepared to staff the facility back in 2007 as part of the Public Relations team and met many of our long serving associates as they began their service with us,” Cloutier said. “To see them thriving in an environment that is supportive and meaningful is a sense of accomplishment and pride.

“To see newer associates being welcomed and included in the celebration cheerfully is a testament to the service our Saganing team provides. Everything starts from home and we have a team that reflects a positive, friendly and supportive environment and mentality. I couldn’t be more proud.”

As chief in 2016, Cloutier and Council supported the expansion with greater gaming space and the hotel.

“That vision provided another opportunity to grow the staff,” Cloutier said.



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Food and Beverage employee Sheila Tacey (left) shares a moment with Council Member Ron Nelson.

“Together today we have approximately 399 associates and provide some of the best gaming and hospitality service within our region. None of this would be possible without our fellow associates.”

Tribal Council Member Ron Nelson (District Two Saganing representative) was on hand with Outreach Manager Tim Nelson.

“I have always looked at the Saganing Outreach Center as a gathering place and there is always a feeling of walking through those doors is like coming home,” Ron Nelson said. “I’m glad to see all the associates and employees who brought their extended families with them.”

VanWert wished to thank Christy Weaver, administrative



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Council Member Brad Bennett (right) and SECR Marketing Director Raul Venegas encourage employees to spin the wheel to win prizes.

assistant II for Saganing, who works all year long planning and putting this together.

“I’m happy to see that her efforts have paid off once again,” VanWert said of Weaver. “I would also like to thank our chef, Jesse Qualls, and his culinary team for taking care of all of the food and beverage... along with all of those who pitched in to make this event special.”

Food and Beverage employee Sheila Tacey summed up the successful event in one statement.

“As you can see, we are all one big happy family and I’m glad the Tribe appreciates us,” Tacey said.



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Tribal youth Evelyn Bennett (left) receives a blue raspberry Sno-cone from SELC Hotel Front Desk Manager David Warren.



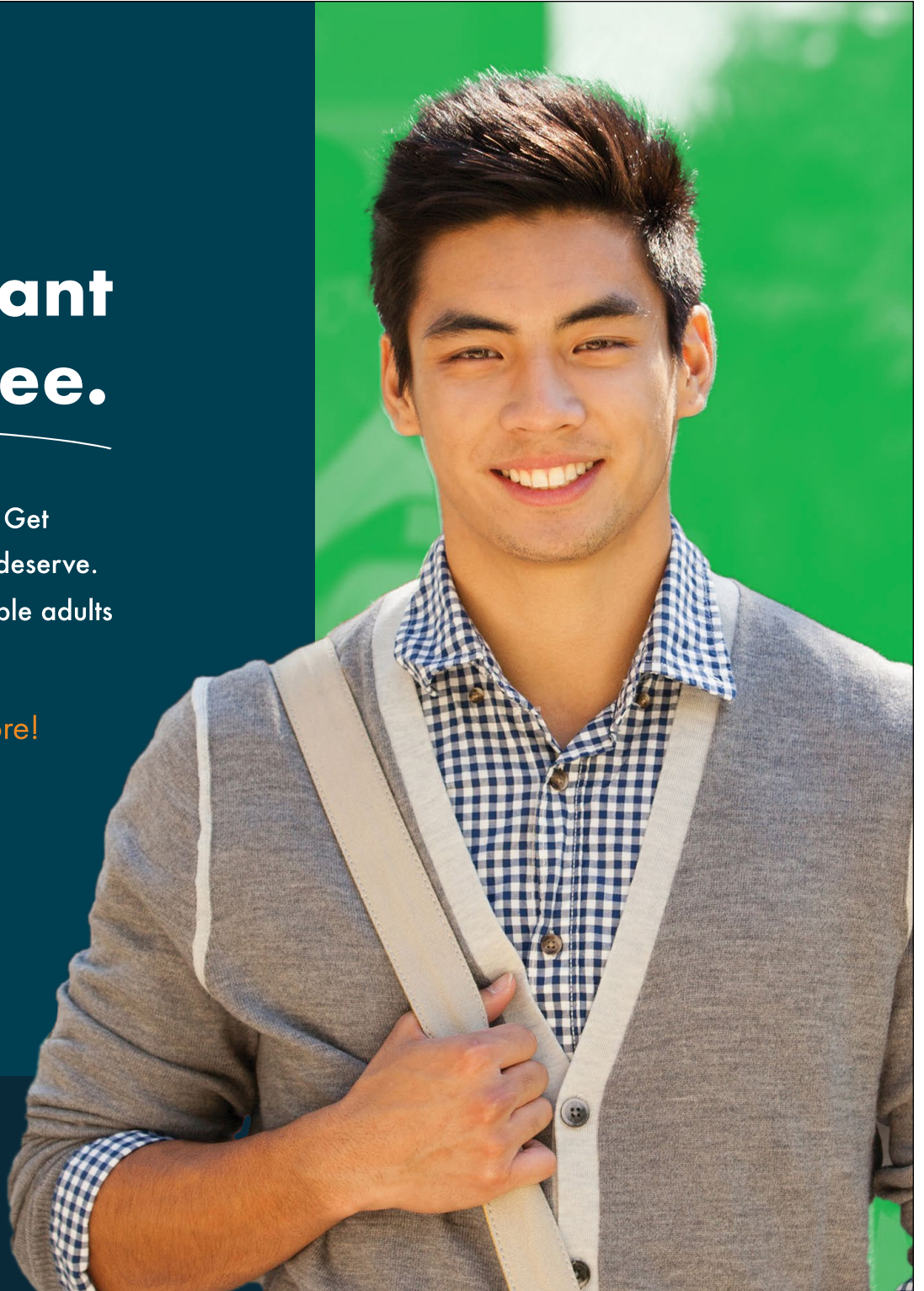
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Christy Weaver (left), administrative assistant II for SELC Gaming, is all smiles as Finance Supervisor Dorothy Cassel serves up some delicious cotton candy.

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Annual Wewebanaabiiwin Youth Fishing Tournament held Aug. 9

MATTHEW WRIGHT
Staff Writer

The seventh annual Wewebanaabiiwin Youth Fishing Tournament was held on Friday, Aug. 9.

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

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

Public Relations Manager Joseph Sowmick served as emcee, while also supplying music throughout the event.

A lunch was provided by Peer 360, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services.

Event Coordinator Kevin Ricketts said he was very pleased with the event turnout.

"This was the seventh year for the youth fishing tournament and was by far the biggest in numbers and adorable, cheerful smiles," he said.

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

"Every year it seems to grow with participants, and

department/business collaboration," he said. "I so appreciate Bonnie Sprague (Migizi EDC), and our Tribal Council for allowing me to coordinate the event."

Ricketts also shared future plans for the event.

"The hype for next year is in the planning already," he said. "This fall we are projected to for the first time to stock the lake. The fish we hope to stock are largemouth and small bass, catfish, hybrid blue gills and perch. By stocking the lake we feel this will allow many great years of our youth fishing tournaments."

The event was a collaboration of efforts by many organizations and departments. This included: Tribal Council, Tribal Court, Recreation, Seventh Generation, Behavioral Health, ACFS, Project Venture, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, Migizi EDC, Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park, Tribal Fire, Tribal Police, LIDAR Drone Services, JNR Engraving, Peer 360, Cup of Joy, Bite This-Mobile Fishing Tackle & Signature Rods, and the CMU Bass Fishing Club.

Community service workers and many volunteers were also involved with tournament.



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First place, 5-9 year old: Ronnie Ekdahl



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Second place, 5-9 year old: Christian Woods



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Third place, 5-9 year old: Marceo Magnell



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First place, 10-13 year old: Elijah Quigno



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Third place, 10-13 year old: Caleb Sprague



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First place, 14-17 year old: Victor

Not pictured: Mezziniis Wassegijig (second place, 10-13 year old)



September 2024 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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

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| 12) Myria Carr
Wayne Dutton
Michael Chamberlain
Jeffrey Pigeon Jr.
David Stevens | 13) Louanna Bruner
Shellie Pelcher
Darci Tucker
Loralee Werth | 14) Doreen Eggleston
Jeffrey Brown
Eugene Ives Jr.
Julie Treib | 15) Gary Rueckert Sr.
Andrew Byce Sr.
Rodney Dutton | 16) Tonya Fallis
Karen Gibson
Evelyn Grills
Sharll Hudson
Richard Nahgahgwon
Joseph Smith Sr.
Christine Baird | 17) Jon Beaulieu Sr.
Clifford Collins
Darcy Crampton | Barbara Huffine
Kristine Smith
Lela Walker
Laura Perez | 19) Brenda Gardner
Paul Chamberlain | 20) Charles Jackson | 21) Perry Bailey Jr.
Michael Bearden
Brian Peters | 22) Lori Nahdee
Angela Peters
Jacqueline Ortiz
Melissa Mays
Thomas Fallis | 23) Judith Mays
Louise Smith | 24) Jerry Douglas
Maurice Pego Jr.
Theodore Stevens Sr.
Garry Douglas
Jennifer Jones
Selene Moore
Cherin Rossbach
Sandra Rubin-Warner | Edison Pelcher
Richard Smith Jr. | 25) L. E. Reed Jr.
Mark Godbey
Kevin O'Brien
Richard Starkey | 26) Matthew Seger
Martin Curry
Lucinda Graverette-Smith
Janet Kerns
Alexander Walraven
Lena Jackson | 27) Sheridan Pelcher
David Wilson
Tonia Bliss | 28) Fitzgerald Stevens | 29) Agnes Flynn
Dianne Nelson
Jerome Pigeon Jr.
Marcella Wing
Anthony Davis | 30) Donald Chippewa Sr.
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Rock bands The Offspring, Simple Plan, Hoobastank perform nostalgic hits

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

As the Soaring Eagle outdoor summer concert series keep bringing in top entertainment acts, July 26 brought in three bands all in one evening. The Offspring, Simple Plan and Hoobastank performed their nostalgic rock hits that Friday evening.

American rock band Hoobastank opened the show at 7 p.m. and performed a 40-minute set.

Hoobastank consists of original members – lead vocalist Doug Robb, guitarist Dan Estrin and drummer Chris Hesse – and newer member, bassist Markku Lappalainen. The band was formed in Agoura Hills, Calif. in 1994.

In an energetic performance, Hoobastank began the show with “Just One,” “Remember Me” and “Born to Lead.”

When you think of our music, you may think of your high school or college days, Robb said, as the band played those familiar hits.

The unadulterated rock set continued with “Same Direction,” “Running Away,” “Inside of You,” “Pieces,” “Out of Control,” “The Reason” and “Crawling in the Dark.”

Next up, the pop-punk Canadian band, Simple Plan, also provided a fun, energetic show featuring Scooby Doo costumes, sizeable beach balls thrown out into the audience, and deep, emo lyrics.

Simple Plan’s 50-minute set began with a bang, springing into “I’d Do Anything,” “Shut Up!,” “Jump,” “Addicted,” “Welcome to My Life,”



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The Offspring’s lead singer Dexter Holland (left) and guitarist Noodles (center) launch right into the band’s mega-hit “Come Out and Play” during the outdoor Soaring Eagle show on July 26.

“Summer Paradise” and “Where I Belong.”

Simple Plan paid homage to other musical artists by performing a few covers, including Elton John’s “Can You Feel the Love Tonight?” from “The Lion King.” That performance was followed with a mash-up of Smash Mouth’s “All Star,” Avril Lavigne’s “Sk8er Boi,” The Killers’ “Mr. Brightside” and lastly, Blink 182’s “All the Small Things.”

Abruptly, drummer Chuck Comeau takes off running – and we’re talking a full sprint – into the crowd. He found a spot in the grand stands to jump into the audience and crowd surf. He eventually ran back to the stage.

“Thanks for catching him,” lead singer Pierre Bouvier joked to the audience.

Several people in Scooby Doo costumes joined Simple Plan on stage during “What’s New Scooby Doo?” and the band ended their portion of the show with their hits “I’m Just a Kid” and “Perfect.”

Next, it was time for the show headliners. The Offspring, an American punk rock band from Garden Grove, Calif., performed a 75-minute set.

Current band members include Dexter Holland (lead vocals, rhythm guitar), Brandon Pertzborn (drums), Noodles (lead guitar), Todd Morse (bass) and Marcus Parrish (guitar).

Visuals and lighting effects perfectly matched the band’s tone – energetic, flashy and there for nothing but a good time.

The Offspring launched right into their mega-hit “Come Out and Play.”

The band followed with “All I Want,” “Want You Bad,” “Staring at the Sun” and “Make It All Right,” which will be on their 11th album “Supercharged,” set to be released on Oct. 11.

Flying through songs, one right after another, The Offspring continued on with Edvard Grieg’s “In the Hall of the Mountain King” preceded by snippets of “Iron Man” and “Sweet Child O’ Mine.”



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Simple Plan’s lead singer Pierre Bouvier performs on the outdoor concert stage that Friday evening.

Following were Ramones’ cover “Blitzkrieg Bop,” “Hit That,” “Million Miles Away,” “Bad Habit” and “Gotta Get Away.”

In addition to musical talent, the band members weren’t too reserved to joke with each other and the audience.

“I Googled it right before I took the stage... you’re not going to believe this, but we set a world record here for tonight at the Soaring Eagle Casino of Mount Pleasant, Michigan. World record: one-million three-hundred and six-thousand one-hundred and twenty-five people here tonight,” joked Todd Morse, bassist.

“I mean, I know there’s a lot of people here; I really don’t think that there’s a million,” said Dexter Holland, lead vocalist.

“I Googled it! And the internet told me; they proved it! The internet proves everything. One-million three-hundred and six-thousand one-hundred



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Hoobastank’s drummer Chris Hesse (left) and lead singer Doug Robb (right) get the show started as the evening’s opening band.

and twenty-five people here tonight... But I don’t want to focus on quantity, Dexter, I want to focus on the quality of the audience we have before us this evening,” Morse said.

Morse continued speaking to the fans, “You guys are incredible; your voices, each and every one of you; the tone, the timber, the timing; you’re pitch perfect. I mean, you guys need to go out and get agents the first thing tomorrow...”

“Why Don’t You Get a Job?,” “(Can’t Get My) Head Around You,” the much-anticipated “Pretty Fly (for a White Guy)” and “The Kids Aren’t Alright” were performed next.

The Offspring’s encore included an instrumental “Lullaby,” then “You’re Gonna Go Far, Kid” and “Self Esteem.”

More than just a walk down memory lane, each of these three bands created new memories for these rock music fans to remember.

Jason Aldean brings summertime vibes, country music hits to Soaring Eagle

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Summertime is the perfect time for outdoor country music. Jason Aldean brought that sentiment to life with hit song after hit song, at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. The outdoor concert stage welcomed the artist and his Highway Desperado tour on Friday, Aug. 16.

Aldean began with “Burnin’ It Down,” “Tattoos on This Town” and “That’s What Tequila Does.”

The country musician has released 11 studio albums, while constantly topping the Billboard charts.

Aldean has 28 number one singles; many of which were performed that night. This included “Dirt Anthem,” “Fly Over States,” “Take a Little Ride,” “When She Says

Baby,” “Lights Come On,” “Rearview Town” and “Big Green Tractor.”

His most recent album, “Highway Desperado,” was released in November 2023. Fans were treated to several songs off the album including “Whiskey Drink,” “Try That in a Small Town” and “Let Your Boys Be Country.”

Other songs performed that night included “If I Didn’t Love You,” “Crazy Town,” “We Back” and “Girl Like You.”

A highlight of the night featured audience members singing along to the sentimental love songs “Trouble With a Heartbreak” and “You Make It Easy.”

Aldean ended the show with the upbeat, downhome hits “Hicktown,” “My Kinda Party” and “She’s Country.”

Taking to the stage before Aldean was country musician Hailey Whitters.

She performed a short set that included her songs “Boys Back Home,” “I’m in Love” and “Everything She Ain’t,”



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Jason Aldean performs “Tattoos on This Town” during his Aug. 16 Soaring Eagle outdoor concert.

alongside a cover of Dolly Parton’s “Jolene.”

Opening the night were up-and-coming country artists Austin Snell and Chase Matthew.

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



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Hailey Whitters performs on the outdoor concert stage.



Lynyrd Skynyrd, ZZ Top co-headline Soaring Eagle outdoor concert

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Lynyrd Skynyrd and ZZ Top co-headlined an unforgettable night of classic rock at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Aug. 9. As part of “The Sharp Dressed Simple Man Tour,” the show helped bring a plethora of hits to the outdoor concert stage.

Often cited as the quintessential southern rock ‘n’ roll band, Lynyrd Skynyrd has spent decades bringing their hit songs to devout fans across the globe.

Although a tragic 1977 plane crash took the lives of three band members, the spirit of the

original Lynyrd Skynyrd has lived on since their reformation in 1987.

The band is fronted by Johnny Van Zant – the younger brother of original band member and lead singer Ronnie Van Zant. The current lineup also features Rickey Medlocke, Damon Johnson, Mark Matejka, Michael Cartellone, Keith Christopher, Peter Keys, Carol Chase and Stacy Michelle.

To open the night, Lynyrd Skynyrd performed “Workin’ for MCA,” “Skynyrd Nation” and “What’s Your Name.”

The hits continued with “That Smell,” “I Know a Little,”



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Lynyrd Skynyrd performs “What’s Your Name” during the Aug. 9 outdoor concert at Soaring Eagle.



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ZZ Top bassist Elwood Francis (left) and guitarist Billie Gibbons (right) come together on the outdoor concert stage.

“Whiskey Rock-a-Roller,” “Saturday Night Special” and “The Ballad of Curtis Loew.”

A highlight of the night featured the blues-infused ballads “Tuesday’s Gone” and “Simple Man” followed by the southern rock-infused riffs of “Gimme Three Steps.”

Next up was a cover of J.J. Cale’s “Call Me the Breeze.”

The energy in the crowd came to a peak as the iconic opening riffs to “Sweet Home Alabama” echoed across the night sky.

If there was ever one song fit to be an encore, it is “Free Bird.” The band closed out the night with a performance of the lengthy, slow building crescendo of rock and roll nirvana.

Taking to the stage prior to Lynyrd Skynyrd was blues rock

legends ZZ Top.

The “Little Ol’ Band from Texas” co-headlined the night with their trademark beards, black glasses and blues rock.

Since forming in 1970 in Houston, the band has sold more than 50 million albums. As of 2016, the band had released 11 gold, seven platinum, and three multi-platinum records.

The current lineup features original members Billie Gibbons (vocals/guitar) and Frank Beard (drums), alongside bassist Elwood Francis. After the death of Dusty Hill in 2021, the band continued with their long-time guitar tech Francis taking up the mantle on bass guitar.

ZZ Top started their set with the hit song “Got Me Under Pressure.”

Next up was a cover of Sam & Dave’s “I Thank You,” followed by “Waitin’ for the Bus,” “Jesus Just Left Chicago” and “Gimme All Your Lovin’.”

Their signature blues rock sound was on full display during “Pearl Necklace,” “I’m Bad, I’m Nationwide,” “I Gotsta Get Paid” and “My Head’s in Mississippi.”

The band switched it up with a cover of Merle Travis’ “Sixteen Tons” before going right back to their roots with the hit songs “Just Got Paid,” “Sharp Dressed Man” and “Legs.”

ZZ Top ended their night with a three-piece encore performance of “Brown Sugar,” “Tube Snake Boogie” and “La Grange.”

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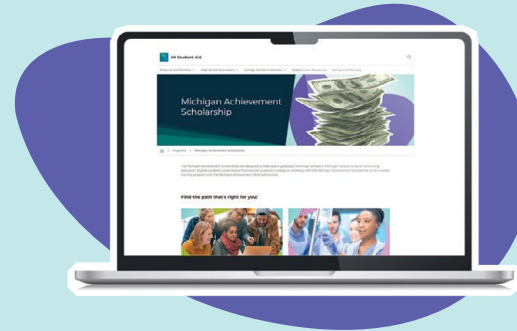


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Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College hosts second annual Mshiikenh 5K Run/Walk

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College hosted its Mshiikenh 5K Run/Walk on Saturday Aug. 17. The second annual event was held behind the college's new location at 5805 Pickard St.

The free event began at 9 a.m., with 65 participants running or walking on the former Waabooz Run golf course.

"I am so grateful to all the SCTC staff, Kyle Shomin from the Recreation Department, Brian Sponsellor and Josh Hicks along with the (Mt. Pleasant High School) Cross Country team who worked the timing," said event coordinator Jayme Green, SCTC student success coach. "Thank you to all the participants who braved the rain to join in the fun and be physically active!"



Observer photos by Matthew Wright

All participants received a custom event T-shirt, with the top finishers also receiving prizes.

The top finisher in the 5K was Drew Wilson with a time of 19:29. Darren Wilson came in second place at 19:46, and in third place was David Jensen at 19:59.

Hayden Mogg finished first in the one-mile walk with a time of 9:24. In second place was Briella Mogg at 9:29, with Abigail Mogg finishing third at 12:49.



National Women's Health and Fitness Day recognized on Sept. 25

DR. JESSICA

A. RICKERT

DDS, Anishinaabe
Dental Outreach

National Women's Health and Fitness Day is celebrated every year on the last Wednesday of September, falling on Sept. 25 this year. It's a special day to promote the importance of excellent health and fitness for all women. Here are significant topics to focus on going into 2025:

The **awareness** that it is important for each woman to strive for excellent health. A

woman gets only one body, the one she is born with. Of course, she must take care of it the very best she can! Start with the gateway to the body, the mouth.

Prevention is better than reacting to disease. Choosing a healthy lifestyle can prevent disease. Many dental diseases can be prevented with excellent daily oral hygiene habits. A healthy diet and drinking habits will contribute to excellent dental health and will benefit a woman's entire body.

Routine dental checkups help in the early detection of dental problems. Schedule a

dentist's appointment at least once a year.

Make a **commitment**. Celebrating health and fitness on Sept. 25 is great but what would be even better is making a lifelong commitment to live a healthier life — every day.

Encourage all women to achieve this important goal of health and fitness. Women can support each other when choosing healthy habits.

On Sept. 25, awareness programs will occur in a variety of locations, so join thousands of other women and attend these fun events.

Knowledge is power. Recognizing and learning new things today and every day about women's health is an ongoing goal.

Here's an example: World Heart Day occurs on Sept. 29. It is a mistake to believe that women don't suffer from heart disease. Severe dental disease is often a contributing factor in heart disease. Every woman must become health-conscious and live heart-healthy.

Dental cavities could significantly increase the risk of a life-threatening stroke from bleeding in the brain, according to new research.

In fact, severe dental disease can worsen many physical ailments. Why not control what you can? Why not strive for excellent dental health and a healthy body?

Plan ahead by asking: "Where do I want to be in five years?"

Here's a **reminder**: Healthy teeth, healthy woman, healthy tribe, healthy Anishinaabe.

Find out more from your dentist and from your medical doctor.

• <https://nationaltoday.com/national-womens-health-and-fitness-day/>

• <https://www.healthline.com/health/dental-oral-health-prevention>

• <https://www.cdc.gov/oral-health/prevention/index.html>

• <https://www.health.harvard.edu/heart-health/gum-disease-and-heart-disease-the-common-thread>

• <https://www.heart.org/en/news/2021/03/19/how-oral-health-may-affect-your-heart-brain-and-risk-of-death>

• <https://world-heart-federation.org/world-heart-day/>

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Bella

Bella, a Domestic Shorthair mix, is the epitome of elegance! This calico girl has a sweet and gentle nature. Bella embodies grace and mindfulness. She takes life at her own pace; carefully considering every step and move she makes. She is looking for a quiet home that mirrors her calm and serene personality. If you're seeking a companion who will bring a sense of peace and tranquility to your life, Bella is the perfect match.

Chance

Chance, a male Shepherd mix, came to HATS with an injured paw. At first, HATS wasn't sure if they could save his leg, but thanks to some TLC, he's made remarkable progress. Chance is now searching for a foster-to-adopt home. HATS would like to ensure his injuries are fully healed before finalizing his adoption. Because he will need to come back to the clinic periodically for checkups, a local foster is necessary at this time.

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Andahwod Continuing Care Community and Elder Services District One Elders' September 2024 Newsletter

Boozhoo! This month will be the last newsletter mailed automatically to SCIT Elders. Beginning in October, we will submit all Elder information in the Tribal Observer. You may also check the Andahwod webpage for information. Those who filled out the form to receive a newsletter will continue to receive in the mail.



Andahwod Phone Numbers

- **Gayle Ruhl:** 989.775.4305
Administrator
- **Sandra Pelcher:** 989.775.4300
Administrative Assistant I
- **Dawn Chippewa:** 989.775.4308
Billing/Administrative Assistant II
- **Careena Meyers:** 989.775.4315
Support Services Manager
- **Galina Kolb:** 989.775.4301
Resident Care Manager
- **Sheligh Jackson:** 989.775.4307
Elders Advocate
- **Patty Kequom:** 989.775.4302
Activities Assistant
- **Denise Pelcher:** 989.775.4339
Activities Coordinator
- **Maintenance:** 989.775.4313
- **Nurse's Station:** 989.775.4319

Grant Assistance for Tribal Elders

There are grants available for Tribal Elders in the community. Depending on the grant qualifications, the Tribal Elder may need to gather documentation pertaining to grant eligibility. For example repair quotes, shut-off notice, etc.

The following grants are available to Tribal Elders, as funding is available. You may contact the listed department for more information.

- **Emergency Minor Assistance Program (EMAP):** Sheligh Jackson, Andahwod 989-775-4307
- **Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP):** Sheligh Jackson, Andahwod
- **Elders Assistance Home Repair Program:** Kim Otto-McCoy, Planning Dept. 989-775-4014
- **Elders ADA Accessibility Program:** Kim Otto-McCoy, Planning Dept.
- **Hazardous Tree Program:** Kim Otto-McCoy, Planning Dept.

Elders' Snowplowing applications will be accepted beginning Oct. 1

- Twenty applications accepted.
- Priority will be given to Elders 70 years and older.
- Everyone must fill out an application for the service and have a medically documented disability if between 50-61 years old.
- \$50 seasonal fee
- Must reside in District One
- Applications can be picked up at Andahwod or found at www.sagchip.org

For more information, please call: 989-775-4307

September 2024 Andahwod events

- Daily Coffee Break**
2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Euchre**
Thursdays | 5:30 p.m.
- Chair Yoga**
Fridays | 2 p.m.
- Grandparents Day**
Sept. 6 | 4-7 p.m.
- Elders Breakfast**
Sept. 11 & 25 | 9-10 a.m.
- Name that Tune**
Sept. 16 | 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Language Bingo**
Sept. 17 | 1-3 p.m.
- Estate Planning**
Sept. 18 | 2-3:30 p.m.

- Anderson & Girls Farm**
Sept. 24 | Leaving at 10 a.m.
- Birthday Bingo & Potluck**
Sept. 28 | 12 p.m.



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

For more information, please call: 989.775.4339

Grandparents Day CELEBRATION

BEACH BLAST BBQ

Friday, Sept. 6, 2024

4-7 p.m. | Andahwod

Bingo for the adults

Games & prizes for the kiddos:

Bubbles, cotton candy, popcorn and face painting
Lots of fun for everyone!

For more information, please contact:

989-775-4339 or depelcher@sagchip.org

Elders Trip Slot Tournament Top 10

- 1: David Brodie: 115008
- 2: Tish Sanchez: 112649
- 3: Charles Jackson: 110870
- 4: Paulette Pashence: 109148
- 5: Kevin Fallis: 103413
- 6: Carol Shanks: 102720
- 7: James Bailey: 101818
- 8: Julie Chamberlain: 100652
- 9: Sharlene Brodie: 100309
- 10: Loretta Casteneda: 99339

Corn Hole Tournament Results



- 1st Place:** Kenny Sprague & Bernie Sprague
- 3rd Place:** Shawn & Larry Kimewan
- 3rd Place:** Tim Nelson & Marilyn Johnson

Estate Planning Workshop

Sept. 18, 2024 | 2 p.m. | Andahwod

- Tribal Elders and community members are welcomed to attend this workshop.
- Facilitators are from Michigan Indian Legal Services.

For more information, call: 989-775-4300.



Wellness Lodge & Sauna

Open Daily 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. | Elders Only



SEPTEMBER 2024 Andahwod CCC & ES Menu

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 Chef's Choice	2 Cheesy Chicken Casserole B.L.T w/Chips	3 Chili Dog Beef n Cheddar Sandwich w/Curly Fries	4 Broccoli Soup Chicken Pot Pie	5 Chicken Stroganoff Shrimp Basket w/Veggie Sticks	6 Grandparents Day Chef Choice	7 Turkey Wrap Pepperoni Pizza w/Breadsticks	
8 Chef's Choice	9 Chicken Chow Mein Noodles Baked Tilapia	10 Grilled Cheese w/Tomato Soup Chicken Parmesan	11 Chicken Noodle Soup w/Bread Chipped Beef & Gravy Over Toast	12 Bean Soup & Fry Bread Hamburger Gravy	13 Meatball Sub Pork Chops w/Applesauce	14 Hot Dog w/Chips Caesar Salad	
15 Chef's Choice	16 Italian Sub Grinder Baked Ziti	17 Smoked Sausage & Potatoes Steak Tacos w/Rice	18 Goulash w/Side Salad Turkey Bacon Wrap w/Chips	19 Veggie Beef Soup Steak Dinner	20 Fried Bologna Sandwich Ham w/Sweet Potato	21 Sweet & Sour Chicken w/Rice Spaghetti	
22 Chef's Choice	23 Grilled Cheese Burgers Chef Salad	24 Ravioli Lasagna BBQ Chicken w/Baked Potato	25 Squash Soup Pork Chop w/Baked Beans	26 Sloppy Joes w/Tater Tots Chicken Wings	27 Taco w/Beans and Rice Open Faced Hot Turkey	28 Tuna Melt Casserole Bean Soup	
29 Chef's Choice	30 Chili Dogs w/ Fruit Chicken Alfredo	Sugar free available upon request				*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*



SEPTEMBER 2024 | Tribal Community Event Planner

School & Sport Physicals at Nimkee

Sept. 4 | 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center
- **Appointments: 989-775-4672 or 989-775-4679**
- Forms can be printed or picked up prior to physical

Community Sewing Nights

Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26 | 5-8 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- **989-775-4780 or TJackson@sagchip.org**

SCTC STEAM^{AG} Meeting

Sept. 5, 19 | 12-1 p.m.

- LGO Conference Room
- **989-317-4827 or khart@sagchip.edu**

Teachings & Sweat Lodge

Sept. 10 | Teachings at 1 p.m., sweat begins at 5 p.m.

- Behavioral Health
- **989-775-4850**
- Open to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Community

Community Mental Health Fair

Sept. 18 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum
- **ACrispin@sagchip.org**
- Informational booths
- Free admission, raffles and handouts

Lodge Building

Sept. 18-19 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Sanilac Petroglyphs (Cass City, Mich.)
- **Registration: mLhadden@sagchip.org or 989.775.4751**
- Stipends and gas cards available
- Wednesday: harvest saplings
- Thursday: lodge building

Diabetes Program: Be Good to Your Heart

Sept. 18 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
- **Registration: THouse@sagchip.org or 989-775-4612**
- Registration deadline: Sept. 11, 2024
- Lunch, heart health information and prevention

Medicine Plant Teaching with Daisy Kostus

Sept. 20 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- Sanilac Petroglyphs (Cass City, Mich.)
- **mLhadden@sagchip.org or 989.775.4751**

Central Michigan HIV/AIDS 5K Walk/Run

Sept. 21 | Race begins at 9:30 a.m.

- Island Park West Pavilion, Mount Pleasant
- **https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/MountPleasant/15thAnnualCentralMichiganHIVAIDS5k**
- Registration at 8:30 a.m.

Manoomin (Wild Rice) Camp

Sept. 21, 22 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- 7th Generation
- **989.317.4827 or khart@sagchip.edu**
- Presenter: Roger LaBine
- Learn about manoomin and how to preserve our "Food that Grows on Water."

Youth Clan Painting

Sept. 24 | 6-7:30 p.m.

- Ziibiwing Center
- **Registration: mLhadden@sagchip.org or 989.775.4751**
- With James Chippeway, Artist

Traditional Healing with Joe Syrette

Sept. 25, 26 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Behavioral Health
- **Appointments: 989-775-4850**

CMDHD "Save a Life" Day

Sept. 26 | 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Island Park, Mount Pleasant
- Free Narcan training and certificate of completion
- Rapid HIV, Hep C and Syphilis testing
- Giveaways: Swag, stickers, sterile supplies and test strips

NATIVE FARMERS MARKET
All Are Welcome!

Tuesdays • June 4 - Sept. 17
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Farmers Market Pavilion
Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads

Items include: Seasonal produce, baked goods, beaded/sculpted/natural art and Indigenous foods.

Welcoming NEW Healthy Food/Native Art Vendors: Maple syrup, eggs, honey, seeds, cottage foods, plants, organic protein and wild rice.

- You do **NOT** have to be Native American to sell produce/plants/other.
- You must be Native American to be an art vendor.

Now featuring: Produce grown on SCTC's Food Sovereignty Garden

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(The Place of Medicine)

SEPTEMBER 2024 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
2 Tribal Ops Closed Labor Day Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health	3 Regular Council Session 9 a.m. Council Chambers Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Farmers Market Pavilion Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom	4 Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	5 Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m. 7th Gen Auricular Acupuncture 4-6 p.m. B. Health Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health	6 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health	7/8 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health
9 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health	10 Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Farmers Market Pavilion Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Traditional Game Night 6-8 p.m. 7th Gen	11 Elders Breakfast 9-10 a.m. Andahwod Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	12 Kombucha Basics Class 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Saganing Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health	13 Monarch Butterfly Day 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Ziibiwing Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health Yellow Earring Workshop 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen	14/15 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health
16 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health	17 Tribal Observer deadline Birch Bark Workshop 5-7 p.m. 7th Gen Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Farmers Market Pavilion Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom	18 Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	19 Saganing Craft Day 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saganing Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m. 7th Gen Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health	20 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health	21/22 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health
23 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health Two Spirit Talking Circle 6-8 p.m. SCTC	24 Vaccination Clinic 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saganing Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Farmers Market Pavilion Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom	25 Elders Breakfast 9-10 a.m. Andahwod Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	26 Movie and Popcorn 1-3 p.m. Saganing Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health	27 Tribal Ops Closed Michigan Indian Day Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health	28/29 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health
30 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health	Habitat for Humanity of Isabella County ReStore our Community: Lights... Camera... Auction! Oct. 19, 2024 6-9 p.m. PohlCat Golf Course Featuring: Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, live and silent auction, valet parking available Tickets: \$60 per person or \$100 per couple **Ticket prices will increase as of October 1. Questions? Contact Habitat at 989-773-0043			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling 	



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Chief Financial Officer
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting or related field. Ten years in-depth experience in financial management with increasing responsibilities for a multifaceted role; direction, and planning required. Five years experience as a CFO or controller/comptroller, preferably in a government or nonprofit organization.

Waste Water Operator II
Open to the public. Sign on bonus: \$1,000 upon six month anniversary, \$1,500 upon one year anniversary. Eligible employer for Public Student Loan Forgiveness as a nonprofit. High school diploma or GED. Three years' experience in wastewater/water field or directly related experience in plumbing or mechanical plant operations.

Waste Water Operator III
Open to the public. Sign on bonus: \$1,000 upon six month anniversary, \$2,000 upon one year anniversary. Eligible employer for Public Student Loan Forgiveness as a nonprofit. High school diploma or GED. Five years' experience in wastewater/water field or directly related experience in plumbing or mechanical plant operations.

Water Operator III
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Sign on bonus: \$1,000 upon six month anniversary, \$2,000 upon one year anniversary. Eligible employer for Public Student Loan Forgiveness as a nonprofit. Must be at least 18 years of age. Five years of water operator or related experience. Training in hydraulics, physics, biology, science, or related field will help in learning this field.

Victims Advocate
Open to the public. Associate degree in human services re-

lated field, or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. One-year experience working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. Experience with federal grant reporting, tracking, and evaluation desired.

Dental Hygienist PT
Open to the public. Two years working experience in dental hygiene desired. I.H.S. & N.H.S.C. Loan Repayment Eligible Clinic.

Dentist
Open to the public. DDS/DMD degree from an accredited school. Michigan licensed dentist. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position. Two years working dentist experience desired. DEA Controlled Substance License or ability to obtain upon hire.

Associate General Counsel
Open to the public. Juris doctor from an ABA accredited law school. Experience as a practicing attorney. Licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan; or must be licensed in another state and become licensed in the State of Michigan following the next available bar exam; or by reciprocity no later than six months after date of hire.

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

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

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

Leadership Intern
SCIT Members only. High school diploma or GED. Must have satisfactorily completed 12 credit hours. Must provide documentation of acceptance at an accredited college/university in Michigan. Must currently have a cumulative 2.5 GPA. Must submit an official transcript and class schedule during recruitment process. Must be a full-time college student.

Funding & Development Specialist
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in English, communications, marketing or related field. Four years experience in development and fundraising. Excellent written and verbal skills.

Clinical Therapist - RTC
Open to the public. 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.

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.

Paraprofessional
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Pass a state or local exam (i.e. Basic skills test of Michigan for teacher certification or ETS ParaPro Assessment); or complete at least two years of study

at an institution of higher education (60 semester hours).

Administrative Assistant II
Open to the public. Grant funded position through Sept. 29, 2025. High school diploma or GED. Two years administrative support experience.

SCTC Supplemental Instruction
Open to the public. Temporary position. At least 60 completed credits towards a college degree with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above. Offer one-on-one support to facilitate interactive study sessions to help identified students learn course concepts, prepare for exams, and learn effective study skills.

Resident Care Manager
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree or higher in nursing preferred. Three years long-term care experience required. Experience and knowledge of services to assisted living services, adult foster care services and homes for the elderly.

Registered Medical Assistant - Nimkee
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Registered or certified medical assistant license. Minimum of one year experience working as a medical assistant in an outpatient medical clinic.

Early Childhood Manager
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education or related field. Two years experience and training with early childhood programs. One year in a supervisory capacity.

Community Project Manager - AWARE
Open to the public. Grant funded position through Sept. 30, 2028. Bachelor's degree in education, social work, counseling, or human services related field.

Resident Care CNA PT
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be able to effectively communicate with residents and all members of the health care team and have good computer skills.

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

AWARE SMHA Project Co-Coordinator
Open to the public. Grant-funded position. 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. Clerical experience is a plus.

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

Soaring Eagle Construction and Training Coordinator
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a minimum of 10 years' experience in either a facilities or skilled trade work environment.

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

Kitchen Equipment Technician
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of experience in commercial food equipment repair. Must have a current and be able to maintain a current universal refrigerant certification.

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.

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.

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

F&B Chef
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Four years of hotel kitchen experience, or similar restaurant experience. Two years supervisory experience.

Formal education in the form of a culinary degree from an American Culinary Federation (ACF) accredited school may be accepted.

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Players Club Representative PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Customer service experience desired.

Master Plumber
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Ten years of experience as a master plumber.

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

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

Maintenance Worker PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year custodial and maintenance experience.

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

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

F&B Supervisor
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Three years food and beverage experience. Point of sale (POS) experience.

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

F&B Attendant FT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age.

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

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

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

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

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

Summons and Complaint Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROSANNA MARIE KESHICK:
The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800. Estate of Rosanna Marie Keshick. Date of Birth: Nov. 29, 1988. Notice to creditors: The decedent, Rosanna Marie Keshick, who lived at 2775 South Ivy Lane, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858, died Nov. 4, 2022. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Margaret Rosario, personal representative, or to both the Tribal Probate Court at 6954 East Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice. Personal Representative: Margaret Rosario, 8485 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, 989-452-8228.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD ALLEN FALCON:
The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800. Estate of Ronald Allen Falcon. Date of Birth: Oct. 31, 1953. Notice to creditors: The decedent, Ronald Allen Falcon, who lived at 7580 Ogemaw Drive, Mt. Pleasant MI, 48858, died June 10, 2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Audrey A. Falcon, personal representative, or to both the Tribal Probate Court at 6954 East Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice. Personal Representative: Audrey A. Falcon, 7580 Ogemaw Drive, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, 989-330-1604.

Enterprise Tax Solutions, Inc. seeks a Computer Programmer in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.
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ENTERTAINMENT



Blake Shelton
WSG Chayce Beckham
Saturday, September 7
8PM
Outdoor Concert
Tickets: \$62, \$152, \$186, \$217



Little River Band
WSG Atlanta Rhythm Section
Saturday, October 5
8PM
Entertainment Hall
Tickets: \$35, \$47, \$58, \$64



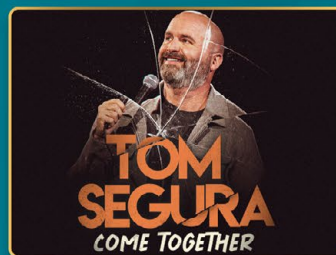
Matchbox Twenty
2024 Tour WSG Gavin DeGraw
and Smash Mouth
Friday, September 20
8PM
Outdoor Concert
Tickets: \$40, \$105, \$130, \$155



**The Temptations and
The Spinners**
Friday, October 11
8PM
Entertainment Hall
Tickets: \$62, \$76, \$89, \$96



Bourbon & Bacon
Featuring Musical Performance
By Highway Men
Saturday, September 21
7:30PM
Entertainment Hall
Tickets: \$50



Tom Segura
Come Together
Sunday, October 20
7PM
Entertainment Hall
Tickets: \$72, \$94, \$107, \$114



Evanescence
WSG Halestorm & In This Moment
Saturday, September 28
6:30PM
Outdoor Concert
Tickets: \$38, \$86, \$104, \$119



Barenaked Ladies
In Flight Tour
WSG Toad The Wet Sprocket
Friday, November 8
8PM
Entertainment Hall
Tickets: \$60, \$69, \$81, \$87

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