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THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE... "Working Together for Our Future"

## Soaring Eagle, Saganing casinos reopen with new health and safety protocols

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

To help prevent the spreading of COVID-19, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Hotel, Soaring Eagle Slot Palace and Bingo Hall, and the Soaring Eagle Waterpark closed at 5 p.m. on Monday, March 16.

All reservations for overnight stays, meetings, concerts, promotions and Eagle ACCESS Loyalty offers were cancelled or postponed during the closure.

The closure followed Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's executive order on March 16 to temporarily close all casinos, restaurants, bars, theaters, fitness centers and public businesses due to the coronavirus pandemic, although the order did not apply to Michigan's tribal casinos.

The Tribal leadership made the decision to close the operations down due to the increasing threat of the pandemic and for the best interest, health and safety of the membership, personnel, patrons and guests.

On May 26, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort announced that at 10 a.m. on May 29, the casino would reopen to a limited number of

invited guests and open to the general public on June 1.

The reopening and this new normal includes temperature checks for guests, face masks, required spacing, fewer slot machines, a smoking ban and Plexiglas partitions.

Face masks must be worn by all guests along with all casino employees. Temperatures are checked when entering, by either infrared cameras or non-contact thermometers.

Additional hand sanitizer was made available to guests, and the frequency of surface sanitization has been increased, including the disinfecting of gaming chips and playing cards.

Every other slot machine has been activated and reduced seating at table games is in place to enhance social distancing.

Line markers were installed on the floor indicating six-foot intervals in areas where lines may form.

Restaurants include less available seating for more spacing. Self-service beverage stations are staffed with team members who serve guests their requested drinks.

"When we made decision to open back up, it wasn't at the



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The unoccupied Soaring Eagle gaming floor is photographed after the March 16 closure.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The empty Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort parking lot is photographed.

flip of a switch; there was a lot of consideration involved," said Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier. "We are continuing to monitor the welfare of members,

employees and patrons and we will make the appropriate adjustments as we go."

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# COMMUNITY MEETING

## Thursday, July 23, 2020

**Doors open at 10:30 a.m. | Meeting begins at 11 a.m.**  
**Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall**

► Lunch Provided ► Masks will be required

Tribal Council would like to invite you to our first-ever "Social Distance" community meeting. This meeting is being designed with your wellbeing in mind. Tribal Council will respond to pre-submitted questions, concerns and ideas you provide to the leadership regarding Tribal Government, Tribal Gaming and Tribal Business. There will also be the chiefs welcome and the treasurer's report on the financial wellbeing of Tribal accounts.

**Please submit \*your questions, concerns and or ideas to the Public Relations department by July 17, 2020.**

\*All submissions will remain anonymous.

**Please submit your questions, concerns and or ideas to:** publicrelations@sagchip.org, (Tribal Member Web Site Comments) or call us direct at 989-775-4096.

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## Alex Floyd Ritter Jr.

May 29, 1994 – March 29, 2020

Alex Floyd Ritter Jr., age 25, of New Boston, formerly of Mount Pleasant, passed away Sunday, March 29, 2020, at Beaumont Hospital in Taylor.

Alex was born on May 29, 1994, in Detroit, the son of Alex Ritter Sr. and Melissa Ring. He was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Alex was very tech savvy, he loved gaming; enjoyed time with his family, and adored his son.

Alex is survived by his son, Auron Abbott of Florida; dad, Alex Ritter Sr. of Mt. Pleasant; brother, Caden Ritter and sister, Miranda Ritter, both of New Boston; grandparents, Sandra and Keith Ring of Brownstown; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Alex was preceded in death by his mother, Melissa Ring; and his grandparents, Linda and Lloyd Ritter.

A private funeral service took place at Clark Family Funeral Chapel with Benjamin Evers officiating. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Cemetery in Brownstown.

Because of the ongoing "Stay Home, Stay Safe," executive order for all Michigan residents, family and friends could also join the services via a live broadcast on Thursday, April 2, 2020.

Memorial contributions may be made to family.



## Francis Carl Douglas

April 8, 1946 – June 2, 2020

Francis (Frank) Carl Douglas, age 74, of Chino, Calif., passed away Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at Tri-City Medical Center in Oceanside, Calif.

Frank was born in Flint, Mich., on April 8, 1946, the son of Lynn and Sarah (Stevens) Douglas. He graduated from St. John Vianney High School in Flint with the class of 1964. Frank served his country in the U.S. Navy for 15 years.

He was a happy guy who loved reading, especially mystery novels. He loved watching old western movies, going for walks, and having coffee with his best friend John. Frank was a proud member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Frank is survived by his daughter Shalom Barbour of Carmichael, Calif.; granddaughter Sarah Douglas, and great grandchild Barriet Douglas, both of California; brothers Kenneth "Lee" (Carol) Douglas, Ronald (Sharon) Douglas, Jerry Douglas, all of Mt. Pleasant, Garry (Stephanie) Douglas of Winters, Calif.; sister Barbara (George) Krause of Mt. Pleasant; best friend John Mattox of California; and many other extended family members.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, and brother Paul Douglas.

There will be no services at this time. A memorial service will be held at a later date.



## Mark A. Starkey

Feb. 24, 1961 – April, 13 2020

Mark Arnold Starkey, age 59, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Monday, April 13, 2020.

Mark was born in Alma, Mich. on Feb. 24, 1961, the son of Thomas Chamberlain and Artina Jackson. He was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Mark was a good, hardworking man. He had a smile of gold and could make anyone his friend. Anyone who knew Mark, knew his friends were his family. Mark loved to laugh almost as much as he loved to make people laugh. His children, grandchildren, and family are what he kept closest to his heart.

In his spare time, he could be found playing darts, horse-shoes, yard golf or dice. Sometimes he would let you win, other times he would let you know he was a "proooooofesio-naaaal" or "the dice masta". He may have left this world but the legacy he lived will last forever.

Mark is survived by his sons Brandon Carr of Detroit and Neil Coney of Mt. Pleasant; daughter Sunshine Orebaugh of Casco, Mich.; brothers and sisters Tony Starkey of Mt. Pleasant, Judy Johnson (Steve) of Weidman, Laurie Jackson of Mt. Pleasant, Richard Starkey (Lisa) of Shepherd, Tina Howard (Charles) of Blanchard, Bobby Jo Starkey of Mt. Pleasant, Billy Jo Starkey (Mindy) of Mt. Pleasant, Tammy Chamberlain of Mt. Pleasant, Jamie Shenoskey (Hunter) of Mt. Pleasant, Tommy Chamberlain of Mt. Pleasant, and Richard Chamberlain of Texas; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and many many friends he considered family.

Mark was preceded in death by his mother, Artina (Jackson) Starkey, father Tommy Chamberlain; brothers Terry Starkey, Olin.

Cremation has taken place, and there will be no services at this time.



## Clarence A. (Chief) Squanda

Sept. 23, 1928 – June 13, 2020

Our loving and compassionate father, grandpa, brother and uncle was welcomed by Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Saturday, June 13, 2020.

Clarence passed away at Caretel Inn Assisted Living in Bay City, age 91 years.

The son of the late Alex and Lois (Prast) Squanda, Clarence was born Sept. 23, 1928 in Saginaw, Mich. He was a 1946 graduate of Saginaw High School. Clarence then enlisted in the United States Navy Reserve in 1948 and proudly served his country for 40 years. He was a member of the Navy Shooting Team and enjoyed competitive shooting.

Clarence married the love of his life, Louise R. Schroeder, on Sept. 17, 1958. She predeceased him Sept. 15, 2007.

He was employed at Garber Buick alongside his father for nine years. He then was employed at Consumers Power Company for 30 years in the engineering department.

Clarence was a faithful member of St. John Paul II Catholic Church in Carrollton and was a member of Knights of Columbus Council #4232. He was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Clarence enjoyed hunting and fishing from an early age and passed down those traditions to his three sons. Clarence was a lifelong pilot and always enjoyed being around his fellow pilots at Harry Brown Airport.

He was a lifelong resident of the Indiantown community where he enjoyed tending to his garden and vineyard to make homemade wine. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to his neighbors.

Clarence volunteered with what little time he had as a 4H instructor and enjoyed teaching electronics and gardening to the youth of the neighborhood. He also volunteered as a "Big Brother".

Clarence served on the Saginaw Fair Board for a number of years and loved to take his family to the fair every year.

Surviving to cherish his memory are three sons and their spouses, Michael (Nancy) Squanda, Gregory (Phyllis) Squanda, James (Sheila) Squanda; seven grandchildren, Kimberlee (Brian) Owens, Megan (Jake) Thompson, Aaron, Ryan, Shannon, Colleen and Brianna Squanda; two sisters, Marlene (Ralph) Sova, Mary Lou (Jack) Brickel; a sister-in-law, Billie Squanda; many nieces and nephews.

Clarence was preceded in death by his brother, Robert (Billie) Squanda.

Clarence's family sincerely appreciates all his neighbors that cared for him in his later years. Without you, he wouldn't have been able to stay at his home as long as he did.

Funeral liturgy took place at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 19, 2020 at St. John Paul II Parish, St. Joseph Catholic Church, 469 Shattuck Rd., Carrollton. Rev. Fr. Matthew Federico officiated.

Burial took place in Eastlawn Memorial Gardens with Military Services conducted by V.F.W. Post #1859.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to St. John Paul II Parish or to the wishes of the family.



## Orin Guy Fallis

Jan. 22, 1942 – June 11, 2020

Orin Guy Fallis, age 78, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Thursday, June 11, 2020, at Andahwod Continuing Care in Mt. Pleasant.

Orin was born Jan. 22, 1942, in Detroit, the son of Robert and Hagar (Bailey) Fallis. He was a graduate of Southfield High School with the class of 1960.

Orin was a proud U.S. Air Force Vietnam Vet. He retired from Detroit Edison after 30 years of service.

Orin loved going to the casino, playing bingo, and attending powwows. He also enjoyed classic cars, collecting bobbleheads, doing beadwork, and shopping in the lost and found. He will be remembered for decorating his door for holidays. Orin was also a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Orin is survived by his first wife and close friend Julia Fallis of Pontiac; his children: Tonya Fallis of Waterford, Tammy (Danny) Salas of Mt. Pleasant, Tabitha Jones of Rochester, Tracy Fallis (Robert Byrd) of Pontiac, Tandi Fallis (Terry McClusky) of Mt. Pleasant, and Trever (Tabitha) Fallis of Mt. Pleasant; 16 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brothers Robert Fallis of Milford, Kenny Fallis of Fenton; and sister Lorraine (Sparky) Bergevin of Mt. Pleasant.

Orin was preceded in death by his parents; daughter Toni Simpson; and sister Lynette Fallis.

Due to the ongoing indoor gathering restrictions by executive order, a private funeral service for Orin was held on Sunday, June 14 at 1 p.m. at Clark Family Funeral Chapel.

Burial took place at Oak Hill Cemetery in Pontiac on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 1 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



## Bert Henry Hunt II

Sept. 6, 1957 - May 21, 2020

Bert Henry Hunt II, age 63, of Mount Pleasant, passed away on Thursday, May 21, 2020, at his home.

Bert was born on Sept. 6, 1957, in Riverdale, the son of Bert and Pearl (David) Hunt. He worked for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for many years as a maintenance man. Bert loved his Native American culture; he was always the firekeeper, enjoyed drumming, and cutting wood.

Bert is survived by his children: Jessica Carrol (Nate) of Edmore; Bert Hunt III, Amanda Bennett, and Anthony (Cheyenne) Halliwill, all of Mt. Pleasant; grandchildren Austin, Adam, Jayden, and Paisley; brothers Frank (Ella) Hunt of Coleman, Timothy (Carol) Hunt of Saginaw, Michael (Michelle) Hunt of Mt. Pleasant; and his sister Patricia (Colin) Thrush of Alma.

Bert was preceded in death by his parents, and lifelong friend and mother of his children Audrey Bennett.

Because of the ongoing "Stay Home, Stay Safe," executive order for all Michigan residents, a private funeral service was held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel.

Burial took place at Woodland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Family and friends were invited to join the services via a live broadcast on Tuesday, May 26 at 1 p.m.



## Anthony Ray Sprague Sr.

July 25, 1964 - April 30, 2020

Anthony Ray Sprague Sr., age 56 of Grand Rapids, walked on April 30, 2020.

He now joins the spirits in the sky who walked on before him including: his parents Herman and Laura Sprague; his siblings Debra Collins, Kathy Sprague, Kari Sprague, aunts, uncles, family and friends.

He will be deeply missed by his children Kathy Hipple, Alicia Torrie, Jamie Hermosillo, Anthony Sprague Jr., Donald Sprague and Preston Sprague; his 10 grandchildren; his siblings Patricia Sprague, James (Carol) Sprague, Kimberly (Jon) Crandall and Cynthia Sprague; several nieces and nephews.

Anthony was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan.

A private family burial took place at Denver Township Cemetery, Mount Pleasant, Mich.

## Kyle Richard Sowmick

Oct. 6, 1998 - May 27, 2020

Kyle Sowmick, age 21, loving brother, grandson, uncle and friend passed away Wednesday, May 27, 2020 unexpectedly.

Kyle was born in West Branch, Mich. to the late David and Kari (Priest) Sowmick.

Kyle had a passion for numerous activities such as; photography, music, exploring, playing guitar, love for pizza, skateboarding, cooking, computers and deep meaningful conversations but, most of all, he loved to spend time with his family.

He is survived by his siblings; Amber (Shane Grauherr) Sowmick, Austin (Tonie) Parker, Kassie (Jason) Goss, Trevor (Ashley Papritan) Sowmick, Tim and Tom Neumeyer, stepfather Bryan (Barb) Neumeyer, grandparents Susan Priest and Richard and Joann Priest, and aunt Becky (Tony) Rosebrugh, nieces and nephews Rylee Grauherr, Landon McQuarter, Isaiah Goss and Brooks Goss.

He was predeceased by his father David Sowmick, his mother Kari Neumeyer and grandparents Lawrence and Janet Sowmick.

Due to current circumstances of COVID-19, cremation took place. Burial was held at the Pinconning Township Cemetery on June 13, 2020 at 12 p.m.

A memorial service followed, taking place at 1195 Bedtelyon Rd. West Branch, MI 48661.



## Frederick Bennett Sr.

Frederick Bennett Sr., age 67, of Grand Rapids, Mich., passed away on May 31, 2020.

Fred loved spending time with family and going to the casino. He also enjoyed going to work in Florida.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy; sons: Christopher and Donny.

He will be lovingly remembered by his children: Nyra Wiltse, Lillian Bennett, Frederick (Kristin) Bennett Jr.; 17 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; brother, David Bennett; sister, Dolly Ann Rueckert; many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends met the family on Sunday, June 7, 2020 at Matthyse Kuiper DeGraaf Funeral Home, 4646 Kalamazoo Ave. SE, Kentwood.



### Attention Tribal Observer subscribers:

With the Tribal Operations closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Tribal Observer paid subscriptions will be extended an additional two months.





## Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings

The Regular Tribal Council Sessions occur at 9 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers in the Black Elk Government Complex, in accordance to the Tribal Constitution.

Meetings are open to Tribal Members.

Administration will announce ahead of time if meeting date or time changes for possible weather or emergencies. However, it is rare the times change.

Administration's administrative assistant III compiles and prepares the agenda.

Approximately two weeks prior to the meeting, an email is sent to Tribal Operations employees to remind them of the meeting and request any submissions for the agenda.

Any SCIT Tribal Member or other individual/department must submit a written request if they wish to be placed on the Regular Council Session agenda. Anyone wanting to be added can call (989) 775-4003.

### Regular Council Session Dates

- July 7 • Aug. 4 • Sept. 1

### Nicholas Karlis Bennett

Sept. 24, 1979 – May 21, 2020

Nicholas Karlis Bennett was born on Sept. 24, 1979 in Grand Rapids, Mich. and passed away on May 21, 2020 in Parma Heights, Ohio.

Nicholas' service was under the care of Craciun Funeral Home at 14925 East Bagley Rd., Middleburg Heights, Ohio.

### Lindsey Marie "Beebs" Sprague

Sept. 20, 1989 - June 21, 2020

Our beloved Lindsey "Beebs" Marie Sprague, age 30, of Mount Pleasant passed away unexpectedly Sunday, June 21, 2020.

Lindsey was born on Sept. 20, 1989, in Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of Bernard and Bonnie (Vasquez) Sprague. She was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.



Lindsey graduated in 2007 from Sacred Heart Academy. She loved to ski, snowboard, play basketball, baseball, golf, and bike riding, camping, swimming, attending Electric Forest music festival, traveling to Disney World, and she was an avid paintball player.

Lindsey was very artistic and created many logos for Tribal community events. Most of all was her love for cats and working with children at the afterschool program.

Lindsey is survived by her parents; siblings, Nathan Quigno, Mary (Regis Ferland) Quigno, Carli (Leiton Feliciano) Sprague, Alyssa (Misheka Floyd-Vasquez) Sprague, and Gage Sprague; fiancée, Kasandra Abeyta, and loved her special babies, Karter, Melva, and Aubrey; many aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, Gabriel, Elijah, and Isaiah; and one niece on the way.

Lindsey was preceded in death by her paternal and maternal grandparents, Philemon Sprague, Eleanor Sprague, and Beverly Vasquez.

Funeral services were held at the Sprague Residence, 6231 E. Baseline Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI, on Thursday, June 25, at 2 p.m. with Pastor Doyle Perry officiating. Interment followed in the Chippewa Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Karma Kat Cafe.

### Donald James "Kit-daa" Leureaux Sr.

June 16, 1939 - June, 2020

Donald James Leureaux, age 80, of Mount Pleasant passed away Saturday, June 13, 2020, at home under the care of Heartland Hospice.



Donald was born on June 16, 1939, in Clare, the son of Melvin and Nancy (Elk) Leureaux. Donald was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. He loved to listen to Elvis, color, play Solitaire, gamble, watch TV, and spending time with his family. He loved his companions, Chico, Woody, Buddy, Paco, Giizis, and Smudge.

Donald is survived by wife, Lisa K. Smith-Leureaux; children, Terri (Paul) Rueckert, Donald Leureaux Jr., Toni Leureaux, and Danny (Raquel Fitzgerald) Leureaux; 17 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; one great great-granddaughter; sisters, Jeanette Leureaux, Rose Wassegijig, and Lillian Corbiere; and several nieces and nephews.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Tamara Leureaux; siblings, Cora Leureaux, Oliver Leureaux, and Elijah Leureaux; and nephews, Makis Leureaux, Allen Wassigijig, Brian Leureaux, Ollie Leureaux Jr., and John Wilson; and nieces, April Leureaux and Stacy Johnson.

The family greeted friends during a public visitation at the home at 9282 E. Remus Rd., Mt. Pleasant, on Monday, June 15 and Tuesday, June 16.

Due to the ongoing indoor gathering restrictions by executive order, a private funeral service was held later on that Tuesday with DJ Elk officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

### Sexton

By Chip Neyome

There is a man up on Death Hill  
Who looks over you and me  
Death whispers lullabies only he can hear  
With a watch in his callused hands and a sharpened  
shovel by the tree

Dark clouds gather overhead  
Another lullaby grows near

morning of the last day  
As the man up on Death Hill  
Whistled to the birds and smiled to the sun  
I slept in the valley; on a Death bed I did lay  
A wounded liver from the Lover who got away

When I woke before my death I whispered in the wind  
Sexton when you dig my grave  
Place me in the shade  
The devils going to keep me warm and I don't like the heat  
Bury me deep and don't let the sun shine on me  
Sexton When you put me in the cold hard ground  
Bury me deep, I don't like the heat.

In the fading light and my last breath strain  
I seemed to hear his lullaby as only he could hum

e Sexton and I'll set your stone up straight  
I'll Keep flowers on your breast and water every day  
Every passer bye will know you were loved upon this Earth  
Though you lost your path your spirit will be cleansed  
Butterflies will visit you and the birds will always sing  
Rest now softly in the Earth and your Mother will provide  
A path of loving kindness for your soul to fly.

Chip Neyome 6-23-2020

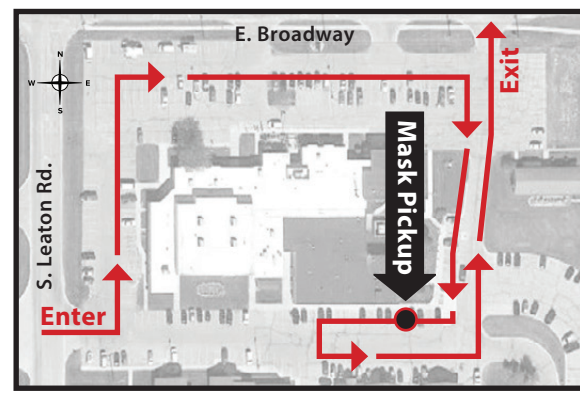
# MASK Giveaway

Thursday, July 2, 2020

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Old Tribal Operations Building  
(7070 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI)

Available to all SCIT Members  
Please remain in your vehicle

- Show your Tribal Member ID, get a mask
- One mask per person, per ID (while supplies last)



Look who's turning  
Sweet "16" on July 27<sup>th</sup>

## Happy Birthday

Bella Benzinger  
Love, Momma

### Attention community members: Tribal Operations entry is currently by Appointment Only

Tribal Operations buildings are still on "lock down" mode, anyone coming in must make an appointment.

If making an appointment, you must:

- **Wear a mask** or be given one by the department they have an appointment with
- **Prescreen question:** You will be asking if you have a cough or shortness of breath. If the answer is "yes" you will have to reschedule at a later date.
- **Temperature check:** Community members will be met at the door by a Tribal employee.
  - **Temperature of 100.4 or below:** you may enter.
  - **100.4 or above:** you must reschedule and cannot enter the building.

### Tribal Loan Reminder from the Tribal Clerk's Office

To avoid delays in the processing of your Tribal Loan. You must first complete your 2021 Annual Report.

The 2021 Annual Report is now available online (sagchip.org) from the Tribal Clerk's Office, under the frequently requested forms tab.

Also, please remember to include copies of two IDs, with one of them being your Tribal ID.

### Tribal Court Business Hours

Mandatory masks, health questionnaire and temperature scan will be taken at the door and all requirements must be met/passed before admittance into the Tribal Court Facility. Entry by appointment only.

#### Tribal Court Clerk front window

Please call 989.775.4800 to schedule an appointment with the Tribal Court Clerks.

- **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday:** 8 a.m. -12 p.m., 1 - 4:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday:** 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., 1 - 4:30 p.m. (closed from 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. for staff meeting)
- **Friday:** 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

#### Probation

Please call 989.775.4827 989.775.4844 to schedule an appointment with probation

- **Monday - Friday:** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### Healing to Wellness

Please call 989.775.5894 989.775.5811 or 989.775.4793 to schedule an appointment with Healing to Wellness.

- **Monday - Friday:** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Business Regulations Hours

Business Regulations is open from:  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday

By appointment only.

Staff may be contacted at:

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989-775-4175  
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## Tribal Council

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## Elders Homecoming Trip Cancellation

To all our respected Tribal Elders, guests and Homecoming Trip attendees,

During this time of uncertainty and unprecedented events within all our communities with the current pandemic and continued uncertainty, the At-Large/Member Services Department of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has made the decision to cancel this year's Elders Homecoming Trip scheduled for July 23-26, 2020.

Our office will begin to process refunds of deposits we have received to date. Any additional

reservations that you may have added on to your trip must be canceled by yourself by contacting reservations at **1-877-232-4532**.

If you have any further question please feel free to contact our office at **(989)775-4944**.

We look forward to seeing you next year for a wonderful event. Please stay safe and healthy.

Respectfully,

Craig Graveratte  
At-Large/Member Services Supervisor

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

## Order Establishing Deer Season 2020

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the 2020 Deer Season shall begin Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020, and will close on Monday, Feb. 1, 2021, unless ordered otherwise.

Further restrictions shall be as follows:

- Sept. 1, 2020 - Oct. 31, 2020 shall be bow only on all Tribal Trust and Tribal Fee Lands.
- Nov. 1, 2020 - Feb. 1, 2021 shall be gun only as per the official map located on the Tribal website or the Tribal Planning Department.

The 2020 Deer Season will allow for the harvest of five deer as follows:

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

Licenses and harvest tags will be available starting Aug. 28, 2020, at the Tribal Planning Department office at \$10 per harvest tag. Only five tags allowed per license.

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

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

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

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

## Order Establishing Fall Wild Turkey Season 2020

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B), the 2020 Fall Wild Turkey Season begins Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020, and will close on Saturday Oct. 31, 2020, unless ordered otherwise.

The 2020 Fall Wild Turkey Season will allow for the harvest of one turkey, either sex.

Licenses and harvest tags will be available starting Sept. 14, 2020 at the Tribal Planning Department office. Only one tag allowed

"Other Indians" may not hunt on Tribal Trust or Tribal owned Fee Land.

- \* Other Indians as defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 52.

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

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

## 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.

## Tribal Observer

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

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7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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## Recipients schedule time slot for Spring 2020 2 percent distribution check pick up

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

As COVID-19 continues to affect plans and events this spring's 2 percent distribution

required those receiving funds to schedule an appointment and receive their checks in the Black Elk Building for Isabella County recipients and in the Saganing Outreach

Center for the Arenac and Northern Bay recipients.

The exact numbers are listed on the chart below.

Isabella County schools and government recipients each

chose a time slot between 9 a.m. and noon on Tuesday, June 23.

Arenac and Northern Bay schools and government recipients each chose a time slot on Friday, June 26 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The recipients received a notice from the Tribe's Public Relations department.

"We hope you and your families are doing well and appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate through these trying times," the statement from the Public Relations Department read. "We have been working to provide a distribution that will

assist in limiting the gathering of large groups but will still allow us the opportunity to highlight all of the great projects that will be funded in our region."

One or two representatives from each organization were welcomed into the building, while practicing proper social distancing measures, and were invited to say a few words on camera, set up by the Tribe's IT Department.

The Public Relations department said it plans to use those recorded remarks to put together a video that highlights this cycle's distribution.

### Spring 2020 | 2 Percent Distribution

#### Saganing Government

- Arenac County \$265,222.91
- City of Au Gres \$25,000
- City of Omer \$12,270
- City of Standish \$68,890.50
- Arenac Township \$1,000
- Au Gres Township \$1,000
- Deep River Township \$18,500
- Lincoln Township \$101,000
- Mason Township \$21,000
- Moffatt Township \$9,682.02
- Pinconning Township \$45,714.80
- Sims Township \$4,898
- Standish Township \$26,500
- Turner Township \$9,000
- Village of Twining \$20,000
- Whitney Township \$26,000

**Total Government: \$655,678.23**

#### Saganing Education

- Au Gres-Sims School District \$84,301.49
- Pinconning School District \$84,301.48
- Standish-Sterling School District \$112,401.98

**Total Schools: \$281,004.95**

**Saganing Total: \$936,683.18**

#### Isabella Government

- Isabella County \$371,257
- City of Mt. Pleasant \$354,703
- Chippewa Township \$5,952.04
- Coe Township \$54,564.28
- Deerfield Township \$272,971.92
- Denver Township \$79,095.93
- Isabella Township \$35,952
- Nottawa Township \$5,952
- Union Township \$54,009.94
- Wise Township \$198,534.58

**Total Government: \$1,432,992.69**

#### Isabella Education

- Beal City Public Schools \$77,585
- Chippewa Hills Public Schools \$31,931
- Mount Pleasant Public Schools \$123,265.07
- Shepherd Public Schools \$89,069.65
- Renaissance Public Schools \$240,000
- Gratiot/Isabella RESD Schools Districts \$52,289

**Total Schools: \$614,139.72**

**Isabella Total: \$2,047,132.41**

**Grand Total: \$2,983,815.59**



Courtesy of Frank Cloutier

Tribal Council members greet Isabella County representatives collecting their Spring 2020 2 percent checks on June 23 in the Black Elk building.

## Information about the cancelled 2020 Tribal events

### PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT.

Boozhu respected Tribal Members and community, we hope you and your families are doing well. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate through these trying times.

Below are updates for events that have either been cancelled or postponed in the next few months. We are saddened that these events were not able to take place and understand the difficult decision that was made.

After a long and hard evaluation, it was decided that in order to keep everyone safe and put an emphasis on the safety and wellbeing of all staff, volunteers, and attendees that these events will have to wait until another time.

If you should have any questions, there is contact information for each event or please contact Public Relations at [publicrelations@sagchip.org](mailto:publicrelations@sagchip.org) or at (989) 775-4059. Miigwetch for your understanding and please stay safe and healthy!

### Soaring Eagle Summer Concert Series

The following list of previously scheduled concerts has been cancelled or may be in the process of being rescheduled for 2021.

In an effort to provide the best customer service, Soaring Eagle Management has decided to issue ticket refunds for this specific list of concerts. All refunds will be issued according to the method of purchase.

Credit/debit card and Casino comp ticket purchases will receive a credit automatically posted to ticket purchasers' accounts within 10-14 business days.

For ticket holders who have purchased with cash, please visit Saganing Eagles Landing or Soaring Eagle box offices with ticket(s) to receive a cash refund beginning June 1, 2020. Ticket holders will have until Oct. 1, 2020 to claim a cash refund on tickets purchased with cash.

- 6/27/2020 MAZE featuring FRANKIE BEVERLY
- 7/2/2020 MEGADEATH and LAMB OF GOD
- 7/5/2020 DUSTIN LYNCH
- 7/11/2020 SEBASTIAN MANISCALCO
- 7/18/2020 KEITH URBAN
- 8/1/2020 SHINEDOWN wsg POP EVIL
- 8/8/2020 CHRIS TUCKER
- 8/9/2020 THE DOOBIE BROTHERS
- 8/30/2020 RON WHITE
- 9/6/2020 SAM HUNT wsg KIP MOORE
- 9/17/2020 KENNY "BABYFACE" EDMONDS
- 9/20/2020 LUKE BRYAN wsg DYLAN SCOTT

### Michigan Indian Family Olympics

The 33rd annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics scheduled for July 17, 2020, will be postponed until next year 2021. We appreciate your patience while we have waited on making a final decision on this announcement.

We are currently working with staff to consider how we can still make

this event "alive" through a virtual or online competition or provide other tribe to tribe healthy challenges in the coming months.

Miigwetch for all you do to help keep our Native American communities healthy and all the work that is done by all to bring our communities together for the MIFO each year. We will truly miss seeing you and the gathering of all the wonderful individuals that participate.

It is our hope to continue this remarkable event next year with great success and strength.

### Saginaw Chippewa Powwow and Saganing Traditional Powwow

The Powwow Committee of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has made the very painful decision to cancel this year's annual powwows to have been held on July 24-26, and the Saganing Traditional Powwow, Sept. 12-13, 2020.

The committee felt that it would be in the best interest of attendees, competitors and guests.

"We want to do our part to ensure our community, friends, family and vendors remain safe and healthy," said Committee Chairperson Darcy Pilar.

The committee will be holding raffles for tire and visa gift card(s) on Aug. 7, 2020 at 2 p.m. All proceeds will go to help fund the 2021 Powwow.

Any questions or concerns, please e-mail [powwowcommittee@sagchip.org](mailto:powwowcommittee@sagchip.org). Please be safe, remain healthy and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

### Elders Homecoming Trip

The At-Large/Member Services Department of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has made the decision to

cancel this year's Elders Homecoming Trip scheduled for July 23-26, 2020.

The office will begin to process refunds for deposits that have been received to date. Any additional reservations that may have added onto your trip must be canceled individually by contacting reservations at 1-877-232-4532.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact our office at (989) 775-4944. We look forward to seeing you next year for a wonderful event.

### SCIT Community Meeting

Please be advised that this year's Community Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2020 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 11 a.m. We would like to remind everyone that masks are required and we are taking the necessary precautions to ensure everyone's safety.

This year's meeting is seeking questions or concerns from Tribal Members regarding Tribal Government, Tribal Gaming and all Tribal Businesses. These will be answered or addressed at the meeting. Please submit all questions and/or ideas to the Public Relations office by July 17, 2020. You are able to submit by email at [publicrelations@sagchip.org](mailto:publicrelations@sagchip.org) by calling (989) 775-4096 or on [sagchip.org](http://sagchip.org) in the Tribal Member Area.

### Peoples Powwow

7th Generation has made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Peoples Powwow that was scheduled to take place on Aug. 22-23 at 7th Generation. If you should have any questions, please contact 7th Generation at (989) 775-4780.





## Congratulations High School Graduates!



Matt Smith  
Shepherd High



Jasmyne Jackson  
Mt. Pleasant High



Seth Wladysiak  
Chippewa Hills



Christina Benz  
Shepherd High



James Wesley  
Jackson Cates II  
Grand Blanc High



Justin Graveratte  
Beal City



Donovan Nelson  
Au Gres-Sims High



Richie Vaquera  
Mt. Pleasant High



Nova Mandoka  
Mt. Pleasant High



Olivia Sprague  
Mt. Pleasant High



Anna Vasquez  
Suttons Bay High School



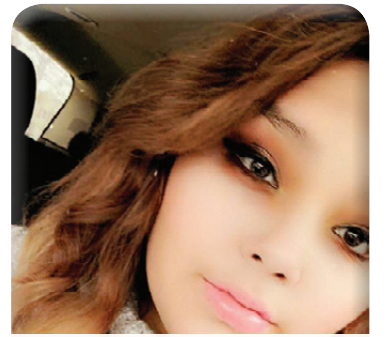
Carol McCoy  
James B. Conant High School



Walker Jackson-Pelcher  
Mt. Pleasant High



Treazure Jones  
Mt. Pleasant High



Katheryn Leann Pierce  
Mt. Pleasant High



Miracle Paige Gardner  
Riverton High School



Tyrone Rios Jr.  
Mt. Pleasant High



Mattea Danielle Gonzalez  
Mt. Pleasant High



Cindeyia DeBruine  
H.H. Dow High School



Quinnlan Burger  
Mt. Pleasant High

## Congratulations COLLEGE Graduates



Kim Otto McCoy  
Central Michigan University  
*BS in Communication*



Wyatt Nelson  
Saginaw Valley State University  
*BS in Integrated Science,  
Secondary Education*



Michael McCreery  
Central Michigan University  
*Bachelor's degree in Leadership*



Jordie Bird  
Alma College  
*Political Science*



Lorry Lin Crawford  
Michigan State University  
*Masters of Social Work*



Luke Sprague  
Central Michigan University  
*Sports Management Major*



Tahsheenah Foley  
Central Michigan University  
*Bachelor's degree in Family Studies*



Spencer Wehner  
Alma College  
*Bachelor of Fine Arts*



A. Ellie Mitchell  
Central Michigan University  
*Master of Arts in Humanity*





## Tribal descendant, U.S. Army lieutenant colonel takes command of battalion

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

In 2003, 22-year-old Tribal Descendant Bryan Bonnema, graduated from the United States Military Academy West Point and was commissioned as an armor second lieutenant.

Many accomplishments later and fast forward to 2020, Lt. Col. Bonnema took command of the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, based in Fort Bliss, Texas, on Friday, June 19.

The 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment conducted its change of command on June 19, 2020 at 9 a.m. MST. A live Facebook video streamed for friends and family members to tune in.

Following the National Anthem and Passing of the Colors, the outgoing commander Lt. Col. Erik C. Oksenvaag was honored for his leadership and Lt. Col. Bonnema was welcomed to the Regulars family.

“The change of command is really about the future and it is an honor to relinquish command to a fellow Regular... (Bonnema) will lead this battalion to new heights,” said Lt. Col. Oksenvaag during the live streamed video. “I wish (Bonnema) ... the best in the incredible journey (he’s)



Courtesy photo

**Tribal Descendant U.S. Army Lt. Col. Bryan Bonnema takes command of the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, based in Fort Bliss, Texas, on June 19.**

about to embark on over the next two years.”

‘Grateful’ was theme for Bonnema’s remarks June 19th.

“I’m grateful for rejoining this historic unit – one whose history is that of excellence, both in combat and in peace; one whose legacy is built on the shoulders of warriors and every sense of the word; one who understands that their individual uniqueness and qualities are magnified when they are joined as a team; one whose soldiers don’t just say they’re 1-6, no – they say they’re Regulars, by God!,” Bonnema said, referring to the motto.



Courtesy photo

**Bonnema is photographed with his wife Carol, daughter Isabella and son Asher during a return home.**

Bonnema’s assignments include: tank platoon leader, tank company executive officer and Headquarters Company executive officer in 3-7 IN, Fort Stewart, Ga.; brigade A/S-3 in 2/1 AD, rifle company commander in 1-6 IN, and Headquarters Company commander in 2-18 IN in Germany; operations officer and military science instructor, Department of Military instruction, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.; G3 training officer, division deputy J3 (forward – Afghanistan), battalion executive officer and secretary of the general staff, 3rd Infantry

Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.; and plans and analysis branch chief, officer personnel management directorate, Army human resources command, Fort Knox, Ky.

Bonnema’s major deployment history includes: Operation Iraqi Freedom 2005-2006 and 2008- 2009; Operation Enduring Freedom 2014-2015 and 2017-2018; and Regionally Aligned Forces Europe and Operation Atlantic Resolve Missions 2015 and 2016.

His awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal (1-OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3-OLC), Joint Commendation Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3-OLC), Army Achievement Medal (2- OLC), and the Combat Action Badge.

“To Regulars past and present, I am grateful to stand among you,” Bonnema said. “I draw upon your strength, I value your counsel and I consider myself the most fortunate soldier in this Army on this day because I’m not just a soldier, I’m a Regular, by God!”

Bonnema was born in Michigan and grew up in Virginia. He is a proud member of The Choctaw Nation and a Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe descendant. His great-grandfather, Louis Henry, was a SCIT member and his great-grandmother, Emma Henry, was Choctaw.

Bonnema, 39, is married to Carol, who has also served the country and comes from a military family. They have two children Isabella, 10, and Asher, 7.

Bonnema’s proud parents are James and Terri Bonnema, tribal elder.

“Jim and I are very proud of Bryan; from the time he was young, he has always led by example, his faith in God, love for family, and commitment to the soldiers he leads are an everyday expression of the kind of man he is,” said his mother Terri.

In the live streaming video, Bonnema thanked his parents, wife, children and his wife’s parents.

“To my parents, Jim and Terri, whose perseverance, work ethic and unconditional love continue to serve as bedrock examples for my family and I to emulate,” Bonnema said.

His ‘proud uncle’ Paul Schramm contacted the Tribal Observer to share Bonnema’s achievements.

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## Tribal Clerk/Enrollment visiting guidelines and information

### SHAWN SAWMICK

Enrollment Director  
Tribal Clerk

The Tribal Clerk and Enrollment Office re-opened office services that include a new way of conducting business that began Monday, June 8, 2020.

The Tribal Clerk/Enrollment Department's main focus is the health and safety of our Membership and staff. As we continually monitor the COVID-19 pandemic, our office will continue to practice the CDC's recommendations of social

distancing, sanitizing and frequent cleaning. Please review the guidelines below.

- Business hours: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.). Closed to outside services on Fridays unless, a deadline date falls on that Friday.

- Mail, phone and email communications are recommended however, we understand that in office business may be necessary and therefore, is by appointment only.

- To schedule an appointment, please call the front desk at (989) 775-4051.

- When you arrive at the Black Elk Building, please call

the front desk and a staff member will meet you at the north front entrance.

- Tribal elders or those with mobility issues may remain in their vehicle if they chose, and a staff member will bring/take the necessary documents out to you.

- Please keep in mind appointments are for one person at a time, unless that person is a minor or needs additional assistance, then one other adult may assist.

- COVID-19 screening assessments and temperature checks will need to be completed before entering the building.

### Enrollment/Tribal Clerk's Office Hours

**Monday – Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.** (Closed 12 - 1 p.m.)

**Closed on Friday** (Unless a deadline falls on it.)

- In office, by appointment only
- It is still encouraged that regular business be conducted by mail, phone, email and drop box.

**The Tribal Clerk's Office can be reached at: 989-775-4051**

- If, you refuse or don't pass the screening, you will be denied entry into the building.

- Masks are required to enter and must be worn while in the building, public areas and while meeting with staff.

- Please social distance at least six feet away from the next person.

- Please keep in mind the Clerk/Enrollment Office will continue to operate temporarily at less than fully staffed.

## Casinos reopen

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The immediate reopening included a comprehensive health and sanitation plan. Some Soaring Eagle amenities will open at a later date including: Aurora Buffet, Siniikaung

Steak & Chop House, coat check, poker games, tour bus groups and concerts.

At Saganing Eagles Landing, the immediate reopening did not include the opening of shuttle services, coat check, the pool and fitness center.

As of June 15, bell hop services are available to guests who would like assistance with their luggage and the spa and salon are now open with limited services.

In the midst of the pandemic, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort has been undergoing

construction. Newly-posted signage at the hotel entrance is posted to welcome guests back to the property. The signs are in Anishinaabemowin and read "Boozho Biindigen."

"The hotel renovations are again in full swing, and work is beginning at 7 a.m. each day

Monday thru Friday. There is a lot of noise currently taking place within the hotel so guests who are booking rooms are informed of this likely disturbance," according to The Eagle's Nest, an online publication for Soaring Eagle employees.

## The COVID-19 response in Indian Country: A federal failure

### CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS

Washington, D.C. — A new report from the Center for American Progress traces the devastating impact the coronavirus pandemic is having on American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities to the U.S. government's failure to uphold its trust and treaty obligations to Indian Country.

Tribal communities have faced some of the worst COVID-19 outbreaks in the world. The Navajo Nation alone has seen higher infection rates than those in Wuhan, China, at the height of the pandemic. The

pandemic has also become an existential threat to many tribes because it is disproportionately killing elders, who are the gatekeepers of tribal languages, customs, and traditions.

On June 4, 2020, Fawn Sharp, president of the National Congress of American Indians, testified before the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Reform that "[d]espite its fiduciary responsibility, the federal government has consistently neglected its legal obligations to tribal nations and citizens resulting in a 21st century health and socio-economic crisis in Indian Country. This existing crisis created disparities that led to American

Indians and Alaska Native's (AI/AN) vulnerability to the coronavirus-19 pandemic."

The CAP report supports the findings of tribal leaders such as President Sharp and attributes the high rates of infection to structural disparities and conditions born out of the U.S. government's treaty-violating, trust-abrogating policy decisions.

The systemic and sustained underfunding of Indian Country has only been compounded by the Trump administration's neglectful, disjointed, and misguided coronavirus response. The administration's response has kneecapped tribal leaders' ability to effectively respond to

the crisis, despite the fact that most tribes enacted early containment measures that went beyond those of neighboring nontribal communities.

"The disproportionate devastation that Indian Country has faced from the COVID-19 pandemic can be clearly traced to systemic trust and treaty violations by the United States — both over the centuries and over the past several months," said Danyelle Solomon, vice president of Race and Ethnicity Policy at the Center for American Progress.

The report lays out immediate and long-term policies in seven areas, which would address both the pressing coronavirus crisis and the structural inequities that have made Indian Country more vulnerable to health crises. They include:

1. Ensuring the inclusion of AI/AN people in COVID-19 data

2. Developing executive branch infrastructure to address bureaucratic barriers

3. Supporting the development of tribal economies

4. Addressing the chronic underfunding of the Indian Health Service system

5. Supporting the development of Indian Country's critical infrastructure

6. Supporting vulnerable populations by funding tribal public safety and justice needs

7. Restoring tribal homelands and supporting tribal ecological resource management

"The U.S. government must start to uphold its obligations, respect tribal sovereignty, and give communities what they are owed to fight the pandemic. Tribes are telling us what they need, and it is now incumbent upon the U.S. government to listen and act," said Kate Kelly, director of Public Lands at the Center.

## HATS Operations Update

The Humane Animal Treatment Society and Isabella County Animal Control have resumed operations but remain closed to walk-in visitors. Adoptions and other services are available by appointment only.

- ▶ **If you have found a stray dog or have an animal related issue:** Please call Animal Control at (989) 773-9721.
- ▶ **If you have an after-hours emergency (evenings and weekends):** Please call central dispatch at (989) 773-1000.

**If you need to contact the Humane Animal Treatment Society, please call us at (989) 773-0830 or email us at:**

- **Feline Department:** hats.felinedepartment@gmail.com
- **Canine Department:** hats.caninesupervisor@gmail.com
- **Executive Director:** hats.executivedirector@gmail.com
- **Community Involvement:** hats.donorrelations@gmail.com

If you are interested in adoption, please view adoptable animals at hatsweb.org and apply online. We will then contact you to set up an appointment. We appreciate your patience while we continue to operate with limited staff. We will return voicemail and email messages as soon as possible.

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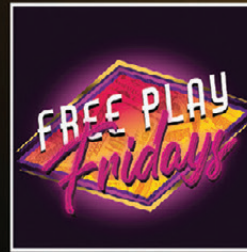




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Use your ACCESS Card to earn one entry for every 1,000 points (maximum five entries). Then drop your entries into your choice of one or more of the six various prize drawing drums. Prizes include up to \$1,000 premium play, MacBook Pro laptop and more! Drawings at 8pm



Wednesdays | 10AM-10PM

Get \$10 in Premium Play for every 800 points earned with your ACCESS card for a maximum of \$50 in Premium Play!



Every Sunday | 12PM - 4PM

Each hour, one lucky slot player (actively playing with their ACCESS card) will win \$500 in Premium Play!



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Saturdays and Sundays in July 5PM - 10PM

Saturdays and Sundays in July 5PM - 10PM, one winner each hour will be chosen for a chance to win up to \$100,000 cash.



Thursday July 30th

8AM - 12PM & 4pm - 8pm

For every 100 points earned, visit promotional kiosk for your entry into drawing for \$750 cash from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM.



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1800	= \$25



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Fridays in July | 4am - 11:59pm

Earn 800 points on your Access club card, and swipe at kiosk for a chance to win up to \$100 in Premium Play.





## Black Lives Matter protest held on Reservation

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

On June 7, a march in support of the Black Lives Matter movement was held on the Saginaw Chippewa Reservation, organized by Tribal Descendant Aaliyah Willis.

Drummers and dancers in regalia offered a song prior to

the march down Leaton Road. Tribal Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts offered a prayer and her husband Kevin Ricketts provided words.

Once the protestors reached the final destination – the parking lot of the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym – Willis, Darion Bird and Sarah Jo all, separately, provided speeches.

Photos courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis



## Tribal education director appointed to governor's return-to-learn task force

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

LANSGING, Mich. – On June 2, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced Melissa Isaac, tribal education director, will be one of 25 leaders in health care and education to serve on the COVID-19 return to learn advisory council.

The group of experts includes educators, parents, and students who will work closely with the governor as she continues to put the health and safety of Michigan students and educators first, according to a press release.

“This group brings together experts in health care and education, including students, educators, and parents to think about how to ensure the more than 1.5 million K-12 students across Michigan get



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

**Tribal Education Director Melissa Isaac serves on the governor-appointed COVID-19 return to learn advisory council.**

the education they need and deserve,” Gov. Whitmer said, in a statement in a press release. “On behalf of our kids, their families, and the more than 100,000 educators in our state, we must all work together to get this right. I know this group

is prepared to carefully examine the data and consult with experts when helping me determine what is best for our kids.”

Isaac was appointed to represent school leaders for a term that commenced June 3, 2020 and expires Dec. 31, 2020.

On May 15, 2020, Gov. Whitmer signed Executive Order No. 2020-88 creating the COVID-19 Return to School Advisory Council.

“The Advisory Council was created to identify the critical issues that must be addressed, provide valuable input to inform the process of returning to school, and to ensure a smooth and safe transition back to school,” the press release states.

According to the media release, “The Council will act in an advisory capacity to the governor and the COVID-19 Task Force on Education, and will develop and submit recommendations to the COVID-19

Task Force on Education regarding the safe, equitable, and efficient K-12 return to school in the fall.”

“Our number one goal on this advisory council is to follow the facts and data to ensure the protection of our students and educators,” said Tonya Allen, president and CEO of the Skillman Foundation and Chair of the Return to Learn Advisory Council, in a statement in the media release. “We are proud to serve as an advisory body to Governor Whitmer as she continues working hard on behalf of

Michigan families everywhere. This is a crisis unlike any we’ve seen before, and we are committed working closely together to ensure we get this right.”

Isaac has served as the tribal education director for several years and holds a Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University.

The Advisory Council also includes four participating members of the Michigan Legislature: Senators Wayne Schmidt and Dayna Polehanki and Representatives Aaron Miller and Sheryl Kennedy.

## Elders Advisory Board Vacancies

**Two vacancies need to be filled**

**Interested elders must meet the following eligibility requirements:**

- ▶ 50 years or older SCIT elder
- ▶ Advocate for SCIT elders
- ▶ Attend meetings regularly

If you meet these requirements and would like to be a part of the EAB, please mail a letter of interest with your name, address and phone number to the address below:

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

**Or email:**  
shjackson@sagchip.org

**Deadline: July 24, 2020**

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

## MIEA Vacancies

**Michigan Indian Elders Association**

There are two vacancies and one alternate vacancy

**Interested elders must meet the following eligibility requirements:**

- At least 50 years old
- Advocate for SCIT Elders
- SCIT elder
- Attend quarterly meetings

If you would like to be a part of the MIEA please mail a letter of interest with your name, address and phone number to the following address:

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

**Or email:**  
shjackson@sagchip.org

**Deadline: July 24, 2020**

**For more information on MIEA go to:**

**www.michiganindianelders.com**

or call the Andahwod front office at 989.775.4300





# Anishinaabemowin WORD SEARCH

zhaashaaginizide	barefoot
ginoodaawangaa	beach
mawinzo	pick berries
wiigwas	birchbark
wiigwaasi makak	birchbark basket
ookwemin	black cherry
odatagaagomin	blackberry
miinan	blueberry
ode'imin	strawberry
nibi	water
gakaamikjiwan	waterfall
digow	wave
jiiman	boat
memengwas	butterfly
akwaandawe	climb (up)
aazhibik	rock (cliff)
bimibatoo	run (along)
bimose	walk (along)
animikii	thunderbird
mooka'am	sunrise

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A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm

# Anishinaabemowin CROSSWORD

## Word Bank

- agamiing
- niibin
- waaseyaa
- agwajiing
- miti
- dibikaabaminaagwad
- mizhakwad
- giizhigaate
- anang
- gitigaan

## Down

1. Clear sky
2. Twilight
3. Star
7. Lake
9. Tree

## Across

4. Outdoors
5. Sunny
6. Garden
8. Moonlight
10. Summer

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- Down**
1. Clear sky - mizhakwad
  2. Twilight - dibikaabaminaagwad
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4. Outdoors - agwajiing
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  8. Moonlight - niibin
  10. Summer - niibin

Answers





## Life is sacred: A Black Lives Matter statement from tribal colleges

### AMERICAN INDIAN HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM

**Naahilii beda'iina' nihil danilj.** As Navajo, we say Black Lives Matter. *Diné College and Navajo Technical University*

**Takomni Hasapa Oyate Wiconi Heca.** As Sicangu, Hunkpapa, and Sihasapa Lakota, we say Black Lives Matter. *Sinte Gleska University and Sitting Bull College*

**Takomni hasapa wiconi hecha.** As Dakota, we say Black lives matter. *Cankdeska Cikana Community College*

**Makade-bizaawizijig da- apiitenimidiwag.** As Ojibwa, we say Black lives matter. *Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College*

**Taaqsipait Iñuggutiñit Nuimanaqtut.** As Iñupiaq, we say Black lives matter. *Iñisagvik College*

**Apiitendaagwadoon obi- maadiziwiniwaan makadewi- yaaseg.** As Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, we say Black lives matter. *Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College*

**Leng-e-sot.** As Lummi, we say We take care of ourselves, watch out for ourselves and love and take care of one another. *Northwest Indian College*

**Waza ni wina nihunpra ha ni wina wakanchunk.** As Hochunk, we say Life is sacred. *Nebraska Indian Community College*

**As Cree, we say Black lives matter.** *Stone Child College*

**Mashii shibisha aru ahgua'ac (Hidatsa).** As

Hidatsa, Mandan, and Arikara, we say Black lives matter. *Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College*

**Ha-duakag g s-cuckcu 'o wuđ si has ha'icu.** As Tohono O'odham, we say Black lives matter. *Tohono O'odham Community College*

**Ndaą Dilhil'i bi'idaą da'ilij.** As San Carlos Apache, we say Black lives matter. *San Carlos Apache College*

**Takómni hásapá wíchóni héčha (Dakota).** As Dakota and Assiniboine, we say Black lives matter. *Fort Peck Community College*

**Epiitendaagwak obim a a d i z i w i n i w a a n Mekadewiziwaad.** As

Anishinaabe, we say Black lives matter. *Leech Lake Tribal College, White Earth Tribal and Community College, and Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College*

**Takomni hasapa wiconi hecha.** Takomni Hasapa Oyate Wiconi Heca. Mashí shibisha aru ahgua'ac. As Dakota, Lakota, Hidatsa, Mandan, Arikara, we say Black lives matter. *United Tribes Technical College*

**I n phénin inbí wówátsi wá din chā múu (Tewa).** As Native artists, writers, and designers from more than 90 Tribal nations learning on the ancestral lands of the Tewa people, we say Black lives matter. *Institute of American Indian Arts*

**W ǝ ʔ ǝ t á á n í h ʔ ǝ ǝ t ǝ h ʔ iínʔikiitónǝh ʔanáátéhch (Aaniiih).** As Aaniiih and Nakoda, we say Black lives matter. *Aaniiih Nakoda College*

**Kade'aazijig gchi- piitendaagoziwag.** As

Gnoozhekaaning-Anishinaabe, we say Black lives matter. *Bay Mills Community College*

**Apiitendaagoziwoog igo meKdewzhejig.** As Saginaw Chippewa Anishinaabe, we say Black lives are important. *Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College*

**Este Ivste vpopoketv hay- etv mvrakhv.** As Muscogee Creek, we say Black lives matter. *College of the Muscogee Nation*

**Wąsik ho'ina wakaçak sąna.** As Winnebago, we say Life is Sacred. (We all share in common, life.) *Little Priest Tribal College*

**Baaishtaashilishiipite Kuun Biilaaxpaakuuk.** As Apsáalooke, we say Black lives matter. *Little Big Horn College*

**Apiitendaagoziwag mekadewizijig.** As Ojibwe, we say Black lives matter. *Turtle Mountain Community College*

The nation's American Indian and Alaska Native tribal colleges and universities (TCUs), which are the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC), stand, kneel, pray, and act with our Black brothers and sisters and all who are oppressed and have felt the dehumanizing impact of racism, invisibility and hate.

AIHEC sends its condolences and prayers to the families of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and George Floyd and all the families whose loved ones are unnamed. We share your fight and your burden. We will not rest until together, we overcome the systemic, generational and unending brutality practiced against people of color

under the authority of those who are sworn to serve and protect.

It is a sad truth that sanctioned disrespect and brutality occur daily in communities of color, yet too often go unreported. It has been happening for more than 500 years since Columbus and his crew sailed across an ocean and captured, enslaved, and murdered Indigenous people so that he could claim their land for his queen.

Whether today's victims are "merciless Indian savages," as we are described in the Declaration of Independence (the same document that declares "all men are created equal"), or Breonna Taylor asleep in her bed, Ahmaud Arbery jogging down a street, or George Floyd lying on the ground under a police officer's knee, the root cause is the same: the systemic, generational inability to recognize the humanity of others, brought to this land by the first immigrant-colonizers and enshrined in this nation's founding documents.

Racism runs deep and wide across this land, like blood coursing through veins, beating to a drum-the heartbeat of hatred, living in the very document mayors, governors, generals, mothers, fathers, you, and I cite as our national ideal, our collective aspiration: "that all men are created equal."

Yet protesters and peacemakers give us hope: they are redefining that phrase of division and hate-their actions are a sustained shout from the mountain-top that the people of this nation have the faith and grace to believe that every human being

is born with certain rights-that Black lives matter.

As tribal colleges, we lift our voices. We commit to taking up the charge issued to us by the Honorable John Lewis, "It's time to make some good trouble-necessary trouble." It is time for all to stand and kneel and raise our fists in unity and equality; to review our own law enforcement training programs and practices (to share or to change); to work to ensure the right-and will-to vote in our marginalized communities; to provide forums for people to come together, talk, and heal and work toward a new Declaration of Independence and Equality-to do all that is needed to build a just world-a world in which our future generations are able to breathe.

**Wazagusra honj'ap ra nac wagojawi na -** The creator blessed us with life (*Winnebago*)

**Wiconi wakan -** Life is Sacred (*Lakota*)

**Naahilii beda'iina' nihil danilj -** Black lives matter (*Navajo*)

There are currently 37 AIHEC-affiliated TCUs in the United States, operating more than 80 campuses and serving more than 100,000 students and community members annually.

TCUs have become increasingly important educational opportunities for American Indian students and are unique institutions that combine personal attention with cultural relevance to encourage American Indians-especially those living on reservations-to overcome the barriers they face to higher education.

## Statement of Solidarity by the Isabella County Human Rights Committee

### ISABELLA COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE



In the past few weeks, we have observed national and international solidarity through protests against the murder of Black people in the United States by law enforcement. We have been involuntary witnesses to the murder of George Floyd.

In response, many people have joined the struggle of a people for justice and equality, listened to our collective voices asking "when" will Black Lives Matter?

The exercise of white privilege and power represented by the wanton slaughter of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minn. by a white police officer, Ahmaud

Arbery in Glynn County, Ga. by armed white men, and Breonna Taylor in her Louisville, Ky. home by law enforcement officers is a continuation of 400 years of the destruction of Black life in America. Their murder is a denial of their dignity as well as their human and civil rights.

The Isabella County Human Rights Committee strongly denounces the dehumanization and destruction of Black life in the USA. We condemn systemic racism in all its manifestations—in our communities, institutions, including law enforcement, judicial system, health care, and education.

We abhor the appalling murder of Black people by the police and the continued denial of justice to those who have suffered. We stand together with the Black community to proclaim: "Black Lives Matter!" We uphold the rights of all to freedom, equality, and justice.

We join in solidarity with all those who work towards the attainment of justice and racial equity, as well as the disruption and dismantling of racism.

We condemn the militarization of law enforcement. We call upon our leaders to end systemic racism in our educational, health, and law enforcement institutions through constructive community conversations with the Black community, a strong commitment to social justice and restorative practices.

The Isabella County Human Rights Committee affirms that all human beings have "inherent dignity" as well as "equal and inalienable rights," which are the "the foundation of freedom, justice and peace."

We condemn all forms of

oppression. We are committed to the preservation of the human rights of all residents within Isabella County.

If you believe your rights have been violated, please contact us at: [hrcisabella-county@gmail.com](mailto:hrcisabella-county@gmail.com)

In solidarity,  
The Isabella County Human Rights Committee:

Maureen N. Eke (chair); Cheryl Gonzalez; Laura Gonzales; Laura Gourlay; Dawn Jevicks; Elizabeth Husbands (vice chair); Matt Mertz; Alicia Paterni; Amy Shawboose; Mark Elgersma (graduate student intern)

### Higher Education Deadline Extension

The date has been extended to July 2, 2020 for all higher education grades and transcripts.

If you have any questions, please contact:

**Deb Smith, Higher Education Manager**

• Phone: (989) 775-4071

• Email: [dsmith@sagchip.org](mailto:dsmith@sagchip.org)



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## SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL COLLEGE CLASS OF 2020



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Associate of Liberal Arts



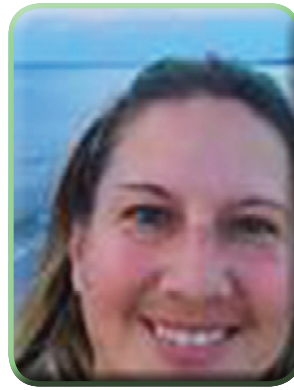
**Paula Chippewa**  
Associate of Liberal Arts



**Margaret Kopke**  
Associate of Liberal Arts



**Mileena Davidson**  
Associate of Liberal Arts



**Jeannie Snyder**  
Associate of Science in General Science  
Associate of Arts in  
Native American Studies



**Mikayla Steele-Cyphert**  
Associate of Arts in Native  
American Studies



*Congratulations  
Graduates*



**Nichol Mark**  
Associate of Arts in Native  
American Studies



**Hannah Wilcox**  
Associate of Arts in Business



**Nia Lewis**  
Associate of Science  
in General Science

### Not photographed:

**Morgan Avery**  
Associate of Liberal Arts

**Elarine Hunt**  
Associate of Liberal Arts

**Lawrence Wakemup**  
Associate of Arts in Business

## SCTC updates for the upcoming 2020-2021 academic year

**AMANDA FLAUGHER**  
Admissions/Registrar

Keeping the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff the number one priority as we move forward, SCTC would like to share an updated

academic calendar for the 2020-21 academic year.

SCTC will continue to look to our tribal, state and national health leaders for guidance as we make plans to resume courses in the fall. COVID-19 will undeniably change the way

we deliver quality education to our students. The following transition plan was implemented to open the campus to the public. The current plan includes:

- The public may call the college to schedule a ZOOM meeting with staff.
- Face-to-face meetings are by appointment only.
- Masks are required for all face to face meetings, if needed the college will provide one for you.
- Only the student will be scheduled for the face-to-face meetings. No children should attend these meetings.

SCTC will offer options for remote learning, in a hybrid course format, for all Fall '20 courses.

SCTC defines Hybrid courses as: "classes that are delivered by mixed methods format (online and face-to-face).

Media formats include only those that are subscribed by and accessible to SCTC, such as: Schoology, Zoom and YouTube." SCTC will also provide online tutoring supports, through TutorMe, as well as technology and emergency aid support to our students during this time. We will do all we can to support any student in their success this fall!

**Online Registration for Fall '20 is now open!**

**Current SCTC students** will be able to register through their student EMPOWER account. Please remember, the login and password for this account is the same as the one you use to access a computer on campus or your Schoology account.

Once you have logged in, please change the term to FA-20 in order to see the proper course information.

### Academic Year 2020-21

#### Fall '20 semester

- **August 12:** End of Fall '20 registration
- **August 17:** Fall '20 classes begin
- **August 21:** Drop/Add ends
- **September 7:** Labor Day recess
- **October 23:** Last day to withdraw
- **October 26:** Spring '20 registration opens
- **November 18:** Regular classes end
- **November 18 (5 p.m.) 19, 20, 2-25:** Final exams
- **November 30 - January 10:** Holiday Break

#### Spring '21 semester

- **January 4:** SCTC Administrative Offices reopen
- **January 8:** End of Spring '21 registration
- **January 11:** Spring '21 classes begin
- **January 15:** Drop/Add ends
- **January 18:** MLK Jr. Day: No classes
- **March 7-14:** Spring Break
- **March 26:** Last day to withdraw
- **April 5:** Fall '21 registration opens
- **May 1:** Regular classes end
- **May 3-7:** Exam Week
- **May 9:** Semester ends

After changing the term, click on STUDENT RECORDS at the top of the page and then COURSE REGISTRATION. You will be able to search for specific courses by adding the requested information or you can see all of the courses available by just selecting "search." Then, select the courses you wish to register for and process the registration from your account! You should be able to view your schedule as soon as you complete your registration.

**New students or returning students,** please complete an online application at [www.sagchip.edu](http://www.sagchip.edu). Once completed, SCTC's student services staff

will contact and assist you in the admissions, registration and financial aid process. Individual appointments for new student orientation dates as well as placement testing will be made on an individual basis.

Have a question? Please send an email to [studentservices@sagchip.edu](mailto:studentservices@sagchip.edu) and we would be glad to assist you.

Please remember, the COVID-19 situation is unpredictable and Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College maintains the health and safety of students and staff as its priority. As we move forward with caution, we understand that flexibility is needed and adjustments may be necessary.

**STEAM**  
*Online Summer*  
**LEGO CAMP**

**Tuesday, July 7 - Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020**

**1-3 p.m. | Tuesdays and Thursdays**

#### Tentative agenda

- **Week 1:** Science
- **Week 2:** Technology
- **Week 3:** Engineering
- **Week 4:** Art
- **Week 5:** Mathematics

- Students need a tablet, laptop, or computer with internet access
- Camp will be hosted on Zoom
- For 9-13 year olds
- Limited to first 15 who register
- Supplies will be provided

**To register, please contact:**  
**Kathy Hart**

**Phone: 989.317.4827**  
**Email: [khart@sagchip.org](mailto:khart@sagchip.org)**







## SCIT Utility Authority Consumer Confidence Report and annual Drinking Water Report

*(Editor's Note: The following report was submitted by Water Operator Supervisor Joe Johnson.)*

**Is My Water Safe?** During 2019, SCIT tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) drinking water safety standards. Your Tribal employees vigilantly safeguard your water and supply, and we are proud to report that your water system had no violations of maximum contaminant levels or any other drinking water quality standards this past year. This report will give you even more information about the safety of your water supply. Please read on for additional information. Informed customers are our best allies.

**Do I need to take special precautions?** Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The EPA/Centers of Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

**Where does my water come from?** Water for consumer use can come from a variety of sources including rivers, lakes and other surface waters. Your Tribal supply comes from underground aquifers as groundwater to your wells. A benefit of ground water is it is naturally filtered through rocks and soil. Our Tribe has four wells. Well #3 is located off of Little Elk Road. Well #4 is located west of Shepherd Road. Well #5 is located north of Remus Road, and Well #6 is located north of Ogemaw.

**Source water assessment and its availability:** The Tribe has worked with the U.S. EPA to conduct a source water assessment. This assessment consists of identifying the area(s) around the well(s), that need to be protected from contaminations identifying potential sources of contamination, and determining the susceptibility of the wells to contamination. The assessment also gives us information we need as a Tribal community to make sure our drinking water is safe now and in the future. We have a copy available at the water plant for review for anyone who wishes to read it. This was updated in 2009.

**Why are contaminants in drinking water?** Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material. It can also pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that the tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by a public water system. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

**How can I get involved?** If you would like to become involved with your water safety, please call 989-775-5141.

**Description of water treatment process:** The water softening plant was put into operation on April 5, 2000. Please consider not using your home water softener because your water will have an increase in sodium (salt) contact and your water could become corrosive. The plant was designed and is operated to provide the Tribal homes and businesses with water that is balanced and softened. Re-softening can create a tinny taste and cause you to use extra water to remove soap residue. If you have an aquarium with tropical fish, check with your local pet store for proper treatment of the water to avoid harmful effects to your fish.

**Water conservation tips:** Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day or 100 gallons per person per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost and no-cost ways to conserve water. Small changes can make a big difference - try one today and soon it will become second nature.

- Take short showers: a five minute shower uses four to five gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath.

- Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair and shaving and save up to 500 gallons a month.

- Use a water-efficient shower-head. They are inexpensive, easy to install and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.

- Water plants only when necessary

- Fix leaky toilets and faucets. Faucet washers are inexpensive and take only a few minutes to replace. To check your toilet for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing you have a leak. Fixing it or replacing it with a new, more efficient model can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.

- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it and during the cooler parts of the day to reduce evaporation.

- Teach your kids about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely. Make it a family effort to reduce next month's water bill!

- Visit [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense) for more information

**Source water protection tips.** Protection of drinking water is everyone's responsibility. You can help protect your community's drinking water source in several ways:

- Eliminate excess use of lawn and garden fertilizers and

pesticides – they contain hazardous chemicals that can reach your drinking water source.

- Pick up after your pets

- If you have your own septic system, properly maintain your system to reduce leaching to water sources or consider connecting to a public water system.

- Dispose of chemicals properly; take used motor oil to a recycling center.

- Volunteer in your community. Find a watershed or well-head protection organization in your community and volunteer to help. If there are not active groups, consider starting one. Use EPA's Adopt Your Watershed to locate groups in your community, or visit the Watershed Information Network's How to Start a Watershed Team.

- Organize a storm drain stenciling project with your local government or water supplier. Stencil a message next to the street drain reminding people "Dump No Waste – Drains to River" or "Protect Your Water." Produce and distribute a flyer for households to remind residents that storm drains dump directly into your local water body.

How to identify Utility staff employees: All employees of the Utility Department of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe wear shirts that have the Tribal logo on them, have a Tribal employee badge and should be arriving at a residence in a company vehicle.

If you ever have a question about someone being at your residence and you are not sure if they are an employee, please call 989-775-5141 to verify.

Additional information for lead: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Saginaw Chippewa Utilities is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking.

If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

**For more information, contact:**

Joe J. Johnson  
7377 E. Tomah Rd.  
Mt. Pleasant MI, 48858  
Phone: 989-775-5235

### Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sourced of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the date presented is from testing done the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of the contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Detect In Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
				Low	High			
<b>Disinfectants &amp; Disinfection By-Products</b> (There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)								
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA	60	1.5	NA	NA	2019	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHMs (Total Trihalo-methanes) (ppb)	NA	80	12	12	23	2019	No	By-product of drinking water disinfectant

Contaminantst	MCLG	AI	Your Water	Sample Date	# of Samples Exceeding AL	Exceeds AL	Typical Source
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>							
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	.056	2018	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	0	15	0	2018	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

### Additional Monitoring

As part of an on-going evaluation program the EPA has required us to monitor some additional contaminants/chemicals. Information collected through the monitoring of these contaminants/chemicals will help to ensure that future decision on drinking water standards are based on sound science.

Name	Reported Level	Range	
		Low	High
HAA6BRr (ug/L)	4.8105	3.136	6.485
HAA9 (ug/L)	5.1895	3.476	6.903

### Unit descriptions

- ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

- ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/L)
- NA: Not Applicable

- ND: Not Detected
- NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended

### Important drinking water definitions:

- **MCLG:** Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **MCL:** Maximum Contaminant Level. The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **TT:** Treatment Technique. A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **AL:** Action Level. The concentration of a contaminant which if exceeded triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

- **Variations and exceptions:** State of EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
- **MRDLG:** Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants or control microbial contaminants.
- **MRDL:** Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **MNR:** Monitored Not Regulation
- **MPL:** State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level





## Editorial: Five ways to build resilience

(The following article was provided by the Momentous Institute, released on April 14, 2020. The article has been provided by Winnay Wemigwase outreach specialist for Behavioral Health Programs.)

Community resilience is always a characteristic of human communities, but what about you? When you turn your lens inward, how resilient are you?

We need each other to get through this strange, unsettling time. When you turn your lens inward, how resilient are you? Resilience is something that we are born with.

Because of resilience, we learn to crawl, then walk, then run until we can finally skip and dance. Sometimes, however, our resilience muscle needs to bulk up. Here are a few tips for building individual resilience in times of stress:

**1. Be self-compassionate:** Resilience allows you to bounce back from a challenge. The first step is to recognize that what you're experiencing is challenging. Give yourself permission to say, "This is hard." "This is scary." "I'm really worried."

Next, remind yourself that it's ok to feel the way you feel.

Now take a deep breath and remind yourself that this is a moment in time and for this moment, you will allow yourself to feel.

**2. Be flexible:** When life doesn't go as planned, flexibility allows us to form a "Plan B". As you go about your new normal, you'll probably experience moments of deep frustration. These are the times that flexibility is most important.

Allow yourself to relax previously held standards that don't make sense in the present. Apply your creativity to solve problems that crop up. Adapt your responses to others with an awareness of their own level of stress.

Flexibility will help you navigate whatever lies ahead.

**3. Reframe frustrations:** Resilience has a lot to do with your mindset. People who are able to detect good, even in difficult situations, tend to be more resilient. For example, when kids are together all day long, there are bound to be disagreements and tears. The silver lining is that there is now time and opportunity to teach kids how to solve problems. You'll not only have time to teach this,

but kids will have time to practice these skills.

So, when you bump up against a frustration, reframe it so that you can see the positive aspects of the situation.

**4. Exercise:** There are three types of human energy – emotional, mental, and physical energy. And physical energy is the most important. When physically drained, we're more emotionally reactive, our thinking is clouded and our judgment is impaired.

Exercise builds physical energy. Take time in your day to exercise even if you're not used to exercising.

A simple walk around your neighborhood or a park will shore up your physical energy, allowing you to apply emotional and mental energy to the stressors that you'll encounter during the day.

**5. Sleep:** Brain cells are cleansed and recharged during sleep. Sleep deprivation will slow down cognitive function and increases emotional reactivity.

Binge-watching Netflix into the wee hours may be a good

### 5 WAYS TO BUILD RESILIENCE

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Give yourself permission to say, "This is hard." "This is scary." "I'm really worried."
- 2. BE FLEXIBLE**  
Allow yourself to relax previously held standards that don't make sense in the present.
- 3. REFRAME FRUSTRATIONS**  
Reframe frustrations so that you can see the positive aspects of the situations.
- 4. EXERCISE**  
Build up your physical energy to allow yourself to apply emotional and mental energy to daily stressors.
- 5. SLEEP**  
High quality sleep will sustain the energy you'll need to be resilient every day.



way to escape reality for a while. However, lack of sleep will reduce your ability to be resilient at a time when resilience is essential.

So, set a schedule that includes time for relaxing

before sleep. High quality sleep will sustain the energy you'll need to be resilient every day.

For more information: [momentousinstitute.org/blog/5-ways-to-build-resilience](http://momentousinstitute.org/blog/5-ways-to-build-resilience)

## COVID-19 Testing Sites In Isabella & Arenac Counties

Call the testing site before you go to learn about testing criteria, availability, and hours. The information provided in this list is accurate today, but it may change frequently in the upcoming weeks. Testing sites are not endorsed or vetted by Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS).

Individuals who require assistance are encouraged to contact the COVID-19 Hotline at 888.535.6136 or email [COVID19@Michigan.gov](mailto:COVID19@Michigan.gov) for more information.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at: [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](http://Michigan.gov/Coronavirus) and [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](http://CDC.gov/Coronavirus)

\*\*\*Please call the testing site or your health care provider before you go for testing.

### Isabella County

**Walmart - Mt. Pleasant** (Mobile Testing)

989.488.7719 | 4730 Encore Blvd., Mt. Pleasant

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 7 - 9 a.m.
- Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday: Closed

\* Appointment Required \*\* Screening Required

**Isabella Citizens for Health** (Drive-thru)

989.953.5320 | 2790 Health Pkwy., Mt. Pleasant

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Thursday: 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Friday: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Saturday & Sunday: Closed

\* Screening Required \*\* Physician Order Required

### Arenac County

**Ascension Standish Hospital**

989.846.3410 | 805 W. Cedar, Standish, MI

- Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Saturday & Sunday: Closed

\* Appointment Required \*\* Screening Required \*\*\* Physician Order Required \*\*\*\* Drive-thru testing.

**McLaren Central Michigan Hospital**

989.772.6776 | 1221 S. Dr., Mt. Pleasant

- Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Saturday & Sunday: Closed

\* Physician Order Required

**McLaren Central ReadyCare**

989.773.1166 | 1523 S. Mission St., Mt. Pleasant

- Monday - Friday: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Saturday & Sunday: Closed

\* Screening Required

**Rite Aid - Mt. Pleasant** (Drive-thru)

989.772.7677 | 1221 S. Dr., Mt. Pleasant

- Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Saturday & Sunday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

\* Appointment Required \*\* Physician Order Required \*\*\* Screening Required

**Sterling Area Health Center at Standish-Sterling Central Elementary**

989.654.2491 | 3789 Wyatt Rd., Standish, MI

- Only open wednesday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

\* Appointment Required \*\* Screening Required \*\*\* Tests are drive-thru only

Kings Culture Ministries presents...

# Camp Meeting 2020

August 13 - 15, 2020

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

Broadway Park Pavilion

2451 Anish-Na-Be-Anong Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI

Services: 2 PM & 7 PM



### Speakers:



**Apostle Ron Ives**

Potter House Family Worship Center, Mt. Pleasant, MI



**Pastor Taylor Walter**

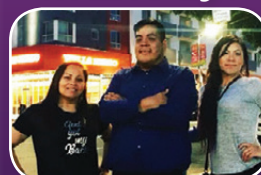
(Mvskoke Creek) Brighton, FL



**Bro. Danny Faulkner**

(Seminole) Wewoka, OK

### Music by:



**New Creations**

(Mvskoke Creek) Henryetta, OK

### Hotel Information

- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort: 1.877.7EAGLE7
- Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel: 1.877.2EAGLE2

### Prophetic Round Table:

Friday | 9 AM | Location: TBA

For more information contact: **Fred Cantu Jr.**

Phone: 989.948.4217 | Email: [gimaawid@gmail.com](mailto:gimaawid@gmail.com)





## Native Helpline recognizes male victims of domestic violence

### STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE STAFF

Men can be victims of domestic violence. Domestic violence can happen to anyone.

Media and socialization may lead you to believe otherwise, but the truth is men, and people of all genders, can be and are victims of domestic violence.

Abuse against men can start at a very young age and the effect carries on with them into adulthood.

When it comes to sexual violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, men who reported abuse have indicated that not only were they sexually assaulted both as a child and as an adult, but also their struggles with intimate partner violence continues indefinitely as victims and/or perpetrators.

**Increased rates of violence in Indian Country:** According to the recent National Institute of Justice report, statistics show that there is an increased rate of violence among intimate partners in Indian Country. In the male category alone, four out of five men have experienced

violence in their lifetime; one in four has experienced sexual violence; one in three has endured physical violence by an intimate partner and nearly three in four have experienced psychological aggression by an intimate partner. Fortunately, there is work being done to reduce this rate of violence.

“There isn’t a lot of research out there especially when it comes to Native American men,” said Lenny Hayes, MA, executive director of Tate Topa Consulting, explaining that even the highest rates of violence recorded are most likely underestimated due to the stigma associated with men and boys being sexually abused. “I feel that within the Native community, we haven’t even begun to acknowledge or create a safe space for Native men to heal.”

**Eliminating barriers:** As a mental health therapist, Hayes works with children, adults, Native people, Two-Spirit and LGBTQ individuals. He remains adamant that males need to break down the barriers of silence and the stigma of being a victim of sexual violence.

Regardless of gender, all victims need to be



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Native Helpline

acknowledged, supported and have resources available to them.

“If men weren’t brought up in a healthy environment, they don’t know how to have a healthy relationship in adulthood. We need to create a safe space for men in our communities to heal,” Hayes said.

Hayes is encouraged by Native men who have thanked him after they told him about their own personal experiences.

“My response is to acknowledge [them] and express that I believed [them],” said Hayes, explaining that acknowledgment is an important first step to finding the help they need.

**Moving forward:** Understanding that males are victims of sexual, domestic violence, and dating violence includes breaking the silence and breaking down barriers. Being a victim is not a sign of weakness. Acknowledging a need to heal is a measure of a victim’s strength and ability

to survive.

Here are a few ideas to help men affected by domestic violence:

**Believe victim-survivors:** One of the most important things that we can do to support male victim-survivors is to simply believe. Listen without questioning the victim’s experience.

**Document the abuse:** Suggest that they keep track of the abuse. They can take pictures, keep a calendar or start journaling as a way to document the abuse.

Documenting the abuse can help in two ways: It can be a cathartic way to deal with negative emotions and it may also help the victim to obtain legal aid later on. Remind them that if they decide to document the abuse, to keep their document secure so their partner can’t destroy the evidence and so they can remain safe while they figure out the next steps in the relationship.

**Find a support system:** Perhaps there’s a good friend or relative that they can confide in when talking about what they are experiencing.

Having a strong support system could be vital to their emotional well-being. Creating and nurturing healthy relationships can help heal some of the mental trauma from abuse.

**Encourage them to take a proactive approach to their own safety:** Keeping their mental, emotional and physical sanity in check are great ways for them to remain grounded during and after a situation of abuse.

Perhaps they like to play basketball, create art or read. Encourage them to do things that make them happy and feel good about themselves.

**Reach out:** To explore your options for safety and healing, click on the “Chat Now” icon on this page to open a one-on-one chat with an advocate or call **1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483)** daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. Callers reaching out after hours may connect with the National Domestic Violence Hotline by selecting option one.

StrongHearts Native Helpline understands it can be difficult to talk about domestic violence in tribal communities. The alarming rates of Native Americans and Alaska Natives experiencing domestic violence demands that we unite, acknowledge and support all victims regardless of gender, sexual orientation, or relationship status.

## How to use StrongHearts Native Helpline’s new online chat advocacy feature

### STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE STAFF

If it’s not safe to call (1-844-762-8483), StrongHearts Native Helpline’s new online chat advocacy sessions might be a better option. Users receive one-on-one, real-time, confidential information from a trained advocate.

Visit <https://www.strongheartshelpline.org/> to get started.

Unfortunately, StrongHearts Native Helpline is not able to provide internet-based services to people younger than 13. However, our phone services are available to people of all ages.

All of StrongHearts Native Helpline’s advocacy services

are available daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT.

Chatline users reaching out after hours will receive a message re-directing them to reach out during operating hours or to reach out to The National Domestic Violence Hotline, a non-Native based 24-7 domestic violence helpline.

**What to expect online:** Click on the purple Chat Now button to connect with an advocate, located on each page of the website in the same location.

There is no need to download anything.

This is not a public chat room – it is a private one-on-one chat.

It is completely confidential and anonymous.

Chatline users are asked to complete a series of

non-identifying demographic questions first.

These questions are optional and not required before beginning a chat session. To opt-out, just leave the answer blank.

When the answers are complete (or left blank), click on the Start Chat button to open a chat session with an advocate.

To close a chat at any time, click on the X in the top right corner of the chat window, followed by End Chat.

**Safety:** As always, your safety is most important to us at StrongHearts Native Helpline and it could be helpful to remember to click out of the site when you’re done chatting and clear your online history.

To learn more about staying safe online, we recommend reading, “Behind the Screens: Reducing Tech Footprints” by the National Domestic Violence Hotline at <https://bit.ly/2BhRXL9>.

The StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-762-8483) is a culturally-appropriate domestic violence and dating violence helpline for Native Americans, available daily.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a collaborative effort of the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center.

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

## Behavioral Health Telehealth Survey


During this time of uncertainty due to Covid-19, and current government restriction, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Behavioral Health Services (BH) transitioned to telehealth in order to continue to meet the needs of our clients. The BH Leadership Team is dedicated to making your experience the best it can be during this time. Your participation in this survey will help The BH Leadership Team make decisions for the future of Behavioral Health Services to ensure you are getting the best quality of care.

**Telehealth, for the purpose of this survey, includes:**



- ✓ Phone calls
- ✓ Zoom
- ✓ Google Talk
- ✓ Doxy or any other resource used during this time to connect with Behavioral Health Staff.

*These services could be for periodic checks during this crisis or to continue on-going appointments.*

**Please fill out this survey**

▶ Scan this QR code: 

▶ Or visit: [www.surveylegend.com/s/2ctg](http://www.surveylegend.com/s/2ctg)



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## Drive-by parade held for Andahwod elders

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Fire trucks, police cars, motorcycles, golf carts and community members' cars lined up on Leaton Road and circled Andahwod's parking lot for a drive-by parade, held for the Andahwod elders.

The drive-by, no-contact amid COVID-19, parade was held Saturday, May 2 from 3 to 4 p.m.

Elders were greeted with honks, signs and waves.

With COVID-19 affecting many celebrations so far this year, drive-by parades have been popular the past few months for special occasions including birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, and in this case, showing the Tribal elders some love.

Noelle Wells, Andahwod elders advocate, helped organized the event and sent a participation request to several Tribal departments on April 29.

Photos courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis



### June 2020 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1) David Bird<br>Karen Bond<br>Asuncion Castaneda<br>Carolyn Harris<br>Robert Neyome Jr.<br>Martin Steele | 6) Bethel Merrill<br>Roberta Starkey<br>Tammi Craig  |
| 2) Kevin Phillips<br>Donna Moore<br>Tammy Nowicki   | 7) Connie Sprague<br>Mark Jackson  |
| 3) Patricia Kequom<br>Loretta Castaneda<br>Robert McDonald  | 8) Kimberly Otto McCoy<br>Vanyork Shawboose<br>Anita Henry<br>Eugene Jackson                   |
| 4) Kayle Crampton<br>Betsy Crooker  | 9) Gary Bird<br>Lillian Corbiere<br>Kelli Buback<br>Eldon Davis<br>Morgan Pope<br>Shane Slater |
| 5) Troy Kendall<br>Dawn Shaw  | 10) Robin Peters   |

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| 11) Douglas Gage<br>Kelly Garlick<br>Roger Stevens   | 16) Geraldine Phillips  | 25) Rhonda Shvereid<br>Laura Shawboose   |
| 13) Daniel Burham<br>Anthony Dutton<br>Harold Isaac Jr.<br>Elizabeth Kosla<br>Connie Rosenthal   | 18) Douglas Jackson<br>Jill Meir<br>Connie Truett<br>Linda Weber    | 26) Craig Benz<br>Sharon Blevins<br>George Slater Jr.  |
| 14) Betty Ashmun<br>Jeanette Leaux<br>Gregory Mandoka<br>Robert Bailey<br>Jodie Brown<br>Kristie Clemons<br>Richard Cloutier<br>Patricia Harris<br>John Quayle | 19) Charel Stevens  | 27) Tabitha Jones<br>Marla Pelcher<br>Richard Trepanier Sr.<br>Rollin Bacon Jr.<br>Lorraine Bergevin<br>Deborah Hull |
| 15) Gloria Loveland<br>Earl Pelcher Sr.<br>Lillian Steele  | 20) John Hart<br>Michael Childers<br>Lori Fuller<br>Richard Russell | 28) Robert Pego Sr.<br>Vivian Carpenter<br>Rose Greenwald<br>Ronald Stockel II<br>Angela Tabor                       |
| 16) Lawrence Faber<br>Earnest Nahgahgwon<br>Delores Pepin  | 21) Cheryl Dixon<br>Vaughn Schoen                                   | 29) Mac Schoen<br>Gaylene Urban  |
|  | 22) Penny Elliott<br>Daniel Rossbach                                | 30) Sherry Hawkins<br>Tammy Salas<br>Carole Tally<br>Rhonda Salazar  |
|  | 23) Dawn Jacobs-Marcoux<br>Diana Robinson<br>Marlin Strong          |  |
|  | 24) Christopher Moses   |  |
|  | 25) Dennis Bailey<br>Shelly Reihl<br>Annette Saboo-Rogers           |  |

### July 2020 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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|---|--|
| 1) Scott Bettistea<br>Lester Chippeway Jr.<br>Kimberly Palmer                 | 8) Timothy Sedlow  |
| 2) Doris Romer<br>Joseph Sowmick<br>Sherry Hileman                            | 9) Christian Jackson<br>Mary Johnson<br>Vicky Madosh<br>Harry Pelcher<br>Theresa Finn<br>Phillip Meir III<br>Jocelyn Perkins |
| 3) Janis Ash<br>Belinda Land<br>Randall Bird<br>Lee Kerns<br>Kirsten Schaefer | 10) Greg Falsetta<br>Barbara Link  |
| 4) Catherine Wendling   | 11) Diane Dege<br>Leo Jackson Jr.<br>Nancy Nedwash<br>Lawrence Verga Jr.   |
| 6) Deborah Christy<br>James Trisch  | 12) Eric Anderson<br>Kelly Buggs<br>William McClain  |

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| 12) David Miller   | 19) Melissa Mowry<br>Brian Tabor  | 25) Michael Dalton<br>Robert Fallis III   |
| 13) Delmar Jackson Jr.<br>Mary Bukowiec<br>William Kellogg   | 20) Eric Sowmick<br>Klisti Felske   | 26) Sheri Jackson<br>Douglas Ritter<br>Barbara Durga<br>Samuel Sharon                                       |
| 14) Dennis Christy Sr.   | 21) Joe Brown   | 27) John Jackson<br>Elizabeth Mena<br>Myron Cloutier<br>Donald Federico<br>Tracey Frank<br>Donald Leaux Jr. |
| 15) Donald Nelson<br>Juanita Rogers  | 22) Kimberly Dorow<br>Louise Hunt<br>Michael Neyome<br>David Russell              | 28) Judy Jackson<br>Thomasine MeShawboose<br>Duane Beaulieu<br>Stephen Johnson<br>Colleen Kirby             |
| 16) Paul Walker<br>Julie Walker-Hunt   | 23) Lewis Mena<br>Linell Crampton<br>Shannon Gross<br>Tina Howard                 | 30) Marlin Bennett<br>Ann Orr<br>Frederick Stevens  |
| 17) Larry Burnham<br>Gary Grills<br>Kevin Hancock<br>Arnold Hawkins Jr.<br>Gerald Nahgahgwon<br>Mark Powell<br>Mark Walraven | 24) Margaret Hinkle<br>Annette Ackley<br>Duane Beaulieu Jr.                       | 31) Yvonne Glomski<br>Victor Bailey<br>Marlene Gray   |
| 18) Marcus Peters<br>Clare Camburn<br>Marc Raslich<br>Pamela Scholt  | 24) Cheryl Berlin<br>Andrew Falcon<br>Jane Jolly<br>John McDonald<br>Lisa Starkey |   |
| 19) Debra Smith<br>Randy James   | 25) Guy Jackson   |   |





## Black Elk parking lot serves as location for June 16 mobile food distribution

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Black Elk Building parking lot served as a drive-thru mobile food distribution location for Isabella County residents on Tuesday, June 16 for the Greater Lansing Food Bank.

The Tribe called for volunteers to assist the Greater Lansing Food Bank to help guide traffic, pack food items and load the goods inside each family's vehicle.

The food distribution was free and provided food items

including: pork loin, chicken, asparagus, oranges, grapes and more.

Registration/vehicle line-up began at 3 p.m., and the distribution began at 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. or the food ran out.

With a proof of residency, any Isabella County resident facing financial hardship, senior citizens, families or individuals who have recently lost jobs could all receive the food items.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, participants were encouraged to stay in their

vehicles for both registration and food distribution as the volunteers placed the items in each car.

By 4:30 p.m., food was still remaining and Greater Lansing Food Bank invited Tribal employees to take advance of the food distribution.

“(Greater Lansing Food Bank) are currently at approximately 250 distributions and their goal is to distribute 500,” said Sandy McCreery, administrative assistant II for Public Relations, in an email to Tribal personnel. “They do not want

to take any food back, so please, on your way home, feel free to drive up, show ID and they will take care of the rest.”

Prior to the event, the Public Relations Department organized the volunteers.

“We had community members and employees team up from Migizi, (Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort), and Tribal Operations to assist in the food distribution,” said Erik Rodriguez, public relations manager. “With partnership from the Greater Lansing Food Bank, we were able to

distribute food for close to 500 families. We couldn't have had such a successful event if it wasn't for those who were dedicated to ensuring the distribution went smoothly.”

When the distribution was complete, Tribal Council Member Theresa Jackson said, “I, too, would like to say thank you, especially to the Lansing Food Bank. All the help from the volunteers is truly appreciated.”

Rodriguez said the Tribe looks forward to hosting another distribution in a few months.

ANISHNAABEG CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

## COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey to help ACFS improve services to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Community!  
**DEADLINE TO COMPLETE SURVEY: JULY 6th, 2020**

ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE ANONYMOUS  
 SURVEY TAKES 5-10 MINUTES TO COMPLETE  
 USE LINK OR QR CODE BELOW TO ACCESS SURVEY

[HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/5PQ8P8T](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5PQ8P8T)








Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

On June 16, the Black Elk Building parking lot served as location for the drive-thru mobile food distribution for Isabella County residents on behalf of the Greater Lansing Food Bank. Tribal Members and employees volunteered to help guide traffic, pack food items and load goods inside vehicles.

## JULY 2020 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SECR Payroll</li> <li>● SCIT Per Capita</li> <li>● SCIT Payroll</li> <li>● Curbside Recycling</li> <li>● Waste Collection*</li> </ul> <p><small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small></p>	1	2	3	4 Independence Day
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## Tribal Observer Classifieds

To place your ad, call the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4010, email [observer@sagchip.org](mailto:observer@sagchip.org), visit the Observer offices in the Black Elk Building or mail to Tribal Observer, Attn.: Classified, 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Please have all submissions and payment in by deadline. Classified rates are \$10 for 15 words or less and 75 cents per additional word. Any thumbnail image costs an additional \$15. Apply to job postings online at [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org). \* Job postings are subject to change daily.

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### 100 Employment

#### Tribal Operations

##### 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, e.g. Bloomberg, Morningstar Direct and/or Zephyr StyleAdvisor, et al. Expert with Microsoft Office Suite and various investment software systems. Experience managing multiple tasks and work well under pressure to meet critical deadlines.

##### Senior Associate General Counsel

Open to the public. Juris Doctor from an ABA accredited law school. Member of the Michigan 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. Licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan; or must be licensed in another state and become li-

censed in the State of Michigan following the next available bar exam; or by reciprocity no later than six months after date of hire.

##### Land Title & Realty Specialist

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Three years title or real estate experience. Experience with legal descriptions and understand laws and regulations of real estate transactions. Experience with the practices and principles of real estate management, such as register of deeds, title research, and or realty specialist. Excellent administrative and organizational skills in record keeping. Must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and or Realty/Title similar software packages.

##### Technical Services Technician I

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Two years help desk experience or bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field. Experience with Windows Server and Desktop OS and Microsoft Office Suite. Must be able to work various shifts. Must pass IT related competency exam.

##### Police Officer

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Associate degree preferred. MCOLES certified or MCOLES certifiable. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Current Special Law Enforcement Commission through the Bureau

of Indian Affairs or ability to obtain and maintain. Must not have criminal history that would prevent applicant from acquiring any certification or qualification required.

##### Waste Water Operator

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.

##### ACFS Director

Open to the public. Master's degree in social services, human services or related field. Five years' social services experience. Two years' experience in a supervisory capacity. Experience working with tribal communities and outside social services. Experience with budget administration, operation, reports, contract management and development. Certified social worker and/or licensed clinical social worker preferred. Obtain HIPAA certification within five business days of hire

##### Behavioral Health Director

Open to the public. Master's degree in social work, human services or related field. Five years' experience in the field of both clinical work and administrative work. Full licensure required. Three years supervisory experience, including goal setting, program and budget development and administration required. Experience in working with the tribal community and outside systems. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple organizations and community systems. Knowledge of Native American traditions and culture preferred. Must maintain any educational requirements needs such as Continuing Education Credits (CEU's) for state licensure and ongoing

##### Clerical Pool

Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Clerical experience is preferred.

##### General Labor Pool

Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be physically fit and able to perform manual labor.

##### Soaring Eagle

##### Database Marketing Manager

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in marketing, communications, journalism or related

field. Three years of experience in database marketing. Two years in a managerial role of people and processes. Experience with Direct Mail specifications, print production and postal regulations. Experience with managing multiple campaigns, channels and timelines in high-pace environment. Under the supervision of executive director of marketing, entertainment & sales, maintain all of direct mail efforts.

##### Guestroom Attendant FT

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

##### Guestroom Attendant PT

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

##### Bartender

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Bartending experience preferred. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position. Must be able to successfully complete and maintain TIPS (Training for Intervention ProcedureS) Certification as part of SECR's commitment to responsible alcohol service.

### Saganing

##### Cleaning Care Team Associate

Open to the public. Temporary position. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must pass a health screening before entering the facility for scheduled shift.

##### Guestroom Attendant FT

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

##### Line Cook FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of respon-

sibility, or six months of Saganing internal culinary training.

##### Bartender FT

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

##### Bartender PT

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

##### F&B Attendant FT

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

##### Beverage Waitstaff FT

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

##### Cashier FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cashiering and/or hosting experience. Must be able to operate a POS.

##### Cashier PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cashiering and/or hosting experience. Must be able to operate a POS.

##### Security Officer PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Security or surveillance experience preferred. Must be able to work any shift assigned, included weekends and holidays.

##### Night Auditor PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year customer service experience and cash handling experience. Front Office Operations experience preferred.

### 130 Services

##### Fox Home Builders

All types of home improvements. Kitchen and bath remodeling, additions. Experienced and local. 989-506-2360.

### Mattress Sale Update

Employees and Tribal Members who pre-paid for a mattress in March 2020 (prior to the shutdown) should expect to receive their mattresses in approximately four to six weeks.

A second mattress sale is currently open for new orders, and the new payment deadline for any orders received after June 2020 is July 6, 2020 by 2 p.m. These mattresses should be expected to arrive approximately four to six weeks from the week of July 6.

All mattresses must be picked up at the SCIT Warehouse as delivery is not available. As a reminder, cash payments can be made at the Main Cage G window/gift card window at Soaring Eagle or the Main Cage at Saganing.

Credit card payments with proper ID can be made at the concierge desk at Soaring Eagle only.

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## JULY 4<sup>th</sup> PICNIC

- ▶ Hosted by: Chip & Dana Neyome
- ▶ Invited guests: SCIT Members and their households
- ▶ Location: 3472 S. Chippewa Rd.
- ▶ Time: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Consider joining us for a day of social distancing on our 122 acre property, a day of swimming with music and opportunities for hikes or biking on our many trails. Bring your own chairs, picnic baskets, and associated necessities. Can coolers required for adult beverages and no glass containers permitted; please pack out your own trash and leave no trace.

Overnight camping permitted with prior approval; Portable privies on site; children under 16 not permitted without an adult. Please park in consideration of others and our Elders.





## Tribal elder photographer captures outdoor family photos during stay-at-home order

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Tribal elder photographer Marcella Hadden of Niibing Giizis (Summer Moon) Photography captured photos of families or individuals at their homes during Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's stay-at-home order, which was in effect to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Hadden captured 'porch photos' of families posing together, some with face masks on to document this self-quarantine time in history.

The photos were taken during three weeks in April, by appointment.

"I just knew that the COVID-19 time period would be

significant in the future just as the other pandemics were in the past," Hadden said. "In viewing past photos of other pandemics, I wanted to do the same for our community. I also saw a young man (capturing photos) on TV on CNN in New York and thought it was an awesome idea. I knew I had to create work for myself as I am not one to sit still, so it was fitting and there was a large request for it."

The porch photos are available for download here: <https://www.marcellahadden.com/covid19>

Hadden said she also has a YouTube channel with the photos on display at <https://youtu.be/d604UnKApPI>

Photos courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

