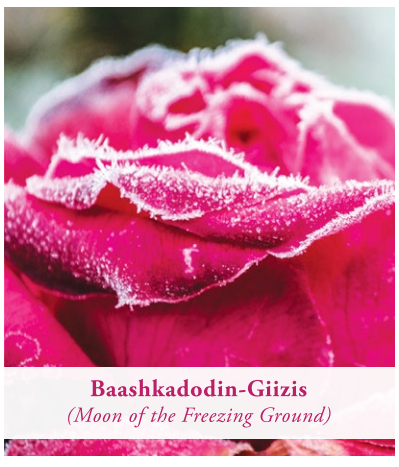

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TRIBAL OPERATIONS AND RELATED OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED:

Wednesday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day. ***Excluding 24/7 departments***

Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27 in observance of Thanksgiving. ***Excluding 24/7 departments***

Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School approved as "national level of significance"

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan is pleased to announce that the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School has been approved by the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places to a national level of significance.

National-level significance makes clear that MIIBS is exceptional to the history of the entire United States and to Michigan and the Great Lakes region. It recognizes MIIBS as an important, surviving national representative of the federal off-reservation boarding school system.

As defined under the National Park Service (nps.gov), "The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources."

MIIBS was added to the NRHP as a historic district at the state-level of significance on Feb. 28, 2018.

The historic district is approximately 320 acres. Six red brick buildings on 15 acres are located within the exterior boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation, owned and operated by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

This designation provides official federal recognition at the national level of the property's historic importance.

Of the 2,282 places listed in the NRHP in Michigan, only 144 of those places are listed at the national level of significance, and MIIBS is only one of eight places that are formally listed for their association with American Indian heritage at any level of significance.

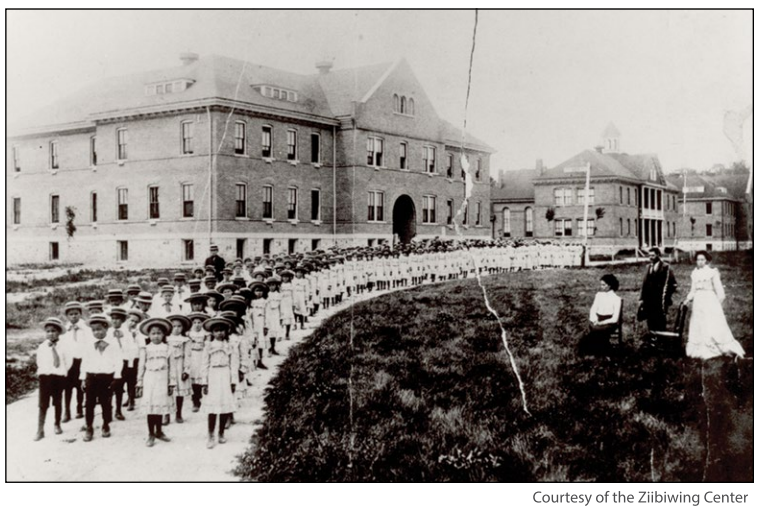
Having national significance will further honor the stories and legacy of the children and families affected by the boarding school by placing MIIBS in a broader, national context and assist in opening doors to help boarding school descendants and communities heal from the negative impacts that American Indian boarding schools have created. It further connects the other off-reservation boarding schools operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Department of the Interior and especially those that remain, so that these stories can continue to be told.

MIIBS was established by an act of Congress in 1891 and ran from 1893 to 1934. It housed approximately 300 to 375 children each year, ranging from 5 to 15 years old, grades kindergarten through eighth. During that time, children were stripped of their culture and language, suffered emotional, physical and sexual abuse that resulted in intergenerational trauma.

MIIBS is in its third year of remediation of lead and asbestos from the buildings. MIIBS is also in the planning stages of repurposing the buildings into a place of healing and restoring culture and language that were stolen during the American Indian boarding school era.

"The effects of Indian boarding schools, where children endured forced genocide, are still felt today," said Luke Sprague, chief of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. "Transforming the MIIBS buildings into a place of healing will assist the next seven generations to overcome intergenerational trauma."

Each year, the MIIBS Committee hosts an Honoring, Healing and Remembering Event, celebrated on June 6th – the day the school closed its doors for good. This event recognizes the suffering, strength, and resilience of approximately 225 students who perished while attending MIIBS.



Courtesy of the Ziibiwing Center

Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School on opening day, June 30, 1893.
(Courtesy of the Alice Littlefield Collection, Ziibiwing Center archives of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.)

"This event helps to bring awareness to the overwhelming effects of American Indian boarding schools and Canadian residential schools as we honor the children through a day of memorial and fellowship," said Gage Colwell, tribal historic preservation officer.

For more information, please contact Erik Rodriguez, public relations director, at 989-775-4059 or at ERodriguez@sagchip.org.

Additional information about the National Register program can be found on the National Register page of the State Historic Preservation Office website www.michigan.gov/nrph and at www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/index.htm

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Orange Shirt Day honors residential and boarding school Indigenous children

Observer photos by Alicia Raphael

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

SEEKING DONATIONS

From the community for the

2027 SAGINAW CHIPPEWA ROUND DANCE

Items can be dropped off at:

Wii Maajiikwad Tribal School

2875 Gikendasso Way, Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

Now until March 9, 2027

Hours: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday- Friday

- Please attach a name to the donated item so we know who to thank!

***Donations can be picked up, please call: 989.775.4453**

Donation examples include:

- Ribbon skirts
- Beaded items
- Gift cards
- Swag bags
- Play sets (toys)
- Lanyards
- Gas cards
- Merchandise baskets

**Anything that you think would make a great gift is appreciated!*

All donations will be used as gifts, spot dance and raffle prizes

Contact: CSharp@sagchip.org or 989-775-4453

New Youth Position:

CO-OP YOUTH WORKER

The co-op youth worker position is designed to provide SCIT 11th and 12th grade youth with valuable work/school experience. This experience will introduce youth to the workplace, imparting them with valuable employment skills connected to their studies.

It is a unique opportunity for tribal youth to earn income while earning real high school credits through actual workplace experiences within a Tribal Operations department. This opportunity will assist youth in identifying individual potential career paths and opportunities of interest within the Tribe, as well as gain self-confidence, career awareness, financial literacy, and interpersonal competencies needed to succeed in high school, higher education, and workplace environments.

Minimum qualifications:

- Youth enrolled in school in 11th or 12th grade.
- Must be a SCIT tribal member.
- Must be eligible to earn high school credits.
- Must provide a letter from high school counselor or advisor recommending participation and placement.
- Must obtain work permit from high school, which is accredited by the state of Michigan.

If interested, apply online at:

www.sagchip.org/careers/

Or scan QR code ▸

OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Contact: KMandoka@sagchip.org or 989775-5247

SHHS: Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center

SURVEY

Your voice matters at Nimkee!
Help us shape the future of your care.

We want to hear about your recent visits! Take a few minutes to share your thoughts on your care experience, appointment scheduling, and services at Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center.

Who can participate:

Open to all active Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center patients and eligible community members.

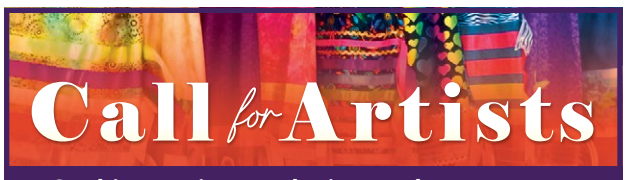
Why take it?

Your feedback helps us grow!

By sharing your experience, you directly help our team improve care access, enhance communication with your providers, and guide positive changes across our clinic ensuring Nimkee continues to provide the best possible care for our community.

Scan QR Code to complete the survey ➔

Contact: NiHunt@sagchip.org 989-775-4941



Call for Artists

Seeking artists to design and sew custom ribbon skirts and apparel for tribal youth.

SCIT youth will be hosting an Indigenous Fashion Show and drum and dance social on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2027 at 1 p.m. at Wii Maajiikwad.

- Artists will receive recognition
- Materials can be provided
- Youth will be gifted the skirt or apparel for participating

Artist sign up closes: Nov. 30, 2027

**This is to allow us to pair artist-youth measurements. Artist assignments will be sent out Dec. 7, 2026*

Apparel items are due back to:

Behavioral Health by Jan. 6, 2027

(2800 S. Shepherd Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858)

To sign up, please contact:

FOtto@sagchip.org or 989-775-4823

CALL FOR Indigenous Youth

Requirements:

- Open to all Michigan tribal youth
- Must be middle school/high school age
- Youth who wish to participate are required to attend one rehearsal (Jan. 27, Feb. 10 & 24) and must be present for the Fashion Show.

Permission slips due: Nov. 23, 2026

- A completed permission slip is required for participation.
- Spots are limited to the first 60 youth who submit signed slips, please return them ASAP.

***Measurements will be taken Nov. 30 - Dec. 4, 2026 on school days during lunch.**

***No permission slips will be accepted beyond Nov. 23 or the 60 participant limit, whichever comes first.**

To sign up, please contact:

TEscobar@sagchip.org or 989-775-4870

IN COLLABORATION WITH:

SAMHSA Native Connections
SHHS: Nimkee Behavioral Health
Education Department: Wii Maajiikwad
Seventh Generation
Housing Department

"Honoring our Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans"

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2026

SECR Ballrooms

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

Grand Entry: 6 p.m.

- **Program and dinner**
- **All veterans welcome**

For more information, please contact:
Paul Walker at 989-775-4232 or PWalker@sagchip.org

Immunization Clinics

Tuesday, Nov. 3
12-6 p.m.
Nimkee Public Health
- *Influenza vaccine*

Monday, Nov. 9
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saganing Tribal Center
- *COVID-19 & Influenza vaccines*

***All vaccines are subject to availability.**

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

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

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

For more information, please contact:
SSowmick@sagchip.org or 989-775-4699

2026-2027 YOUTH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections held: Nov. 19 & 20, 2026

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

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

Packets available: Oct. 1, 2026
- Visit Native American Office or Tribal Clerk's Office

Packets due: Nov. 2, 2026 by 5 p.m. ***NO EXCEPTIONS!***
- To the Tribal Clerk's Office
- Must have five signatures

Swearing in: Dec. 8, 2026 at 4 p.m.
- Council Chambers, Black Elk Building

For more information, email: youthcouncil@sagchip.org

www.sagchip.org/youthcouncil

NIMKEE DENTAL *Prize Giveaway*

For all patients that show up to their appointments starting Oct. 1, 2026

PRIZES DRAWN EACH QUARTER:

(3x) Oral B iO Electric Toothbrush Kits with two refill brush heads

(1x) Waterpik ION Professional Cordless Water Flosser for each quarter

Four winners drawn every quarter
- The first entry period will go from October to December.
- Winners will be notified by phone.
- One entry per quarter, per person.

Drawing: Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2026

How to enter:
- All patients have to do is show up to their dentist or cleaning appointment.
- Patients will have their name removed from the drawing if they fail to show up to any appointment in the quarter.

Appointment cancellations:

Any appointment can be canceled within 10 minutes of the appointment, just call or text 989-775-4657 to let us know.

Contact: SZondlak@sagchip.org or 989-775-4611

Public Notices

Attention Tribal Members

Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings

are held at 9 a.m.

Regular Tribal Council Sessions

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

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

Regular Council Session Dates

• Nov. 3 • Dec. 1 • Jan. 5

39th Annual Freedom Walk ART DESIGN Contest

Contest will end:

Saturday, May 1, 2027 at 5 p.m.

Winner will receive: A $75 gift card to Nbakade Family Restaurant

Contest rules:

- Artists can submit art that signifies freedom, sobriety and recovery to them.
- **The design must include the following text:** "39th Annual Freedom Walk 2027"
- **Max of five colors only:** This includes black and white.
- **Solid colors only:** Any shading, shadows or textures will not be used.
- Hand drawn, painted or digital art is acceptable.
- Submit a high resolution scanned copy, NO PHOTOS.
- Also submit a short description of the artwork.

Behavioral Health Programs – Nog-da-win-da-meg

Submit artwork to: Prevention@sagchip.org

Contact: Prevention@sagchip.org or 989-775-4824

TOY DRIVE

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

Collection open now, and will end Mid-December.

Drop off new, unwrapped toy donations.

Collection box locations:

- Tribal Police & Tribal Court lobbies (available 24/7)
- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Employee break rooms
- More locations to come!

Contact: Tribal Dispatch at 989.775.4700

SEVENTH ANNUAL

OPIOID SUMMIT

"Navigating to Healing and Recovery"

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

Nov. 9 & 10, 2026

SECR Entertainment Hall

Registration is now open

- **Please visit:** https://www.eventbrite.com/e/7th-annual-opioid-summit-tickets-1991503007104
- **Or scan QR code to the right**

Contact: 989.775.4805 or Carjackson@sagchip.org

DETROIT MERCY LAW

PROJECT ACCESS: FREE Expungement Clinic

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

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

PLEASE NOTE THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1: A person with more than three felony convictions is NOT eligible for expungement under Michigan Law.

2: To be eligible for an expungement: Seven years must have passed for a person with more than one felony conviction; Five years must have passed for a person with one felony or a serious misdemeanor; or three years must have passed for one or more misdemeanors, since the completion of probation, discharge from parole, or completion of incarceration, whichever is later.

3: Not all criminal convictions are eligible for expungement under Michigan Law.

Registration is REQUIRED. Clinic limited to 50 people. Scan to register!

Pre-REGISTRATION CLOSES: Friday, Nov. 6, 2026 at 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 13, 2026

10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. | SCIT Public Safety Building

6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

Detroit Mercy Law Clinical Program at 313.596.0262

SEASONAL HUNTING NOTICE

Due to work requirements, SCIT Environmental Team members will be operating on Tribal trust lands in Isabella, Saganing, and East Tawas during work hours. This may include the use of motorized equipment for the purpose of clearing trails, forestry evaluations, land management, mowing, etc. Hunting maps are provided on Sagchip.org and in the Planning Department for physical copies. Any further updates from the Environmental Team will be provided through the announcements or the Tribe's Facebook page.

From 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., Environmental Team members could be working on Tribal trust lands open to the public for work purposes. Team members will wear high visual orange and yellow vests to ensure maximum visibility. Please take this into consideration while utilizing Tribal properties throughout the hunting season.

Environmental Department – Aki Naakdowendigik

For more information, please contact:

Dustin Hager at 989-775-4081 or DuHager@sagchip.org

www.sagchip.org/Planning/Conservation.aspx#hunting

SOARING EAGLE CASINO & RESORT

SCIT TRIBAL MEMBER DETROIT LIONS TICKETS GIVEAWAY

Get ready to experience the excitement of Detroit Lions football live from the lower bowl at Ford Field!

Every home game of the season, two lucky winners will each receive a pair of tickets!

- **Sunday, Nov. 22** vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- **Thursday, Nov. 26** vs. Chicago Bears
- **Sunday, Dec. 13** vs. Tennessee Titans
- **Monday, Dec. 28** vs. New York Giants

TO ENTER:

- **Visit:** https://www.sagchip.org/start.aspx
- **Or Scan the QR Code ➔**
  - Log in to the Tribal Members Only section.
  - If you don't already have an account, follow the prompts to create one to access the registration form.

WINNERS: Chosen and notified on the Tuesday before each game.

**PLEASE NOTE: Each Tribal Member may win only once during the entire season. Once selected, winners will not be eligible for any remaining game.*

Disclaimer – If you, as the chosen SCIT winner, are unable to use the tickets you must notify the Public Relations Department and the tickets will be offered to the next eligible individual. Tickets cannot be transferred or re-sold.

For more information, contact Public Relations:
989-775-4059 or publicrelations@sagchip.org

Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services

Star Tree Program

Application deadline: Nov. 13 by 5 p.m.

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

How to help

Select a Star from the ACFS Star Tree in the lobby of ACFS, beginning Monday, Nov. 16.

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

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

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

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

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

Return the gift(s) with the stars to ACFS

- Anytime between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.
- **Gifts are due back to ACFS on or before Dec. 15**
- **Gifts will be distributed Dec. 17-18.**
- **Applicants must pick up gifts by Dec. 18 at noon, as offices will be closed.**

Interested in Sponsoring?

Please contact ACFS at 989.775.4901

Tribal Council

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Shirley Houle | *District Two*

Council Member
Mary Quigno | *District One*

Council Member
Gayle Ruhl | *District One*

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.

Minaadendamoowing – 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.

NIMKEE MEMORIAL WELLNESS CENTER

Bringing your health home:
CHR medication delivery is here!

Open to District 1&2 SCIT elders, ages 60 and older

Skip the trip to the clinic and let us come to you. The Nimkee Clinic Community Health Representative (CHR) team is now offering free medication delivery to our community members.

How it works:

1: Call the Nimkee Pharmacy to refill your prescription.
2: Request CHR delivery through Public Health.
3: A trusted CHR will bring your meds right to your door!

- Delivery is subject to service area boundaries and medication eligibility.
- Exclusions apply to controlled substances and specialized prescriptions.
- Contact Nimkee Pharmacy for details.

Whether it's a busy schedule or a lack of transportation, we're here to make sure you never miss a dose.

Call 989-775-4695 to get started!

Acute Care, Walk-In & Same-Day Services

Nimkee Acute Care provides same-day appointments and walk-in access for many acute health needs. Depending on the patient's needs, provider scope and privileges, and available resources, services may include:

- Evaluation and treatment of common acute illnesses and infections
- Sprains, strains, minor injuries, and evaluation of suspected fractures
- Cuts, lacerations, wound care, and wound checks
- Ear-wax removal and treatment of nosebleeds
- Lesion evaluation and procedures, when appropriate
- Evaluation of sudden or acute changes in health
- Referral or coordination for a higher level of care when medically appropriate
- Selected testing and treatments available within the clinic
- Ear, nose, and throat concerns
- Ring and fishhook removal
- Foreign-body removal
- Abscess evaluation and treatment
- Cryotherapy/wart treatment
- Toenail-related procedures

Same-day visits available, call: 989.775.4670

2591 S. Leaton Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Open: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Phone: 989.775.4600
www.sagchip.org/nimkee

RTM LOYALTY CARDS

Available at Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations

RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS (RTM):
To receive your fuel and tobacco discount you need to have your physical loyalty card.

IF YOU HAVE MISPLACED YOUR CARD:
You can replace it at the Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations for a $5 fee.

Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations
7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
- **Phone:** 989-775-4122
- **Email:** OTLR@sagchip.org

SAGAMOK express

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

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Ziibiwing Center.

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

THE ZIIBIWING CENTER WOULD LIKE TO GIVE

Special Recognition
TO
NORM ROLLER
FOR BEING A PREMIER LEVEL MEMBER!

TRIBAL OBSERVER

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

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

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

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

Subscription rates are $30 per year.

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

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

Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

Contact Information:
- **Phone:** 989-775-4096
- **Email:** Observer@Sagchip.org

www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver

Public Notices

Saginaw Chippewa Health & Human Services (SHHS)

NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Preparing for a healthy, safe, and meaningful holiday season

November — A season of gratitude, wellness, family, and community

As we approach November and prepare for the holiday season, beginning with Thanksgiving, SCIT Health & Human Services (SHHS) extends warm wishes to our tribal community, elders, children, youth, families, and employees.

The holiday season is an opportunity to reflect on gratitude, strengthen family and community connections, honor traditions, and care for one another. It is also an important time to prioritize physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual wellbeing.

At SHHS, we recognize that good health extends beyond medical services. It includes emotional support, healthy relationships, safe environments, access to essential resources, and the well-being of our entire community (Dr. JJ Bae, SHHS Administrator).

One SHHS – Integrated Health & Human Services

Our SHHS team remains committed to providing coordinated, culturally respectful, person-centered services through our three primary departments:

Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center

Nimkee provides a broad range of healthcare, prevention, and wellness services, including:

- Primary Care and Specialty Care
- Behavioral Health and Mental Health Services
- Dental Services
- Pharmacy Services
- Public Health, Prevention, and Health Education
- Fitness Center and Wellness Programs
- Healthcare Administration and Support Services

Andahwod Continuing Care & Elder Services (CC&ES)

Andahwod supports the health, safety, dignity, independence, and quality of life of our elders through continuing care, elder services, care coordination, and supportive programs.

Anishinabe Child & Family Services (ACFS)

ACFS supports children, youth, families, and vulnerable community members through family-centered services, prevention, advocacy, and access to appropriate community resources.

Together, our three departments work toward continuity of care, coordinated services, preventive health education, and timely access to health and human services for eligible members of our SCIT community.

Holiday health and safety – important reminders for our community

Healthy holiday meals and food safety

- Thanksgiving brings opportunities to enjoy traditional foods, family recipes, and meaningful gatherings.
- Enjoy balanced meals while respecting family food traditions and individual dietary needs.
- Practice safe food preparation, including proper handwashing and avoiding cross-contamination.
- Cook turkey and other poultry to an internal temperature of 165°F.
- Refrigerate perishable leftovers within two hours.
- Individuals managing diabetes, hypertension, kidney disease, or other chronic conditions should follow their individualized care plans.

Emotional wellness and holiday stress

- While the holidays can bring happiness, they may also create financial pressures, loneliness, grief, or emotional stress.
- Take time to rest, maintain healthy routines, and establish realistic expectations.
- Reach out to elders, relatives, friends, and neighbors who may be experiencing isolation.
- Respect individual family circumstances and personal boundaries.
- Seek support from Behavioral Health professionals when needed.
- Remember that asking for assistance is a sign of strength.
- For immediate emotional crisis support, call or text 988. For an immediate emergency, call 911.

Protecting our elders during the winter season

- As temperatures decline, elder safety becomes especially important.
- Check on elders regularly, particularly those living alone.
- Ensure adequate home heating and working carbon monoxide detectors.
- Keep sidewalks, entrances, and walkways clear of snow and ice.
- Help prevent falls through proper footwear, adequate lighting, and safe mobility practices.
- Encourage medication reviews and timely prescription refills.
- Be attentive to signs of elder mistreatment, neglect, or financial exploitation, and seek appropriate assistance.

Medication safety and continuity of care

- Holiday schedules, travel, and changes in routine can sometimes interrupt healthcare.
- Request necessary prescription refills before holiday closures.
- Keep medications in their original labeled containers and store them securely.
- Do not share prescription medications with others.
- Keep medications away from children and unauthorized individuals.
- Maintain scheduled medical, dental, and behavioral health appointments.
- Contact your healthcare team regarding questions about medication or ongoing treatment.

Respiratory health and winter illness prevention

- During colder months, respiratory infections may become more common.
- Wash hands frequently and practice appropriate respiratory hygiene.
- Stay home when ill when possible and follow current public health guidance.
- Improve indoor ventilation when feasible.
- Discuss recommended preventive services, including immunizations when appropriate, with your healthcare provider.
- Seek timely medical attention for concerning symptoms, particularly among elders, young children, and individuals with chronic conditions.

Family, child, and community safety

- Holiday celebrations should be safe, respectful, and welcoming.
- Supervise children during cooking, gatherings, and outdoor activities.
- Practice safe transportation and avoid driving while impaired.
- Secure alcohol, medications, and potentially hazardous household items.
- Encourage healthy communication, respect, and positive family relationships.
- Reach out for assistance when experiencing family conflict, safety concerns, or difficulty accessing essential resources.

Staying active and supporting physical wellness

- Colder weather does not mean we must stop moving.
- Engage in safe indoor physical activities appropriate for your health and abilities.
- Take short movement breaks throughout the day.
- Practice stretching, balance exercises, or walking when conditions permit.
- Maintain adequate hydration and healthy sleep routines.
- Explore available wellness and fitness opportunities through Nimkee.

Saginaw Chippewa Health & Human Services (SHHS)

Phone: 989-775-4637 | **Email:** JBae@sagchip.org

SHHS: Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center
SHHS: Nimkee Behavioral Health
SHHS: Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services
SHHS: Andahwod CCC&ES

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Hungry for your next big career move?

Join us for the Nourish & Flourish Workshops, a free community opportunity designed to fill your plate and build your future. Whether you are starting fresh or leveling up, we will provide a complimentary lunch and the exact tools you need to land your dream job.

TUESDAY, NOV. 17, 2026

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Black Elk Training Room
7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

REGISTRATION:

- Use the Tribal website to register: www.sagchip.org/hr/class-signup.aspx?t=2
- Or scan QR code➔

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For more information, please contact:
KMandoka@sagchip.org | 989-775-5247

ACFS - Foster Care Program

Sunday, Dec. 13, 2026

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Set up begins at 8 a.m.

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Ballroom
6800 E. Soaring Eagle Blvd.

- **Vendors:** 8'x6' space is available for $50 and includes two 6-foot tables and two chairs, if needed.
- All proceeds benefit ACFS Foster Care Program

For more information, or to purchase a vendor space, please contact:
ACFS at 989-491-1503

Show your support for Wii Maajiikwad!

Purchase a hand cutout in the months of November and December. All hand cutouts will be proudly displayed inside the main lobby.

Nov. 1 - Dec. 30, 2026

Purchase at: Wii Maajiikwad Front Office
2875 Gikendasso Way, Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Two available sizes:

- Small hand: $1
- Large hand: $10

- Cash only
- Write your sponsors name and submit to the front office.

Contact: ADudek@sagchip.org or 989-775-4453

CMU Traditions Day 2026 highlights Seven Grandfather Teachings

ALICIA RAPHAEL
Leadership Apprentice

Central Michigan University celebrated its annual Traditions Day on Saturday, Oct. 17, at Kelly/Shorts Stadium highlighting its continued partnership with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

A significant part of this partnership is the inclusion of the Seven Grandfather Teachings – Nibwaakaawin (Wisdom), Zaagidiwin (Love), Manaadjitowaawin (Respect), Aakodewin (Bravery), Gwekowaadiziwin (Honesty), Dibaadendizowin (Humility), and Debwewin (Truth) – on CMU football helmets in both English and Anishinaabemowin. This unique initiative honors Anishinaabe culture and language while providing on opportunity to educate student-athletes, fans, and the broader community.

The celebration also featured the Blue House Singers, who shared the sounds of the drum and represented the Tribe's rich cultural traditions.

Through continued collaboration, CMU and SCIT remain committed to promoting cultural awareness, education, and meaningful Indigenous representation both on and off the field.

Observer photo by Erik Rodriguez

(Left to right) Central Michigan University First Lady Leanne MacKinnon, CMU Athletic Director Amy Folan; and Tribal Council members Gayle Ruhl, Christina Otto, Chief Luke Sprague, and Brad Bennett; and CMU President Dr. Neil MacKinnon are recognized on the football field during the Oct. 17 Traditions Day game.

Observer photo by Alicia Raphael

Blue House Singers perform an honor song before the game.

Observer photo by Alicia Raphael

The Seven Grandfather Teachings are featured on the CMU football helmets in both English and Anishinaabemowin.

Suicide awareness event held Sept. 29

Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Out of the Dark: A Suicide Awareness Talk/Walk is held on Tuesday, Sept. 29. The event was held at Seventh Generation and was a collaboration between SHHS Nimkee Behavioral Health, Seventh Generation, and was grant funded through SAMHSA Native Connections. The event featured guest speakers Betty Davis, Anna Winters and Cece Stevens. The event concluded with community members (shown above) walking from Seventh Generation to the Memory Garden in front of Behavioral Health.

Observer photo by Matthew Wright

The walkers meet at the Memory Garden in front of Behavioral Health. The garden was created to remember and honor the life of a loved one who have passed away due to substance/suicide.

Editorial: Saginaw Chippewa Housing Department update

MIRANDA PELCHER-MILEY
Regulatory Compliance Specialist

Aanii, my name is Miranda Pelcher. In May 2025, I was promoted from admissions & occupancy specialist to regulatory compliance specialist. Since stepping into this role at the Housing Department, I've dedicated myself to expanding my knowledge, diving into comprehensive training, and mastering the regulatory details that keep our operations running smoothly.

It is deeply rewarding to deliver these essential upgrades to our Reservation and check critical goals off our list. We have several more community initiatives in the pipeline, and I look forward to sharing further updates as they unfold.

It has been an absolute honor to manage key improvements for both our department and the broader community.

Please see the included photos of the notable projects completed recently.

For more information, please contact: Miranda Pelcher-Miley at MiPelcher@sagchip.org or 989-775-4538

Courtesy of SCIT Housing Department

Courtesy of SCIT Housing Department

Supportive Housing adds a brand new playground for the tenant's children and families.

Courtesy of SCIT Housing Department

Courtesy of SCIT Housing Department

Department fleet: Secure a new SUV for Supportive Housing and a customized four-door utility truck equipped with a Tommy Gate and spacious bed compartments to support daily operations.

Courtesy of SCIT Housing Department

Housing Department funds the basketball court project for Nimkee.

Courtesy of SCIT Housing Department

Roofing upgrades: Install four metal roofs across two tenant residences in Mount Pleasant, as well as the Broadway Park pavilion and both Little Elk dugouts.

Courtesy of SCIT Housing Department

Paving and accessibility: Reused and repaved asphalt surfaces improve local access and site quality.

Courtesy of SCIT Housing Department

HVAC and infrastructure: Upgrade furnaces and air conditioning systems for seven tenant homes. In Standish, completely modernize all eight tenant properties by removing old propane tanks and installing new furnaces, AC units, and water heaters.

Wii Maajiikwad third graders receive donation of dictionaries from The Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis Club

Observer photo by Matthew Wright

The Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis Club visit third graders at Wii Maajiikwad on Tuesday, Oct. 6 to distribute dictionaries. Kiwanis President and Tribal Elder Joseph Sowmick (back left) and Marni Walker (front right) posed with the class after distributing 18 dictionaries to the students. The club gave over 800 books to third graders across Isabella County schools.

This challenge is for diabetes patients at Nimkee Clinic and for any SCIT tribal members interested in joining!

Dec. 1, 2026 to Feb. 26, 2027

Participants must:

- Meet Seth Pifer, fitness coordinator, to have a personalized training program made.
- Workout either on their own or schedule a coaching session at least two times per week.
- Schedule and attend one coaching check-in per month.
- Must complete the entire length of challenge to be eligible for prizes.

Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center

Prizes may include: NF shaker cup, spa package, resistance band set, and Pendleton blanket

Contact: SPifer@sagchip.org or 989.775.4694

Kane Brown, Kameron Marlowe light up the Soaring Eagle outdoor concert stage

MATTHEW WRIGHT
Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort welcomed country musicians Kane Brown and Kameron Marlowe on Friday, Sept. 11. The show was part of the Soaring Eagle's Summer Outdoor Concert Series.

Headlining the night was country musician Kane Brown.

His genre-blending mix of country, pop and R&B influences had the audience members captivated throughout the night. This combined with his lively stage presence, dramatic lighting and pyrotechnics to create an unforgettable concert experience.

Brown began with his hit song "Like I Love Country Music," "What Ifs," and "Woman."

The hits kept coming as he transitioned in to "Good as You," "One Mississippi," "I Can Feel It," and "Bury Me in Georgia."

Brown slowed it down with sentimental song "Homesick," followed by "Backseat Driver," "Boots" and "Fiddle in the Band."

Next up was a cover of Chris Young's "Famous Friends," followed by "Lose It," "One Thing Right," "Grand," "Memory," and "Be Like That."

Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Kane Brown smiles to the crowd during his Sept. 11 outdoor concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

A highlight of the night saw Brown's rich, smooth voice on display during emotional performances of "Thank God" and "Heaven."

Brown ended his set with the lively county pop hit "Miles On It."

Opening the night was fellow country musician Kameron Marlowe.

Marlowe delivered a set filled with powerful hard-hitting country rock, contrasted with stripped-back acoustic moments.

He recently performed at Ford Field in Detroit on Oct. 25, during the halftime show of the Detroit Lions vs. Green Bay Packers game.

Marlowe played many fan favorites including "Giving You Up," "Tennessee Don't Mind," "Over Now" and "Sober as a Drunk."

He closed out the night with the hit songs "No Need For Leavin'," "Burn 'Em All," and "Strangers."

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

Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Kameron Marlowe (front left) joins his bandmates at the center of the outdoor concert stage.

Buddy Guy at 90: Still stuns, joined by special guests Grand Funk Railroad

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

Not every 90-year-old is still playing music and touring, but legendary blues artist Buddy Guy is. Buddy Guy performed at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort during his 90th birthday celebration tour on Oct. 10, with special guest Grand Funk Railroad.

It was an incredible night of entertainment as Grand Funk Railroad rocked the stage before Guy took over with some wailin' and guitar shreddin'.

Grand Funk performed a one-hour set, beginning with "Are You Ready," "Rock 'n Roll Soul," "Footstompin' Music," and "Shinin' On."

Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Legendary Chicago blues artist Buddy Guy performs as part of his 90th birthday tour at Soaring Eagle on Oct. 10.

Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

American band Grand Funk Railroad opens the show that Saturday evening.

It's rare for a band's lead singer to also be the drummer but Grand Funk's Don Brewer is the exception. Brewer is a founding member of the band. He also has strong ties to Michigan: He was born in Flint, Mich.

Bassist Mel Schacher also joins Brewer as an original member. The current line up also includes Tim Cashion on keyboards and Mark Chatfield on lead guitar.

The set list also included Carole King's "The Loco-Motion," "Some Kind of Wonderful," "Bad Time" and the powerful, catchy ballad "I'm Your Captain (Closer to Home)."

Grand Funk ended their portion of the show with their upbeat hit "We're an American Band."

After a half hour change over, it was time for the legendary Chicago bluesman Buddy Guy to take the stage. In his signature polka dot attire, Guy performed a one-hour, 15-minute show.

Guy began with "Damn Right, I've Got the Blues," "Hoochie Coochie Man," Johnnie Taylor's "Cheaper to Keep Her," and Tampa Red's "Love Her With a Feeling."

Guy continued with "How Blue Can You Get?", "Cut You Loose," "Chicken Heads," "Do Your Thing," "Skin Deep" and "Fever."

Prior to an instrumental jam and "Still a Fool," Guy introduced a special guest – his son, Greg Guy, to join him on stage to play guitar. Like his father, Greg is a truly talented musician.

Buddy Guy interacted with the audience and even played a song while walking into the crowd, around the perimeters of the Entertainment Hall.

He returned to the stage to play his guitar with a towel and with a drumstick as a slide, perfecting the opening lines "Sunshine of Your Love" by Cream.

In addition to showcasing his raw talent, Guy also shared personal stories and humor with the audience. Guy exited the stage to a standing ovation and earsplitting hollers heard throughout the venue.

Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Buddy Guy (left) is joined by his son, Greg Guy (right), on stage to share guitar riffs.

Soaring Eagle welcomes comedy legend Ron White

MATTHEW WRIGHT
Staff Writer

Legendary comedian Ron White made a return trip to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Friday, Oct. 16. The Entertainment Hall was filled with laughter during his sold-out show.

The Grammy-nominated stand-up comedian, actor and author rose to fame after appearing on the Blue Collar Comedy Tour alongside fellow comedians Jeff Foxworthy, Bill Engvall and Larry the Cable Guy.

A true master of his craft; White had the audience captivated from the moment he stepped on stage. His jokes may be crude at times, but it always makes for a fun, rollicking good time. Much of his charm lies with his laid-back delivery, dry wit and the unapologetic way he delivers the punchlines.

Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Ron White smirks after delivering a punchline during his Oct. 16 Soaring Eagle comedy show.

He kept the audience members rolling in their seats while covering a variety of hilarious observations and quips.

Opening the night for White was comedian Mike Finoia.

Adopt a Pet

Monica

Could she BE any more lovable? Monica is a Domestic Medium Hair mix kitten, less than 1 year old. Monica loves exploring her surroundings, discovering new things, and seeing what exciting experiences the world has waiting for her. She's curious, fun-loving, and ready to make every day an adventure. She also loves attention – head scratches, affection, and having someone make her feel like the star of the show.

Kieran

Kieran is a 3-month-old male mixed breed. Kieran is equal parts brains and goofball. He has been keeping everyone smiling with his playful personality. He is a smart pup who's already showing great potential and a willingness to learn. Like any puppy, he's got energy to burn and will thrive in a home ready for playtime, learning, and all the joys (and chaos) that come with raising a young dog.

Humane Animal Treatment Society • Hatsweb.org
Address: 1105 S. Isabella Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 | **Phone:** 989.775.0830
Email: hats.caninesupervisor@gmail.com or hats.felinedepartment@gmail.com
Walk-in hours: M-F, 1-5 p.m. **Other times available by appointment**

CREATE Your Own FUTURE

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College is a tribally controlled land grant institution that reflects and promotes the unique culture of the Anishinaabek community, designed with educational excellence to empower learners to reach their educational goals.

Food and herbs from our Mshkikiikaan will be used to prepare Indigenous dishes, soups, and teas made by Indigenous Chef Sam Anglin.

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | SCTC LGO Community Room
(5805 E. Pickard Rd., Mt. Pleasant MI, 48858)

- Please bring feast bundle
- Rock your Mocs!

For more information, please contact:
Kathleen Hart 989.317.4827 at khart@sagchip.edu

Indigenous Chef Sam Anglin

SCTC Spring registration starts Tuesday, Nov. 10

Call Joe Genia at 989-775-4819 for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

- **Nov. 25** | Thanksgiving break
  *(Campus closes at 5 p.m.) *No night classes*
- **Nov. 30** | Thanksgiving ends
  *(Campus opens at 8 a.m.) *Classes resume*
- **Dec. 7-11** | Exam week
- **Dec. 11** | Semester ends

SCTC STEAM[AG] Student Organization

Breakfast Burrito *Fundraiser*

Pay via Cash App
Scan QR code below

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2026
9:30 a.m. (until gone)

SCTC Community Room
(5805 E. Pickard Rd., Mt. Pleasant MI, 48858)

Cost: One for $6 or two for $10

- Chorizo, potatoes, and eggs (cheese optional)
- Bacon, potatoes, and eggs (cheese optional)
- Spinach, black beans, potatoes, and eggs (cheese optional)

Contact: 989.317.4827 or khart@sagchip.edu

City of Mt. Pleasant recognizes Indigenous Peoples Day 2026

ERIK RODRIGUEZ
Interim Public Relations Director

On Tuesday, Oct. 13, the City of Mt. Pleasant hosted a significant event in honor of Indigenous People's Day, welcoming members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe to City Hall.

The evening began with Mt. Pleasant Mayor Boomer Wingard extending a warm welcome to members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, including the Blue House Singers, who initiated the City Commission meeting with a traditional honor song.

Through their powerful performance, the Blue House Singers paid tribute to the importance of Indigenous People's Day, emphasizing the cultural significance of the occasion and the connection of community among attendees.

During the proceedings, Wingard took the opportunity to read a land acknowledgment that recognized the ancestral lands of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, highlighting the historical context and the importance of honoring Indigenous heritage.

The City of Mt. Pleasant officially proclaimed Monday, Oct. 12, 2026, as Indigenous Peoples Day, a declaration that was graciously accepted by Sub-Chief Craig Graveratte.

In his remarks, Graveratte expressed gratitude for the collaborative efforts between the City and the Tribe, underscoring the importance of fostering mutual understanding and respect for Indigenous culture. He emphasized that such initiatives are vital for building a cohesive community and ensuring the ongoing success of both the Tribe and the City.

The mayor delivered the Proclamation in its entirety, outlining its key points and significance.

The full proclamation reads: "WHEREAS, the Indigenous peoples of this land have inhabited these territories for thousands of years, cultivating vibrant cultures, traditions, and rich histories that are integral to the fabric of our nation; and WHEREAS, the injustices and hardships endured by Indigenous peoples throughout history, including genocide, forced displacement, violence, and discrimination, have left lasting scars; and WHEREAS, we honor the resilience and strength of Indigenous peoples who have persisted in the face of adversity, preserving their languages, customs, and spiritual practices for future generations; and WHEREAS, we acknowledge that Indigenous Peoples Day provides an opportunity for all individuals to learn about the diverse cultures, languages, and traditions of Indigenous peoples and to engage in meaningful dialogue to promote understanding, respect, and reconciliation; NOW, THEREFORE, I, Boomer Wingard, mayor of the City of Mt. Pleasant do hereby recognize October 12, 2026, as Indigenous Peoples Day; and FURTHER, the Mt. Pleasant City Commission encourages our residents to reflect upon and recognize the ongoing struggles and challenges faced by Indigenous communities and stand in solidarity with them. AND FURTHER, the City of Mt. Pleasant City Commission recognizes the value of working collaboratively with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and looks forward to fostering a spirit of inclusivity, mutual respect, and cooperation within our community."

Observer photo by Erik Rodriguez

Sub-Chief Craig Graveratte (left) holds up the proclamation, presented by Mayor Boomer Wingard (right), which declares the City of Mt. Pleasant recognizes Indigenous People's Day last month.

Observer photo by Erik Rodriguez

The Blue House Singers, initiate the City Commission meeting with a traditional honor song.

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Steve Jablonski retires after 26 years of service

Observer photo by Marcella Hadden

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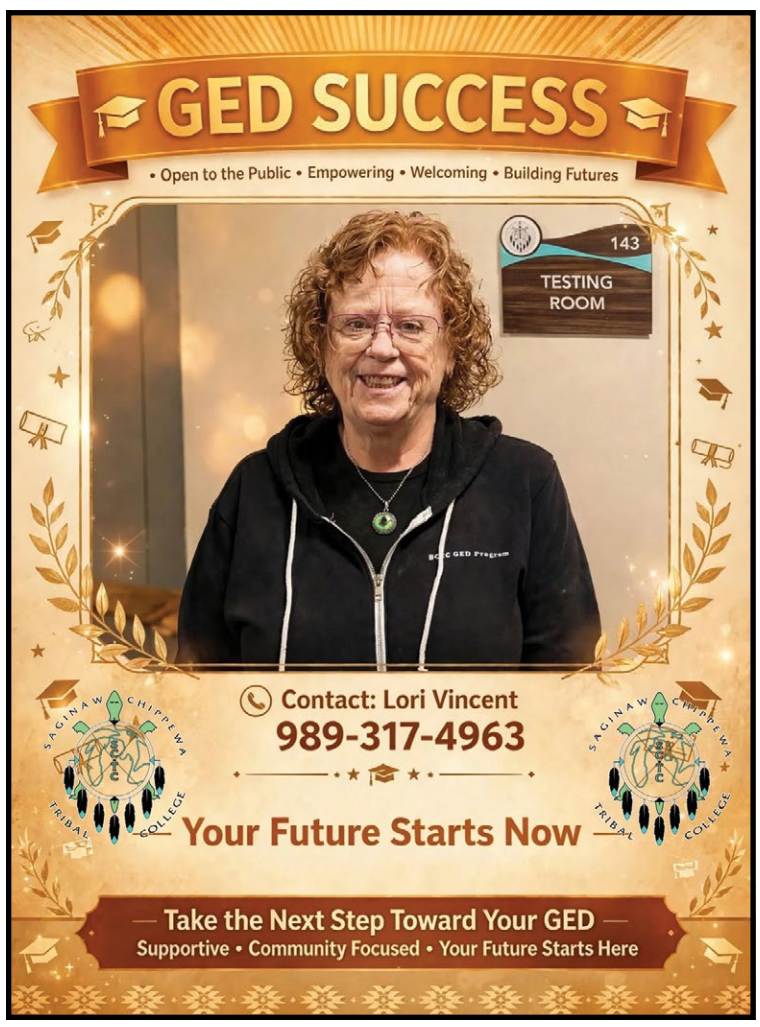
After 26 years of dedicated service to the Tribe, Director of Facilities Steve Jablonski retired on Sept. 25. Facilities employees, along with Tribal Council and Soaring Eagle and Tribal Operations personnel joined him in a celebration.



We're excited to announce the official launch of SCTC's online store!

Now you can shop your favorite SCTC apparel, accessories, and spirit gear anytime, anywhere. Whether you're a student, alumni, faculty member, or proud supporter, there's something for everyone to show off your SCTC pride!

- Convenient online shopping
- Exclusive SCTC merchandise
- Perfect gifts

Don't miss out — browse the collection today and represent SCTC in style! Visit the online store now and start shopping!

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Andahwod Continuing Care Community and Elder Services

ELDERS' NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2026

Tickets sold: Nov. 2 - Dec. 16, 2026

Three drawings: Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2026
12:30 p.m. *(During Andahwod's Christmas Brunch)*

Tickets: One for $5 or three for $10

Three separate prize drawings:
- $1,000 VISA gift card • $500 VISA gift card
- $250 Sagamok gift card

Purchase tickets at Andahwod, or from Elders Advisory Board members:
Joseph Sowmick, Kenny Sprague, Gilbert Hendrickson, Barb Sprague, Carole Tally, Clinton Pelcher Jr., Roger Rusch, Rose Wassegijig, Marie Kequom, and Flossie Sprague.

Contact: Andahwod at 989.775.4300

CAREGIVER Support Group

Join us for our new Caregiver Support Group where people with common experiences, or concerns, can provide each other with encouragement, comfort and advice, while promoting emotional and moral support.

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2026

1-2 p.m. | Andahwod Craft Room
(2910 S. Leaton Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858)

Join us for our New Caregiver Support Group where people with common experiences or concerns can provide each other with encouragement, comfort and advice while promoting emotional and moral support.

This support group is confidential and a safe place to share those concerns, seek solutions to challenging situations and offer support to each other. It is open to individuals of all ages who are caring for an Elder or a loved one.

Contact: LBurr@sagchip.org or 989-775-4307

Detroit Lions vs. New York Giants
Monday, Dec. 28, 2026
Game time: 8:15 p.m. | Ford Field *(Detroit, Mich.)*

Each elder may bring one spouse/caretaker (adults only)
- **Elder cost:** $25
- **Spouse or caretake:** $75

Register in person at:
SHHS: Andahwod CCC&ES
(2910 S. Leaton Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858)
- **Opens:** Monday, Nov. 2, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.
- **Closes:** Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2026 at 5 p.m.
- **Space is limited**
  **Cash only, no money orders or checks.*

Round trip transportation provided
**Driver gratuity is the responsibility of those who register.*

Contact: Andahwod at 989.775.4300

ELDER SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- Wellness checks, assistance with ADLs – such as eating, dressing, bathing, transferring.
- Blood pressure, temperature and glucose readings
- Medical transport and medication delivery
- Assistance with house cleaning
- Preparing meals
- Medication set up
- Bill pay, errands
- Housework, organizing

Please contact: Marisa at MSandoval or 989-775-4306

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

Begins: Monday, Nov. 2, 2026

Drop gifts off by: Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 5 p.m.
- Gifts will go to Andahwod residents.
- All gifts must be wrapped and properly labeled with the code given when signing up.
- Gifts may be dropped off at Andahwod front desk.

To sign up for a resident, please call:
Sandra Pelcher at 989-775-4300

NOVEMBER 2026 ANDAHWOD EVENTS

Euchre | Thursdays | *5:30 p.m.*

Mindful Mondays: Sleep
Nov. 2 | *1 p.m.*

Painting in the CGA
Nov. 3 | *1-3 p.m.*

Frankenmuth Trip
Nov. 13 | **Must pre-register.*

Elders Lunch
Nov. 4 | *11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.*

Mindful Mondays: Anger/Relax | Nov. 16 | *1 p.m.*

Language Bingo
Nov. 17 | *1-3 p.m.*

Thanksgiving Luncheon
Nov. 18 | *11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.*

Scrapbooking
Nov. 20 | *11 a.m.-2 p.m.*

Elders Breakfast
Nov. 25 | *9-10 a.m.*

Diabetes Team
Nov. 25 | *9-10 a.m.*

Birthday & Bingo Potluck
Nov. 28 | *12-3 p.m.*

Bingo with Friends
Nov. 30 | *1-3 p.m.*

For more information, please call Andahwod at: 989.775.4300

ELDERS SNOWPLOWING

BooZoo Elders! Andahwod is accepting applications for Elder Snowplowing. Please remember we prioritize our eldest elders, especially those who live alone.
- $50 seasonal fee
- Everyone must fill out an application

If between the ages of 50-61 years of age, must have a medically documented disability
- Stop by Andahwod or call 989-775-4300 to have an application mailed or emailed to you.

For more information, please contact:
Lucinda at LBurr@sagchip.org or 989-775-4307

November 2026 Andahwod CCC & ES Menu

Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. *(Call by 10 a.m.)*
Dinner: 4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. *(Call by 3 p.m.)*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Chef's Choice	2 Beef Stew Reuben Sandwich	3 Famous Bowl Sausage Gravy over Biscuits	4 **Elders Lunch** Hamburger Veggie Soup Enchilada Bake	5 Sloppy Joe Baked Fish w/Wild Rice	6 Cabbage Soup Indian Taco	7 Chef's Choice
8 Chef's Choice	9 Cheeseburger Basket Chili	10 Turkey Club Sandwich Beef Broccoli w/Rice	11 **Elders Breakfast** Bean Soup Lasagna	12 Chicken Wings Tater Tot Casserole	13 Chicken and Dumpling Soup Pork Loin w/Red Potatoes	14 Chef's Choice
15 Chef's Choice	16 Open Face Roast Beef w/Toast Chicken Stir Fry	17 Chicken Stew Beef Roast	18 **Elders Lunch** Thanksgiving Lunch French Dip Sandwich	19 Fish w/Chips BLT Sandwich	20 Zuppa Soup Chicken Alfredo	21 Chef's Choice
22 Chef's Choice	23 Tuna Fish Sandwich Hamburger Gravy over Mashed Potato	24 Soft Shell Taco Hominy Soup	25 **Elders Breakfast** Tomato Soup Pizza	26 Hot Turkey Sandwich Sausage w/Peppers	27 Potato Bacon Soup BBQ Chicken	28 Chef's Choice
29 Chef's Choice	30 Goulash Chicken Quesadilla	**Kitchen phone number: 989-775-4314** ***Menu subject to change*** Sugar free available upon request		**Warning: Consuming under cooked foods or eggs could lead to a Food Bourne Illness** **Warning: Please inform cashier/staff of any severe food allergies you may have prior to sitting down. Thank you*		

For great diabetes care, remember your ABCs!

(Editor's note: The following article comes from the American Diabetes Association at diabetesjournals.org, Clinical Diabetes, Volume 21, Issue 3 from July 2003. This article was submitted to the Tribal Observer by Tamara House RN, CDCES, of the Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center, Diabetes Program.)

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. Taking good care of your diabetes can be complex and confusing. This list will help make it as easy as A B C D E F G H I!

- **A is for A1c.** The A1c, short for hemoglobin A1c, measures your average blood glucose over the past three months.
  - ***Suggested target:*** *Below 7 percent.*
  - ***How often:*** *Two times if is 7 percent or below, every three months if higher.*

- **A is also for Albuminuria.** Albuminuria means protein in the urine. A test that measures your urine microalbumin-to-creatinine ratio can detect kidney disease very early, when it can usually be stopped. This can prevent dialysis or kidney transplantation later on.
  - ***Suggested target:*** *Below 30*
  - ***How often:*** *At least once a year.*

- **And finally, A is for aspirin.** Taking low-dose aspirin every day can help prevent heart attacks and strokes. Children and young adults with no history of heart disease should not take aspirin without a doctor's order, nor should some older adults. Check with your doctor before starting daily aspirin.

- **B is for blood pressure.** High blood pressure makes your heart work too hard and can cause damage to your kidneys and eyes.
  - ***Suggested target:*** *Below 130/80*
  - ***How often:*** *At every visit to a health care provider*

- **C is for cholesterol.** Bad cholesterol, or LDL, builds up and clogs your arteries, leading to heart attacks and strokes.
  - ***Suggested LDL target:*** *Below 100*
  - ***How often:*** *At least once a year*

- **D is for diabetes education.** Help your doctor help you. The more you know about how food, exercise, and medication affect your diabetes control, the better you and your doctor can work together to make any needed changes.
  - ***Suggested resources:*** *Dietitians, nurse diabetes educators.*
  - ***How often:*** *Ongoing, at least one a year.*

- **E is for eye exam.** Regular eye exams can catch diabetic eye disease early enough to prevent eventual blindness.
  - ***How often:*** *At least once a year.*

- **F is for foot care.** Keep an eye on your feet. If you have nerve disease and can't feel your feet, your feet can't tell you when something is wrong.
  - ***How often:*** *Check your feet daily. Remind your doctor to check them at every visit. Get an extensive foot exam once a year.*

- **G is for glucose (sugar) monitoring.** If you know when your blood sugar level is too high or too low, you'll know better how to treat it.
  - ***How often:*** *Decide with your doctor.*

- **H is for staying healthy.** For people with diabetes, getting the flu or pneumonia can lead to serious complications. Avoid them by getting vaccinated.
  - ***How often:*** *Flu vaccine, every fall; pneumonia, at least once.*

- **I is for identifying special medical needs.** Complications are complicated. As they occur, your doctor may need to send you to specialists. Voicing your health concerns at every visit can help your doctor spot trouble and get any extra help you need quickly.
  - ***How often:*** *When needed.*

(Note: Schedule your appointment to review your ABCs with diabetes care, Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center Diabetes Program 989-775-4612 or 989-775-4654 or 989-775-4613)

Source: American Diabetes Association https://www.diabetesjournals.org/clinical/article/21/3/134/569/For-Great-Diabetes-Care-Remember-Your-ABCs

Mindful Mondays

Nov. 2 & 16, 2026 at Andahwod

Andahwod and Michigan State University Extension present a wellness series:

- **Sleep Education for Everyone (SLEEP)**
  Nov. 2 | 1 p.m. | Andahwod CGA
- **RELAX: Alternatives to Anger**
  Nov. 16 | 1 p.m. | Andahwod CGA

Participant requirements:

- Participants should be 18 years of age or older

For more information, please contact:
DePelcher@sagchip.org or 775-4339

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Featuring Breanna Plumley from Nimkee Optical

FRIDAY, DEC. 11, 2026

5:30-6:30 p.m. | Andahwod CCC & ES
(2910 S. Leaton Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858)

- Come enjoy the evening and her beautiful voice!
- Light snacks provided
- Open to the community

Contact: DePelcher@sagchip.org 989-775-4339

Elders Minor Assistance Program (EMAP)

This grant assistance is available for minor home and vehicle repairs under program guidelines.

SCIT elders over 60 years of age may be eligible.

Elders may stop by Andahwod front to pick up an application, call, or email for more information. Applications and guidelines are available in the Andahwod front lobby or you may call to have one email or sent to your home address.

For any questions, please contact Lucinda Burr at 989-775-4307 or LBurr@sagchip.org

THANKSGIVING Community Lunch

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Andahwod

- **SCIT tribal elder:** Free *(present Tribal Elder ID)*
- **Non SCIT elders (all ages):**
  - **Dine-in:** $10 • **Take-out:** $12

Menu: Turkey, stuffing, green bean casserole, baked mac and cheese, dinner rolls, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry salad and pies.

Contact: Andahwod at 989.775.4300

NOVEMBER 2026 TRIBAL ELDER BIRTHDAYS

1) Candace Benzinger
Maurice DeMeyere

2) Robin Grippi
William Scott
Thomas Russell
Patrick Loonsfoot

3) Joni DeLaCruz
Barbara Chapoton

4) Bernard Sprague
Rose Clouse
Minnie Periard

5) David Detzler
Karen Sanford
Rolanda Jackson
Tony Mejia

6) Kathleen Hart
Lawrent Cabay
Marcia Lewis
Kenneth Watson III
Harold Schotl
Laura Martin
Naomi Waynee
Rhonda Sasse

7) Judith Ramirez
James Ritter

9) Lisa Elamin
Marshall Jackson
Wilson Ferrio Jr.
Pamela Kropp
Lawrence Mena
Frank Snyder
Marshall Jackson

10) Glen Coffin

11) Brent Jackson

12) Marclay Crampton
Lenore Davis
Kenneth Maloney

13) Stuart Jackson
Barbara Johnson

14) Raymond Pelcher Sr.

15) Peggy Vliek
Robert Bates

16) Sherry Jackson
Kathy Barber
Randy Dutton
Michael Finney
Davina Key
Jody Wojcik

17) Phillip Peters Jr.
Laurie Pease
Penny Raap
Lillian Bennett

18) Terri Bonnema
Kimberly Hebert
Brenda Stanton
Melissa Summers

19) Faith Carmona-Pego
Sheila Leaureaux
Christopher Williams
Bernice Nelson
Henrietta Malone
Brad Spencer

20) Jo James
Kathryn Moran

21) Allen Pego
Gena Qualls
Viola Nahgahgwon
Deanna Jenkins
Chip Neyome
Stacey Mays

22) Joseph Kulik Jr.
Clayton Nedwash Sr.

24) Corrinna O'Leary

25) Marcel Guess
Laura Meffert
Cammy Cummins

26) Valorie Semmens
Sidney Stone
Barbara Fridline

27) Amanda Nahgahgwon

28) Wayne Watson Sr.
David Bennett
Norman Cyr Jr.
Carolyn Fisher
Daniel Kirby
Mark Nahmabin

29) Tammy Chamberlain
Valerie Querback

30) Darlene Chippewa
Daisy Kendall
Chris Pego
Barbara Garcia
Laura Lautner

Event Planner

NOVEMBER 2026 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Recovery Beading Group
Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | **12:30-2:30 p.m.**
- Supportive Housing *(6870 E. Broadway)*
- ***TFoley@sagchip.org or 989-775-4881***
- Open to Supportive Housing and RTC patrons

Immunization Clinics
Nov. 3 | **Nimkee Public Health | 12-6 p.m.**
Nov. 9| **Saganing Tribal Center | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**
- ***SSowmick@sagchip.org or 989-775-4699***

Toddler Time
Nov. 3 | **1-3 p.m.**
- Wii Maajiikwad/Recreation *(2875 Gikendasso Way)*
- ***Recreation@sagchip.org or 989-775-4149***
- Open to infants and toddlers

SCTC Land Grant Office Harvest Feast
Nov. 3 | **11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
- SCTC LGO Community Room *(5805 E. Pickard Rd.)*
- ***KHart@sagchip.edu or 989-317-4827***
- Food and herbs from our Mshkikiikaan will be used to prepare Indigenous dishes, soups, and teas made by Indigenous Chef Sam Anglin.

Youth Basketball Open Gym
Nov. 4, 10 | **5:30-7 p.m.**
- Wii Maajiikwad/Recreation *(2875 Gikendasso Way)*
- ***Recreation@sagchip.org or 989-775-4149***
- Open to all youth in grades 3-6
- Must have gym shoes
- Two basketball courts available

Drum and Dance Social
Nov. 4 | **6-8 p.m.**
- Wii Maajiikwad *(2875 Gikendasso Way)*
- ***TJackson@sagchip.org or 989-775-4780***

Spirit Feast
Nov. 5 | **6-8 p.m.**
- Ziibiwing Center *(6650 E. Broadway)*
- ***NWells@sagchip.org or 989-775-4750***
- The Spirit Feast is an Anishinabek ceremony that honors our ancestors and loved ones that have walked on before us.

Make One, Take One Ribbon Skirt Class
Nov. 7 | **10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**
- Ziibiwing Center *(6650 E. Broadway)*
- ***Registration: GColwell@sagchip.org or 989-775-4751***
- Ten spots available, registration required
- Must be intermediate sewing level
- Skirts will be used for MIIBS Silent Auction

Seventh annual Opioid Summit
Nov. 9, 10 | **Time: TBD**
- SECR Entertainment Hall *(6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd.)*
- ***Carjackson@sagchip.org or 989-775-4805***
- ***Registration:*** https://www.eventbrite.com/e/7th-annual-opioid-summittickets-1991503007104

SCTC Registration Rally Night
Nov. 10 | **4:30-7 p.m.**
- SCTC *(5805 E. Pickard Rd.)*
- ***StudentServices@sagchip.edu or 989-317-4760***
- Register for the Spring 2027 Semester
- Every student who registers receives an SCTC blanket

Veterans Feast
Nov. 11 | **Registration and doors open at 5:30 p.m.**
- SECR Ballrooms *(6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd.)*
- ***PWalker@sagchip.org or 989-775-4232***
- Grand entry at 6 p.m.
- Program and dinner
- All veterans welcome

ACFS's To Go Hunter's Breakfast
Nov. 13 | **8:30 - 11 a.m.**
- Pick up only, at ACFS lobby *(2585 S. Leaton Rd.)*
- ***GSherwood@sagchip.org or 989.775.4901***
- Breakfast includes: Pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, and fruit
- Cost: $12 per breakfast

Nourish & Flourish Workshop
Nov. 17 | **11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
- Black Elk Training Room *(7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.)*
- ***KMandoka@sagchip.org or 989-775-5247***
- ***Registration:***www.sagchip.org/hr/class-signup.aspx?t=2
- Hungry for your next big career move? Join us for this free community opportunity designed to fill your plate and build your future.

TCG (Trading Card Game) Night
Nov. 17 | **6-8 p.m.**
- 7th Generation *(7957 E. Remus Rd.)*
- ***DAJackson@sagchip.org or 989-775-4782***

Two-Spirit Talking Circle
Nov. 23, Dec. 28, Jan. 25 | **6-8 p.m.**
- 7th Generation *(7957 E. Remus Rd.)*
- ***LeRuffino@sagchip.org or kt@greatlakesbaypride.org***
- Hosted by 7th Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center and the Michigan Two Spirit Indigiqueer Coalition

Ziibiwing Digitization Fundraiser Celebration
Nov. 24 | **2:30 - 4:30 p.m.**
- Ziibiwing Center *(6650 E. Broadway)*
- ***ChRiley@sagchip.org or 989-775-4756***
- Celebrating the continuation of the Tribe's MIIBS Digitization Project and work.
- Announcing Molina Healthcare as our newest donor supporting the project.

NOVEMBER 2026 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
2 **Recovery Group** 1-2 p.m. | B. Health	**3** **AOVWS Meeting** 6 p.m. | Ziibiwing **Recovery on the Rez** 2-3 p.m. | Zoom **Drums Out** 7:30-9:30 p.m. | 7th Gen	**4** **Elders Lunch** 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Andahwod **Eagle Feather Teachings** 1:30-2:30 p.m. | B. Health	**5** **Community Sewing Nights** 5-8 p.m. | 7th Gen **Peer 360 at BH Lodge** 6-7 p.m. | B. Health	**6** **Fireside on the Rez** 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | B. Health	**7** **Fireside on the Rez** 6-7:30 p.m. | B. Health **1/8**
9 **STEAM^{AG} Meeting** 12-1 p.m. | SCTC LGO Room **Recovery Group** 1-2 p.m. | B. Health	**10** **Recovery on the Rez** 2-3 p.m. | Zoom **Drums Out** 7:30-9:30 p.m. | 7th Gen	**11** **TRIBAL OPS CLOSED** Veterans Day **Eagle Feather Teachings** 1:30-2:30 p.m. | B. Health	**12** **Sacred Fire Lunch** 12-1 p.m. | 7th Gen **Community Sewing Nights** 5-8 p.m. | 7th Gen **Peer 360 at BH Lodge** 6-7 p.m. | B. Health	**13** **Fireside on the Rez** 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | B. Health	**14** **Fireside on the Rez** 6-7:30 p.m. | B. Health **15**
16 **TRIBAL OBSERVER DEADLINE** **Recovery Group** 1-2 p.m. | B. Health	**17** **Recovery on the Rez** 2-3 p.m. | Zoom	**18** **Thanksgiving Luncheon** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. | Andahwod **Eagle Feather Teachings** 1:30-2:30 p.m. | B. Health	**19** **Community Sewing Nights** 5-8 p.m. | 7th Gen **Peer 360 at BH Lodge** 6-7 p.m. | B. Health	**20** **Fireside on the Rez** 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | B. Health	**21** **Fireside on the Rez** 6-7:30 p.m. | B. Health **22**
23 **STEAM^{AG} Meeting** 12-1 p.m. | SCTC LGO Room **Recovery Group** 1-2 p.m. | B. Health	**24** **Recovery on the Rez** 2-3 p.m. | Zoom **Drums Out** 7:30-9:30 p.m. | 7th Gen	**25** **Elders Breakfast** 9-10 a.m. | Andahwod **Eagle Feather Teachings** 1:30-2:30 p.m. | B. Health	**26** **TRIBAL OPS CLOSED** Thanksgiving **Peer 360 at BH Lodge** 6-7 p.m. | B. Health	**27** **TRIBAL OPS CLOSED** Day after Thanksgiving **Fireside on the Rez** 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | B. Health	**28** **Fireside on the Rez** 6-7:30 p.m. | B. Health **29**
30 **Recovery Group** 1-2 p.m. | B. Health	**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: A 12-STEP RECOVERY PROGRAM** *WE DO RECOVER: Real People • Real Stories • Lasting Hope* ***Join us!* Every Wednesday at 5 p.m.** **First United Methodist Church** • *400 S. Main St., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858*			Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan	● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling

Classifieds

Observer Classifieds: To place your ad, call the Tribal Observer at ***989-775-4096***, email ***observer@sagchip.org***, call to make an appointment in the Observer offices in the Black Elk Building or mail to Tribal Observer, Attn.: Classified, 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Please have all submissions and payment in by deadline. Classified rates are $10 for 15 words or less and 75 cents per additional word. Any thumbnail image costs an additional $15.

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Tribal Operations

Waste Water Operator II
Open to the public. Must have 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. Must have five years experience in wastewater/water field or directly related experience in plumbing or mechanical plant operations.

Fresh Water Operator I
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have one year verifiable experience in wastewater/water field or directly related experience in plumbing or mechanical plant operations.

Fresh Water Operator II
Open to the public. Must have three years of water operator or related experience. Must work a minimum of two years as an operator EGLE licensed F-4, S-4 minimum.

Fresh Water Operator III
Open to the public. Must have five years of water operator or related experience. Must have worked as a licensed EGLE F-3, S-3 for a minimum of two years.

Tribal Code Compliance Officer
Open to the public. Associate degree in human services or related field. Five years' relevant experience including building construction, inspection and ordinance enforcement.

ACFS Supervisor
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work, human services, or related field. Four years of social services (working with children and families) experience. One year of experience in child welfare. One year of experience in a supervisory capacity.

Community Engineer
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in civil engineering, public administration, or related field; and at least three years of progressively responsible experience in public works administration and/or municipal engineering.

Public Health Manager
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in public health, nursing, health administration or related field. Five years' public health experience. Three years' supervisory experience.

Liaison Family Spirit Home Visitor
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in public health, health and human services, social services, behavioral health, or related field. Minimum three years of relevant experience.

Clinic Manager
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in nursing. Registered nurse or licensed practical nurse. Five years clinical, direct nursing, and patient care experience.

Clinical Therapist ACFS
Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. One year demonstrated mental health and co-occurring therapy experience with youth, children and families.

Dental Hygienist FT
Open to the public. Registered dental hygienist. Two years working experience in dental hygiene desired.

Dental Hygienist PT
Open to the public. Registered dental hygienist. Two years working experience in dental hygiene desired.

Certified Nursing Assistant
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. State of Michigan Certified Nursing Assistant. One year nursing experience desired.

Youth Co-Op
Open to SCIT youth tribal members only. Youth enrolled in school in 11th or 12th. Must be eligible to earn high school credits.

Applications Specialist I
Open to the public. Bachelor`s degree in information technology, computer science, or related field. One year experience in IT.

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

Leadership Intern
Open to SCIT members only. High school diploma or GED. Must have satisfactorily completed 12 credit hours or have successfully completed one year of the SCIT youth co-op program.

Associate General Counsel
Open to the public. Juris doctor from an ABA accredited law school. Experience as a practicing attorney. Familiarity with federal Indian law desired. Familiarity with federal Indian law desired.

Assistant Prosecutor PT
Open to the public. Juris doctor from an ABA accredited law school. Member in good standing with the State Bar of Michigan.

Community Data, Planning & Special Projects Manager
Open to the public. Bachelor`s degree in social science, social work, public policy, community planning or related field. One year in a supervisory capacity.

Police Officer
Open to the public. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation.

Telecommunication Tech I
Open to the public. Bachelor`s degree in information telecommunications technology or related field. One year of experience in telecommunications.

Special Education Teacher
Open to the public. Bachelor`s degree in special education, education or related field. Teaching certificate with special education endorsement.

Internship
Unpaid internship within Tribal Operations or other tribal enterprises. Open to the public. Must be an enrolled student at a college or university, and provide SCIT with documentation of the university's requirements/scope of work for the required internship.

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

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

Soaring Eagle

Kitchen Equipment Tech
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. Must have a current and must be able to maintain a current Universal Refrigerant Certification.

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

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

Sous Chef
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Three years kitchen experience in a quality operation specializing in food production. One year in a supervisory capacity.

Grounds Maintenance Worker
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year experience in grounds maintenance performing resort level job duties in either lawn care or landscaping similar to those listed in the essential duties section.

Grounds Bedding Supervisor
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Three years of experience in a grounds maintenance environment and one year of supervisory experience or five years of experience in a grounds maintenance environment.

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

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

Transit Driver PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 21 years of age.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Line Cook
Open to the public. Six months of restaurant cooking experience.

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT NOTICES

NOTICE TO APPEAR: ESTATE OF ELIZA JANE PETERS-JACKSON
Case No. 26-PC-0039. You are hereby noticed to appear in The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 for the following purpose:
INITIAL ESTATE HEARING: Jan. 6, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

NOTICE TO APPEAR: ESTATE OF THELMA IDA HENRY-SHIPMAN
Case No. 26-PC-0036. You are hereby noticed to appear in The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 for the following purpose:
INITIAL ESTATE HEARING: Dec. 2, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

NOTICE TO APPEAR: ESTATE OF WAYNE FRANKLIN DUTTON
Case No. 26-PC-0038. You are hereby noticed to appear in The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 for the following purpose:
INITIAL ESTATE HEARING: Dec. 2, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THELMA IDA HENRY-SHIPMAN, DECEASED:
The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, Phone: 989-775-4800. In the Matter of the Estate of Thelma Ida Henry-Shipman, Date of Birth: March 28, 1935. Notice to creditors: The decedent, Thelma Ida Henry-Shipman, who resided at 5146 Jonathon Ln., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, died July 14, 2026. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kevin O'Brien, personal representative, or to both the Probate Court at 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice. Personal Representative: Kevin O'Brien of 5146 Jonathon Ln., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Phone: 989-289-7617.

PUBLICATION OF HEARING TO MARCELL WILLIAM SCHOCKO IN THE MATTER OF THREE MINOR CHILDREN:
The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court Children's Division. Publication of Hearing. Case No. 26-AD-0006, 26-AD-0007, and 26-AD-0008. To: MARCELL WILLIAM SCHOCKO In The Matter of: Three Minor Children. Dates of Birth: April 17, 2023, Aug. 29, 2015, and Oct. 3, 2018. The Court has received a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights of the minors in reference to the case numbers listed above. A hearing will be conducted by the Court on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. in the courtroom at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 before the Honorable Michelle Horn. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that MARCELL WILLIAM SCHOCKO appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Court terminating parental rights. Rights of parties as to counsel is set forth in Title II of the Children's Code, Chapter 2.3, Section 2.313(a).

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF PAUL EDWARD SCHRAMM JR., DECEASED:
The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, Phone: 989-775-4800. In the Matter of the Estate of Paul Edward Schramm Jr., Date of Birth: May 30, 1956. Notice to creditors: The decedent, Paul Edward Schramm Jr., who resided at 2901 S. Leaton Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, died July 11, 2026. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to David Schramm, personal representative, or to both the Probate Court at 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice. Personal Representative: David Schramm of 3612 Barrington Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49006. Phone: 269-270-6677.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF LISA FAYE STARKEY, DECEASED:
The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, Phone: 989-775-4800. In the Matter of the Estate of Lisa Faye Starkey, Date of Birth: July 24, 1964. Notice to creditors: The decedent, Lisa Faye Starkey, who resided at 127 Wright Ave., Shepherd MI 48883, died Feb. 1, 2026. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Stephanie Spanne, personal representative, or to both the Probate Court at 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice. Personal Representative: Stephanie Spanne of 1138 N. Crawford Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Phone: 989-944-4846.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF TYRONE EDWARD RIOS JR., DECEASED:
The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, Phone: 989-775-4800. In the Matter of the Estate of Tyrone Edward Rios Jr. Date of Birth: Dec. 26, 2001. Notice to creditors: The decedent, Tyrone Edward Rios Jr., who resided at 7059 Aagimaak St., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, died Aug. 22, 2026. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Louanna L. Bruner, personal representative, or to both the Probate Court at 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice. Personal Representative: Louanna L. Bruner of 7059 Aagimaak St., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Phone: 989-400-6428.

Costumes and treats abound during Trunk or Treat at The Hill

MATTHEW WRIGHT
Staff Writer

More than 1,400 community members gathered at the Hill Campground for treats and a spooky good time on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

The annual event was hosted by the Recreation Department.

Interim Recreation Manager Kyle Shomin was enthused about the turnout for the event.

"This was the biggest turnout I've been a part of in my 11 years here at the Recreation Department," Shomin said.

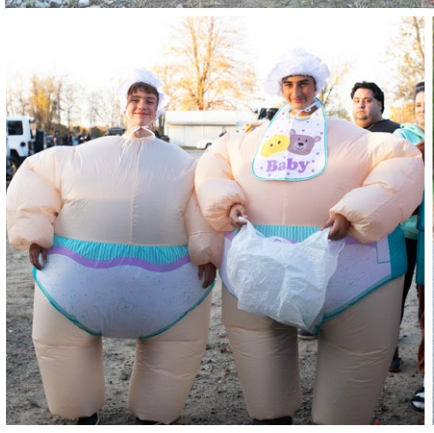
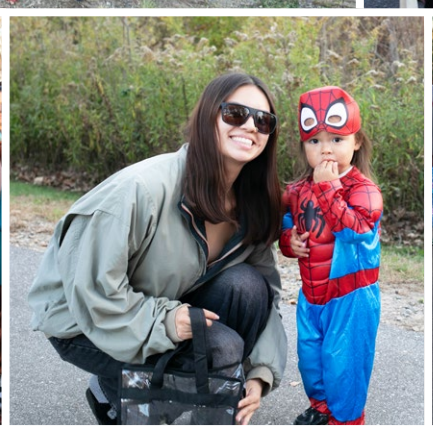
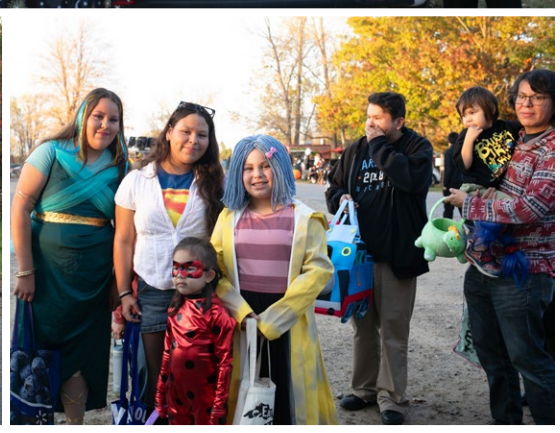
Music was provided by DJ Joe Sowmick.

Guests were able to purchase food from food trucks, New Winds Foods and Street Tacos by Max & Nina.

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

The Recreation Department provided a sizeable amount of the treats, with many additional donations coming in from the community.

Many prize drawings were held throughout the night, including a grand prize, which included four Detroit Pistons tickets and a $50 gas card.

A best decorated trunk contest was also held.

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