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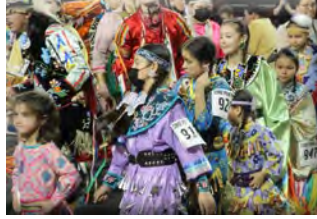
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## Chippewa Hills Warriors embrace change, make transition with logo

### JOSEPH SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

At a 2 percent roundtable discussion on Feb. 28, Chippewa Hills School District Superintendent Bob Grover informed Tribal Council the school would be making a transition with their Warriors logo.

“I shared some facts regarding our logo transition that has transpired over the last few years. This was a district-driven decision and not a Tribal request as some have implied,” Grover said. “We hope the SCIT community will acknowledge our effort to make the appropriate change of our own logo in a way that cannot be interpreted as dishonoring any nation.”

Grover informed Council how Chippewa Hills Warriors moniker was used fostering Positive Behavior Interventions and Support district wide so changing would have a huge impact in addressing such a transition.

“Our staff and students were very familiar with our WARRIORS acronym (We Are Ready to be Respectful, Interdependent, Organized, Responsible Students and Staff) and many others aren’t aware of that usage,” Grover said.

Grover continued, “Chippewa Hills School District asked for Tribal support to endorse an attempt to rebrand keeping the Warrior moniker but dropping all Native American imagery. The initial meeting

started with an August 2020 request to meet with Saginaw Chippewa Public Relations and Tribal representatives as we sought input regarding logo (Indian head and arrowhead) usage and moniker.”

Grover said that initial meeting provided the groundwork and offered some perceptions from Tribal perspective and educated the school district on the word Warriors (Ogitchedaw in Ojibwe) within the SCIT culture. The meeting also shared information regarding national initiatives where other schools like the Okemos Chiefs and Sandusky Redskins are considering changes.

“In our second meeting in September 2021, we discussed and reviewed other



imagery and name changes that occurred in other institutions ranging from professional, college to public schools teams. It was agreed that any attempt to rebrand had to be completely removing any Indigenous people and Native American imagery from the district,” Grover said.

“In October 2021, a Resolution adopted dropping all future use of IP/NA imagery as it relates to Chippewa Hills, retention of moniker Warriors

if an appropriate rebranding could be established and a deadline of Dec. 31 for adoption of new imagery.”

In December 2021, the school board reviewed four total images with three simply being variations of the current “CH” used within the arrowhead logo and another being a total rebrand offering multiple variations but all centered on a new image (golden warrior).

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## Getting to know Tribal Council Treasurer Gayle Ruhl: A Q&A with the Tribal Observer

*Tribal Council Treasurer Gayle Ruhl answered questions provided by Natalie Shattuck, managing editor for the Tribal Observer, as part of a special Q&A session. The questions and answers are copied below.*

**Tribal Observer: Thank you for taking the time to have a special Q&A session with the Tribal Observer about your role as Tribal Council Treasurer! What is a typical day like for Tribal Council?**

**Treasurer Gayle Ruhl:** The typical day involves meetings starting at 9 a.m. There are a few hours during the week to read, review and answer emails. However, there are dozens of emails sent to Council daily so it is extremely hard to keep up with all the emails. There are reoccurring meeting such as regular and special session which requires preparation prior to the meeting by reading motions and the attached supporting documents.

**TO: What is your role as Tribal Council Treasurer?**

**GR:** The role of Treasurer is outlined in the Constitution and requires the regular reporting of Tribal financial reports to the Membership. There are bills to approve in the Tribe’s payment system for various departments above certain amounts or if the department reports to Tribal Council. Another specific duty is to retrieve financial information upon Council request as needed for planning and programming.

**TO: Tell the readers a little bit about what Council’s decision-making process is like.**

**GR:** Some decisions are simple where a motion is

submitted by the session deadline and approved in special session. Then there are decisions which take longer, where Council meets with the department, asks questions, and has discussions with those attending the meeting. Either during that meeting Council will; come up with the next steps, request more information, make a final decision or schedule a time to discuss at Council’s weekly work session. At the work sessions, Council, again, debates as many sides to the issues as we can think of to come up with a final decision that gets communicated to the department. The department will then submit a motion for special session, this is when each member votes for or against the motion.

**TO: What made you want to run for Tribal Council?**

**GR:** First and foremost, it is to be of service to the Members and Tribe for the greatest good of the Tribe. I have worked in the human services field for 20 years and have a deep passion for helping. Helping others is great, and helping the Tribe I am a member of is one of the greatest feelings I have experienced besides raising three amazing young men who are

also members. Working with individuals made me think that there is more that can be done to help serve the Membership; and that is by making good, solid, long and short-term changes that move the Tribe forward which I hope empowers the Members to be their very best.

**TO: What do you enjoy most about being on Tribal Council?**

**GR:** I really like when I hear ideas from others – hearing ideas from Members, employees, even other Tribal and community representatives gets my mind moving with all sorts of new thoughts and ideas. When people come together to solve some really tough issues and the solutions start developing, that makes Council work so exciting.

**TO: What is your approach to handling confidential or controversial matters?**

**GR:** With confidential matters it comes as part of the job,

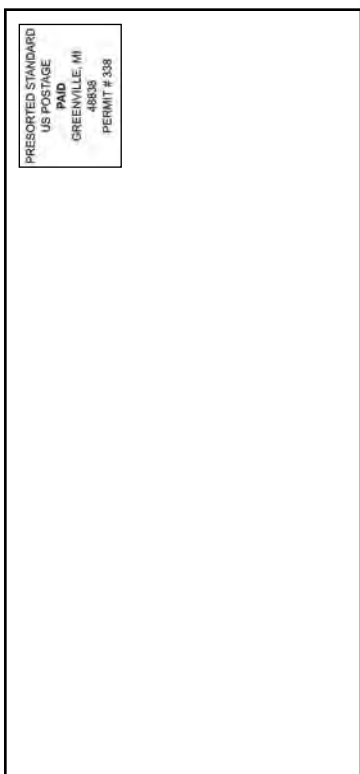


Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis Photography

**Executive Council members (left to right) Secretary Martha Wemigwans, Sub-Chief Jennifer Wassegijig, Chief Theresa Jackson and Treasurer Gayle Ruhl pose for a photo in the Black Elk Government Complex.**

I have been HIPAA confidentiality-trained since I was in college and that is easy to follow. It can weight heavy on a person because it cannot be processed with anyone else except fellow Council members, so relying on fellow Council members for support is essential. Controversial matters are ones where great debate happens and some decisions are not perfect, so it comes down to what is best for the most. For me, I do not want many Members unfairly punished because of one Member’s poor choice. Unfortunately, until a Member is on Council, they do not know what to expect from the responsibilities and it’s really hard to

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## Jesse Smith

January 22, 1994 – February 25, 2022

Jesse Smith, age 28, of Mount Pleasant, Mich., passed away Friday, Feb. 25, 2022, at McLaren Central Michigan Hospital.

Jesse was born in Flint, Mich. on Jan. 22, 1994, the daughter of David and Diane (Nelson) Smith. She graduated from Shepherd High School with the Class of 2012.

Jesse loved spending time with her son and family gatherings. She was very artistic and creative. Shopping, going to the beach, painting and camping were some of her favorite pastimes.

Jesse is survived by her son Lukas Smith; parents James Sr., and Kelli Smith; siblings Isabella Smith, Nicole (Erich Sr.) Lehman, Josh (April) Schroeder, Cherie Gross, Heather Koryciak, Michael Koryciak; nieces and nephews: Erich Lehman Jr., Logan Lehman, Mycah Lehman, Vegas Lehman, Sagelee Lehman, Adelaida Schroeder, Amelia Gross and Destiny Korciak and half siblings: Davina, Samantha, Jennifer, Obadiah, and Michelle.

Jesse was preceded in death by her biological mother and father; and brother James Luke Smith Jr.

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 11, 2022, at 1 p.m. at Clark Family Funeral Chapel with Pastor Anthony Waldrop officiating. A luncheon was held in Reflections Reception Center immediately following the service. Spring burial will take place at a later date at Denver Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



## Laura L. Kellogg

August 11, 1938 – March 5, 2022

Laura L. Kellogg passed away March 5, 2022. She was born Aug. 11, 1938 to the late Florence and Stanley Watkins.

Laura owned Laura Lee's Travel in Clawson, Mich. until 1985. She then went on to work as a regional sales manager for Pet Supplies Plus, a position from which she retired.

She liked being involved in her community and was a past president and member of the Clawson Chamber of Commerce as well as a past president of the Soroptimist volunteer organization.

Laura was very proud of her Native American heritage and was an Elder member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

While traveling the world, she found her sanctuary in Hawaii and visited every year. She loved being an honorary member of the Kupuna elders program in Kauai where she engaged in cultural activities such as lei making, Native arts and crafts, and Hawaiian dance and music.

She was deeply loved and will be sorely missed by many.

She is survived by her daughter, Ellen Bachert (Kevin); son, William Kellogg; granddaughter, Kaylyn Bachert; sister, Nancy Rossbach; and loving furry companion, Babycakes.

A funeral service took place at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home on Monday, March 14, at 12 p.m. Burial followed in Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak, Mich.

Memorials appreciated to Animal House of South East Michigan, P.O. Box 1631, Royal Oak, MI 48068.



## Ralph Edward Matthews

October 27, 1945 – February 18, 2022

Ralph Edward Matthews, age 76, of Mt. Pleasant, passed away Friday, February 18, 2022, at McLaren Central Michigan Hospital.

Ralph was born Oct. 27, 1945, in St. Louis, the son of William and Gladys (Carlton) Matthews. He married Sharon Slater in Mount Pleasant, Mich. on Dec. 5, 1965.

Ralph worked for many years as a welder for many businesses and worked for Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for 15 years.

Ralph loved to visit with people, and spend time with his family, especially his grandkids. He was an avid reader, liked to hunt, feed birds, play video games, and garden.

Ralph is survived by his wife Sharon Matthews; son Edward (Lisa) Matthews; daughter Cathleen Matthews, all of Mt. Pleasant; grandchildren David Darnell Jr., Edward Matthews II, Garret Garcia, William Matthews, Jaclyn Matthews; special great-grandchildren Aria, Alexis, Shanee, Isabella, and Dakota; sister Helen Jones of Gainesville, Fla.; in-laws Colleen Sisco of Weidman, George (Deb) Slater of Mt. Pleasant, Richard Boyce, Fred Cantu Sr. of Mt. Pleasant, L.E. Reed, Sr. of Oil City; many nieces and nephews; and special niece and nephew L.E. and Sue Reed Jr.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents; brother Earl Matthews; sisters-in-law, Bonnie Cantu, Helen Reed, Kelly David, Lorraine Kennedy, Sandra Boyce; brothers-in-law David Sisco, Alan Slater, Gerald Slater, and Carl Jones.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022, at 1 p.m. with Fred Cantu Jr. officiating. Burial took place immediately following at Woodland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



## Troy Justin Davis

September 14, 1984 – March 12, 2022

Troy Justin Davis, of Rose City, formerly of Flint, age 37, died Saturday, March 12, 2022 at his residence.

Troy was born in Flint, Mich. on Sept. 14, 1984, the son of Gary L. Davis and Sherry E. Saunders.

Troy was a proud member and volunteer of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe. He would volunteer to help other tribes. Troy was studying biology and chemistry and tutored others.

Troy was a loving father with a big heart, a quick wit and a great sense of humor.

Surviving are son, Damien Alexander Davis; mother, Sherry (Mike) Saunders; step-mother, Beth Davis; siblings, Tony Davis, Timothy (Melissa) Davis, Tara (Matt Middleton) Davis; step-brothers, Gary Gallagher and Troy (Lisa) Saunders; step-sister, Jennifer Saunders; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gary Davis.

The funeral service was held at 12 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2022 at the Swartz Funeral Home, 1225 West Hill Road, Flint. Pastor Sarah LaRose-Nettelle officiated. Cremation took place following the service.



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

- ▶ **Easter** — April 18, 2022
- ▶ **Michigan Indian Day** — Sept. 23, 2022

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**New Research Center Hours:**  
**Beginning Monday, March 21, 2022**  
 Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Youth Council Vacancies**

**Advisors needed (male or female)**

- **If interested, please submit a letter of interest to:** YouthCouncil2@sagchip.org
- **For more information:** www.sagchip.org/youthcouncil

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

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

Tribal Member Name	Date of Death
Bailey, Robert Harold	01/13/2022
Bouck, William Gordon	01/27/2022
Chippeway, Ryan Douglas	07/05/2021
Coleman, Lisa Renee	01/30/2022
Conway, Mariah	10/10/2020
Cyr Sr, Norman Joseph	10/26/2021
Davis, Adelaide Darlene	10/17/2020
Davis, Gary Lee	02/11/2021
Davis, Terry Lynn	10/09/2021
Hall Jr. Foster Edward	11/21/2021
Hansen, Le Etta	09/05/2021
Holbrook, Tammie Carlene	12/24/2021
Hoon, Virginia Mae	11/07/2021
Jackson, Clara Elizabeth	02/01/2022
Kellogg, Laura Levone	03/06/2022
Lautner, Toby Joe	03/17/2021
Maki, Terry Lee	02/23/2022
Mcdonald, James Allan	10/08/2020
Moses Jr, Garland Roy	11/26/2021
Nahgahgwon Jr. Lawrence	06/12/2021
Nelson, Phillip Louis	01/27/2022
Pamp, Matthew John	10/15/2021
Pamp, Shane Leonard	10/10/2021
Pamp Cooker, Betsy Lynn	11/24/2021
Perez, Nicki	01/10/2021
Romer, Doris Fay	08/14/2020
Rubin, Ann Margaret	12/07/2021
Rubin, Theresa Ann	01/09/2021
Rueckert Sr, Dolly Ann	12/02/2020
Seger, Beatrice	11/11/2020
Shambo, Jeannette Marie	04/21/2021
Smith, Jesse Davis	02/25/2022
Snowden, JD W	11/30/2021
Sprague, Jeffrey Charles	10/04/2020
Stevens, Paul Leroy	11/20/2020
Stone, Domonic Ambrose	01/04/2022
Verga Sr, Lawrence David	12/17/2021
Weaver, Laura Beth	12/13/2021
Witting, Anikka	12/09/2020

**Honoring, Healing & Remembering**

Join us on the 88th anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School closing. We recognize the suffering, strength and resilience of the children through a day of memoriam and fellowship.

### Save the date!

**Monday, June 6, 2022**

- ▶ Student Roll Call
- ▶ Guest speakers
- ▶ Sunrise ceremony
- ▶ Lunch & breakfast provided

### For more information:

**Marcella Hadden**  
 Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
 • Email: MLHadden@sagchip.org  
 • Phone: 989.775.4751

Or email: miibs@sagchip.org



**Nimkee Fitness**

**Monday – Friday**  
**8 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

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

For more information, contact: Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690



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

### Regular Tribal Council Sessions

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

### Regular Council Session Dates

- April 5 • May 3 • June 7



**Every Tuesday, April 5 - May 24**  
4 - 5:30 p.m. | Family Resource and Support Center

- ▶ Eight week program for children 6-11 years of age
- ▶ Youth will be in smaller groups based on their age on program days.
- ▶ This program is targeting youth at an early age to teach them traditional culture activities, social skills, communication skills, focus and self-control, taking on challenges and getting them ready for the next age group programs.
- ▶ We have some great lessons and fun adventures planned for these lucky kiddos!
- ▶ There are 20 spots available



### Program schedule:

- April 5: Medicine wheel teaching, smudging, craft and hand-print project
- April 12: Ribbon shirt or ribbon skirt
- April 19: Bead craft night
- April 26: Storytelling
- May 3: Lacrosse project
- May 10: Identifying plants, and medicines by their Ojibwe names
- May 17: Copper bowl for the feast
- May 24: Traditional foods

For more information, contact: ACFS at 989.775.4901

## Increased voting boundries of District 1 Ordinance 4 Ammendment

On Dec. 1, 2021, Tribal Council approved an Amendment to Ordinance 4 that increased the size of the Voting boundaries of District 1. Before the amendment was approved, Voting District 1 was comprised only of "the Isabella Reservation as established by the Treaty of 1864, and trust lands adjacent to the reservation." Tribal Members who lived in Isabella County but outside of the Isabella Reservation boundaries voted in District 3.

The Amendment to Section 5. (a). of Ordinance 4 expands Voting District 1 to "...the entirety of Isabella County, Michigan, including but not limited to lands of the Isabella Indian Reservation established by the Treaty of 1864 located in Isabella County." The amendment, which was approved as Tribal Council Resolution No. 22-024, went into effect on Jan. 1, 2022 and only pertains to the Tribe's Voting Districts. Therefore, all Tribal Members duly registered to vote in Tribal elections who reside anywhere in Isabella County will vote in District 1 for District 1 candidates only in future Tribal Council elections held pursuant to Ordinance 4. The tax agreement is NOT impacted by the Amendment to Ordinance 4.

**If you wish to register as a voter, the Voter Registration Form is available online at [sagchip.org](http://sagchip.org) and at the Tribal Clerk's Office.**

**Any questions, please contact the Tribal Clerk's office at 989-775-4051.**



## Tribal Observer Graduate Photos

Please submit information to  
[Observer@Sagchip.org](mailto:Observer@Sagchip.org)

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>College</b>    | <b>High School</b> |
| • Graduate's name | • Graduate's name  |
| • School          | • School           |
| • Field of Study  |                    |

**Deadline: May 17, 2022**



34<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Michigan Indian Family Olympics

**Friday, July 22, 2022**

CMU's Bennett Track & Field

**Registration opens: May 9**  
[www.sagchip.org/mifo/](http://www.sagchip.org/mifo/)

\*More information to come on the option to participate remotely in your community.

For more information, please contact:  
Jaden Harman at 989.775.4694

## Pinwheels for PREVENTION

Child Abuse Prevention Month

*All children deserve great  
childhoods because our  
children are our future.*



**Wear blue April 1st!**

**Plants with pinwheels giveaway**  
For everyone that wears blue

**Friday, April 1, 2022**

**Time:** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Location:** ACFS

**For more information:**  
ACFS at 989.775.4901



## Monday Night MASTERS

**Monday Nights • May 2 - August**

- 12 weeks of league play
- Championship – Cash night week 13
- 2-person scramble league

**Location:** PohlCat Golf Course

**Tee Times: 5 - 6 p.m.**

- Teams will tee off every ten minutes
- Alternate between the front and back

### Team Information

- Co-ed (can be any mix)
- Players must be ages 18+
- Max of 14 teams (first 14 paid registrations)
- League will be handicapped to ensure that it is both competitive and fun.

**Two person teams are required with one player being one of the following:**

- SCIT Tribal Member
- Tribal employee (*SECR, Migizi, Tribal Ops, SELC*)
- SCIT descendant
- Member of another tribe

**Registration open now!**

**Deadline:** Wednesday, April 27 at noon

**League fees: \$60 per player**

- Pay fee to pro shop

▶ **SCIT Golf Members cart fee: \$260\***  
\*If prepaid for the full season

▶ **SCIT cart-course membership: \$400**

▶ **SCIT range member: \$300**

**For more information, please contact:**

- **Allex Leureaux**  
989.775.4121 | [Allexleureaux@sagchip.org](mailto:Allexleureaux@sagchip.org)
- **Or email:** [Recreation@Sagchip.org](mailto:Recreation@Sagchip.org)



## Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries

## RESUMING REGULAR OPERATING HOURS 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Starting Monday, April 4, 2022**

- All Tribal Operations protocols in place
- Masks provided for all who choose to wear one
- Regular fire code maximum occupancy limits resume
- Curbside locker pickup service will continue
- All ebook and other digital resources will continue

<https://saginaw.ploud.net/>

### Contact information:

- **Phone:** 989-775-4508
- **Email:** [AHeidemann@sagchip.org](mailto:AHeidemann@sagchip.org)  
[KCondon@sagchip.org](mailto:KCondon@sagchip.org)  
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Saginaw Chippewa  
Tribal Libraries



### Attention Tribal Members:

Find the latest information by creating an account and logging into [sagchip.org](http://sagchip.org) in the Tribal Members only section.

**To create an account, go to:**  
[www.sagchip.org/user/signup.aspx](http://www.sagchip.org/user/signup.aspx)




## Tribal Council

**Chief**  
Theresa Jackson | District One

**Sub-Chief**  
Jennifer L. Wassegijig | District One

**Treasurer**  
Gayle Ruhl | District One

**Secretary**  
Martha Wemigwans | District One

**Sergeant-at-Arms**  
David Merrill Jr. | District One

**Chaplain**  
Alice Jo Ricketts | District One

**Council Member**  
Diana Quigno-Grundahl | District One

**Council Member**  
Frank J. Cloutier | District Three

**Council Member**  
Luke Sprague | District One

**Council Member**  
Mary Quigno | District One

**Council Member**  
Ron Nelson | District Two

**Council Member**  
Samantha Chippeway | District One



## Saganing Powwow Golf Outing Fundraiser

**Friday, June 24, 2022**  
**Tee time: 10 a.m. shotgun start**

**Pine River Golf Club**  
2244 Pine River Rd., Standish, MI 48658

- Format: four player scramble
- Entry: \$80 per player (covers cart/green fees/skins/lunch/awards banquet)
- 1st and 2nd place prizes
- Prizes for: longest drive, closest to pin, and longest putt
- Mulligans: \$5 each, limit two per player

**Sponsors:**

- Saganing Powwow Committee
- Soaring Eagles Landing Marketing
- Frank Cloutier Extraordinaire

**For more information, please contact:**  
Darcy Pilar at DaPilar@sagchip.org or 989.775.4141

**All proceeds benefit the 2022 Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow**

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

## HONORING SAGANING TRADITIONAL POWWOW

**June 25 & 26, 2022**  
Powwow Grounds - 2750 Worth Rd. Standish, MI  
Next to the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel, and the Saganing Tribal Center



**Please direct all questions to Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Committee**  
989.775.4000 | powwowcommittee@sagchip.org

## The Seven Grandfather TEACHINGS

**Nbookaawin – Wisdom**  
To live with wisdom is to acquire and use experiences as guides for making equitable and mature decisions.

**Zaagidowin – Love**  
To live our lives with love is to understand our capacity to realize, empathize, and nurture the needs of others.

**Minaadendamooing – Respect**  
To live with respect is to give mutual consideration for shared and differing ideas as well as for the world around us.

**Zoongide'ewin – Bravery**  
To be brave and have courage is to recognize our moral and mental strength and to do what is appropriate.

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

**Dibaadendiziwin – Humility**  
To live with humility is to recognize that we are all equal, we all make mistakes, we all like to have our success rewarded and to put others before ourselves.

**Debwewin – Truth**  
To live in truth is to recognize the difference between right and wrong and to be faithful to ourselves as well as the world around us even when the right way is not the easiest way.

## Order Establishing Spring Wild Turkey Season 2022

**Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B), the 2022 Spring Wild Turkey Season shall begin Friday, April 1, 2022, and will close Wednesday, June 15, 2022, unless ordered otherwise. The 2022 Spring Wild Turkey Season will allow for the harvest of two male turkeys. Harvest tags will be available starting March 29, 2022 at the Tribal Planning Department office at \$15 per license. Only two 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 Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.

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

## 2022 Annual Reports are now being accepted

**Deadline: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 by 5 p.m.**

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

**Notarization is required**

- Forms are available by mail, email and online at [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org)
- Post marked forms, email or faxed will not be accepted

**Your 2022 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

## June Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits

**Deadline: Friday, May 6, 2022 by 5 p.m.**

**Available starting Monday, April 4, 2022**

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


**Notarization is required**

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

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

# Tribal Observer

Boozhu! The Tribal Observer, a monthly newspaper, is published on the first of each month. To contact Tribal Observer staff, please call 989-775-4096 or email [observer@sagchip.org](mailto:observer@sagchip.org). To change your mailing address, please contact the Tribal Clerk's office at 989-775-4055. Community advertisements will not be accepted over the phone.



**Submissions from the Tribal community are encouraged and can be sent to:**  
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe  
c/o Tribal Observer  
7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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

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

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

## Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

## Tribal Observer Subscription Form

Please send \$30 for the annual subscription. Checks may be made out to SCIT.

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Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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**2022**

## SCIT GOLF

### Membership

**Memberships on sale until:  
Friday, April 29, 2022 at 5 p.m.**

- 100 memberships available
- Open to Tribal Members, employees and their families
- Includes green fees and discounts on apparel, range, food and drink at participating courses

**Memberships cost \$250 each**

- Memberships and cart raffle tickets available for purchase at the Tribal Operations Accounting window in the Black Elk Complex.
- Payment plans available.

**Participating courses:**

- Pleasant Hills Golf Club
- PohlCat Golf Course
- Maple Creek Golf Club
- Firefly Golf Links
- Eagle Glen Golf Club

**Cart Membership Raffle (optional)  
Drawing on Friday, April 1, 2022 at 12 p.m.**

- Win a cart at your favorite course (*Limit may only win once*)
- One cart membership available at each course
- Tickets: one for \$5 or five for \$20

## Indian Child Welfare Committee Vacancy

The Indian Child Welfare Committee (ICWC) has been established to provide community input on the welfare of children of the Tribe. They make recommendations to the Tribal Court regarding termination of parental rights, guardianships, and/or adoptions, and the appropriate disposition of any minor in need of care. The ICWC also license foster homes and child care centers. The ICWC meets twice a month with special and/or emergency meetings occurring on occasion.

**There is currently one vacancy**

**Letters of interest must be submitted to:**  
ACFS by April 29, 2022

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

**Send letter of interest to:**  
Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services  
7500 E Broadway Rd  
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

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

## COVID-19 & Flu Vaccination Walk-In Clinics

**April 6, 13, 27, 2022**  
1 - 6 p.m. | Nimkee Public Health  
For ages 5 and older

**Vaccines available:**

- **Moderna for ages 18 and up:**  
First, second, third (for immunocompromised) and booster
- **Pfizer for ages 12 and up:**  
First, second, third (for immunocompromised) and booster
- **Pfizer 5 and up:** First and second doses

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- **Please protect our community:** If you currently have COVID-19 (under quarantine) or are feeling ill please wait for your immunization until recovered.
- Please bring your vaccination card.
- Watch for information on upcoming clinics.
- Bring reading glasses if needed for forms.

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▶ **To look up your vaccine history or download vaccination proof, please visit the Michigan Immunization registry at:** <https://mdhhs.mimmsportal.state.mi.us/>

▶ **For updated information about vaccines, please see:** [www.CDC.gov](http://www.CDC.gov)

## Community Wi-Fi now available

At the Native Farmers Market Pavilion, SCA parking lot and Housing Pavilion.

- **Network name:** SCITCommunity
- **Password:** community

*Aki Nomaage – The teacher is Earth*

## Master Rain Gardener

“Train the Trainer (teachers)”

**April 14 & 28, 2022**  
**5:30 - 7 p.m. | 7th Generation**  
7957 E. Remus Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI

We will teach you everything we know about how to build a rain garden, then you can design your own. You will be a community expert on rain gardens!

▶ **Registration required, open to first 30 who register.**

**For more information, please contact:**  
Michael McCreery at 989.775.4467 or [MMCreery@sagchip.org](mailto:MMCreery@sagchip.org)

## WE ARE HIRING CNAs!

Come work with us.

**Andahwod Continuing Care Community & Elder Services**

**Certified Nursing Assistants**

- ▶ Full-time & part-time
- ▶ Shift premiums & sign-on bonus
- ▶ Assisted living environment

**Interested applicants**  
Please call 989-775-4305 to schedule a tour of our beautiful facility.

**Please apply at [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org)**

## Tribal Business Regulations & Tax Department Announcement

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our office will be going green in the near future, and an email address will be required in order to receive any notices from the Business Regulations Department. When visiting our office please provide a valid email address for future mailings.

**For questions, contact Business Regulations staff:**

- **Chris:** 989-775-4105
- **Rosanna:** 989-775-4109
- **Latasha:** 989-775-4175

## Reservation Household CLEAN UP

## Attention SCIT Tribal Members: Notice of Public Hearing

**There will be a public hearing held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in the Tribal Council Chambers in the Black Elk Building, 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858.**

This hearing will address the liquor license application presented to Tribal Council by Christopher Nadobny, interim director of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Food & Beverage Department, or his designated staff. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing requests as follows:

Renewal of Retail On-Premise General Liquor License for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort located at 6800 Soaring Eagle Boulevard. Such license, if approved would cover all indoor and outdoor Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's premises, Casino Beverage Main Floor Bar #1,2,3,4, High stakes VIP lounge, SECR Casino beverage cart services, Isabella's, Water Lily, Room Service, Banquet Spaces, Portable Bars #1-#13, Aurora Buffet, Legends Diner, Siniikaung, Entertainment Hall, Hotel Pool and Spa areas, Mijim C-Store, Quick Service Cart Services, SECR Outdoor Concert Venue, SECR Concession Trailer, SECR Slot Palace Bingo Hall, Slot Palace Gaming Spaces in Rooms 'A', 'B', and 'C', Slot Palace Pub, Little Eagle Café, Ascend Sports Bar, SECR Casino Gift Shop, SECR Slot Palace Gift Shop, any indoor service on premises under the auspices of the SECR, and any outdoor service on premises under the auspices of the SECR.

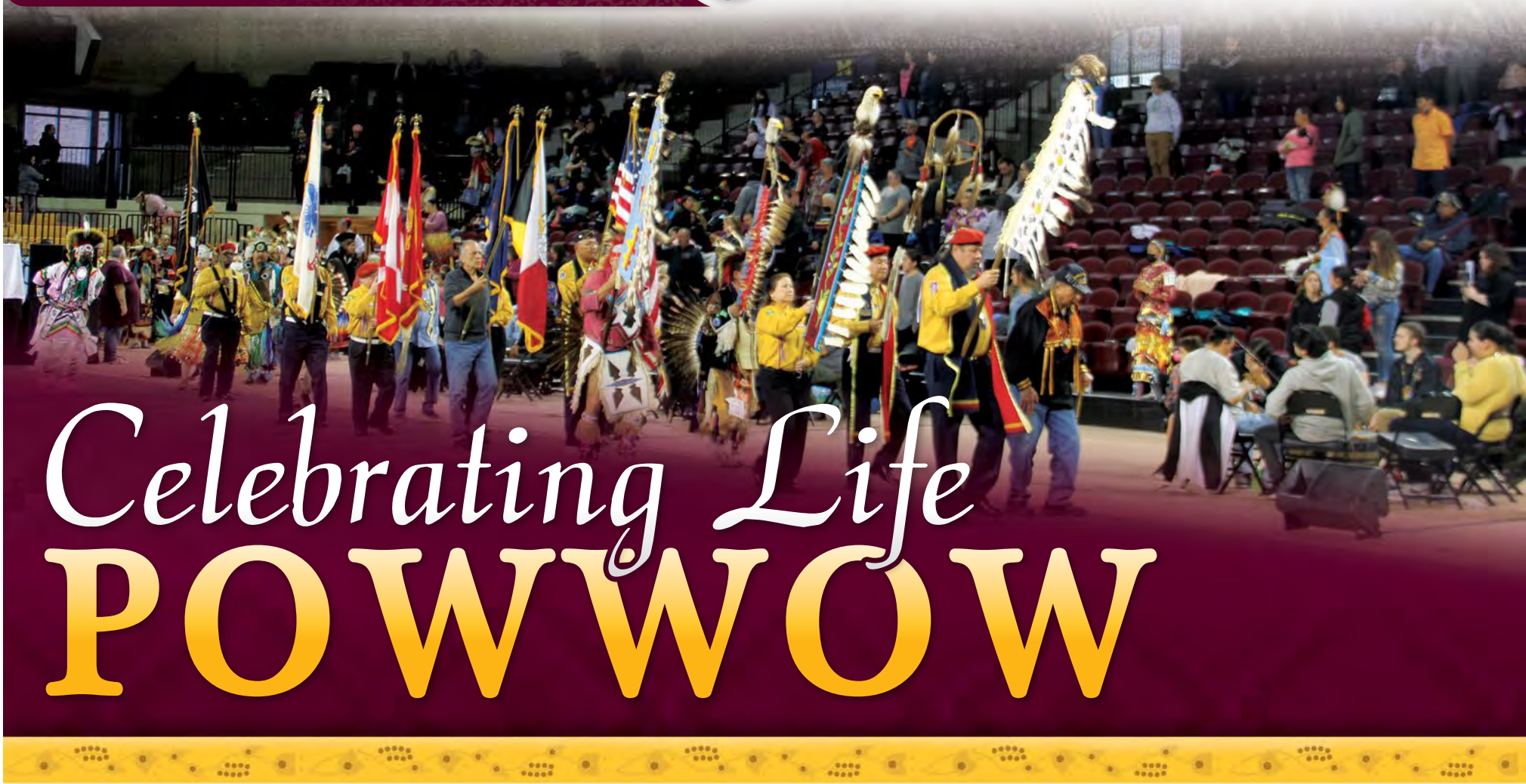
This License, if issued, will be for the duration of one full year from May 24, 2022 to May 23, 2023, with hours of alcohol service consistent with section 10 of the Gaming Compact of Aug. 20, 1993, and specifically including hours of service for 7 a.m. Sunday Alcohol Sales and Sales on Christmas Eve until 11:59 p.m., Christmas Day at 12 p.m. and New Year's Day until 4 a.m.

## Saturday, May 14, 2022

**9 a.m. - 12 p.m. | SCA parking lot**

- **Accepting normal household items that do not pose a threat to Mother Earth.**
- **Items not accepted:** Tires, refrigerators/freezers, microwave ovens, computers/screens, televisions, oil, paint, chemicals, batteries, cell phones, fluorescent light bulbs, pesticides/herbicides.
- For Tribal Members only, Tribal ID required
- Tribal Police Department will offer a drug take back for unwanted, expired or unused medication
- If you have household electronic waste, you can drop it off at the Isabella County Fairgrounds on May 14 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Contact the Isabella Conservation District at 989-772-9152 for more information.

**For more information, please contact:**  
Housing Department at 989.775.4595



# Celebrating Life POWWOW

## CMU Native American Program's annual 'Celebrating Life' Powwow returns in-person

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Returning for an in-person celebration this year, the Central Michigan University Native American Program's 33rd annual "Celebrating Life" Powwow was held March 19-20 in the John G. Kulhavi Events Center/McGuirk Arena.

This year's masters of ceremonies were Jason Whitehouse and Hannah Bartol.

George Martin was the head veteran. There were different head dancers for each time: Garry and Elizabeth Sam on Saturday day, Aydrian Day and Kyla Henry on Saturday night and Marquel Crawford and Selese Syrette on Sunday.

Additional dignitaries included: Host Drum Bear Creek, Arena Director James "Bud" Day, Head Male Judge Joe Syrette and Head Female Judge Heather Syrette.

Grand entries were held at 1 and 6 p.m. on Saturday and at noon on Sunday. Grand entries were led by Martin and members

of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warrior Society, followed by the head dancers and dancers of all ages entering the arena.

Several Tribal Council members were in attendance throughout the weekend. Chief Theresa Jackson and Treasurer Gayle Ruhl both provided a welcome shortly after the Saturday afternoon grand entry.

"The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe takes great pride in recognizing the relationship between our Tribe and CMU," said Chief Jackson in her welcome speech. "We share the Chippewa name and, in doing so, we must continue to strive to educate and highlight the true meaning behind it. We must also continue to bring awareness about the rich culture that helps others better understand us as Anishinaabe people."

Chief Jackson continued, "We, as a Tribal nation, have

continued to place emphasis and importance on supporting higher education. We want to do our part and show our commitment to student success through blending scholarship programs and having the resources to help when needed."

Treasurer Gayle Ruhl provided a welcome in Anishinaabemowin.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Head Veteran George Martin (right) leads the arena with Larry Verga (left), member of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warrior Society.**



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Members of Tribal Council pose for a photo with scholarship recipients Maya Madrigal (front left) and Rebecca Burden (front right).**

"The language is a vital part of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe," Ruhl said. "We strive to retain and revitalize our traditional language..."

On Sunday, Tribal Council members – Sub-Chief Jennifer Wassegijig, Secretary Martha Wemigwans, Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts, Sergeant-at-Arms David Merrill Jr., Luke Sprague and Samantha Chippeway – were in attendance to recognize two scholarship recipients.

Maya Madrigal (Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians in Petoskey, Mich. and the Oneida Nation of the Thames near London, Ontario in Canada) received the "continuing student" scholarship.

Madrigal is currently a sophomore at CMU in the kinesiology program and planning to be admitted to the nursing program. She is also a member of the Native American Indigenous Student Organization.

Rebecca Burden received the "first-time graduate student" scholarship.

Burden is currently a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in entrepreneurial

ventures. She has earned a bachelor's degree from CMU in health and fitness in preventative and rehabilitative programs.

Each recipient will receive funding for their next academic year at CMU.

The Native American Advancement Award is given to students who have committed themselves to promoting Native American culture while continuing their own educational endeavors. This award has been funded by the Tribe since 1991 with more than 82 scholarships to date.

Powwow prize payouts were provided for first, second and third place in the following contests: hand drum, youth (junior) dance, teen dance, adult dance and golden age dance. There was also a participation gift for the tiny tots dance contest (0 to 5 years old).

Admission was free for SCIT members, CMU students and children aged 10 and under. The general entry fee was \$7.

The powwow featured 32 arts and crafts vendors and booths selling Indigenous foods.



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**Chief Theresa Jackson provides a welcome after the March 19 afternoon grand entry.**



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**Master of Ceremonies Jason Whitehouse announces what's up next at the annual powwow.**



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**Master of Ceremonies Hannah Bartol keeps the audience and dancers informed.**



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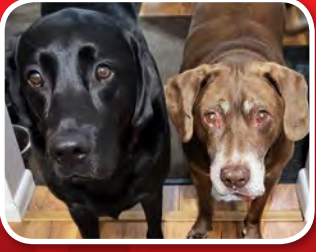
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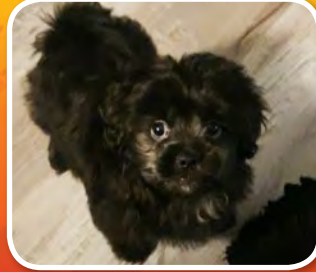
## Rez Pets: It's Raining Cats and Dogs!



**Owner:** Kim Howe  
**Names:** Chipi & Deuce  
**Ages:** 5 & 14  
**Breeds:** Black Lab & Chesapeake Bay mix



**Owner:** Jennifer Bailey  
**Name:** Flynn  
**Age:** 9 months  
**Breed:** Golden Retriever



**Owner:** Frances Mena  
**Name:** Chompers  
**Age:** 3 months  
**Breed:** Peekapoo



**Owner:** Denise Brock  
**Name:** Kray  
**Age:** 12 weeks  
**Breed:** Goldendoodle



**Owner:** Esther Chatfield  
**Name:** Houston  
**Age:** 1  
**Breed:** Unknown



**Owner:** Shawn Gordon  
**Name:** Pierre  
**Age:** 14  
**Breed:** Chihuahua



**Owner:** Helena Condon  
**Name:** Ozzy  
**Age:** 1  
**Breed:** Sugar Glider



**Owner:** Kendale Recker  
**Name:** Winston  
**Age:** 12  
**Breed:** Ragdoll



**Owners:** Tony & Deb Sue Marler  
**Name:** Dude  
**Age:** 4 months  
**Breed:** Kemmer Cur



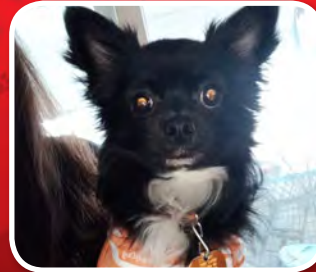
**Owner:** Joey Smith  
**Name:** Lola  
**Age:** 16  
**Breed:** Chihuahua



**Owner:** Nettie White  
**Names:** Mabel & Esther  
**Age:** 10 months & 3  
**Breeds:** Australian Labradoodle & Deutsch Langhaar



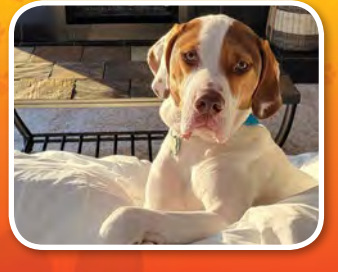
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**Name:** Duke  
**Age:** 11  
**Breed:** Bassett Hound mix



**Owner:** Diana Chamberlain  
**Name:** Rufus  
**Age:** 1  
**Breed:** Pomchi



**Owners:** Nick & Wendi Bovear  
**Names:** Cabby & Rufus  
**Ages:** 12 & 13  
**Breeds:** Shih Tzu & Shih Tzu



**Owner:** Natalie Shattuck  
**Name:** Hendrix  
**Age:** 3  
**Breed:** Treeing Walker Coonhound mix



**Owners:** Cheryl & Lupe Gonzalez  
**Names:** Hector & Hank  
**Ages:** 11 weeks & 4  
**Breeds:** Shih Tzu & Rat Terrier



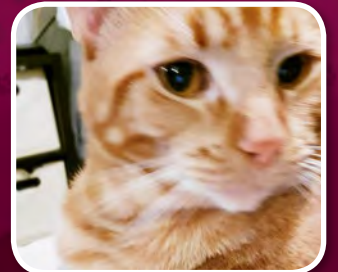
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**Name:** Gus  
**Age:** 1  
**Breed:** Shorkie



**Owner:** Mindy Durfee  
**Name:** Brutus  
**Age:** 4  
**Breed:** Chug



**Owners:** Kimberly & Wayne Beatty  
**Names:** Bella, Madisson & Sophie  
**Ages:** 4, 12 & 11  
**Breeds:** Chihuahua, Yorkie Chihuahua & Chihuahua



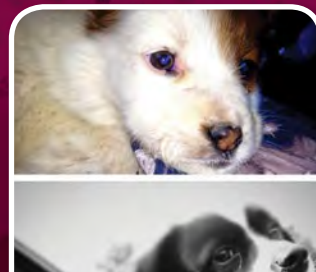
**Owners:** Sherry Gonzalez-Hawkins  
**Name:** Leo  
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**Breed:** Unknown



**Owners:** Barb & Rich McEnhill  
**Names:** Murray & McCoy  
**Age:** 5 & 4  
**Breed:** Beagle & Beagle



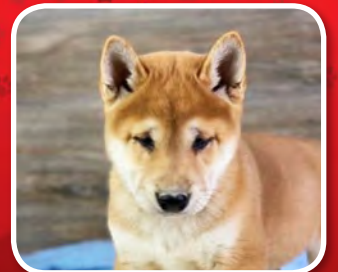
**Owners:** Salt & Sara  
**Names:** Niigee & Meme  
**Age:** 10 months & 9  
**Breed:** Yellow Lab & Miniature Pinscher



**Owner:** Conrad Kowalski  
**Name:** Zoey & Buddy



**Owner:** Anne Heidemann  
**Name:** Coraline  
**Age:** 11  
**Breed:** Boston Terrier



**Owner:** Robert Juckniess  
**Name:** Hiro  
**Age:** 4 months  
**Breed:** Shiba Inu





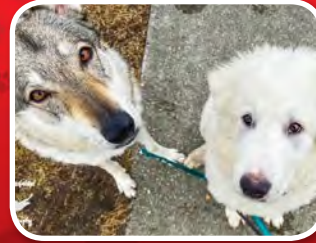
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**Age:** 7  
**Breed:** Rag Doll Cat



**Owner:** Karen Roy  
**Name:** Taz  
**Age:** 2  
**Breed:** Tabby



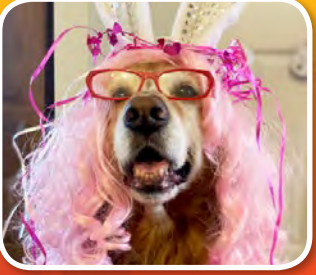
**Owners:** Michael & Theresa White  
**Names:** BabyGirl, Shadow, Lilah  
**Ages:** 10, 8 months & 1 month  
**Breeds:** Lab mix, Lab mix & Pit Bull mix



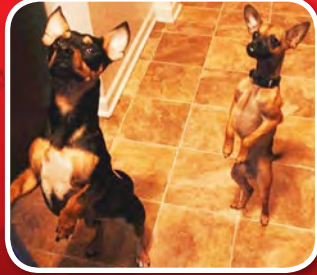
**Owner:** Raven Wemigwans  
**Names:** Miigwans & Brudder Bear  
**Ages:** 9 & 5 months  
**Breeds:** Czechoslovakian Vlcak & Maremma Sheepdog



**Owner:** Tammy Allbee  
**Names:** Teddy, Thor & Jim  
**Ages:** 5, 4 & 3  
**Breeds:** Mixed breeds



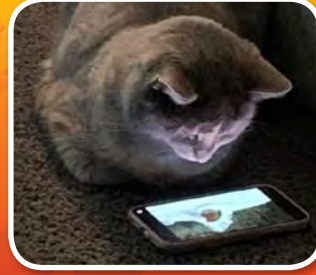
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**Name:** Lucy  
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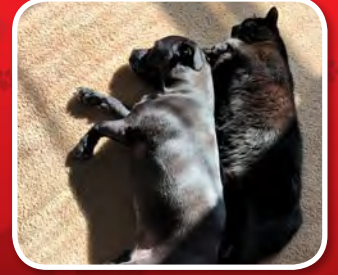
**Owners:** Devin & Cassidy Sprague  
**Names:** Yoda & Odie  
**Breed:** Chihuahua/Weiner & Pug/Chihuahua



**Owner:** Devin Sprague  
**Name:** Smokey  
**Age:** 6  
**Breed:** American Staffordshire



**Owner:** Aiyana Sprague  
**Name:** Gizmo  
**Age:** 2  
**Breed:** Domestic Shorthair



**Owners:** Kehli Henry & C.J. Eno  
**Names:** Dizzy & Vasha  
**Ages:** 2 & 5  
**Breeds:** Both unknown



**Owner:** Gayle Ruhl  
**Name:** Lemmy  
**Age:** 4  
**Breed:** Unknown



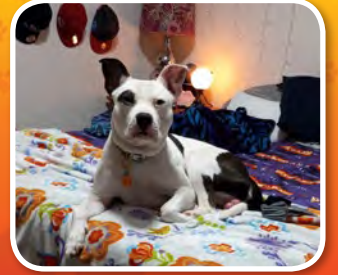
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**Names:** Radar, Daisy & Watson  
**Age:** 5 & 2 & 1.5  
**Breeds:** Yorkie & Domestic cat & Bloodhound/Coonhound



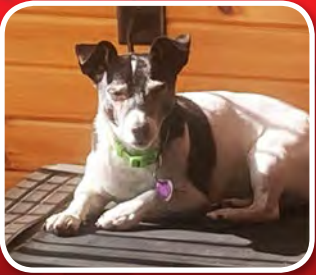
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**Name:** BooBoo  
**Age:** 10  
**Breed:** Labradoodle



**Owner:** Kelly Walworth  
**Name:** Remi  
**Age:** 7 weeks  
**Breed:** Labradoodle



**Owners:** Cheyanna & Cody Mena  
**Name:** Longo  
**Age:** 2.5  
**Breed:** American Pit Bull Terrier



**Owner:** Catherine Laquiere  
**Name:** Jewelz  
**Age:** 12  
**Breed:** Jack Russell



**Owner:** Elizabeth Simon  
**Name:** Lizzy Lou  
**Age:** 14  
**Breed:** Tabby



**Owners:** Bob & Sandi Chesebrough  
**Name:** Tinker Bell  
**Age:** 14  
**Breed:** Unknown-rescued



**Owner:** Gnaajwi Pego  
**Name:** Odemin  
**Age:** 10 months  
**Breed:** Yorkie



**Owner:** Waaskones Pego  
**Name:** Princess Jasmine  
**Age:** 9 months  
**Breed:** Chicken



**Owner:** Wanda Wallace  
**Names:** Denver & Bronco  
**Ages:** 7 & 8 months  
**Breeds:** Australian Shepherds



**Owner:** Lindy Sowmick  
**Name:** Reddy  
**Age:** 8  
**Breed:** Wheaten Terrier



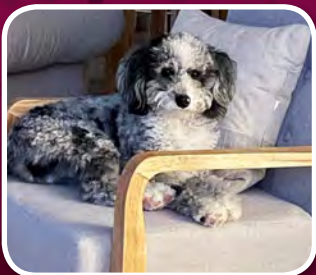
**Owners:** Carmen & Carl Deaton granddogs  
**Names:** Nannook, Calliope, Charlie, Rosie, Lucy, Mini, PigPig, Calvin, Wilbur



**Owner:** Cree Taylor  
**Name:** Metro  
**Age:** 8 months  
**Breed:** Domestic cat



**Owner:** Dash Bonstelle  
**Name:** Elloise  
**Age:** 11 months  
**Breed:** Cow



**Owners:** Ella B & Emerson Fox  
**Name:** Oliver Montgomery Fox  
**Age:** 1  
**Breed:** Bernedoodle



**Owner:** Marie Kequom  
**Names:** Bo & Sophie



**Owner:** Laura Lund  
**Name:** Oscar  
**Age:** 14 months  
**Breed:** Orange Tabby



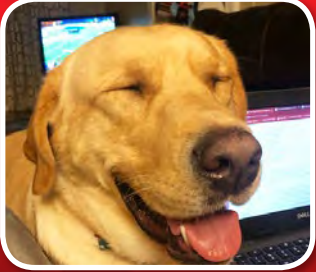
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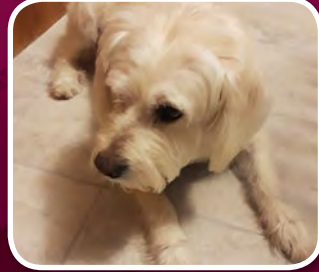
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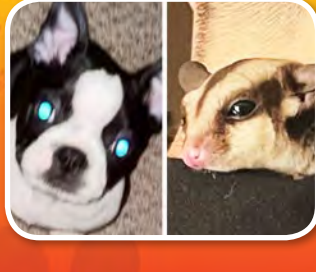
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**Owners:** The Lambertson Family  
**Name:** Brad  
**Age:** 2  
**Breed:** Golden Labrador Retriever



**Owner:** Rob & Beth Heyart  
**Name:** Scooby  
**Age:** 13  
**Breed:** Westie/Pointer mix



**Owners:** The Wemigwans Family  
**Names:** Rain & Pugsley  
**Ages:** 9 months & 5 months  
**Breeds:** Sugar Glider & Boston Terrier



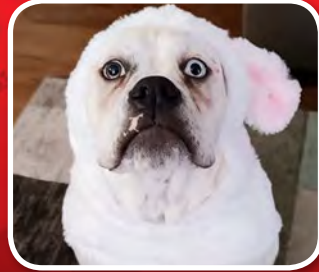
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**Name:** Mase  
**Age:** 10  
**Breed:** American Shorthair



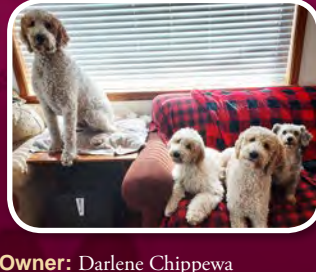
**Owners:** Mira & Monica  
**Name:** Onyx  
**Age:** 8 weeks  
**Breed:** Pug



**Owner:** Jill Elliott  
**Names:** Dino & Oscar  
**Ages:** 13 & 2  
**Breeds:** Pug mix & Chihuahua



**Owner:** Kamie Mandoka  
**Name:** Apollo  
**Age:** 1  
**Breed:** Old English Bulldog



**Owner:** Darlene Chippewa  
**Name:** Murray, Whitey, Snowball, Nilla Vanilla  
**Age:** 13, 17 months, 11 months, 5 months  
**Breed:** Schnauzer & 3 Golden Doodles



**Owner:** Melinda Coffin  
**Name:** Bailey  
**Age:** 16  
**Breed:** Chihuahua



**Owners:** Justene & Noah Sawmick  
**Names:** Debo & Apollo  
**Ages:** 1 & 3  
**Breed:** Rottweiler/Lab & German Shepherd



**Owner:** Nicole Aasved  
**Name:** Jagger  
**Age:** 4.5  
**Breed:** Chocolate Lab



**Owner:** Galina Kolb  
**Name:** Milo  
**Age:** 12  
**Breed:** Jack Russell



**Owner:** Sue Tater  
**Name:** Holly & Nikki  
**Age:** 5 & 2  
**Breed:** Jack Russell mix



**Owner:** Carrie Heron  
**Names:** Princess & Max  
**Ages:** 11 & 5  
**Breeds:** Pomeranian/Shih Tzu & Shih Tzu

## Housing department welcomes Samuel Anglin as permanent supportive housing coordinator

### HOUSING DEPT.

Aani. Boozhoo. It is with great pleasure the Housing Department welcomes Samuel Anglin as the department's new permanent supportive housing coordinator.

Samuel brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Housing team. Samuel

started at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in 2002 at The Water Lily Fine Dining restaurant and then was promoted to the position of department chef of banquets and catering for 4 years.

Samuel was hired in 2007 as the support service manager for Andahwod CCC & ES for a total of 13 years. Samuel also helped lead the Native Farmers Market for two seasons.

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

He was a case manager for Gratitude Lodge Detox and Residential in Newport Beach and also worked in the business development for Zinnia Health as the Native American outreach specialist.

He is a Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member and likes to spend time with his family, taking vacations, attending live music shows and outdoor foraging activities.

As he loves to cook and teach indigenous foods, Samuel has taken part in chef



mentoring at various intertribal food summits across the nation. He has cooked and learned traditional food from Chef Sean Sherman the Sioux Chef and Chef Brian Yazzie. Samuel takes great pride in his culture and loves to share his knowledge.

Please help us welcome Samuel to the Housing team. He can be reached at 989-775-4466 for questions about permanent supportive housing. He may also be reached at [SAnglin@sagchip.org](mailto:SAnglin@sagchip.org).



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**Samuel Anglin**

He said, "Please contact me if you or a loved one needs assistance with safe and secure supportive housing, and let's work together to make the dream of recovery possible."

The PSH project is on schedule for completion for the end of 2023.

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## Recreation

## Department

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annual

Luau

event

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Recreation Department held its annual Luau on Monday, March 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. This year, the event moved from the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym to the banquet rooms in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

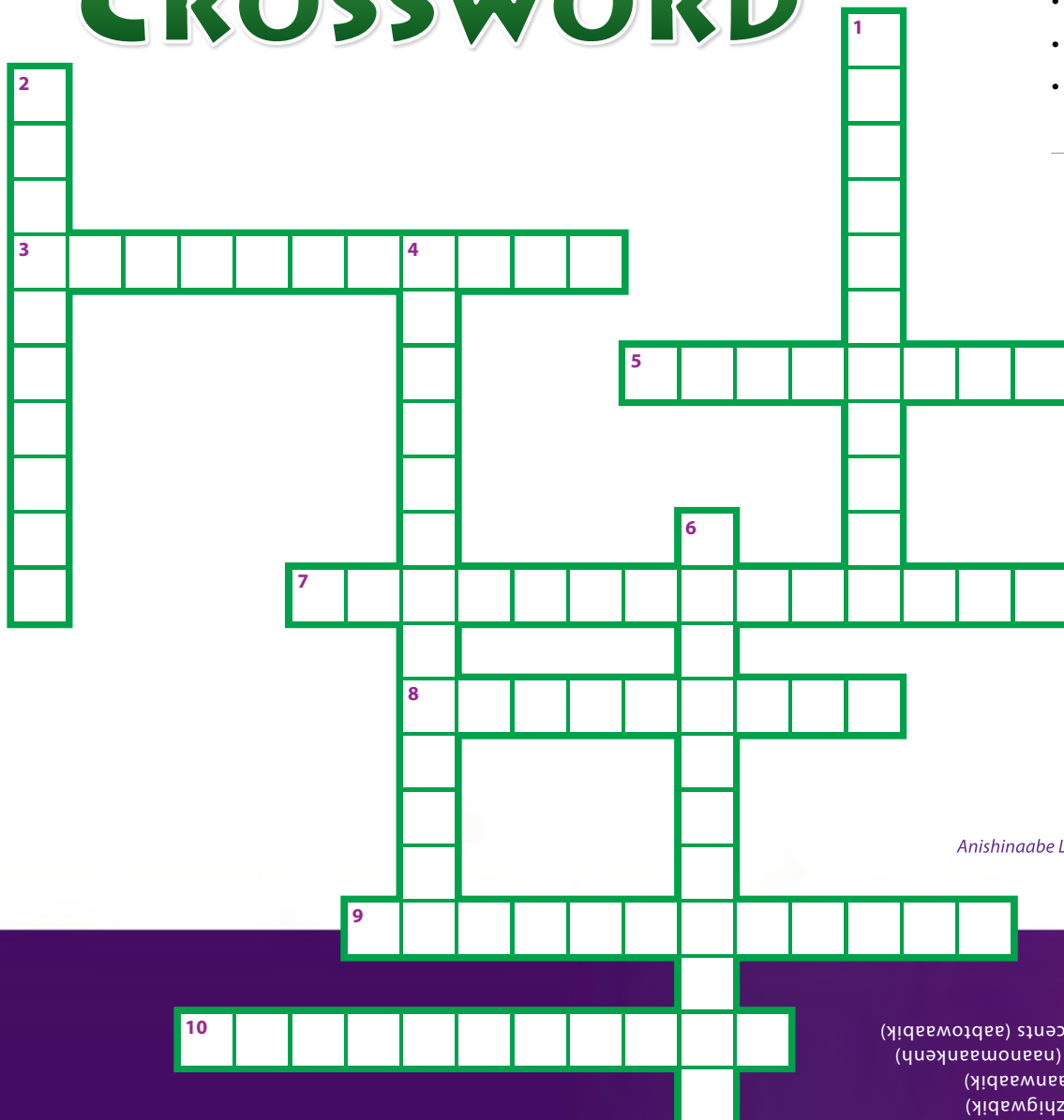
The evening featured a luau-themed dinner, prizes and games including limbo contests, hula hoop contests, musical chairs and more.

The Luau was open to the Tribal community; reservations were available up to eight individuals at \$20 per reservation.



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

# Anishinaabemowin CROSSWORD



### Word Bank

- Naa-no-maan-kenh
- Aab-to-waa-bik
- Naan-waa-bik
- Niishi-i-ning
- Mdaas-o-maan-kenh
- Ngod-waak
- Bezh-i-gwa-bik
- Zhoo-maan-kenh
- Mdaas-waa-bik
- Niizh-ta-na

### Across

- 3:** Quarter/25 cents
- 5:** One hundred dollars
- 7:** Dime/10 cents
- 8:** Twenty dollars
- 9:** Penny/Cent
- 10:** Ten dollars

### Down

- 1:** One dollar
- 2:** Five dollars
- 4:** Nickel/5 cents
- 6:** Half dollar/50 cents

*Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan*

- Answers**
- 1. One dollar (bezhigwabi)
  - 2. Five dollars (naanwabi)
  - 3. Quarter/25 cents (niishiining)
  - 4. Nickel/5 cents (naanomaaakenh)
  - 5. One hundred dollars (ngodwaak)
  - 6. Half dollar/50 cents (aabto-waabik)
  - 7. Dime/10 cents (mdaasomaakenh)
  - 8. Twenty dollars (niizhtana)
  - 9. Penny/Cent (zhoomaaakenh)
  - 10. Ten dollars (mdaaswaabik)

**Down**



## Logo

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The school board voted unanimously to support the rebranded imagery. The ad hoc committee voted to support new imagery with 94 percent supporting the golden warrior imagery.”

“We applaud the efforts of

the leadership within the Chippewa Hills District in committing to making this change,” said Erik Rodriguez, interim public relations director. “It was something they identified, and something they wanted to do, so they took the initiative to educate their community on why there is a need to

look at re-branding. We were grateful for the opportunity in assisting them with education and discussion of how to look at the Warrior name through a different lens. It was understood that the newly-selected change can do just that and also is reflective of their district and community.”

Chippewa Hills School

Board member Buzz Fates was clear on a response when questions in the community arise about why this change of the logo and imagery happened.

“It’s the right thing to do,” Fates said.

Tribal Council member Frank Cloutier participated in many of those discussion with the school officials and offered

some wisdom relating to the winds of change.

“Don’t hold on for the sake of ‘that’s what you know’ but hold on in the hopes that you can learn and grow,” Cloutier said.

For more information regarding Chippewa Hills, please access their website at [www.chsd.us](http://www.chsd.us) or call 989-967-2000.

## Treasurer Q&A

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fully describe when one has not walked in Council’s shoes.

**TO: What do you see as top priorities for Tribal Council and why?**

**GR:** I cannot speak for the full Council, so, for me, it is to uphold the Constitution, make sure gaming and government operations are working within budget, growing revenue streams that allow the Tribe to provide services to the Members. Sometimes growing revenue streams requires making spending decisions that cause sticker shock, however, the Saganing Casino expansion is a great example of how expansion works well for the Tribe.

**TO: Who were some of your inspirations in Tribal leadership?**

**GR:** I have taken a lot from each chief I have had the opportunity to work with directly. My grandparents on my mother’s side, though, are by far important people in my life who I have had tremendous inspiration from – both had great ideas of maintaining treaty rights, cultural and traditional practices which make tribes unique sovereign nations. My grandparents on my father’s side taught me strong work ethics and to be a good person.

**TO: What would you like the Tribal Membership to know?**

**GR:** I would like Membership to know that each

one of us are vitally important to the Tribe. We have a Membership of smart, artistic, and talented individuals that can do so much in their life for serving the Tribe. I do not like the name-calling or throwing around lies because it hurts others. I do not have a perfect past but I do try to do better than the day before.

**TO: What would you like Tribal employees to know?**

**GR:** I would like employees to know that Council supports our departments and employees and tries to see that the very best is provided to this community. Sometimes there are not easy decisions to make yet progress and success

is what each Council strives to accomplish. The last thing I want employees and members to know is that I enjoy going to various departments to get to know what they do and how they are doing.

**TO: Gayle, thank you so much for answering questions for the Tribal Observer.**



## 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Saginaw Chippewa

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## Supporting Indigenous survivors and advocates for Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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**CONTENT WARNING:** This statement contains graphic content that some readers may find distressing.

This April, StrongHearts Native Helpline, the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center and the Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) by raising awareness of sexual assault and supporting victim-survivors of sexual violence.

Rape and sexual assault are never the victim’s fault. It is crucial that we recognize sexual violence as part of the continuum of violence against Indigenous peoples, and that it is interwoven with colonization, intimate partner violence, missing and murdered Indigenous women (MMIW), trafficking and extractive industries.

Sexual violence can happen to anyone. In Indigenous communities in the United States, more than half of American Indian and Alaska Native women (56.1 percent) have experienced sexual violence in

their lives and the vast majority (96 percent) are victimized by a non-Native perpetrator.

Additionally, more than one in four Native men (27.5 percent) have experienced sexual violence.

Sexual violence is not traditional. It is a tool and result of colonization, which is responsible for the theft, occupation, resource extraction and exploitation of Native lands that continues to this day. Today, Native Americans who are living in tribal communities on or near lands that are exploited by extractive industries face the highest rates of sexual violence.

Culturally, we view any attack on the land — our Mother Earth — as an attack on the lives and bodies of Indigenous peoples. The same government infrastructure — federal laws, policies and institutions — targeting and permitting sexual assault, abuse and harassment of

Native women in the 1800s continues to exist in 2022. Removing these structural inequalities requires awareness and transformative action in understanding and advancing changes to end sexual violence. For decades, Indigenous advocates — often survivors themselves — have challenged systemic barriers, policies and laws permitting such abuse to make our communities safer.

The experiences and voices of Native survivors of violence are often ignored and disregarded, leaving many of our relatives without access to medical care, justice, supportive services and healing.

Survivors often do not report sexual assault or seek help out of shame, embarrassment or fear of retaliation by the person who assaulted them. Additionally, Native survivors can experience jurisdictional hurdles when they report a crime, and oftentimes, the reports do not result in investigations, prosecution or convictions.

Our cultures are centered around the value of respect and the sacredness of women and children. Historically, sexual violence in our communities was extremely rare

because the violent acts were punished quickly and severely.

It is time to renew our efforts to end sexual violence and reclaim the honor of Indigenous peoples. The foundation of this work is the lifeways, values, and beliefs of our ancestors. Together as relatives, we will not tolerate sexual violence in Native communities and proactively work to hold perpetrators and systems accountable. Supporting Indigenous survivors of sexual violence is central to ending violence of all kinds/types in our communities.

During Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we join together as relatives to support Indigenous survivors of sexual violence and advocates.

#### What is Sexual Assault?

Sexual assault is any type of sexual activity or contact that you do not consent to. It may occur within an intimate relationship as a tactic of domestic violence.

Sexual assault is a type of sexual violence and is rooted in power and control, a way for perpetrators to instill fear into victims. Forced sexual acts cause great trauma and harm people physically, spiritually, mentally and emotionally.

#### Types of Sexual Assault:

- Harassing or calling you degrading sexual names
- Fondling, grabbing, or pinching the sexual parts of your body
- Constantly pressuring you to have sex when you don’t want to have sex
- Forcing you to have sex or engage in unwanted sexual activity (ex. rape, anal rape, forced masturbation or forced oral sex)
- Drugging so you are unable to consent to sexual activity
- Using weapons or other objects to hurt the sexual parts of your body

The trauma of a sexual attack on one’s spirit and well-being can last a lifetime, particularly if safety, support and culturally-based resources for healing aren’t accessible. We know that these services are often not readily available in tribal and Native communities.

For relatives who are hurting, StrongHearts Native Helpline ([1-844-762-8483](http://1-844-762-8483), [strongheartshelpline.org](http://strongheartshelpline.org)) provides peer support and a connection to services as a nationally available domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline designed by and for Native people.



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## STYX concert features blend of hits, both classic and new

### MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted rock legends STYX for a sold-out show on Saturday, March 19. Audience members were treated to a full set of hits, both new and old.

To start out the night, Styx performed “The Fight Of Our Lives,” off their newly-released album “Crash of the Crown.” The album was released in June 2021, and is their 17th studio album.

Throughout the 105-minute set, the band played several more songs of the newest album. This included “Reveries,” “Sound the Alarm,” “Save Us From Ourselves” and the title track “Crash of the Crown.”

Blended in with the new hits were many staples of the STYX



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**STYX members James Young (left) and Tommy Shaw (right) perform “The Grand Illusion” during the sold out Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort concert on March 19.**

musical catalogue including the hits “Blue Collar Man (Long Nights),” “The Grand Illusion,” “Fooling Yourself (The Angry Young Man),” “Too Much Time on My Hands” and “Lady.”

STYX also performed “Light Up,” “Crystal Ball” and “Rockin’ the Paradise.”

The bands members’ vocal prowess was on full display during the harmonies of “Suite



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Will Evankovich (left) and Ricky Phillips (right) of STYX come together during “Blue Collar Man (Long Nights).”**

Madame Blue.”

A highlight of the night featured audience members gleefully singing out the inspirational lyrics of the classic ballad “Come Sail Away.”

To close out the night, STYX performed a two-piece encore which included the synth-fused, pop culture hit “Mr. Robot” and the classic rock song “Renegade.”

## Collective Soul returns to Soaring Eagle stage with special guest Everclear

### NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Rock band Collective South with special guests in tow, Everclear, made their return to the indoor Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort concert venue.

The show was held Saturday, Feb. 19 and began at 8 p.m. with Everclear kicking it off.

Everclear began with “So Much for the Afterglow” and “Everything to Everyone.”

No new music from the band since 2015, Everclear stuck to their hits from their three biggest albums.

Songs the rockers performed included “Heartspark Dollarsign,” “Father of Mine,” “Song from an American Movie, Part 1,” “AM Radio,” “Local God,” “I Will Buy You a New Life” and much more.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Ed Roland, lead singer of rock band Collective Soul, entertains the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort audience.**

There seemed to be multiple encores, but the band’s set ended with “Summerland” and “Santa Monica.”

Alternative rock band Collective Soul meshes hard rock with wholesome pop. Add an energetic showman as lead singer (Ed Roland) and the



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

audience was in for one phenomenal show.

Collective Soul began their set with “Who Loves,” “Precious Declaration,” “December” and “Heavy.”

While these musicians are rockers at heart, some performances were toned-down with



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Members of Everclear, the band that delivered ‘90s alternative rock hits, share a moment center stage in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort’s Entertainment Hall.**

Roland taking over the piano and shining his strong, yet smooth vocals.

The audience was on their feet throughout the show, which was rich with performances of “Shine,” “Better Now,” “She Said,” “The World I Know,”

“Right as Rain” and R.E.M. cover “The One I Love.”

The audience didn’t want the night to come to an end, but it had to. Collective Soul closed their show with “Over Me,” “Gel,” “Where the River Flows,” and “Run.”

## Comedian Joel McHale brings biting, sarcastic humor to Soaring Eagle

### MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Joel McHale brought his cynical, sharp-edged comedy to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Friday, March 11. The comedian, actor and television host filled the Entertainment Hall with laughs during his

hour-long show.

McHale is best known from his time hosting the hit television series “The Soup,” featured on the E! Network. The show featured McHale’s biting, sarcastic commentary of current pop culture and events. He also starred as Jeff Winger on the hit comedy television series “Community.”

McHale has also appeared in many films including “Open Season 2,” “Spy Kids: All the Time in the World,” “Ted” and

“The Happytime Murders.”

Opening the night for McHale was comedian J.F. Harris.

For more information on

upcoming shows, please visit the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort website at [www.soaringeaglecasino.com](http://www.soaringeaglecasino.com).



Courtesy photo

**Joel McHale brought the laughs during his March 11 stand-up comedy performance at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.**



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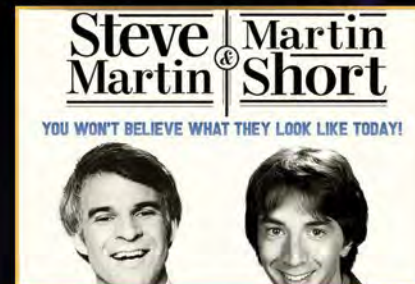


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## SCIT dancers, drummers take center court at CMU basketball halftime show

**JOSEPH SOWMICK**

Public Relations Manager

Dancers and drummers from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe took to the McGuirk Arena court at halftime during Central Michigan University's men's basketball game on March 1 and women's basketball game on March 2.

The 10-minute halftime show featured Onion Creek singers as host drum and 17 dancers representing men's and women's traditional dance, jingle dress dance, fancy shawl dance, fancy dance and grass dance styles.

Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez helped coordinate the two-day dance exhibition with assistance from CMU Athletic Director Amy Folan.

"It's an honor to share the affiliation with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and for all the dancers and drummers here to share their stories and message in dance is one of the best gifts we can offer everyone here at the university," Folan said. "I think our student athletes love being a part of the community and being able to be invited by the tribe to be one together with the tribe is something we enjoy and look forward to. We just like being one big family."

CMU President Robert Davies was on site to greet the SCIT delegation and was a gracious host to the Tribal families present.

"To me, this is a very important relationship not only from

the athletic side but from the academic and student life," Davies said. "What we have planned at CMU is working with students and members of the tribe on how we can express the Native American culture on campus 365 days a year. We get an opportunity to show that rich relationship through artwork, through culture, through dance exhibitions that highlight the history and traditions of the tribe. It's important to explain the history and struggles Native people have faced to our students, faculty, staff and visitors. That's what we're trying to do here."

President Davies said he "enjoys the relationship CMU has with Tribal Council" and he "meets with them frequently, both formally and informally."

"We have really developed this cadre of 'let's talk and communicate together' to make sure we are representing the Chippewa name with pride and dignity," Davies said. "I'm very impressed with the Council because they ask us how (to) help increase (CMU) enrollment and get more Native American students to attend CMU. It is events like this that brings these personal relationship between CMU and the Tribe into focus."

Luke Sprague, Tribal Council member and CMU master's degree candidate, attended one of the games with his family and said he could "feel the excitement in the arena."

"These events encourage our Tribal youth to continue



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Dancers and drummers pose for a photo with Central Michigan University President Robert Davies (front row, second from left) after performing the basketball game's halftime show.**

with higher education and also enlightens the university students in attendance about our culture," Sprague said. "The applause from the crowd after the halftime performances created a lot of positive energy."

Tribal Council Secretary Martha Wemigwans said she was grateful to see all the families in attendance.

"Thank you CMU for embracing and encouraging our culture through song and dance as you have allowed our people to demonstrate and share with the community at the basketball games on March 1 and 2," Wemigwans said. "I am so proud to be a part of a community strong in how we are 'Working Together for our Future.'"

Tribal Council Treasurer Gayle Ruhl was on site for both exhibitions and her son

Cauy joined the Onion Creek Drum performing on the basketball court.

"This is a nice event that highlights the collaborative relationship between the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe and CMU," Ruhl said. "It was great to see the participation of all the dancers and drummers who came out."

Tribal Member Tammy Salas has been dancing women's traditional for more than eight years and danced during halftime.

"I'm really proud doing what I do. It makes me feel good that I'm able to do the performance and see the people in the stands," Salas said. "The reactions on their faces on how amazed they are to see us dancing was wonderful. I really appreciate on how

everything was set up for us to make night special."

Master of Ceremonies Jason Whitehouse has been serving as a powwow emcee for more than 20 years and offered his services to CMU for both dance exhibitions and the CMU Powwow.

"If they haven't come to the powwows previously, we hope these dance exhibitions give them a taste and interest of learning about a new culture and a way of living that has been around here and the surrounding area for many years," Whitehouse said. "The different dance styles that we are featuring will touch their curiosity and give them a sample to what they will see if they attend other events like the CMU Powwow and the annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow."

Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick







## Spongy Moths, an old adversary under a new name

**DUSTIN HAGER**

Natural Resource Technician,  
Planning Department

When you look at a caterpillar, you likely don't consider the possibility of widespread destruction and displeasure from their presence. However, if you look at the Spongy Moth (*Lymantria Dispar*) formerly known as "Gypsy Moth," this species will do that and more to residents faced with high concentrations around their homes.

This invasive species originated from Europe after establishing itself then pushed inland to spread throughout the northeast of the continent from Virginia all the way to Canada.

The species was first reported in Michigan during the 1950s, moving forward to the late 1980s we see a period of explosive growth in the Spongy Moth population that led to unprecedented defoliation in the regions affected.

Recently the American Society of Entomologist's were asked to find a new common name to abandon the previously used name of "Gypsy Moth" due to the need for a singular name for addressing the species since many local names appeared creating management, public outreach, and research complications. The change was also made to avoid using a common racial slur for those of Romani descent that was applied to the Spongy Moth because of its "ballooning" and flight characteristics connected to negative stereotypes of the Romani people.

During the 1990s peak outbreak of Spongy Moths, many of the current local programs aimed at suppressing the population began to take shape and grow throughout the affected regions. These programs along with a period of unsuitable climate conditions allowed those managing their populations to suppress their numbers to a level that removes the need for treatment in most areas.

Since 2019, we have seen an increasing number of defoliation, and from 2019 to 2020, there was an increase of 21 percent defoliated acres of forest reported by the DNR annual forestry report amounting to 950,000 acres defoliated in the Lower Peninsula. This defoliation will lead to more susceptibility to disease and other detrimental species entering the tree or shrub along with reducing growth and seed production.

Spongy Moth caterpillars will feed on more than 300 species of trees or shrubs and that list continues to grow each year as our research and knowledge continues to grow.

Spongy Moth caterpillars do not only affect tree and shrub species but also become a serious nuisance to residents living around them as the caterpillar feeds on leaf coverage the waste called "frass" falls directly below their feeding location. The frass is an unpleasant dark green color and is very difficult to clean or remove without staining the items such as outdoor furniture, cement, siding, or windows.

This issue is of increasing importance as the population continues

to expand in to central Michigan but also because of the legality of species specific rules regarding Spongy Moths.

When moving or traveling out of state, you are required to check all outdoor furniture, vehicles left outside, firewood, before potentially transporting across state lines.

(Note: The species will lay egg masses on almost any structure or object within range. Personally, I have seen them attached to everything from foundation cinder blocks to old tires.)

Egg masses are a fuzzy light brown when laid but can become bleached white as the season continues and they are exposed to sunlight. Each egg mass can have anywhere from 200-1,000 eggs in each mass lain by a single female Spongy Moth. Old masses will appear bleached white with hundreds of little pinhole-like marks on the mass indicating the lava has hatched.

The amount of eggs lain in a single mass allows their population to explode when conditions are conducive to their environmental needs.

Spongy moth caterpillars will emerge from their eggs and begin moving up and down the branch/structure the egg mass was lain, from there they will make a silk string that allows them

ADULT



EGG

PUPA



LARVA  
(Caterpillar)

Courtesy of University of Madison Wisconsin Gypsy Moth extension online

to use a technique known as "ballooning" allowing them to travel from 100-150 yards on average but can achieve distances of a quarter mile due to long hairs all over their bodies (think of how dandelion seeds disperse).

This will always be an ongoing problem as no program anywhere tries to eradicate the species entirely with treatment, the goal being suppression of the populations to acceptable limits of destruction and nuisance.

Education to stopping the spread of these species has become a primary aspect of management since even a single egg mass moving to an unaffected area can allow a new infestation to occur. While not everyone has to deal with the nuisance of the Spongy Moth, nature will not be so lucky facing indiscriminate destruction of native tree and shrub species.



### Andahwod CCC & ES vs. Skilled Nursing Facility

Which is right for your Tribal Elder needs?

	Andahwod CCC & ES	Skilled Nursing Facilities
<b>Living Accommodations</b>	Accommodations are private apartments.	Accommodations, generally semi-private, are more hospital-like.
<b>Meals</b>	Three meals are served in dining area, at additional costs. Meals may also be prepared by a resident in their own kitchen in their apartment.	Three meals are served in a communal dining area at no additional cost.
<b>Housekeeping Services</b>	Housekeeping and laundry services may be included at additional costs.	Housekeeping and laundry services are provided.
<b>Caregiving Services</b>	Caregivers are available around the clock. Someone needing or desiring specialized care or one-on-one care can arrange for this supplemental care at an additional cost. Level of care determined.	Caregiving services provided around the clock. Someone desiring one-on-one care can arrange for this supplemental care through a third party at additional cost.
<b>Minor Medical Supervision</b>	Some provided	Provided
<b>Extensive Medical Care</b>	Not provided	Physical ordered extensive medical care is provided.
<b>Medication Management</b>	Provided	Provided
<b>Medical Personnel Available</b>	Full-time medical personnel are on site or on call.	LPNs on-site at all times. RNs on-site at least eight hours per day. Physicians on-site or on call 24/7.
<b>Assistance with ADLs</b>	24/7	24/7
<b>Activities</b>	Various activities are scheduled on a daily basis. Community activities and field trips are planned.	Less active and less strenuous activities scheduled throughout the day. Activities provided in the room for those who cannot join group activities.
<b>Transportation</b>	Transportation to and from medical appointments and other errands is available.	Transportation to and from doctors' appointments is often available.
<b>Payment Sources</b>	Private pay	Services, which are medical in nature, are covered by Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans Benefits and most long-term insurance policies in certified facilities.



## COLLEGE & CAREER Expo

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- **Afternoon session:** 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

### Where:

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort

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- **Sessions:** Ojibway Ballroom



### Colleges & Organizations:

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## Isham receives GED through collaborative efforts of Tribal Court and SCTC

**JOSEPH SOWMICK**

Contributing Writer

Success stories come to life when words of encouragement lead to academic achievement. Brandon Isham is a testimony as he recently received his GED through collaborative efforts of Tribal Court and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.

“I started my GED journey right when I started (Tribal Court’s) Healing to Wellness Program in July. It only took me about two months to finish the pre-tests and move on to pass the final test for each subject,” Isham said. “The support I got from Kevin ‘Coach’ Ricketts, bailiff and alternative sentencing coordinator, and the Court staff was uplifting. It felt good to know that I had people there cheering me on to get it done.”

Isham said the support he was given from SCTC “was amazing.”

“(Admissions/Registrar) Jackie (Graveratte), (Dean of Students) Amanda (Flaughner), and (GED Program Tutor) Lori (Vincent) were there for me through it all,” Isham said. “Getting constant reminders and just a simple message to ask how I was doing and if I needed help with anything really made it easier and helped me a lot. Having my GED has opened many more doors for me when it comes to getting a job. It makes it look better on my part now that I have it finished and can hold it up high with confidence.”

Kevin Ricketts said he saw the need for a GED completion program for probationers.

“Community service is generally thought of as labor responsibility owed to the community, and with the COVID-19 pandemic, there

were not many alternatives for a probationer to complete their community service. After meeting with Jackie Graveratte..., we were able to establish dates and times where the SCTC would be open for GED prep and testing,” Ricketts said. “Everything else just fell in line for the perfect opportunity for a probationer to continue their education. I hope to continue the working relationship with Tribal College, and possibly establish some certificate workshops, and a recovery coach class in the near future.”

Ricketts is currently a graduate student at the University of Louisville. He said he is aware of some of the challenges seen when encouraging the academic success of others.

“The challenge was convincing the probationers that they can complete their GED after being out of school for so long,” Ricketts said. “Some of the probationers dropped out of school a while ago, and don’t have the confidence to go back. With the help of my fellow court staffers and SCTC, we can lift them up and encourage them. We have seen once they pass their first test, you see the excitement in their eyes...”

Isham was the first student to participate in this Court pilot program created by Ricketts with support of Judge Patrick Shannon and SCTC.

“I’m so proud of Brandon for completing his GED. He is the first to complete his GED through the alternative sentencing coordinated relationship with Tribal College,” Ricketts said. “I pray that Brandon continues his education; he is a very smart young man and I see him being a college graduate in the future.”

Dean of Students Amanda Flaughner said SCTC has had 52 students complete their high school equivalency requirements through the program.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Brandon Isham (left) holds up his GED certificate he recently achieved as Kevin Ricketts (right), bailiff and alternative sentencing coordinator, shows support and holds up Isham’s Certificate of Completion.**

“This program is growing stronger and stronger each semester and is currently a recipient of the 2021-2022 Native Students Stepping Forward: Dollar General High School Equivalency Completion Program grant,” Flaughner said. “The funding allows our program to offer an online program, official GED testing to be completed at SCTC, as well as a number of incentives that allow us to celebrate our student’s success.”

SCTC students completing the program will receive a waiver for student fees (for a maximum of 12 credits) the semester following their completion date, Flaughner said.

GED Program Tutor Lori Vincent worked with Brandon directly.

“Brandon was very determined and it didn’t take him long to successfully complete his GED testing,” Vincent said. “He was very motivated and eager to move forward in his life”.

Vincent informs SCTC is available to assist all GED students in their East Building (2274 Enterprise Drive, Mount Pleasant) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registrar Jackie Graveratte said the State of Michigan requires a passing score of 145 in all four subjects: social

studies, science, language arts and math.

“Students who score 165 or higher are college ready, according to the State of Michigan score chart. Our strategy at SCTC is to have our students practice social studies first,” Graveratte said. “This test is typically the easiest test for students to study and pass. By building up the confidence of the student, our team can continue to encourage the students through the other more difficult subjects like math.”

Graveratte said math is more likely to be challenging for students. In order to help students be successful, SCTC has prepared a math packet. SCTC instructors Lindsay Drumm and Earle Crosswait also provide tutoring for students.

Graveratte said upon completion of the GED program, students have an advantage in academics, knowledge of the campus layout and are aware of the resources SCTC student services provide.

“Half of our GED students have enrolled in college courses and they have been successful. I would like to encourage (the community) to come to... inquire about our GED program,” Graveratte said. “We are open all year around to assist potential students and are here to guide you every step of the way.”

## LTB Court Judge meets with SCIT Healing to Wellness



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Visiting Tribal Court Judge Allie Maldonado (right) from Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians met with the Healing to Wellness Committee on March 14. Tribal Council Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts (left) expressed her support on behalf of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and gifted her with an authentic beaded medallion.**



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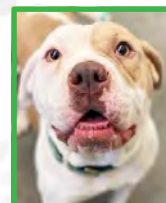


## Adopt a Pet



**Millie**

Millie is a 12-year-old Domestic Shorthair mix. Millie is a curvy queen in search of a kingdom to rule. She is front declawed and has not shown any issue at this time with having that procedure done. She is currently being treated for “cat acne” around her mouth with low-cost medicine. She is very sweet. She loves boxes and head rubs. This sweet senior is hoping you’ll consider her. .



**Heart**

Who could resist this big, dopey face? Heart is a beautiful bully mix, with a low and wide body. She was surrounded because her owner had too many animals – she was living in a house with several other unfixed dogs and there was frequent tension among the group. Heart is currently undergoing heartworm treatment in a foster home. She is seeking a home where she can be the only pet in the household.

**Humane Animal Treatment Society**

1105 S. Isabella Rd., Mt. Pleasant [Hatsweb.org](http://Hatsweb.org)  
Phone: 989.775.0830 Email: hats.publicrelations@gmail.com

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





## Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Citizen Melissa Isaac sits with First Lady Jill Biden during the State of the Union Address

**NATIVE NEWS  
ONLINE STAFF**

*(Editor's note: The following article is a reprint from Native News Online staff, published on March 2, 2022. Watch for the next couple Tribal Observer issues that will expand on Project AWARE and its efforts.)*

For some in Indian Country who watched President Joe Biden's State of the Union address on Tuesday, March 1, the woman wearing a ribbon skirt sitting with First Lady Jill Biden in her viewing box caught their attention.

She is Melissa Isaac, a tribal citizen of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, located in Mount Pleasant, Mich. Isaac serves her community through her role at the Michigan Department of Education.

Most recently, Isaac worked as the director of Education for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. As an elementary school teacher at Saginaw Chippewa Academy, Isaac recognized the need to support the mental health of her students and their families.

She later successfully applied for a Project AWARE grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Using this grant, Isaac

expanded mental health services for children at SCA and two public school districts, which included services for Native American children.

Isaac met the First Lady Biden and U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy on Oct. 24, 2021, when they hosted a listening session focused on youth mental health with members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, educators, and families on the Isabella Indian Reservation in Mt. Pleasant.

On the evening of the State of the Union, Isaac traveled with the presidential motorcade from the White House to the U.S. Capitol.



Courtesy of Jennifer Lapointe

**Melissa Isaac at the White House prior to traveling in the presidential motorcade to the U.S. Capitol.**

## Tribe's collaborative effort shines at the Michigan Library Association's conference

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Tribal Libraries were recently recognized for its efforts and given a donation by the Michigan Library Association.

Debbie Mikula of the Michigan Library Association sent a note to Tribal Librarian Anne Heidemann stating, "It is with great pride and honor that we recognize the inspiring work being done at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries and want to bestow a small donation to you as we spend time, and expend and receive knowledge at our Spring Institute."

The association held its Spring Institute for Youth Services, its first in-person



Courtesy of Kimberly Condon

**Tribal Library Assistant Kimberly Condon (right) poses for a photo with Debbie Mikula (left) of the Michigan Library Association at the association's Spring Institute for Youth Services at the Comfort Inn & Suites Center in Mount Pleasant last month.**

conference in three years, at the Comfort Inn & Suites



Courtesy of Amber Sheerin

**Raymond Cadotte, visitor services representative for the Ziibiwing Center, provides cultural teachings to the conference attendees.**

Center in Mount Pleasant on March 10-11.

Raymond Cadotte, visitor services representative for the Ziibiwing Center, was invited to provide cultural teachings and brought a couple Native



Courtesy of Amber Sheerin

**Conference attendees watch performances by Native dancers.**

dancers to the conference with him.

Kimberly Condon, library assistant, was on-site to assist as an event volunteer.

Angeline Boulley, author of "Firekeeper's Daughter," was the conference's opening speaker. She also held a book signing.

The Michigan Library Association is Michigan's oldest and largest library association. MLA has served the library profession in Michigan for more than 130 years. MLA leads the advancement of all Michigan libraries through advocacy, education and engagement (milibraries.org).

## April 2022 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1) Willard Chapoton III | Robert Sharon    |
| David James             | Christine Bird   |
| Carla Sineway           | Mary North       |
| Joseph Smith Jr.        | Laura Yoder      |
| 2) Mike Frank           | 4) Judy Jackson  |
|                         | Crystal Whitner  |
| 3) Peggy Harris         | Jennifer Goodwin |
| Sharon Matthews         |                  |

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| 5) Kimi Alani         | 14) Rena Bird         | 22) Charles Benz     |
| Barbara Poulos        | William Quayle Jr.    | Ethel Lingford       |
| Westbrook Shawboose   | 15) Raymond Fisher II | 23) Diana Kahgegab   |
| 6) Jesse Helms        | Laurie Jackson        | 24) Monica McQuarter |
| Gerry Leauteaux       | Paula Howlett         | 25) Brenda Franco    |
| Shelly Rickert        | Marietta Stanley      | 26) Darlene Wilson   |
| Mary Russell          | Michael McCreery      | Gladys Hall          |
| 8) Cathleen Matthews  | 16) Debra House       | Carolyn O'Neal       |
| Eleanore VanHorn      | Russell Stevens       | Teresa Reyes         |
| Mark Cyr              | 17) Jon Bennett Jr.   | 27) Marie Kequom     |
| John Quinn            | Wanda Lautner         | Alta Arroyo          |
| 9) Edward Matthews    | Robert Mays           | Jovain Shawboose     |
| Lisa Snyder           | 19) Valerie Moore     | Linda Smith          |
| Janice Wilcox         | Kermit Paul Jr.       | Mary Perez           |
| 10) Sena Hutcheson    | Craig Perez           | 28) Stephen Bonneau  |
| Paul Moses            | 20) Joseph Collins    | Glen Tolfree Jr.     |
| Wendy Chapman         | Kari Ellis            | Tracy Cousins        |
| 11) Barbara Sprague   | 21) Annette Buckner   | 29) Robin Dutton     |
| Maury Francis         | Raymond Cloutier      | 30) Lou Loiselle     |
| 12) Randolph Holy-Day | Theron Fisher         | Lawrence Zocher      |
| 13) Lawrence Collins  |                       |                      |



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## Positive changes coming to Migizi EDC Housing

### TONIA KEQUOM

Property Manager/  
Administrative Assistant III

Providing quality housing for Tribal Members and the surrounding area is a driving force behind Migizi Economic Development Company and Aking Holding Company.

Changes are coming that will allow Aking to better serve the community as a whole by upgrading existing properties, adding new choices, and

continuing to provide housing options to fit existing and future needs.

Currently, plans are being developed to examine the option of constructing new multi-family housing units on the Reservation using land managed by Aking Holding Company. Utilities and facilities upgrades will be made to some existing properties, and two buildings will be removed.

In February 2022, the Tribe, through Migizi EDC, purchased a 40-acre parcel on East

Broadway, across from the future Saginaw Chippewa Academy. Current plans are to build an apartment community of two, three, and four-bedroom units to satisfy housing needs.

The three and four-plex located at 6031, 6129, 6135, 6392, and 6394 East Broadway will be added to the Tribe's treated water system, and much-needed exterior driveway repairs will take place. Adding these buildings to Tribal water will allow for better service and

positively impact those living in the buildings currently served by dedicated wells.

Michigan weather has taken an extreme toll on the drive areas of the facilities, and the needed repairs will provide a better experience for residents and visitors.

As those improvements are being made, two buildings on Broadway are slated for demolition as the weather improves.

Due to structural and electrical deficiencies, the apartments

at 6141 and 6147 East Broadway will be removed. These buildings have served for many years and have effectively reached end of life. Future uses for the land occupied by those buildings are currently being reviewed; among suggestions from members is a park or public use area.

The need for Reservation housing is critical; Migizi EDC and Aking Holding Company are working together to help provide housing solutions that will satisfy the demand for many years.

## The Hill Campground to be renovated and upgraded

### FRITZ KUHLMAN

Marketing Manager

With the success of Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park, Tribal Council requested Migizi Economic Development Company to formulate potential upgrade and operational plans for The Hill campground. Having spent part of the winter evaluating The Hill and considering all options, Migizi submitted a formal proposal to Tribal Council in February.

In March, Tribal Council directed Migizi EDC to move

forward with the renovation plans and assume operation of the campground in 2023.

Knowing the historical and significant position that The Hill occupies within the Tribe, it was essential to maintain the unique personality of the grounds while at the same time upgrading services and amenities for both Tribal and visiting guests. The plan submitted by Migizi leadership to Tribal Council accomplishes both goals.

The approved plans for The Hill will see an increase in the number of available sites, with new camp spots being added to

the southern part of the property; utilities, including both electrical and water service, will be upgraded for all sites. The perimeter road will be paved.

The Hill will see repairs and upgrades to both the adult and children's swimming pools, as well as the addition of a retail camp store and related commercial features.

The plans for The Hill also feature the expansion of new leisure activities. The area to the east of the pool house will be paved, basketball hoops will be added, and an area dedicated to cornhole boards and

other family attractions will be included.

The Hill will remain in operation during the construction process with no interference with the annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow in July.

In advance of developing and formalizing a plan for the property, Migizi conducted a survey of Tribal residents near The Hill to assess any existing concerns. There were no substantial concerns or objections, and Tribal Council decided to invest in this crucial Tribal property.

All efforts will be made to minimize any inconvenience to

residents near the campground during the construction process.

Migizi EDC has demonstrated expertise in operating Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park, showing sustained growth, and attracting guests from throughout the Midwest. The RV Park has consistently retained a 10/10/10 rating from Good Sam, its highest ratings, and is one of the few parks in the Midwest to do so.

Migizi EDC is excited to assume operation of The Hill and help make it a profitable, desirable campground worthy of the Soaring Eagle name.

## Tribal Member's 18th birthday honored by Round Dance with family

### NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

For his 18th birthday, Tribal Member Simon Jackson's family gathered in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym for a special Round Dance to honor him.

The Round Dance occurred

Friday, March 11 and began about 7 p.m. and latest after midnight.

"Our family was extremely happy that, at his request, we all came together to make this event happen for him," said Angel Jackson, Simon's auntie. "Our family, and those that attended, had a great time."

"It was a great honor to come together as a family to do this for Simon per his request," said Tonya Jackson, Simon's

auntie. "We all know that his father would be so proud of the young man he has become."

According to Tonya Jackson,

shirts were for sale at this event and the proceeds went to the "best shirt" and "best skirt" in attendance.

Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick



## Rental and Utility Assistance Now Available

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Housing Department is now taking applications from eligible renter households

### Eligible households:

- Total household income is below 80 percent of the 2020 median family income
- A household member qualified for unemployment benefits, or
- The household has experienced a reduction in household income, or
- The household has incurred significant costs due to COVID-19, and
- The household is experiencing housing instability due to COVID-19
- The household is located in one of the following counties: Arenac, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Mecosta, Midland, Osceola, and Montcalm
- Members of the SCIT residing anywhere and meeting the above criteria

### Types of assistance included:

- Rent arrears, utility arrears, water/sewer, and trash removal arrears occurring after March 13, 2020
- Security deposit, and application fees
- Prospective rent, utilities, water/sewer, and trash removal



Income Eligible means total household income does not exceed the following								
2021	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
80% FMI	\$36,150	\$41,300	\$46,450	\$51,600	\$55,750	\$59,900	\$64,000	\$68,150

### Applications are available:

- **Online:** The application is available at <http://www.sagchip.org/housing>
- **Email:** You may request an application via Email: [CERAP@sagchip.org](mailto:CERAP@sagchip.org)
- **In person:** You may obtain a hardcopy from the Housing Office located at 2451 Nishnabeonong Dr., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
- **Mail:** An application can be mailed to you by calling (989) 775-4595, Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Applications are processed on a first come first serve basis and will continue until all funds are exhausted. Funds will be distributed directly to landlords and or vendors providing utility services. Completed applications must have all the supporting documentation attached and should be returned to SCHD, 2451 Nishnabeonong Dr., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

Funding for this COVID Emergency Rental Assistance Program is provided by the U.S. Treasury as established under Section 501 of Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260 (Dec. 27, 2020).

## Tribal Council has 2 percent round table discussion in Saganing



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council met with representatives from Au Gres-Sims, Standish-Sterling and Pinconning schools for a round table discussion at the Saganing Tribal Center on Feb. 25.



## Nimkee Fitness Center April spotlight: Christina Otto

### NIMKEE FITNESS

Each month this year, Nimkee Fitness would like to recognize a member who has been a shining example for us all. Our next spotlight is Christina (Tina) Otto.

Tina first reached out to Nimkee Fitness because she wanted to be more active and overall healthier. She had goals to become stronger, lose weight, increase stamina, and promote fitness within her family.

Even though Tina was working out at home with fitness videos, it was hard to keep a consistent workout schedule.

With discipline, Tina now has a consistent routine at the gym which also



### Nimkee Fitness

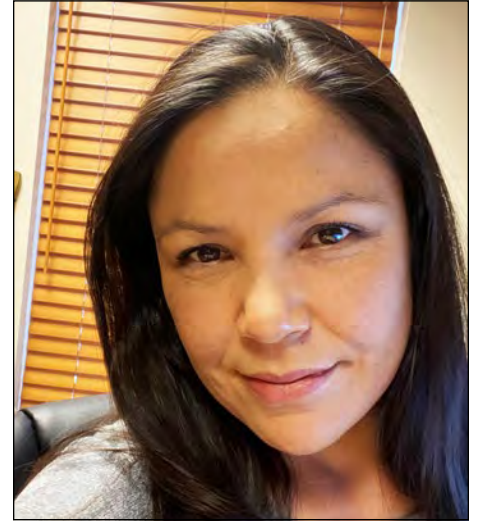
influenced more structure and goals at home. She works out six days a week and this consistency has helped develop better nutritional habits as well.

With encouragement from gym members and staff, Tina overcame barriers like finding motivation and lacking confidence. Her personal

dedication and discipline has made it easier for her to tackle other challenges like making time.

Tina has lowered her visceral fat, body mass index, body fat percentage and weight overall. All of these have been lowered while muscle, stamina, form and technique, and confidence have been raised. We are so proud of her hard work!

When we asked Tina how she would encourage someone else to make changes to live a healthier lifestyle based off of her own journey, she said, "It is never too late to start your journey to wellness. This is the healthiest and happiest I have ever been with my body. Don't let fear stop you from trying."



Courtesy photo

Christina Otto

## High school student Anthony Mark joins Nimkee Pharmacy team

### ANTHONY MARK

Anii! I am very pleased to be a part of the Nimkee Pharmacy team for the better part of 2022.

I am a 17-year-old senior from Mt. Pleasant High School and a local Tribal Member.

I am very proud to be serving my fellow Tribal Members and I am even more grateful to be given this tremendous opportunity. I was given this position through the high school's GI-TEC Career Program. I could not be any more excited, as being a part of a pharmaceutical team is my dream career!



## Nimkee

Memorial Wellness Center

In my free time, I play the bass guitar in a death metal band with my cousins, contributing to songwriting. I am a music lover, and I enjoy attending concerts of various genres.

I come from a background of an Anishinaabe family, and I enjoy learning the insights of my very beautiful culture.

For my future endeavors, I plan on attending Central Michigan University to pass my prerequisite classes. Afterwards, I will transfer to Ferris State to follow their impressive PharmD program. My end goal is to return to Nimkee after college, and become a pharmacist alongside our extravagant pharmacy team.

I am very enthusiastic to meet my co-workers and patients, and hopefully form great friendships with many. If you see me around, say hi.



Courtesy photo

Anthony Mark



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## APRIL 2022 | Tribal Community Event Planner

### Monday Night Masters

May 2 - August | 5 - 8 p.m.

- PohlCat Golf Course
- 989-775-4121 or Recreation@Sagchip.org
- 12 weeks of league play
- Championship – Cash night Week 13
- Two-person scramble league
- Registration open now
- Deadline: Wednesday, April 27 at noon
- League fees: \$60 per player (pay fee to pro shop)
- SCIT golf members cart fee: \$260\* (\*If prepaid for the full season)
- SCIT cart-course membership: \$400
- SCIT range member: \$300
- Team information: Co-ed, players must be ages 18+
- Max of 14 teams (first 14 paid registrations)
- Two person teams are required with one player being one of the following: SCIT Tribal Member, Tribal employee (SECR, Migizi, Tribal Ops, SELC), SCIT descendant or member of another Tribe

### SCTC visits with Rep Sharice Davids

April 4 | 11 a.m.

- Online via Zoom
- 989-775-4519 or AHeidemann@sagchip.org
- Registration required: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_IPWkWoESgee\\_lzXmduNRg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IPWkWoESgee_lzXmduNRg)
- Attendees will receive copies of Davids' book, "Sharice's Big Voice", while supplies last.

### Library Programs

April 5, 13, 20, 27 | 12-1 p.m.

- Online via Zoom
- 989-775-4519 or AHeidemann@sagchip.org
- 4/5: Lee Francis
- 4/13: Adrienne Keene
- 4/20: Daniel Vandever
- 4/27: Angeline Bouley

### SECR Open Interviews

April 6, 7 | 2 - 6 p.m.

- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms
- 989-775-5600
- Open interviews for regular positions
- Please bring a resume and apply online
- Applications available online: [www.sagchip.org/careers](http://www.sagchip.org/careers)
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Bring two pieces of ID (one being a picture ID)

### Plant Medicine Workshop

April 7 | 5 - 8 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- 989-775-4780

### Taco Fundraiser for the People's Powwow

April 8 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. (or until gone)

- Seventh Generation
- Taco dinner: \$8 (three corn shell tacos, beans and rice)
- Indian tacos: \$8

### Youth Council Breakfast Fundraiser

April 9 | 8 - 11 a.m. (or until gone)

- 7th Generation Ceremony Building
- YouthCouncil@sagchip.org
- Breakfast burritos: \$4
- Fruit cup: \$4

### Master Rain Gardener

April 14, 28 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- 989.775.4467 or MMcCreery@sagchip.org
- Learn how to build a rain garden, and design your own.

### Community Sewing Nights

April 14, 28 | 5 - 8 p.m.

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

### Easter Dinner

April 17 | 4 - 6 p.m.

- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- 989-775-4063
- Open to Tribal community

### Bundle Workshop

April 21 | 5 - 8 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- 989-775-4780

### Traditional Game Night

April 22 | 5 - 8 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- 989-775-4782
- Everyone welcome, meal provided

### Child Abuse Awareness Event

April 22 | 3 - 5 p.m.

- Broadway Park
- 989-775-4991
- Tie dye your own free shirt

### SCTC College & Career Expo

April 26 | 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms
- 989-317-4827 or khart@sagchip.org
- Open to all middle, high school, and community college students and families
- Representatives from colleges and organizations about education, internships, and career opportunities.

### Reservation Household Clean Up

May 14 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

- SCA Parking Lot
- 989-775-4595
- Accepting normal household items

## APRIL 2022 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SECR Payroll</li> <li>● SCIT Per Capita</li> <li>● SCIT Payroll</li> <li>● Curbside Recycling</li> <li>● Waste Collection*</li> </ul> <p>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</p>		<p>Check out the <b>Tribal Observer</b> <b>ONLINE</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver">www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver</a></p>		<p>1</p> <p>Peer 360 Recovery Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.   B. Health</p>	<p>2</p> <p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>June Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits Available</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Drums Out 6 - 8 p.m.   7th Gen</p> <p>SCTC Pathway Program 3:30 - 5 p.m.   SCTC</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 12 - 1 p.m.   7th Gen</p> <p>Peer 360 Recovery Meeting 6 - 7:30 p.m.   B. Health</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Peer 360 Recovery Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.   B. Health</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Drums Out 6-8 p.m.   7th Gen</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Sacred Fire 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.   7th Gen</p> <p>Peer 360 Recovery Meeting 6 - 7:30 p.m.   B. Health</p> <p>Community Sewing Nights 5-8 p.m.   7th Gen</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Tribal Observer Deadline</p> <p>Peer 360 Recovery Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.   B. Health</p>	<p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>Easter Sunday</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Tribal Ops Closed Day after Easter</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Drums Out 6 - 8 p.m.   7th Gen</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 12 - 1 p.m.   7th Gen</p> <p>Peer 360 Recovery Meeting 6 - 7:30 p.m.   B. Health</p> <p>Bingo with Friends 10:30 a.m.   Saganing</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Peer 360 Recovery Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.   B. Health</p>	<p>23</p> <p>24</p>
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## Tribal Observer Classifieds

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### 100 Employment

#### Tribal Operations

##### 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 multi-faceted direction and planning required. Five years' experience as a CFO or controller/comptroller, preferably in a government or nonprofit organization. Five years' experience with casino accounting and financial reporting in a tribal organization preferred. Certified Public Accountant. Masters of Business Administration preferred.

##### Chief Judge

Open to the public. At least 25 years of age. Juris Doctorate Degree. Good standing with the State Bar of Michigan or is licensed to practice law in another state. One year experience with court procedures, statistics, and operations. Experience with preparing papers and reports incident to the office Of Judge. Has not been convicted of a misdemeanor type offense, excluding a minor traffic offense, within one year past; has never been convicted of a felony type offense. Ability to be bonded in the amount listed in Title I (section 1.509 of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Law) as an authorized collector of fines and other cost moneys for the Saginaw Chippewa Community Court. Cost of bond to be paid from the Court Fund.

##### Mentoring Program Specialist

Open to the public. Associate degree. Two years' experience in a human services related field. Must have experience in program development and/or project management, planning and coordination, preparing and providing presentations, public speaking, and group facilitation. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple organizations and community systems.

##### Registered Medical Assistant

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

##### Registered Medical Assistant (Grant)

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

##### AWARE SMHA Project Co-Coordinator

Open to the public. Master's degree in social work, counseling, or human services related field. One year of experience in mental health services working with children and families

of children with severe emotional disturbances, experience in working collaboratively across multiple organizations and community systems. Desired qualifications: full licensure, experience with Native American traditions and culture. Knowledge and experience with grant writing and reporting.

##### Certified Nursing Assistant

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Certified Nursing Assistant. One year nursing experience preferred. Experience with older adults preferred. Must be able to obtain HIPAA certification within five business days from date of hire.

##### Victims of Crime Senior Advocate

Open to the public. Grant funded position. Bachelor's degree in counseling, social work, sociology, psychology, law enforcement criminal justice, law or related field. Counseling experience within Native American communities, including victims of crime counseling programs, or social work. One year of experience in crisis support, social work, or victim advocacy.

##### Dental Clinic Specialist

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

##### Waste Water Operator II

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

##### Waste Water Operator III

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

##### Water Operator III

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Five years of water operator or related experience. A math test will be required and administered prior to interview.

##### Native Preference Recruiter

Open to the public. Associates degree in Business or related field. One year experience in Human Resources. Understanding of the Native Preference Policy as it relates to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Position requires work on weekends.

##### Full Stack Developer

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field. Two years web development experience. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered. Experience with web layout and basic layout skills.

##### Water Resource Technician

Open to the public. Associate degree, or actively pursuing a BS/BA in environmental science, biology, chemistry, geology, or natural science. Seasonal or internship experience in an environmental/conservation field, GPS equipment, water sampling methods, and/or data analysis.

##### Technical Services Technician I

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Two years help desk experience or bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field.

##### Student Support Tutor

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

##### Police Officer

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

##### Prevention Specialist

Open to the public. Associate degree in human services or related field. Bachelor's degree in counseling, social work, human services, or related field preferred. One year experience in program planning and presenting prevention education preferred.

##### Residential Support Technician

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be at least 18 years of age. Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite.

##### Clerical Pool

Open to SCIT Members only. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

##### General Labor Pool

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

##### Elementary Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education or related field. Master's degree preferred. Experience with current assessment requirements, federal and state standards. Two years teaching experience preferred.

##### Leadership Apprentice

High school diploma or GED. Must be a SCIT Member. Must have satisfactorily completed 12 credit hours. Must provide documentation of acceptance at an accredited college/university in Michigan.

### Soaring Eagle

##### Director of Food & Beverage

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in hospitality, business administration or related field. Ten years progressive food and beverage experience, including five years in a supervisory role. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered. Experience with high volume buffet, fine dining, beverage, and night club operations.

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.

##### Culinary Supervisor

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

##### Line Server PT

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

##### F&B Custodial Worker

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to attend annual ServSafe Food Handler training classes.

##### Environmental Services Manager

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Five years of housekeeping or environmental services experience in either the hospital or casino field. Two years of supervisory experience.

##### Building Maintenance Worker

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year of experience in a building maintenance, technical, manufacturing or similar position.

##### Server Assistant

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements.

##### Kitchen Equipment Technician

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

##### Line Server FT

Open to the public. Must be able to work weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts. Must be at least 18 years of age.

##### Line Server PT

Open to the public. Must be able to work weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts. Must be at least 18 years of age.

##### Painter

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Three years experience as a commercial painter or five years of experience in a building maintenance environment with a heavy focus on building finish or substrate repairs.

##### Department Chef

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

##### Bartender PT

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

##### Cosmetologist PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. State of Michigan license in cosmetology.

##### Massage Therapist

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Michigan massage certification with 600 total hours required for massage certification.

##### Line Cook

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

##### F&B Cashier

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to operate a POS.

##### Waitstaff PT

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

##### Steward PT

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

##### Guest Relations Representative PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to work weekends, holidays, emergency shifts, and rotating schedules.

##### Guest Relations Representative FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to work weekends, holidays, emergency shifts, and rotating schedules.

##### Guest Room Attendant PT

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

### Saganing

##### 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.

##### F&B Cashier

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. One year cash handling or cashiering experience.

##### Bartender FT

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

##### Guest Room Attendant FT

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

##### Guest Room Attendant PT

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

##### Laundry Attendant FT

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

##### Sous Chef

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

##### Beverage Waitstaff FT

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

##### Beverage Waitstaff PT

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

##### Waitstaff FT

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

##### Waitstaff PT

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

##### Maintenance Worker FT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. One year custodial and maintenance experience. Experience with plumbing and carpentry.

##### Maintenance Worker PT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. One year custodial and maintenance experience. Experience with plumbing and carpentry.

##### Water Operator II

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Three years of experience in water operations or related experience. Experience in construction, equipment operations and general maintenance.

##### Technical Services Technician II

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field or three years IT support desk experience.

##### Players Club Rep

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license.

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