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(Bear Moon)

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## Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson and Tribal Council share State of the Tribe message

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Public Relations Manager

More than 300 Tribal Members from districts one, two and three came to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall on Jan. 21 to hear Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson and Tribal Council share their 2023 State of the Tribe messages.

The doors opened at 9 a.m. and the Membership had an opportunity to interact with 27 Tribal departments and organizations that offered updates on services available.

New to the community meeting this year was a "Tribal vendor" area where four businesses were able to promote and sell items at their booths.

Erik Rodriguez, public relations director, served as emcee for the meeting and the Anishinaabe Ogitchedaw Veteran Warrior Society (AOVWS) brought the eagle staffs and flags in during a grand entry and flag song offered by the Onion Creek Singers.

Tribal Council Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts offered a blessing in Ojibwe and prayed



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson delivers the 2023 State of the Tribe Address during the annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21 in the Entertainment Hall of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.**

for the meal. Ricketts also led the community in observing a moment of silence for the loved ones we lost over the last year.

Chris Nadobny, food and beverage director for Soaring Eagle, and his staff prepared a buffet breakfast for the Membership while a community slide show played in the background along with announcements of upcoming community events.

The chief thanked everyone who attended in person

and who was watching on the live webcast. She informed the Membership that the material shared at the community meeting will be available along with the legislative reports from the Lansing-based Public Affairs Associates and the Washington, D.C.-based Spirit Rock Consulting.

The chief also reviewed the Council meeting request form that is available online and mentioned it is to help the Membership resolve any conflicts regarding the timely access of Tribal services. She also provided an update of water and wastewater funding and mentioned this year is the 50th anniversary of the SCIT logo created by her father Julius Peters in 1973.

Sub-Chief Jennifer Wassegijig provided an overview of Tribal Member healthcare and Council Secretary Martha Wemigwans provided an update on Anishinaabe Garden products that are now available at Migizi retail properties.

Tribal Council Treasurer Gayle Ruhl gave a demonstration to the Membership

on how to access the Tribal Member page along with an update on SCIT involvement with the National Congress of American Indians (the Tribe has been members of the national advocacy organization since October 1997).

Frank Cloutier, district three council member, discussed a SCIT general welfare opportunity for Members and Council Member Luke Sprague spoke about the Nimkee Fitness program changing to a 24-hour, seven days a week facility.

Sgt.-at-Arms David Merrill Jr. shared a traditional teaching regarding unity and welcoming the Membership to become involved in this year's upcoming events.

Youth Council approached the podium and introduced themselves, followed by a Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College update from SCTC President Carla Sineway.

Migizi CEO Bob Juckniess provided an overview regarding Migizi business properties and SECR CEO Melinda Coffin provided an update regarding the Saginaw Chippewa gaming enterprises.



Courtesy of Gina Borushko

**As mentioned at the community meeting, Anishinaabe Garden products are now available at Migizi retail properties.**

Tribal Council Treasurer Gayle Ruhl returned to deliver a PowerPoint presentation to report how the Tribe has performed over the last six months (her treasurer's report is available in its entirety on the Membership portion of the Tribal website).

The event concluded with door prize and 50/50 drawings, and the AOVWS retired the staff and flags with a traveling song from Onion Creek Singers.

Tribal Members may view the State of the Tribe Annual Meeting in its entirety by logging in at <http://www.sagchip.org/start.aspx>

## Saganing Eagles Landing Casino's 15th year of gaming celebrated Jan. 13

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Public Relations Manager

Superstition was put aside on Friday the 13th as Tribal Council joined associates and patrons in celebrating 15 years of gaming at Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Hotel.

Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez introduced Tribal Council Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts who offered a prayer in Ojibwe and shared her faith and testimony.

Rodriguez followed the prayer with an introduction of Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson.

"It's a great honor and pleasure to be here with you today as we celebrate 15 years of our Saganing casino," Chief Jackson said. "I offer a chi-miigwetch to the staff and workers over here because without you guys we wouldn't be where we are today.

It is your dedication, loyalty and hard work that makes this establishment so wonderful for our customers. I thank all our customers for joining us today and I love seeing you supporting us."

Saganing Tribal Council member Ron Nelson was pleased to see the capacity crowd who gathered near the Creekside Lounge for the celebration.

"I would like to take a moment to recognize and thank the leadership that led us to where we are today, from the Fred Cantu administration to the current Theresa Jackson administration," Nelson said. "Strong leadership and a solid vision have made gaming a success on the Saganing Reservation for the past 15 years. That commitment found a way to bring this wonderful property to life. The



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Tribal Council members gather for a photo prior to a cake cutting to commemorate the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino's 15th gaming anniversary on Friday, Jan. 13.**

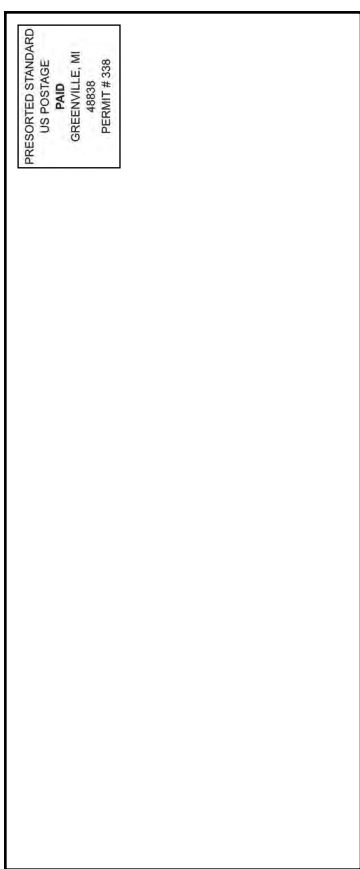
Jackson administration continues to show their commitment with expansion and growth."

Nelson also extended appreciation on behalf of Tribal Council to all team members and associates of the casino.

"None of this would be possible without the first class service you all provide year after

year," he said. "I would like to offer a big thanks to all of our loyal patrons of SELCH as it has been a great 15 years and we look forward to many years to follow."

CEO Melinda Coffin offered her sincere thanks to both





## Lorne Roy Jackson

January 5, 1937 - January 16, 2023

Lorne Roy Jackson, age 86, of Weidman, Mich., passed away Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, at My Mid-Michigan Hospital in Midland.

Lorne was born Jan. 5, 1937, in Rosebush, Mich., the son of Arthur and Ida (Johnson) Jackson.

Following high school, Lorne joined the U.S. Navy and was stationed in Okinawa, Australia, and San Diego. He married Charlene Bennett in 1962 and she preceded him in death in October 1983.

Throughout his working years, Lorne taught building trades at Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, worked for Williams Form Engineering in Grand Rapids, built several homes at Lake Isabella and was a past member of Tribal Council. He was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Weidman Eagles #4540.

Lorne lived every day to its fullest and was always up for fun and adventure. He loved to enjoy his morning coffee with family and friends and going to the casino. Lorne had a passion for NASCAR, especially his favorite driver, Tony Stewart.

Lorne is survived by his children Lillian "Lilly" Olson, Jeffrey "Jeff" Jackson, Lorna Jackson, all of Weidman; brother Stuart Jackson; grandchildren Eric (Brandy) Olson, Benjamin (Alex) Olson, Shannon (James) Prill, Joshua (Julie) Jackson, Samantha (Thomas) Kirklin, Lisa (Gustavo) Borton, Tyler Olson, Matthew Stewart, Brandy Jackson, Mandy (Adam) Flachs, Wendy (Cody) Smith, Brett (Heather) Jackson, Alex Bogart, Harlene Jackson; great-grandchildren Justine (Jordan) Prill, Ethan Prill, Lexie Prill, Noah Prill, Jace Kirklin, Ellie Jackson, Sunnie Jackson, Isaac Jackson, Emily Jackson, Allie Jackson, Skyler Flachs, Devin Flachs, Jackson Flachs, Shelby Smith, Connor Smith, and Aubrey Jackson; great-great-grandchildren Josie, Jolene; longtime friends Don and Kathy Abbott, Jane Gottleber, Ross Blackmer, and Karen Lindsey.

Lorne was preceded in death by his parents; wife Charlene; sons, Lorne Jackson Jr. and Randy Jackson.; daughters Laure and Lisa Jackson; grandsons Preston Sprague, Brandon Jackson; granddaughters Jordan Lee Olson, Kelli Jackson; great-granddaughter Kaylee Flachs; sisters Artina Starkey, Arlene Arnott, Ruth Lenhart; brothers, Bill Jackson, Wilfred Jackson, Terry Jackson, Gordan Jackson, Victor Jackson, Elmer Jackson and Homer Jackson; and son-in-law Richard Olson.

Funeral services were held at the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym on Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, at 1 p.m. Interment at Fairview Cemetery in Weidman immediately followed. A luncheon took place at the Tribal Gym following the burial. The family received friends on Thursday, Jan. 19 from 4 until 8 p.m. at Clark Family Funeral Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



## William "Willy" James Burnham

March 6, 1956 - January 8, 2023

William "Willy" James Burnham of Mayville, Mich., age 66, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023, at McLaren Flint with his family by his side.

Willy was born March 6, 1956 in Caro, Mich., the son of the late William H. and Gladys (Davis) Burnham.

He was a master at hanging drywall and a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Willy loved time spent with his family and lifelong companion, Louise Nolan. He enjoyed watching NASCAR, working on cars, going to the races, and would only drive Ford trucks; if you had a Chevy, you were in for it.

Willy loved to tease and joke around and had the best smile. His laughter and love will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Willy leaves to cherish his memory, his children, James Burnham, William Lee (Candice) Torrey, Judy (Kevin Szeszulski) Rauch, William Michael Burnham, Thomas (Jody Garbacz) Burnham, and Michael Nolan; grandchildren, Zack, Kaylin, Gracie, Chantry, Ashtyn, Shayleigh, Landyn, Ricki, and Samantha; great-grandchildren, Lillie, Paisley, Ryan, and Audry; siblings, Mary North, Betty and Jerry Brief, Dorothy Brown, James and Mary Burnham, Daniel and Rose Burnham, Robert Burnham, Larry Burnham, Rose Clouse, and Rickie Burnham; along with many nieces, nephews, and friends.

In addition to his parents, Willy was preceded in death by his son, Jeffrey Burnham and siblings, Judy, John, Edna and Jerry.

In keeping with Willy's wishes, cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life is being planned for summer 2023.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider memorial contributions to the wishes of the family, c/o Judy Rauch, 205 West Sherman Street, Caro, Michigan 48723.



## Lawrence "Larry" David Verga

July 11, 1962 - January 1, 2023

Lawrence "Larry" David Verga Jr., age 60, of Bad Axe, Mich., passed away unexpectedly at his home on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023.

He was born on July 11, 1962 in Flint, Mich., son of the late Lawrence and Barbara (Sword) Verga, Sr. Larry married Jani Brady on Sept. 11, 1987 in Flint.

Larry was a proud member of the United States Air Force, joining immediately after he graduated from high school. Larry retired from the Michigan State Police force after 30 years. He was currently employed by the Birch Run Police Department.

He was an avid sportsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping. He enjoyed motorcycle riding and was a proud member of the Untouchables MC.

Larry was the okimaw (leader) of the Saginaw Chippewa Anishinaabe Ogitchedaw Veteran and Warrior Society. He was very involved in the traditional Native culture, participating in and organizing many events involving the local powwows.

Larry was a very social guy, well-known and respected within the community, who will be deeply missed by family and friends alike.

Larry is survived by his loving wife, Jani Verga of Bad Axe. His annoying children, Larry Verga III of California and Torri Verga of Bad Axe. He will be sorely missed by Sophie Butt and Screwy Louie.

Services were held on Friday, Jan. 6, 2023 at 11 a.m. at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe. Burial with full military honors was held in Colfax Cemetery.



## Volinda Jenine "Lyn" Morsey (Cleveland)

May 22, 1965 - December 30, 2022

Volinda Jenine Morsey, age 57, of Mount Pleasant, Mich., passed away Friday, Dec. 30, 2022 at McLaren Central Michigan.

Volinda was born on May 22, 1965, in Grand Haven, Mich., the daughter of Kyren Cleveland and Carolyn (Collins) Cleveland. She was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Volinda enjoyed camping, tubing, kayaking, shopping, coffee, and playing Bingo. She was very family oriented. Volinda loved pugs and attending her grandchildren's sporting events.

Volinda is survived by her significant other: Joe Quintero; children: Brandy (Brandon) Ross, Velorie Cleveland (Alex Martinez), Careena (Jeffrey) Myers and Jenny (Jordan) Arbogast; grandchildren: McKenzie, Justice, Liberty, James, Isabella, Analicia, Ramsay, Liam, Peyton, Jeydan, Kayden, Roslyn and Lyric; great-grandchildren: Justice Jr., Hayden, Jayce and Lincoln; brothers: Vince (Jennifer) Cleveland and Varen (April) Cleveland; sisters: Valorie (Scott) Semmens and Veronica Bos.

Volinda was preceded in death by her parents, daughter: Miranda Morsey and baby Arbogast.

Services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2022, at 12 p.m. Interment took place at Woodland Cemetery. A luncheon followed at Seventh Generation. The family received friends from 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



## March 2023 Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits

**Deadline: Friday, Feb. 3, 2023 by 5 p.m.**

**Forms accepted beginning Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023**

**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

## 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 two 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
Coleman, Lisa Renee	01/30/2022
Cyr Sr, Norman Joseph	10/26/2021
Davis, Marvin Lee	12/05/2022
Davis, Tony Craig	04/25/2022
Gordon, Marjorie Ann	08/22/2022
Hoon, Virginia Mae	11/07/2021
Jackson, Douglas Field	08/22/2022
Maki, Terry Lee	02/23/2022
Moggo, Richard William	08/04/2022
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 Crooker, Betsy Lynn	11/24/2021
Roy, Barbara Ann	08/08/2022
Rubin, Ann Margaret	12/07/2021
Schramm, Susan Gayle	11/06/2022
Smith, Jesse Davis	02/25/2022
Stone, Domonic Ambrose	01/04/2022
Watson, Delores Katherine	11/10/2022
Weaver, Laura Beth	12/13/2021

## Perfect Attendance

### December 2022

**Mt. Pleasant High School:** Logan Bird, Bailey Burger, Caleb Burger, Nikodin Davis, Tayden Davis, Darien Haggard, Mateo Harris, Frederick Highley, Joaquin Jackson, Lucas Jackson, Zhaawan Martell, Aaron Montoya-Pego, Ellie Patterson, Javanni Perry, Kannen Quezada, Isaiah Rodriguez, Landen Rowlett, Atreyu Sineway, Albert Trepanier and Alexis Trepanier.

**Pullen Elementary:** Zayne Rantanen, Jordan Spanne, August Betts, Olivia Frost, Kyle Klein, Addison Richardson and Robert Pego.

**Renaissance:** Lana Ekdahl, Katherine Goffnett, Kamerynn Shaw, Isaiah Chippewa, Ronnie Ekdahl, Mitchell Jackson, Elliana Pope, Lily Roth, Alyssa Flores, Kenzie Goffnett, Justis Pope, Jaxon Rodriguez, Michael Ekdahl, Ayden McDonald-Jackson, Angela Peck, Laila Pope, Kenisynn Shaw, Bryson Roth and Neveah Alaniz.



**Nimkee Fitness**

## 24/7 ACCESS

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

**ACCESS GIVEN BY:** Employees will receive access through their employee badge and non-employee Nimkee eligible patients will be given a key fob.

**ACCESS PROHIBITED:** It is prohibited to enter the facility after business hours without filling out the 24/7 access paperwork. Those who give access or those who enter without going through the proper procedures of filling out the access paperwork will be subject to suspension or removal.

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

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Nimkee Fitness Center will be monitored 24/7 by surveillance to help ensure safety and proper use of the Fitness Center.

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

**For more information, please contact:**  
Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690

## COVID-19 & Flu Vaccination Clinics

**Feb. 8, 2023**

**Nimkee Public Health**

**By appointment only**

To schedule an appointment call:  
989-775-4695 or 989-775-4629

### Vaccines available:

- COVID-19 vaccine and boosters for 6 months and up
- Influenza vaccine for 6 months and up



**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**

- Feb. 7 • March 7 • April 4

**2023 Annual Reports**  
 are now being accepted

**Deadline: Thursday, May 4, 2023 by 5 p.m.**

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

**Notarization is required**

- Forms available by mail, email and at [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org)
- No postdated forms, emails or faxes accepted

**Your 2023 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

**College Rental Assistance**

The Saginaw Chippewa Housing Department is offering rental assistance to Native American college students that meet the following criteria:

- 18 years old or older and financially independent of their parents
- Must be a duly enrolled member of any Native Tribe that has been identified on the most current Federal Register listing of "Indian Entities Recognized by and Eligible to Receive Services from the U.S. BIA (86 FR 7554 (Jan. 29, 2021))"
- Household is low-income as determined by HUD's definition: <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html>
- Enrolled in an accredited post-secondary college or university pursuing a 2 year (or higher) degree or certificate
- The university or college and the rental unit must be located within the Lower Peninsula of the state of Michigan

▶ All rental assistance is paid directly to the landlord

▶ Applications and more information can be found at: <http://www.sagchip.org/housing/>

**For more information, please contact:**  
 Housing at 989-775-4538

**Election Timeline**  
 2023 Primary & General Elections

**Aug. 7 - Sept. 1** | Candidate Packets available at the Tribal Clerk's Office

**Sept. 1** | **Petition Deadline** for Candidates to turn in Petitions

**Sept. 8** | **Last day to register** to vote for the Primary Election

**Sept. 12** | **Deadline for Candidates to meet all aspects of the qualifications** to be placed on the final list of Candidates

**Sept. 13** | **Final Candidate List Posted**

**Sept. 19** | **Absentee Ballots** for Primary Election available in the office and mailed

**Oct. 6** | **Last day to register** to vote for the General Election

**Oct. 9** | Certification of voting machines (5:15 p.m.)

**Oct. 10** | **Primary Election Day**  
 Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

**Oct. 11** | **Primary Election Results and Candidates List Posted**

**Oct. 17** | **Absentee Ballots** for General Election available in the office and mailed

**Nov. 6** | Certification of voting machines (5:15 p.m.)

**Nov. 7** | **General Election Day**  
 Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

**Nov. 8** | **General Election Results Posted**

**For more information, please contact:**  
 Tribal Clerk's Office at 989.775.4054

**Happy Birthday Baby Z!**

We all love you so much!  
 (Feb. 28)

*Happy Heavenly BIRTHDAY THONG!*

You are forever missed.  
 (Feb. 12)"

*Happy 2nd Birthday baby girl!*

Love, auntie Miranda & the girls (Feb. 28)

Two weasels that stole my heart!

*Happy Valentine's Day!*

Real Relationships Are when you can fight like enemies  
 Laugh like Best friends  
 And Love like Soul Mates!!

*Happy 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!*

From your Wemigwans Clan. Love you!

Wishing the best *Valentine's Day* to some special gals!

*Love, Nana & Papa*

ANYTHING for SALINA sssssss,

*Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Valentines Day Sister,*

love you (Angel)

*Happy Valentine's Day* to a sweet son!

*Love, Mom & Papa*

To my family.....  
 I LOVE YOU all every day!

*Happy Valentine's Day!*

(Angel)


*Wishing the sweetest day to my forever valentines*

*Love, Nana & Papa*

*Happy Valentine's Day Mittens*

Hope you have a Purrr-Fect day

*Love, Me!*

## Tribal Council

**Chief**  
Theresa Peters-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

## Elders Advisory Board

### Accepting submissions from interested SCIT Elders

**Must meet the following requirements:**

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



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

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

**Deadline:**  
Feb. 17, 2023

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



## Tribal Membership Rotation Positions

**These positions will be rotated around the following departments:**

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

**Open to SCIT Tribal Members:**

- Applications available at: [www.sagchip.org/careers](http://www.sagchip.org/careers)
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Four spots available for this pilot program.
- Learn line level skills in order to be a successful employee.
- Discover which department is the best fit.

**For more information, please contact:**  
Human Resources 989.775.5600

## 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.



## CORNHOLE

DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

**Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023**  
Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Ballroom

**Doors open:** 10 a.m.  
**Tournament starts:** 12 p.m. (noon)  
**Entry:** \$60 for a team of two

- Payment: Entry has to be paid at the Tribal Operations Accounting window by Feb. 10 at 4 p.m.
- Must bring receipt from Accounting to registration table on day of event.

**Teams**

- Eligibility: Players have to be over the age of 16
- Teams can be any mix with two divisions: Coed and open

**Rules**


- The Amateur Cornhole Association rules will be in effect
- Boards and bags provided (no personal equipment)
- Forfeits will be called if both players are not present at the time of play
- No subs, no refunds after the first bag is tossed




**Lunch:** \$10 per person  
**50/50 Raffle:** 6 tickets for \$5  
**Door prizes**

*\*All proceeds benefit Foster Care Program*

**For more information, please contact:**  
ACFS at 989-775-4991 or [ACFSPrevention@sagchip.org](mailto:ACFSPrevention@sagchip.org)



## ZIIBIWING CENTER

of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways

### Collections Committee Vacancies

**Attention Tribal Members**  
The Ziibiwing Center is seeking interested individuals to serve on its Collections Committee.

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

**Interested members need to:**

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

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

**William Johnson, Curator/Operations Manager**

- Email: [WJohnson@sagchip.org](mailto:WJohnson@sagchip.org)
- Phone: 989.775.4730
- Mail: ZC Collections Committee c/o William Johnson 6650 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

# 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

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. Make checks out to SCIT.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

**Contact Information:**

- Phone: 989-775-4096
- Email: [Observer@sagchip.org](mailto:Observer@sagchip.org)
- [www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver](http://www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver)



## E'gaa Chiinhjik (Little Ones) Program

**Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 8**  
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:**

- Feb. 8: Tobacco pouches
- Feb. 15: Medicine Wheel teachings
- Feb. 22: Hiking, sledding
- March 1: Dream catchers, beading
- March 8: Basket weaving
- March 15: Ribbon skirts and shirts
- March 22: Feast bundles, copper bowls
- March 29: Traditional foods and feast

**For more information, please contact:**  
ACFS at 989.775.4901

## Support Team SCIT at the Michigan Indian Family Olympics!

### WIN A GOLF MEMBERSHIP!

**Tickets on sale now! \$5 each or 5 for \$20**  
**Drawing: Wednesday, March 1, 2023**  
*\*Need not be present to win*

**Purchase tickets from:**

- Public Relations: 989.775.4059
- Nimkee Fitness: 989.775.4690

## Tribal Education Advisory Board VACANCIES

**Send letters/email of interest to:**

- Mail: Tribal Education Administration  
7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
- Email: csharp@sagchip.org

**Letters/emails of interest deadline:**  
Friday, Feb. 10, 2023

**Requirements:**

- 1) Must be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- 2) Must be at least 18 years old
- 3) Must not be employed by the Education Department

## Conservation Committee Seats

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

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

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

**Letters of interests will be received until all vacancies are filled.**

## Hazardous Tree Removal PROGRAM

**Purpose:** Provide financial assistance to members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe to mitigate dangers or threats to their primary residence posed by hazard trees.

**Requirements:**

- Must be a SCIT Member
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must be the homeowner residing at the affected property

**Applications and guidelines are available online at:**

- ▶ <http://www.sagchip.org/pdf/forms/Housing/Hazard-Tree-Application-10.13.22.pdf>
- ▶ [www.sagchip.org/forms.aspx](http://www.sagchip.org/forms.aspx)

**For more information, please contact:**  
Housing at 989-775-4595

## Andahwod Elder Services Candy Grams

▶ Cost: \$5  
▶ Please order at Andahwod with exact amount or check.  
▶ Deliveries to local SCIT/SECR departments and schools on Feb. 14.  
▶ May be picked up at Andahwod on Monday, Feb. 13 or Tuesday, Feb. 14 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
▶ Please wear a mask when entering the building.  
▶ Order forms available at Andahwod front entrance or [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org) – Services-Andahwod Senior Care.

**For more information, please call 989-775-4300.**

## ADA American Dental Association®

**Save the Date: Feb. 17, 2023**  
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Nimkee Clinic

- Children under the age of 18 who are eligible to be seen at the Nimkee Dental Clinic are invited to join us for our second annual "Give Kids a Smile Day" on Friday, Feb. 17.
- Kids may receive a dental exam, X-rays, sealants, fluoride treatment and/or fillings based on individual need and time available.
- A goodie bag will be provided to all participants.
- COVID-19 protocols will be observed.
- Appointments must be made by calling 989-775-4657 any time up to, and including, the day of the event
- The Nimkee Dental Clinic is located at 2591 S. Leaton Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

## SCIT Housing Department ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SCIT HD invites you to get involved if you are a leasehold home owner or a tenant of the SCIT Housing Program.

**This is your opportunity to have a voice in our program**

The Housing Department is currently accepting letters of interest from Leasehold Home Owners and HUD Residents for the Housing Advisory Committee SCHD AC.

**Please include the following:**  
Name, address, phone number, photo, and a letter of interest

**Letters of interest will be accepted until:**  
Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023 at 5 p.m.

**Mail letters of interest to:**  
SCIT Housing Department  
2451 Nish Na Be Anong Rd.  
Mount Pleasant MI—48858

**For more information:**

- Call: 989-775-4595
- Email: [housing@sagchip.org](mailto:housing@sagchip.org)
- Or check us out at: [www.sagchip.org/housing/index.htm](http://www.sagchip.org/housing/index.htm)

## Community Representative ONE VACANCY

## SCIT Elder Representative ONE VACANCY

**Seeking letters of interest from SCIT Members who are interested in helping the Data Governance Board (DGB) serve its mission.**

**The mission of the Data Governance Board is to protect the Tribal community and assert data sovereignty. The Board will respect, preserve, develop, and share Tribal information, knowledge, and practices in alignment with the overall vision of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.**

**Preferred qualities include:**

- Interest in data and research
- Knowledge of Tribal programming (governmental and/or gaming sides)
- Ability to occasionally facilitate DGB meetings and take minutes

**Letters of Interest can be sent to [DataGovernanceBoard@sagchip.org](mailto:DataGovernanceBoard@sagchip.org)**

- Must commit to attendance at regular meetings, currently DGB meets virtually every week (due to COVID safety protocols).
- This is a Tribal Council appointed Board and there is one current vacancy for Community Representative and one vacancy for SCIT Elder Representative.

## Gift Basket Donations

Andahwod Elder Services is asking for donations of a Valentine's gift basket/box for the

### Residents' Valentine's Social Friday, Feb. 10, 2023

- Drop off donations at Andahwod
- If you have any questions, please call 989.775.4339

*Miigwetch for supporting elder activities!*

# FEBRUARY PROMOTIONS



**Win a share of over \$130,000 in prizes including a 2023 Camaro ZL1 Coupe!**

**Saturdays in February**

Hourly drawings from **7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.** for your choice of either \$3,000 in Premium Play, \$1,500 in cash or 1,500 bonus entries into our Grand Prize drawing for a brand new **2023 Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 Coupe!**

**ACCESS Club members will receive one (1) entry for every 300 points earned on their ACCESS Club card from 12:00 a.m. January 29th, 2023 until 10:55 p.m. on February 25th, 2023.**



**FRIDAYS  
7:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.**

Hourly drawings for your chance to pick a chocolate bar and win a share of \$14,000 in cash & Premium Play prizes! One lucky ACCESS Club winner will select the sweetest bar worth \$5,000 in cash!



**MONDAYS  
10:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.**

Earn 900 points on your ACCESS card for a gift receipt to claim a special gift each day. While supplies last. May only earn one gift each promotion day.



**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14  
10:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.**

Earn 1,000 points on your ACCESS Club card for a chance to win up to \$1,000 in Premium Play!



**TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 21  
8:00 A.M. - 11:59 P.M.**

Qualifying ACCESS Club members will receive a special Premium Play bonus. Bonus amount varies based on membership tier level.



**Win a share of \$82,000 in Prizes!**

**Saturdays in February**

Hourly drawings from **12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** for a chance to fish for up to \$500 in Premium Play! On February 11 & 25 at 9:30 p.m. one lucky ACCESS Club member will win a Grand Prize **Wilcraft Ice Fishing Machine!**

**ACCESS Club members will receive one (1) entry for every 200 points earned on their ACCESS Club card from January 30th at 12:00 a.m. - February 25th, 2023 at 9:30 p.m. Additional restrictions may apply.**



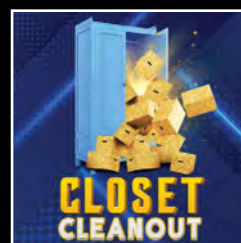
**FRIDAYS  
1:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**

Hourly cash drawings for \$500 cash from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and \$1,000 cash from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Earn 1,000 points with your ACCESS Club card from 7:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m. for a chance to win up to \$50 in Premium Play!



**MONDAYS  
9:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.**

Hot seat drawings from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. to win up to \$500 cash! Plus, earn points with your ACCESS Club card from 6:00 a.m.-11:59 p.m. to win up to \$250 in Premium Play!



**SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 5, 12 & 19  
8:00 A.M. - 11:59 P.M.**

Earn 1,000 points on your ACCESS card for a gift receipt to claim a special gift each day. While supplies last. May participate twice each promotion day.



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26  
10:00 A.M. - 11:59 P.M.**

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## Soaring Eagle Gaming Enterprises CEO Melinda Coffin joins Isabella Bank Board

### ISABELLA BANK CORPORATION

**MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich., Dec. 2, 2022** – Jae Evans, president and CEO of Isabella Bank Corporation, announced the appointment of Melinda M. Coffin to the Isabella Bank Board, effective December 2022.



Soaring Eagle CEO Melinda Coffin

Coffin earned her master of business administration from Central Michigan University. While earning her degree, she began her career as a compliance officer for Soaring Eagle Gaming Enterprises.

Coffin went on to be associate general manager of Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, as well as executive director of Gun Lake Gaming Commission.

Most recently, she served as director of guest experience at Soaring Eagle Gaming Enterprises and worked in that role until October 2021, when she was appointed CEO

of Soaring Eagle Gaming Enterprises.

In her spare time, she helps deliver food at reoccurring food distribution events. In addition, Coffin helps serve food at Isabella County Restoration House's weekly events. Charitable contributions are important to her and she is happy to give monetary support to local organizations such as Salvation Army and Central Michigan University Student Fund.

Coffin is a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and has extensive knowledge and experience within and outside of the gaming industry. She

has spent most of her life in the Central Michigan area, and currently resides in Mt. Pleasant.

Isabella Bank Corporation (OTCQX: ISBA) is the parent holding company of Isabella Bank, a state chartered community bank headquartered in Mt. Pleasant. Isabella Bank was established in 1903 and has been committed to serving the local banking needs of its customers and communities for 119 years.

The Bank has locations throughout seven Mid-Michigan counties: Clare, Gratiot, Isabella, Mecosta, Midland, Montcalm, and Saginaw.

## Sharing honor, respect and hope during Saganing Spirit Feast

### ALICIA GENIA

Contributing Writer

When we come together in unity despite our vast differences, Tribal diversity and a community ambience of love fills the air sharing those universal teachings.

Presenter William Johnson of the Ziibiwing Center explained, "When we share our heartfelt experiences of grandparents, parents, siblings, children and friends who left a tattoo on our heart and spirit, we continue to feed our ancestors. We are upholding our oral customs and traditions and

continue to strengthen each other lives with hope."

In addition, Johnson reminded us we continually strengthen our faith through practicing our belief system and exhibiting our Seven Grandfather teachings.

Community members shared memories of loved ones favorite foods and the wonderful gifts that those loved ones left behind that still flutter our hearts each and every day.

Willie reminded those in attendance that "our ancestors live on and continue to walk with us on this journey and be patient until we met them again."



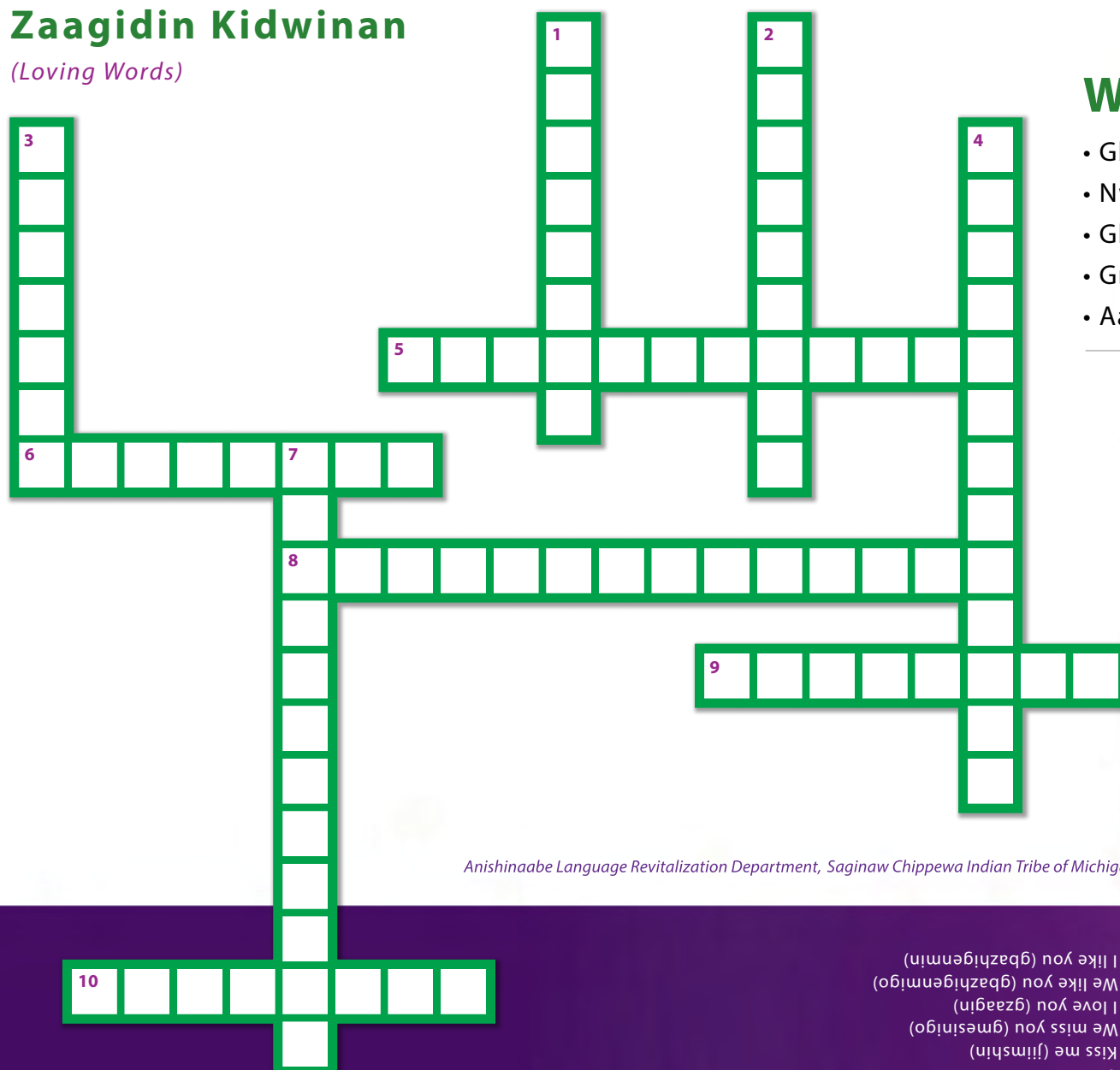
Photos courtesy of Alicia Genia

Community members honor and remember loved ones during the Saganing Spirit Feast last month.

# Anishinaabemowin CROSSWORD

## Zaagidin Kidwinan

(Loving Words)



### Word Bank

- Gba-zhi-gen-min
- Nwii-j-kii-wen
- Gba-zhi-gen-mi-go
- Gme-si-ni-go
- Aab-too-jiin-shin
- Gme-si-nin
- Jiim-shin
- Nba-zi-gim
- Gzaa-gi-go
- Gzaa-gin

### Across

- 5: My friend
- 6: My sweetheart
- 8: Hug me
- 9: We love you
- 10: I miss you

### Down

- 1: Kiss me
- 2: We miss you
- 3: I love you
- 4: We like you
- 7: I like you

Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

- Down**
- 1. Kiss me (jiiimshin)
  - 2. We miss you (gmesinigo)
  - 3. I love you (gzaagin)
  - 4. We like you (gbazhigenmigo)
  - 7. I like you (gbazhigenmin)
- Across**
- 5. My friend (nwiiikiiwenh)
  - 6. My sweetheart (nba-zigim)
  - 8. Hug me (aabtoojiinshin)
  - 9. We love you (gzaagigo)
  - 10. I miss you (gmesinin)

Answers



## First Baby Celebration of 2023 welcomes 10 binoojiinhs to community

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Public Relations Manager

On Jan. 25, the first Baby Celebration of 2023 took place at Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center and welcomed 10 binoojiinhs to the community.

Isabelle Osawamick, Anishinaabe outreach specialist and Wikwemikong First Nations elder, offered a traditional blessing for the gathering and food in Ojibwe.

“It’s awesome to see the response from babies when I talked to them in Anishinaabemowin,” said Osawamick. “It looks like they understood what I said to them, because when I told them in our language that they are cute, pretty and I love them, they cooed back to me and smiled back. Mom’s laughed when they saw their babies’ reaction. I too was amazed. Talk about blood memory!”

Osawamick realized the first winter storm of the year may have affected the turnout with an estimated 75 in attendance, but she could feel the warmth and good spirits present.

“It was great to see many babies celebrated with their extended families in attendance; siblings, aunties, uncles, grandmas, grandpas and even some

great-grandparents,” Osawamick said. “I loved it when some babies had Anishinaabe names as their dominant name rather than the common name...”

Babies honored with their parent/guardian included: Seraphina and Keaton Saxten (Sabrina Saxten); Mateo McSauby Rueckert Martinez (Eryana Martinez & Kyle McSauby-Rueckert); Shawn Aki Mejia (Dewey Mejia & Maria Velazquez); Sire Hunter (Julia Romero & Timothy Hunter); Chanska Swarhout (Brianna & Jeff Swarhout); Marley Kennedy-Floyd (Meghan Kennedy & Michael Floyd); Milo Isham (Gabby Sanders & Brandon Isham); Maiingan TwoCrow (Amber Flamand & Chad TwoCrow); and Azaadi Hunt (Janae Hunt).

An honor song was offered on behalf of the little ones by the Onion Creek Singers and was followed by a taco bar prepared by the Seventh Generation staff.

Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson attended with her family.

“I remember coming to the Baby Celebration 25 years ago,” Jackson said. “Tonight I wear two buttons; one with Maggie as a newborn and one with her 1-year-old daughter Leilani. As I wear these keepsakes from Seventh Generation,



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

During the first Baby Celebration of 2023, parents show off their new bundles of joy on Jan. 25 at the Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Center.

the new babies and their families will also receive a photo button to document their family history for many families.”

Jackson offered her personal thanks to the Seventh Generation staff, Isabelle Osawamick, Onion Creek and all the sponsors and community for making the evening a special celebration.

Sub-Chief Jennifer Wassegijig came with her grandsons (Carter and Kash Leaux) and looks said she looks forward to the gathering every year.

“I love to see the children interact and to hear the laughter and excitement they have. It is very inspiring to me,” Wassegijig said. “Events like

this that bring our community together is a reminder that we are stronger when we have our families coming together to share a meal and good times.”

Lee Ann Ruffino, cultural manager for Seventh Generation, offered special miigwetches to the Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department, Nimkee Healthy Start, Anishinaabeg Child and Family Services, Tribal Council and Behavioral Health Prevention who helped to make this event happen.

“I also would like to thank Maggie, Leilani and Theresa for always being there to lend a hand! I think that acknowledging

all of the binoodjiisag (babies) in the community is very important,” Ruffino said. “I am deeply grateful for our elders in making this event a tradition since the early ‘90s.”

Jasmine Gonzalez, Nimkee community health representative, assisted at the registration table with support from Melissa Bailey, maternal child health nurse for Nimkee.

“I was so excited to be included in the Baby Celebration this year,” Gonzalez said. “Being able to welcome all of the new babies in the community felt like such an honor to a part of it all. I can’t wait for the next one!”

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## Three youth cousins set to compete in North American Indigenous Games

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The youth are the future and they continue to amaze us with what they're capable of. Three Tribal youth and cousins — Kenneth Wemigwans, 17; Joshua Wemigwans, 17; and James Hendrickson, 16 — will be competing in the North American Indigenous Games 2023 held in Nova Scotia, Canada in July.

All three young men will be competing in basketball in the 10th North American Indigenous Games (NAIG), which will bring together more than 5,000 athletes, coaches and team staff from more than 756 Indigenous Nations.

NAIG will be held July 15-23 and will host competitions in 16 sports within 21 venues across Kjiptuk (Halifax), Dartmouth, Millbrook First Nation (naig2023.com).

Kenneth Wemigwans, a senior at Mt. Pleasant High

School, said tryouts were held in Suttons Bay, Mich. in November. The day consisted of waking up early, leaving at 5 a.m. and driving in a winter storm, and participating in a variety of basketball drills for four hours.

The boys said they were excited when they heard the news they made the cut.

"My mom (Heaven Wemigwans) woke me up for school; she told me when we were getting ready and was pretty excited," Kenneth Wemigwans said.

They each agreed the support from their family helped set them up for success.

"We couldn't have done this without our family by our side supporting us," said James Hendrickson, a 10th grader at the Oasis Way Program.

They each wished to thank their family, particularly each of their parents; their grandma and grandpa; and uncles Trey, Brian and Henry, who helped

them discover their passion for basketball.

All three have been playing the sport since elementary school and are looking forward to representing their Tribe — and state — at NAIG.

"I think it's awesome that we're going to go and represent our tribe. It's an awesome feeling," said Joshua Wemigwans, a junior at Mt. Pleasant High School.

"It's a great opportunity to be given the chance to play on a bigger scale," Kenneth Wemigwans said.

The cousins are paving the way for other SCIT youth who hope to pursue their greatest passions.

The families will be hosting upcoming fundraisers for the travel and competition costs. It is in the works to have a spaghetti dinner and a "Find the Joker" fundraiser.

Joshua's mother, Jacqueline Wemigwans, said she is eager to acknowledge their devotion to the sport.



Courtesy of Jacqueline Wemigwans  
**James Hendrickson (left), 16, and Joshua Wemigwans, 17**



Courtesy of Jacqueline Wemigwans  
**Kenneth Wemigwans, 17**

"Throughout the years, as little kids, I would hear them talking about how they're going to be in the NBA and this is a stepping stone for their careers," Jacqueline Wemigwans said. "I always want to be there to encourage them... I tell them, 'as long as you're doing something positive, Mom is here to support you.'"

James' mother, Tribal Council Secretary Martha Wemigwans, was the one to discover tryouts were being held and passed along the information to the boys.

Hendrickson said they are looking forward to "competing against other tribes and seeing what they can do."

NAIG will have athletes competing in 16 different sports with three traditional Indigenous sports including canoe/kayak, lacrosse, and 3D archery (naig2023.com).

The games are hosted on the homeland of the Mi'kmaq People. In Nova Scotia, Mi'kmaq are divided into 13 bands. Like the SCIT, each band is led by an elected chief and council.

## Herman Moore serving as brand ambassador for Eagle Casino & Sports

*Ambassadorship includes TV commercials and appearances at Soaring Eagle Casino in the Ascend Sports Book*

**TROY, Mich.** — Detroit Lions Legend Herman Moore announced he will serve as brand ambassador for Eagle Casino & Sports for the upcoming year to promote the company's new Online Casino & Sports Book App in the State of Michigan.

As part of the agreement, Moore will appear in Detroit Lions-themed TV commercials throughout the 2022-23 NFL season as well as make appearances at Ford Field and Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

"I'm excited to be a representative of this brand and for this to also be a relationship that trusts my brand,"

said Moore. "I love that they asked me to get involved on the creative side and to also have a voice in how I would be portrayed and integrated within the process. This is a mutually beneficial relationship that comes with a lot of history and trust."

TV commercials were shot at Ford Field and feature Moore on the football field wearing an all-black suit, promoting the new 'Made in Michigan, Made for Michigan' online Casino & Sports book app.

"It was important to me to represent not just the player I was with the Lions, but the businessman I have been for the past 20 years," said Moore,

founder & CEO of Team 84. "To have that embraced by the Soaring Eagle team says a lot about our relationship, which has been in place for a decade."

In addition to TV commercials, Moore will make appearances at select watch parties at Soaring Eagle Casino in the Ascend Sports Book during the Detroit Lions away games and Super Bowl LVVII (Feb. 12, 2023).

"Eagle Casino & Sports is excited and proud to have our friend and partner Herman Moore as our spokesperson," said Melinda Coffin, CEO of Soaring Eagle Properties. "We cannot think of a better fit for



Observer photo by Matthew Wright



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Detroit Lions legend Herman Moore poses with fans during a Jan. 8 meet and greet session inside the Soaring Eagle's Ascend Sports Book.**

our Made in Michigan, Made for Michigan online Casino & Sports book. We look forward to what the future holds for both Eagle Casino & Sports and Herman Moore."

Eagle Casino & Sports TV commercials will air throughout the State of Michigan during the 2022-23 NFL season. Michigan residents can download the app by visiting playeagle.com.

## Anniversary

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Soaring Eagle and Saganing team associates and their collaborative efforts toward success of all our properties.

"I would especially like to thank those employees who have been with us since day one," Coffin said. "The additions we did together with the hotel, the gaming floor and the restaurants, the sports book that was added and even the outdoor concerts at Saganing is amazing. We thank our marketing team for making it all happen and it wouldn't be possible without all the guests and patrons that support us. We love to entertain you and having you here with us today, and here's to many more years together."

The Onion Creek Singers assisted Anishinaabe Kwe — women's traditional dancer

Judy Pamp, fancy shawl dancer Jenna Bullbear and jingle dress dancers Dajia Shinos and Ambrosia Stevens in a brief dance exhibition for the crowd in attendance.

General Manager Bob VanWert reflected on a past memory nearly 25 years ago when the resort at Soaring Eagle had just opened.

"Back then, there were rumors floating around of wanting to open a casino out here at the Standish location," VanWert said. "After years of planning and hard work reaching over several administrations, on New Year's Eve 2007, that vision became a reality. I also remember, roughly six years ago as we were about to start construction of the expansion project, I had the good fortune of becoming the general manager of the property. I witnessed firsthand the dedication of the staff and

their daily interactions with our guests, delivering the type of service that Saganing has come to be known for."

VanWert asserts the Saganing Casino staff truly cares about the type of experience guests receive while on property and they work hard to prove that the Tribe's investments in the operation over the years have been well warranted.

"Now, here we are today celebrating the 15th anniversary of operations and I can't think of a more deserving group of people," VanWert said. "I would like to thank Tribal Council for their continued support and guidance and look forward to what the future may bring."

Administrative Assistant II Christy Weaver said the property has performed well over the long haul.

"Success does not come in a day, it comes with strong

determination and hard work. Saganing Eagles Landing is an example of that," Weaver said. "Thank you to everyone who has made these past 15 years possible, they have been nothing short of amazing. I am proud to be a part of the Saganing Team and look forward to the next 15 years."

Michelle Pfund, guest service director of the Marketing Department, helped coordinate the event and worked with staff

who prepared the anniversary cake and cupcakes for patrons.

"It was with heartfelt gratitude on this momentous occasion of our 15 year anniversary that I want to express my appreciation to all Tribal Councils past and present that have made this all a reality," Pfund said. "It is rare to come across a team that always pulls together to support each other, get the job done and make it fun along the way."



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Onion Creek Singers perform as the dancers display a dance exhibition near the gaming floor.**



## Loverboy, Night Ranger bring '80s rock nostalgia to SECR

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle hosted the rocking duo of Loverboy and Night Ranger for a sold-out show on Saturday, Dec. 8.

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

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

The hits continued with "Take Me to the Top," "It's Your Life," "This Could Be the Night" and "The Kid Is Hot Tonight."

Lead singer Mike Reno's powerful voice was on full



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Loverboy guitarist Paul Dean (left) and lead singer Mike Reno (right) perform during their Dec. 8 Soaring Eagle concert.**

display during the moody ballad "When It's Over." This was followed by the catchy, up-tempo beats of "Hot Girls in Love."

Highlights of the night included the party-rock anthem "Working for the Weekend" and synthesizer-infused beats of the hit song "Turn Me Loose."

Loverboy ended the night with encore performances of "Lovin' Every Minute of It" and "Jump."

Opening for Loverboy was American rock band Night Ranger.

Night Ranger kicked off the night with the high-energy single "(You Can Still) Rock in



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Members of Night Ranger come together at center stage during a performance of their hit song "Sing Me Away."**

America," followed by "Four in the Morning" and "Sing Me Away."

Fans were treated to many of their greatest hits that night including "Sentimental Street," "High Road," "Night Ranger," "Goodbye bubbly" and "When You Close Your Eyes."

The band also performed covers of the Damn Yankees hit songs "Coming of Age" and "High Enough."

The timeless hooks and choruses of "Don't Tell Me You Love Me" and "Sister Christian" made for a thrilling end to Night Ranger's set.

## Soaring Eagle hosts alternative rock bands Live and Tonic for Dec. 30 concert

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

Alternative '90s rock bands Live and Tonic brought their greatest hits to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Friday, Dec. 30.

Fans were treated to the anthemic, dynamic, and often spiritualistic music of Live. There is a certain energy which permeates their music. That energy quickly found its way in to the audience as the band came out strong with the hits songs "Hold Me Up," "All Over You" and "Freaks."

One key aspect of Live's music is dynamics, with shifts between soft quiet sections into intense, robust choruses. This was on full display during the performance of "Selling the Drama."

The music continued with "The Dolphin's Cry" and "Pain Lies on the Riverside," and "Run to the Water."



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Live lead guitarist Chad Taylor (left) and front man Ed Kowalczyk (right) perform during their Dec. 30 Soaring Eagle concert.**

The groovy bass lines of "Brothers Unaware" were followed by "Stage" and "Mother Earth is a Vicious Crowd."

Live also performed "Turn My Head," "They Stood Up for Love" and "White, Discussion."

A four-piece encore began with "Overcome" and

"Lakini's Juice."

The concert came to a thrilling climax with the hit songs "I Alone" and "Lightning Crashes." Both songs feature a soft beginning that crescendo into loud, soaring finishes.

Opening for Live was American rock band Tonic.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Jeff Russo (left) and Emerson Hart (right) of Tonic perform "Take Me As I Am."**

Their set began with "Open Up Your Eyes," "Take Me As I Am" and "You Wanted More."

The hits continued with the grunge-infused "Top Falls Down" and soft-hearted "Sugar" and "On Your Feet Again."

The acoustic laden hit "Mountain" was followed by "Wicked Soldier" and "Queen."

Next up was "If You Could Only See," which would prove to be their biggest hit, charting at No. 1 on the U.S. Mainstream Rock chart.

To close out their set, Tonic performed the "Casual Affair" followed by a cover of the beloved Fleetwood Mac song "Go Your Own Way."

## Pam Tillis, Collin Raye co-headline night of classic country hits at Soaring Eagle

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

Two of the biggest country musicians of the '90s, visited the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Thursday, Dec. 29. The musical talents of Pam Tillis and Collin Raye combined for one night of thrilling country music hits.

The daughter of Country music legend Mel Tillis, Pam forged her own way in to the scene with a career which included 12 top 10 hits.

Tillis' beautiful voice was on full display from the very start of the show, with the opening songs "Shake the Sugar Tree," "Cleopatra, Queen of Denial" and "Walkin' After Midnight,"

The fan favorites continued with "Train Without a Whistle,"

"Don't Tell Me What to Do," "Spilled Perfume" and "Let That Pony Run."

Tillis' set featured many hits from her early career along with her newest song "My Kinda Medicine." The song was featured on her most recent album, "Looking for a Feeling," which released in 2020.

Other hits performed included "All the Good Ones Are Gone," "Two Dollar Hat" and "Detroit City."

Tillis' set came to a thrilling end with the up-tempo, No. 1 hit "Mi Vida Loca (My Crazy Life)" and the emotive ballad "Maybe It Was Memphis."

Taking to the stage before Tillis, and co-headlining the show was Collin Raye. The American country music singer was a real force in the country music scene in the '90s. After the release of his debut album "All

I Can Be" in 1991, the artist would go on to chart 18 songs inside the top 5 of Billboard's U.S. Country chart four of those songs would reach No. 1.

A trio of hits began Raye's night with "Anyone Else," "On the Verge" and the No. 1 song "In This Life."

The music kept coming with "Start Over Georgia," followed by the rollicking, up-tempo hit "Little Red Rodeo."

Changing up the tempo, Raye's voice shined during the performances of the slow, emotional ballads "Little Rock" and "One Boy, One Girl."



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Pam Tillis performs "Shake the Sugar Tree" during the Dec. 29 Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort show.**



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Collin Raye performs his hit song "In This Life."**

Next up was the soft, smooth melody of "Gentle On My Mind" followed by the boisterous, whimsical hit "That's My Story."

Sprinkled in amongst his classics was "Scars," the title

track off his most recent album, which released in 2020.

Saving the best for last, Raye ended his set with "Love Remains," followed by the No. 1 hits "My Kinda Girl" and "Love, Me."

# ENTERTAINMENT



**Chris Young**  
 Saturday, February 4  
 8:00 p.m.  
 Entertainment Hall  
 Tickets: \$69, \$89, \$102, \$109



**Vodka Pasta**  
**Dine & Drink Series**  
 Saturday, March 11  
 7:00 p.m.  
 Entertainment Hall  
 Tickets: \$75 GA | \$125 VIP



**John Michael Montgomery & Rodney Atkins**  
 Saturday, February 25  
 8:00 p.m.  
 Entertainment Hall  
 Tickets: \$40, \$50, \$66, \$74



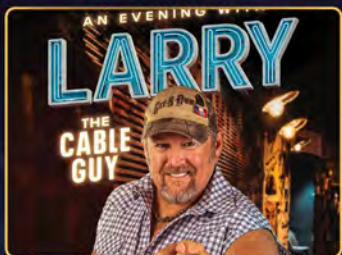
**Kool & The Gang**  
 Saturday, March 18  
 8:00 p.m.  
 Entertainment Hall  
 Tickets: \$40, \$50, \$66, \$74



**Skillet & Theory of a Deadman**  
 Saturday, March 4  
 7:00 p.m.  
 Entertainment Hall  
**SOLD OUT!**



**REO Speedwagon**  
 Saturday, March 25  
 8:00 p.m.  
 Entertainment Hall  
**SOLD OUT!**



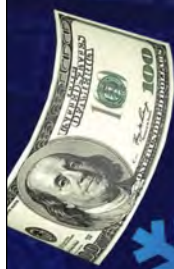
**An Evening with Larry The Cable Guy**  
 Friday, March 10  
 8:00 p.m.  
 Entertainment Hall  
**SOLD OUT!**



**Jordan Davis**  
 Friday, April 7  
 8:00 p.m.  
 Entertainment Hall  
 Tickets: \$44, \$54, \$72, \$78

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## Flo Rida gives the Entertainment Hall night club vibes during concert

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

He might have been a little late for his own concert, but the wait was well worth it. As soon as Flo Rida stepped foot on stage in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, he instantly transformed the Entertainment Hall into what felt like a Vegas night club.

Popping bottles and pouring champagne onto audience members, throwing out dollar bills, letting the audience sip on a shared bottle of Patrón, Flo Rida brought the party to the stage.

The Tuesday, Dec. 27 show was the perfect kick off to 2023, a pre-New Year's Eve party.

Flo Rida, with DJ KRONIK spinning behind him, band members and dancers performed a collection of Flo's hits including "Good Feeling," "Right Round," "In the Ayer," "Club Can't Handle Me," "GDFR" and "Whistle."

Flo Rida brought so many ladies on stage with him for the hit "Low" (apple bottom jeans, boots with the fur) that they could hardly move around freely.

The fellas in the audience shouldn't have worried, though; it was their time to shine as Flo also brought up a group of gentlemen on stage with him shortly after.

For "Where Them Girls At," Flo Rida left the stage for a moment and suddenly emerged with an XL bouquet of red roses, which he handed out to lucky audience members.

Throughout the evening, Flo Rida jumped on the shoulders of his friend who carried him up and down the aisles and shook hands and posed for selfies with the audience.

Flo Rida said he "felt blessed to be here" but he mentioned above his fame and success, "God was above all."

"Wild Ones," "My House" and "What a Night" were also performed. The concert was one big party that the audience will remember for years to come.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Musical artist Flo Rida brings the party to Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort during his show on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

## George Thorogood and The Destroyers prove it's "good to be bad"

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Unapologetic. Unapologetically rock 'n' roll. Unapologetically full of sass and crass. Unapologetically himself on stage. Rocker George Thorogood is unapologetic and put simply, good at being bad.

George Thorogood and The Destroyers "Good To Be Bad" Tour, celebrating 45 years of rock, made a stop at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Wednesday, Dec. 28.

Forty-five years of rocking and Thorogood is still on top of his game, showcasing his on-fire guitar skills and showmanship confidence to the crowd.

The band was more than



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

George Thorogood (right) and The Destroyers saxophonist Hank Carter (left) perform an instrumental break during the Wednesday, Dec. 28 show at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

ready for a night of rocking out as they got the show started with a banger, "Rock Party,"

followed by the Bo Diddley cover "Who Do You Love?," The Sonics cover "Shot Down" and The Strangeloves cover "Night Time."

Tunes about drinking were theme as the band followed next with "I Drink Alone" and "One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer."

The good news today, Thorogood said, is that The Destroyers were released from jail and confinement to perform this show. He will do his best, he said, to misbehave throughout the evening



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

George Thorogood sets the mood while performing the banger, "Rock Party."

and go to jail himself, all for the sake of rock and roll.

With as much energy as a man half his age, Thorogood's animated moves and faces made at the crowd got the audience even more enthusiastic.

Instrumental jams were present throughout the evening with hard-hitting, bluesy, rock hits that had the audience on their feet.

Thorogood and The Destroyers continued with "Gear Jammer," (can you say, insane solo?) "Get a Haircut," "Bad to the Bone," The Champs cover "Tequila" and the Hank Williams cover "Move It on Over."

The entertaining evening came to an end in memorable way – with a performance of "Born to Be Bad."

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**Tony Pepperoni**  
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## Build to Health Program: The importance of sleep and how to sleep better

**JADEN HARMAN**  
Fitness Coordinator

Nimkee Fitness kicks off the Build to Health program with a foundation that we all love the most... SLEEP! However, even though we love it, many struggle with getting enough or having quality sleep.

If you're looking to make some important health steps, this is definitely a foundation of health that is worth looking at closer.

### WHY is sleep important?

- Balance your stress levels through balancing stress

hormones (think living a full life or how these can affect weight gain or goals of weight loss)

- Support growth and repair (muscle growth and building lean tissue)
- Improve your ability to learn and memory (daily work/school performance)
- Maintain your immunity (fighting off sicknesses)

### HOW can I sleep better?

- Go to bed and wake up at the same time each day
- Avoid big meals or drinking too much right before bed
- Set an alarm to when you are going to bed



- Exercise regularly
- Turn off electronics as you prepare for bed
- Keep your bedroom cool, quiet, and dark

### WHAT if I don't get enough sleep:

- It can increase anxiety, depression, or other mental programs
- Cause irritability or mood swings
- Cause headaches, weight gain, or poor vision

## February 2023 Tribal Elder Birthdays

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1) Todd Bergevin<br>John Kampf Jr.<br>Bonnie Sprague<br>Cathy Floyd<br>Gail Smith | 5) Mary Graveratte<br>Marcia Kelsall   |
| 2) Deborah Meskill<br>Angela Jenkins<br>Robert Shawboose<br>Troy Chamberlain      | 6) Barbara Brodie<br>Timothy Davis<br>Mark Grischke<br>Esther Bailey<br>Virgil Munson<br>Kirk Walraven |
| 3) Kelly Hartwell<br>Mark Martin<br>Robin Martin<br>Martha Pudvay<br>Tom Waynee   | 7) Patrick Nahgahgwon<br>Scott Pego  |
| 4) Wayne Ritter<br>Roland Jackson   | 8) Linda Craig<br>Debra Marler<br>Linda Martin   |
|   | 9) Raymond Davis<br>James Burnham  |

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Jackie Donovan
- 10) Paul Rueckert Sr.
- 11) Mark Schafer  
Karen Cantlin  
Kyle Garlick  
Michael Pashenee  
Sharrie Moses
- 12) Bonnie Ekdahl
- 13) Paul Bailey  
Evelyn Castaneda  
Sheri Lairson
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Frances McGraw  
Terry Vasquez  
Mark Steele
- 16) Kathy Dintaman  
Darryl Jackson  
Florence Sprague
- 17) De Anna Baker

- Lori Mazur
- 18) Timothy Jackson  
Richard Byce
- 19) Milton Pelcher  
Walter Slavik
- 20) Ronald Bonnau  
Peggy Goebel  
Nancy Miller
- 21) Steven Sowmick  
Greggory Dutton  
Savannah Morning Star-Rice
- 22) Tracy Mays  
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Rebecca Rittmaier
- 23) Susan Bettistea  
Betty Brief  
Dorothy Brown  
Kevin Fallis  
Kelly Kendall  
Kathie Kozuch

- Ralph Mays  
Bunny Roth
- 24) Dianna Chamberlain  
David McConnell  
Sabrina Paulo  
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- 25) Cynthia Quigno  
Shirley Robertson  
Deborah Guillen  
Nathan Ritter  
Frederick Harris
- 26) Willie Bailey Jr.  
Lorna McDonald  
Edward Phelps  
Leon Reed
- 27) Dawn Chippewa  
Jeremy Sawmick  
Alvin Jackson
- 28) Julie Chamberlain
- 29) Evelyn Sharon



**Purpose:** To help you be intentional about implementing some key foundations to your health in your daily life.

**Outlook:** For the next seven months you will have the opportunity to plug into "Build to Health." Each month you will get a fresh start to pursue key foundations in your health.

### Program Details:

- Choose as many foundations as you want per month. Obtain one or all seven of the foundation in the month! Make your own goal! We encourage you to try to pick habits that that you aren't already doing.
- Fulfill the requirements of your chosen goal for three out four weeks in the month. Inquire with Jaden about personalizing your goal for any of the "health foundations."
- If you participate two months or more. You must pick at least one new "health foundation."
- Log sheets – Each month a new log sheet will be sent out. Turn your log sheet into Nimkee Fitness prior to the Wednesday of

### "Build to Health" 7 Foundations

- ▶ Sleep
- ▶ Steps/Cardio
- ▶ Strength Training
- ▶ Protein
- ▶ Fiber
- ▶ Water
- ▶ Relax/Self Care

\*See log sheets for requirements and details of each (Pick-up log sheet up at Nimkee Fitness or request a log sheet from Jaden)

### Prizes

- Each month two \$50 gift will be drawn from the finishers. Choose from Dicks, Amazon or Mobile
- Complete two months and win a "Build to Health" T-shirt



### For more information, contact:

Jaden Harman at 989-775-4694 or JHarman@sagchip.org

## Homeowners Assistance Funds program (HAF)

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Housing Department is now taking applications from eligible homeowners. This application is for hardships occurring from 1/21/2020 to present.

### Need assistance keeping your home?

- If the total household income is below 150 percent of the Area Median Income
- If the household has experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19
- If the household has incurred INCREASED costs due to COVID-19
- If the household is experiencing mortgage delinquency, foreclosure, escrow shortages, or property tax arrears
- If the household is experiencing utility shut offs or account delinquencies
- If the household is located in one of the following counties: Arenac, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Mecosta, Midland, Osceola, and Montcalm.
- Is a SCIT members anywhere in U.S.



### SCIT-SCHD Housing can help with:

- Mortgage payments, property tax payments, homeowners insurance premiums, utility arrears, water/sewer, and trash removal, internet services
- New appliances and equipment necessary to maintain the habitability of the structure
- Lot rents, condo fees, or land contract payments
- Home repairs to enable one to stay housed

### Applications are available:

- **Online:** Application is available at <https://portal.laserfiche.com/k8554/forms/HAF> or by scanning the QR code to the right.
- **In person:** Make an appointment by calling (989) 775-4538
- **The SCIT Housing Office located at:** 2451 NishNaBeAnong Drive, Mount Pleasant, MI Monday – Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



*The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Housing Department COVID-19 Homeowner Assistance Fund Policy (HAF Policy) is established by action of the Tribal Council of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan on August, 24, 2022. This HAF Policy shall govern the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Housing Department (SCHD) HAF Program and the administration and management of Homeowners Assistance Funds received from the U.S. Department of Treasury pursuant to Section 3206 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. No. 117-2 (March 11, 2011)*



## FEBRUARY 2023 | Tribal Community Event Planner

### Andahwod Musical Review

Feb. 25 | 5 - 7 p.m.

- Andahwod
- 989-775-4300
- With Bill & Warren

### Nenaandawe'iwijig

#### Traditional Healing with Joe Syrette

Feb. 1, 2 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Behavioral Health
- *Schedule an appointment: 989-775-4850 or DePeterson@sagchip.org*

### Eagle Feather Teachings

Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 | 1:30 - 3 p.m.

- Behavioral Health Lodge
- *SWinchell@sagchip.org or 989-775-4887*
- With Tribal Elder Joseph Sowmick

### Storytelling at Seventh Generation

Feb. 2 | 6 - 9 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- *TJackson@sagchip.org or 989-775-4780*
- Storytellers: Jordan Mowat and Jason George
- Snacks provided

### Community Sewing Nights

Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 | 5 - 8 p.m.

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

### Euchre Nights at Andahwod

Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- Andahwod CCC & ES

### Auricular Acupuncture

Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 | 4 - 6 p.m.

- Behavioral Health
- 989-775-4850

### Spirit Bear Meeting AA Talking Circle

Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 | 3:30 - 6 p.m.

- Andahwod South Birch Lodge
- 989-944-1937

### Sewing Club at Andahwod

Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 3:30 - 6 p.m.

- Andahwod Craft Room
- *DePelcher@sagchip.org or 989-775-4339*
- Masks required in building

### Binoojiinhs Kidwinan "Baby Talk"

Feb. 7 | 9:30 - 11 a.m.

- Nimkee Fitness Yoga Room
- 989-775-4629 or *JaGonzalez@sagchip.org*
- Held the first Tuesday of the month
- Bring you and your little one(s) and join us while we help families
- Connect with other families who have infants & young children
- Build a community of support and understanding
- Learn new skills and ways to help your family thrive
- Light snacks, activities and giveaways

### SCTC STEAM Meetings

Feb. 7, 21 | 12 - 1 p.m.

- SCTC East Building, Room 6
- 989-775-4827 or *khart@sagchip.edu*
- SCTC STEAM Student Organization invites you to join us and be a part of the team

### COVID-19 & Flu Vaccination Clinics

Feb. 8

- Nimkee Public Health
- By appointment only
- 989-775-4695 or 989-775-4629
- COVID-19 vaccine and boosters for 6 months and up
- Influenza vaccine for 6 months and up

### Elders Breakfast

Feb. 8, 22 | 9 - 10 a.m.

- Andahwod
- 989-775-4300
- SCIT Elders: free
- Dine in only: \$6
- To go: \$8

### Traditional Game Night

Feb. 16 | 6 - 8 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- *DAJackson@sagchip.org or 989-775-4782*
- Everyone welcome, no experience necessary
- Meal provided

### Ezhi Noodjimoying (How We Heal): Zaagaate' (The Coming of Light)

Feb. 22 | 6 - 7:30 p.m.

- Virtual presentations via WebEx:
- Online at: <https://cmich.webex.com/meet/smith262>
- *Ceh@cmich.edu or SDeaton@sagchip.org*
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- Part three of a four part series: Considerations when Working in Native American Communities
- Presenter: Heather Syrette, BSW

### SCIT Elders Birthday Bingo

Feb. 25 | 12 p.m.

- Andahwod
- 989-775-4300
- Potluck at 12 p.m.
- Bingo at 1 p.m.

### Sacred Fire Teachings

Feb. 25 | 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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

## FEBRUARY 2023 | 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> </ul>		<b>1</b> Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym	<b>2</b> UMR Insurance Q&A 12-1:30 p.m.   Saganing Recovery on the Rez 6-7 p.m.   B. Health	<b>3</b> March Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits Due by 5 p.m. Fireside On The Rez 11:30 a.m.   B. Health	<b>4</b> Fireside On The Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health <b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Recovery Group 1-2 p.m.   B. Health	<b>7</b> Regular Council Session 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Recovery On The Rez 2-3 p.m.   Zoom Bingo with Friends 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.   Saganing	<b>8</b> Elders Breakfast 9-10 a.m.   B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym Earring Workshop 2-5p.m.   7th Gen	<b>9</b> Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m.   7th Gen Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health	<b>10</b> Fireside On The Rez 11:30 a.m.   B. Health	<b>11</b> Fireside On The Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health <b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Recovery Group 1-2 p.m.   B. Health	<b>14</b> Tribal Observer Deadline Recovery On The Rez 2 - 3 p.m.   Zoom	<b>15</b> Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym	<b>16</b> Eagle Feather Teaching 12-2 p.m.   Saganing Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health	<b>17</b> Fireside On The Rez 11:30 a.m.   B. Health	<b>18</b> Fireside On The Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health <b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Tribal Ops Closed Presidents Day Recovery Group 1-2 p.m.   B. Health	<b>21</b> Recovery On The Rez 2-3 p.m.   Zoom	<b>22</b> Elders Breakfast 9-10 a.m.   B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym	<b>23</b> Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m.   7th Gen Saganing Soup Day 12-1 p.m.   Saganing Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health	<b>24</b> Fireside On The Rez 11:30 a.m.   B. Health People's Powwow Fundraiser 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.   7th Gen	<b>25</b> Fireside On The Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health <b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Recovery Group 1-2 p.m.   B. Health	<b>28</b> Recovery On The Rez 2-3 p.m.   Zoom	Tribal Member <b>RÉSUMÉ</b> Development		Available through Human Resources Any Tribal Members needing assistance in creating or updating their resume are encouraged to contact Betsey Alonzo to set up an appointment at the following: <b>Betsey M. Alonzo</b> , Tribal Development Coordinator Email: <a href="mailto:Balonzo@sagchip.org">Balonzo@sagchip.org</a>   Phone: 989-775-5643	



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## 100 Employment

### Tribal Operations

#### ACFS Director

Open to the public. Master's degree in social services, human services or related field. Licensed master social worker in good standing with the State of Michigan. Five years' social services experience or related clinical experience. Two years supervisory or program management experience in a social services field. Experience working with tribal communities or other diverse, minority or disenfranchised groups.

#### 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. Training in hydraulics, physics, biology, science, or related field will help in learning this field. Must have mechanical skills, not limited to automotive, such as pumps, or shaft driven equipment.

#### 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. Must be willing to take classes in microbiology, advanced math and beginning algebra courses. Must have an aptitude for operating and maintaining water treatment and waste water treatment mechanical equipment and be skilled in the operation, repair and maintenance of mechanical, lab equipment and electrical equipment.

#### 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. Must be willing to take classes in microbiology, advanced math and beginning algebra courses. Must have an aptitude for operating and maintaining water treatment and waste water treatment mechanical equipment and be skilled in the operation, repair and maintenance of mechanical, lab equipment and electrical equipment.

#### Cook

Open to the public. One year cooking experience. Experience with quality food preparation and service in a large service kitchen preferred. Successful completion of ServSafe within 60 days from date of hire.

#### Portfolio Manager

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting, economics, finance, business administration or related field. Seven years investment analysis, investment management, investment strategy and investment research. Experience

with discretionary investment management, including but not limited asset allocation and manager selection. Experience with investment analytics and database software.

#### Journeyman Lineman

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. State of Michigan journeyman electrician license. Proficient computer skills required. State of Michigan.

#### Police Officer

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Must not have criminal history that would prevent applicant from acquiring any certification or qualification required. Must be able to pass drug screening.

#### Admission & Occupancy Specialist

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Two years' experience in accounting and administrative support. Experience working effectively with all levels of management, employees and general public.

#### General Labor Pool

Open to SCIT Members only. Must be at least 18 years of age. Evening, overnight, holiday and/or weekend work may be required.

#### Clerical Pool

Open to SCIT Members only. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Clerical experience is a plus.

#### Case Manager - ITC

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work, psychology, Human services, or related field. One year case management experience. Must have CADAC or demonstrated experience working with substance abuse and co-occurring treatment protocols.

#### Massage Therapist

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

#### Paraprofessional

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Pass a state or local exam or complete at least two years of study at an institution of higher education (60 semester hours). Experience working with children in a school setting preferred.

#### Licensed Practical Nurse- Interim

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year long term care experience preferred. Successful completion of an accredited program for Licensed Practical Nurses. State of Michigan Licensed Practical Nurse license.

#### Special Education Teacher

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

#### Victims Advocate

Open to the public. Associate degree in human services related field, or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. One year experience working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.

#### Residential Support Technician

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite.

#### Accountant

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting. Must have completed and passed a governmental accounting class as part of college curriculum. One year of experience in general accounting, grants and contracts. Tribal government accounting experience desired.

#### SCTC Tutor

Open to the public. At least 60 completed credits towards a college degree with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above. Strong mathematics background/ability to demonstrate competence in SCTC MTH 230, MTH 120, or equivalent highly preferred.

#### SCTC Supplemental Instructor

Open to the public. At least 60 completed credits towards a college degree with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above. Under the supervision of the dean of students, Supplemental Instruction (SI) leaders offer one-on-one support.

#### Anishinaabe Culture & Language Teacher

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must have knowledge and be willing to share original Anishinaabe cultural teachings. Experience working with school age children. Bachelor's degree in related field. Proficiency in speaking the Ojibwe Language.

#### Anishinabe Language Apprentice

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Desired qualifications: Associate degree. Proficient with Microsoft Office programs.

#### Bus Driver

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid Michigan Commercial Driver's License with proper designation.

#### Senior Associate General Counsel

Open to the public. Juris Doctor from an ABA accredited law school. Member of a State Bar Association and in good standing. Four years of experience as a practicing attorney; minimum of three years consecutive experience working full-time for an Indian tribe or Indian organization in the practice of law, including Indian Law and tribal court, and closely related fields dealing with tribal interests. Experience in managing complex legal issues.

### Soaring Eagle

#### Central Plant Operator

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of experience in a central plant, mechanical equipment environment, or licensed HVAC. Must be able to obtain a Certified Pool Operator license. Must have a valid State of Michigan driver's license.

#### 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.

#### Pastry 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. Three years kitchen experience in a quality operation specializing in food production.

#### Culinary Supervisor

Open to the public. Three years of restaurant or banquet cooking experience. Three years of restaurant or banquet cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility.

#### Building Maintenance Apprentice

Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be a Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member. Must have a valid Michigan driver's license.

#### Kitchen Equipment Tech

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

#### Stewarding Supervisor

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Associates degree in hospitality or related field preferred. Three years hotel or a high-volume kitchen experience. One year in a supervisory capacity.

### Saganing

#### Maintenance Worker FT

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

#### Maintenance Worker PT

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

#### Beverage Waitstaff

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. Serving experience desired.

#### Bartender

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

#### F&B Cashier

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

#### F&B Supervisor

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Three years food and beverage experience.

#### 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. Must be able to pass drug screening.

#### Sous Chef

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

#### Waitstaff FT

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

#### Waitstaff PT

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

#### Line Cook

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

#### Guestroom Attendant

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

#### F&B Attendant

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

## Summons and Complaint Notices

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZA OWL

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800. The estate of Eliza Owl: The decedent, Eliza Owl, who lived at 5628 Jackson Lane, Weidman, MI 48893. Date of Death: Aug. 30, 2022. Personal representative: Tahsheenah Foley, 62 Lantern Hill Drive, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice to Creditors: Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TOBY JOE LAUTNER

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800. The estate of Toby Joe Lautner: The decedent, Toby Joe Lautner, who lived at 7656 E. Harrys Road, Traverse City, MI 49684. Date of Death: March 17, 2021. Personal representative: Wanda Mae Lautner, 7656 E. Harrys Road, Traverse City, MI 49684. Notice to Creditors: Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.



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## Black and gold gala theme for this year's employee banquet held Jan. 20

### NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

A black and gold-themed gala was held for this year's Years of Service Awards for Tribal Operations and Migizi employees.

The gala was held on Friday, Jan 20 from 6 to 11 p.m. in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms.

Employees were recognized and awarded for five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 years of service, and two employees were recognized for 35 years of service.

Upon arriving, employees checked in via a QR code provided near the entrance and were digitally entered into a prize drawing.

Onion Creek Drum provided a welcome song, followed by a welcome address from Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson and prayer by Tribal Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts.

Dinner began at 7:15 p.m. and the years of service presentation began at 8 p.m.

"We had a fantastic turnout for this year's employee banquet with over 700 attending," said Louanna Bruner, human resources director. "Everyone embraced the Black and Gold Gala theme dressing to impress.

"We celebrated employees achieving five, 10, 15, 20, and 25 year milestones. We had five employees – Dawn Chippewa, Dr. Deb Eisenmann, Malissa Kerby, Gloria Mulbrecht and Diana Quigno-Grundahl – recognized



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

#### Shellie Pelcher (center)

35 years of service

Photographed with Tribal Council Secretary Martha Wemigwans and Sub-Chief Jennifer Wassegijig



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#### Candace Benzinger (center)

35 years of service

Photographed with Tribal Council Secretary Martha Wemigwans and Sub-Chief Jennifer Wassegijig

for their 30 years of service. The evening was topped off with standing ovations honoring Candace Benzinger and Shellie Pelcher for an astounding 35 years of service to the Tribe."

Prizes were awarded throughout the evening, including games by Tribal Council; a sit-down game by Luke Sprague, and David Merrill Jr.'s can roll game, and Plinko.

"We hope that this revamped banquet agenda and theme provided a fun place to join together and

celebrate our years of service award recipients," said Frances Mena, human resources assistant manager.

"I also want to thank Matt Wright for designing everything from our flyers, to our slideshows, to our invites," Mena said. "To Dan Gahagan and Dan Riehl for writing/designing the spin-the-wheel software; this new program will be used for generations to come. We appreciate each of you for all you have done to make this year unique and successful."



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#### Diana Quigno-Grundahl (fourth from left) and family

30 years of service



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#### Gloria Mulbrecht

30 years of service



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#### Dr. Deborah Eisenmann

30 years of service



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#### Malissa Kerby

30 years of service



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#### Dustin Davis

25 years of service



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#### Gordan Boerma

25 years of service



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

#### Marcella Hadden

25 years of service



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#### Anita Heard

25 years of service



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#### Misty Wolfgang (center)

25 years of service



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#### Jose Gonzalez (left)

25 years of service

## TRIBAL OPERATIONS & MIGIZI

### Years of Service Recognition

#### FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

Teri Anglin	Nicole Henry	Galina Kolb	Kyle Shomin
Rachel Bailey	Charles Isham	Bryan Lawson	Troy Techlin
Tammy Baker	Phillip Jackson	Kristy Navarro	Jeremy Woods
Jennifer Birchmeier	Abbie Jackson	Sandra Pelcher	Kevin Humphreys
Nathaniel Blanton	Corey Jones	Joelle Peters	Marcy Malson
Tahsheenah Foley			

#### TEN YEARS OF SERVICE

Carla Bennett	Courtney Kahgegab	Natalie Shattuck	Ratu Zuirman
Karen Bond	Tracey Klich	Cecilia Stevens	Bethany Blades
Raymond Cadotte	Rachel Phillips	Kayleen Toner	Daniel Clevenger
Eric Decker	Brenda Schlegel	Timothy Walraven	Desiree Jean
Rachael Ebright	Abby Sellers	Matthew Wright	Larry Willoughby
Ashley Hunt			

#### FIFTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE

Randolph Altman	Rita Champine	Aaron Graveratte	Trent Disel
Harry Amb's	Ryan Dallas	Rita Lutes-Pulley	Dawn Morrow
David Anderson	Gabriel DeLeon	Kamie Mandoka	Pamela Murphy
Marc Buccilli	Luke Dixon	Ashley Reed	Gene Steere
Leah Carmody	Ronald Ekdahl	Omero Vasquez	

#### TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE

Marco Angiolini	Nathaniel Isaac	Cathleen Matthews	Tim Ruggirello
Melanie Burger	Joe Johnson	Ruben Mosqueda	Darcy Pilar
Amanda Flaugher	Leslie Klein	Shannon Peters	Craig Wilson
Lanette Gale	Rosalie Maloney		

#### TWENTY FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

Gordan Boerma	Dan Gahagan	Glenna Jenkins	William Vaught
Charles Bullock	Jose Gonzalez	Brian Kelly	Tod Walraven
Brian Chippeway	Marcella Hadden	Joseph Maxey II	Emily Wiggins
Jerry Crysler	Anita Heard	Alberto Ortiz	Misty Wolfgang
Dustin Davis	Marta Heslip	Jeremy Pumford	Leanne Worgess

#### THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE

Dawn Chippewa	Malissa Kerby	Diana Quigno-Grundahl
Deborah Eisenmann	Gloria Mulbrecht	

#### THIRTY FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

Candace Benzinger	Shellie Pelcher
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