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Names chosen for new Tribal academy, project information shared during Homecoming Meeting

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The names for the Tribal Academy Project – the new school and road leading to the school – have been chosen.

Wii Maagiikwad (to grow as people, for them to grow) has been chosen for the school's name. The name was nominated by Kendra Taylor when the Public Relations Department put out a request to the Membership for name suggestions.

"I just thought what a school was to me and I just figured educationally, and just as a community, or as a whole, we are in school with the same

people for a long time," Taylor said. "You grow up together physically, mentally, in all aspects, and I thought that was really cool."

Gikendaaso Way (Educated Way) will be the name of the road leading to the school. The name suggestion was submitted by Niibin Sprague.

"(The translation means) he or she is smart, is intelligent, or is educated," Sprague said. "I figured that it would be a good name to be relatable to what's going to be happening on that road."

The selected names were both approved during a motion in a July 14 Tribal Council special session meeting.

"I wanted to (submit the name suggestion) right away because this was a proposed project when we were in elementary school. It's exciting to be able to help come up with those names, being from this area," Sprague said, as both he and Taylor went to school together.

Taylor and Sprague were gifted by Tribal Council on July 20 in the Council Chambers and recognized during the July 22 Homecoming Meeting.

Chief Tim J. Davis told Taylor and Sprague he "appreciated their idea and submission."

Tribal Council invited Taylor and Sprague to attend the



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Tribal Council gifts Kendra Taylor (fourth from left) for selecting the name of the new Tribal academy (Wii Maagiikwad) and Niibin Sprague (fifth from left) for selecting the name for the road (Gikendaaso Way) that leads to the school.

school's groundbreaking. The date is yet to be determined.

During the 2021 Homecoming Meeting in Soaring Eagle's Entertainment Hall, Bonnie Ekdahl,

consultant for the youth education project, spoke about the project and the long progress behind it.

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Chief Tim J. Davis delivers Homecoming Address during July 22 meeting

(Editor's note: The following is part of Chief Tim J. Davis' 2021 address during the July 22 Homecoming Meeting shortly after 11 a.m., held in the Soaring Eagle Entertainment Hall.)

"Aanii, and good morning. It's been two years since we have been able to gather together and I'm grateful to be here, able to share information with you on behalf of the Tribal Council.

We have a full agenda today with updates from our gaming properties, Migizi Economic Development, some of the Tribe's committees, legislative updates and a complete treasurer's report.

Over this last year, full of challenges and restrictions, Tribal Council has been able to continue our work to ensure all essential services have been available, easily and safely accessible. We have put together a pamphlet of items and accomplishments as well as some of the opportunities we were able to develop and share with you. It is important to know that all these efforts would not be possible without the dedication and cooperation of all of our employees.

A groundbreaking for the new school is in the works and we will be sharing those dates and

times as they come available.

Tribal Council voted on and is pleased to announce the names selected for the new academy and its new road. Please welcome Kendra Taylor and Niibin Sprague, as their submissions were selected.

Tribal Council has been and continues to collect your recommendations of the old Tribal Center's re-purposing, please give us your ideas for this historical building.

Along with being able to keep per capita at its current amount, even after the closure last year, we have been able to provide three stimulus payment to the Membership and are on solid ground financially.

Tribal committees have been working diligently to provide opportunities for us in the global market and with our peer agencies.

You will hear from the Cannabis Committee today.

The Conservation Committee continues its work to execute our treaty rights of the 1819 Treaty and clearly define our gathering, hunting and fishing rights within our aboriginal lands.

The MIIBS Committee has been working through strategic planning and now have an architect working on conceptual

drawing for grant opportunities and future development. All anthropology studies continue and the committee continues its discovery work on the MIIBS property. We will be sure to continue to update you on other committee efforts through the Tribal Observer.

We have made difficult decisions in certain areas, while continuing to remain committed to making decisions that are in the best interest of the Tribe.

Closing of the marina in Saganing and the Ziibiwing Commercial Services has saved the Tribe millions.

Migizi has been working closely with Tribal Council to ensure all economic efforts are streamlined and continue to move forward with efficiency and cost savings.

The Utilities Department renovated the pool and bath houses up on The Hill. The bath houses are now ADA compliant and the pool has been repaired and is now open for the remainder of the season.

The CARES and RESCUE Acts have provided opportunities to improve and replace infrastructure and equipment. EPA standards have been met and we have more improvement plans in place for the future.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Chief Tim J. Davis delivers his address during the Homecoming Meeting on Thursday, July 22 in Soaring Eagle's Entertainment Hall.

The pandemic brought about new challenges for us as well as new opportunities. Policies have been put in place to protect our associates, guests, Tribal Members and Tribal community. COVID testing procedures were developed and adopted and we are monitoring our entire work force.

In closing, we want you to know that we, working alongside our associates, have strived to go above and beyond to ensure services, assistance and information are being provided every step of the way. Chi-miigwetch to all for bringing us through this experience together."

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

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James Smith Jr.

December 24, 1990 – July 9, 2021

James "Jimo" Luke Smith Jr., age 30, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Friday, July 9, 2021.

Jim was born Dec. 24, 1990, in Flint, Mich., the son of James and Kelli (Nickerson) Smith Sr. He graduated from Shepherd High School with the Class of 2009, where he played defensive tackle #65 on the Shepherd football team all four years of his high school career.



Jim was a gentle giant; was always kind, happy, and full of life. He had a smile that would light the room and his laughter was contagious.

"Jimo," as his friends knew him, loved anything outdoors. He was an avid sportsman, especially hunting. Jim loved boating, grilling, camping, gaming, dancing, and cuddling with his dog Jazzy. He liked hanging out with his friends and he was the best uncle in the world; his nieces and nephews meant everything to him.

Jim was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, where he was employed working as a carpenter apprentice in the woodshop.

Jim is survived by the love of his life for the past 13 years, Mercedes Hayes of Alma; parents James and Kelli Smith Sr. of Mt. Pleasant; his sisters Nicole (Erich) Lehman Sr. of Mt. Pleasant, Jesse Smith of Mt. Pleasant, Isabella Smith of Alma; nieces and nephews Lukas Smith, Erich Lehman Jr., Logan Lehman, Mycahh Lehman, Vegas Lehman, and Sagelee Lehman; mother-in-law Lisa Hayes of Alma; maternal grandparents Donald and Vada Jo Nickerson of Flint; aunt Faith Davis of Tennessee; uncle Richard (Deborah) Nickerson of Flint; and aunt Kimilee Nickerson of Shepherd.

Jim was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother Peggy Nickerson; paternal grandparents Gordon and Cecilia Smith; cousin Ronald Grandy; and many other extended family members.

Funeral services were held on Friday, July 16, 2021, at 1 p.m. at Clark Family Funeral Chapel with Pastor Bobby Mendel officiating. Interment followed in Denver Township Cemetery. A luncheon took place in the Reflections Reception Center at Clark Family Funeral Chapel following the burial. The family greeted friends on that Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Clark Family Funeral Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Thank you from the family of Makyo

The family of Makyo would like to thank all those who are helping us during this most difficult time. We would like to thank the SCIT, SCIT community, Grady Memorial Hospital-Atlanta, Crowell Brothers Funeral Home, Clark's Funeral Chapel, our wonderful Firekeepers, Wilma Henry and family, Tonya Antoine and family, Lori Nahdee, Jean Flamand and family, Jen Wassegijig, Anita Hall, Bonnie and Bernie Sprague, Karmen and Tony Fox, the McCreery's, Romero family, Hunter Genia and family, Eric Sowmick, Hueneman's, Quigno's, our George, Dye and Hill relatives, those who provided food, drinks, wood, stopped by to pay condolences, flowers, donated to his Go Fund Me, and prayed for us. Son, we will get answers what happened to you and know you are forever in our minds. We love you.

Thank you from the family of Karen Williams

We would like to thank all our friends in the community for all the food, flowers, cards, contributions. Thank you for the dinner after the funeral, all the prayers and kindness meant so much to us in our time of sorrow.

Thanks to: Tribal Fire Dept., EMT, McLaren Hospital, Davita Dialysis and Clark's Funeral Home.

*The family of Karen Williams
Tanner, Gigi, Bonnie*

Ryan Douglas Chippeway

March 17, 1972 – July 5, 2021

Ryan Douglas Chippeway went to be with the Lord on July 5, 2021.

Ryan was born in Mount Pleasant at Central Michigan Community Hospital to Genevieve Chippeway and Howard Chippeway Jr. on March 17, 1972.

Ryan was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

He loved and enjoyed spending time with his nephews, Paige (Beth) Surline, Kayen Fuller and Tyler Chippeway, and his nieces, Gena Sprague, Sadie Fuller and Nyah Chippeway. He loved his aunts, Eliza Owl, Eva Jackson and Kathy Castle and all of his cousins.

He really enjoyed fishing and playing bingo.

He is survived by his mother Genevieve Chippeway, step-father Robert Bennett Jr. (whom he called "Dad"), brother Darrell (Courtney) Chippeway and his sisters Starla Fuller and Teela (Stacey Campbell) Chippeway.

He was preceded in death by his father Howard Chippeway Jr. and sister, Shannon Chippeway.

Cremation has taken place at Daisy Hill Crematory in Mt. Pleasant. A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14, at Clark Family Funeral Chapel with Benjamen Evers officiating. The family received friends from noon until the time of service.



Karen Elaine Williams

November 13, 1973 – June 21, 2021

Karen Elaine Williams, age 47, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Monday, June 21, 2021, at McLaren Central Michigan Hospital.

Karen was born in Ypsilanti, Mich. on Nov. 13, 1973, the daughter of Arnold and Bonnie (Lockhart) Thomas. She graduated from Willow Run High School with the class of 1991.

Karen married David Williams on July 19, 1997 in Clare. David preceded her in death on Oct. 20, 2016.

Karen worked for many years at the Soaring Eagle Casino finance department. She loved getting her nails done, shopping, traveling, and going to the casino. Karen also liked volunteering her time at school functions when her son Tanner was younger.

Karen is survived by her son Tanner Williams of Mt. Pleasant; her mother Bonnie Thomas of Mt. Pleasant; brother Arnold "Wayne" (Annette) Thomas of Sidney, Ohio; sister Janet "Gigi" Thomas of Mt. Pleasant; her dog Sparkle; sister-in-law Marion Joseph of Mt. Pleasant; special aunts Judy (Jerry) Madden of Nashville, Tenn., and Ella (Austin) Begley of Adrian; special uncle Ed Green of Milford, Ohio; niece Hannah Mote of Sidney, Ohio; and many cousins.

Karen was preceded in death by her father Arnold Thomas; husband David Williams; Grandma Meme; and special aunts Janice Green and Marsha Stewart.

Funeral services took place on Monday, June 28, 2021, at 1 p.m. at Clark Family Funeral Chapel with Fred Cantu officiating. Burial followed at Woodland Cemetery. A luncheon was held at Reflections Reception Center after the interment. The family received friends on Sunday, June 27, from 1 to 8 p.m. at Clark Family Funeral Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Sabrina A. Floyd

August 6, 1980 – June 24, 2021

Sabrina A. Floyd, age 40, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Thursday, June 24, 2021.

Sabrina was born Aug. 6, 1980, in Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of Fredrick and Darlene (Chamberlain) Floyd. She was a member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Sabrina loved to spend time with her children and grandchildren. She also liked to travel.

Sabrina is survived by her husband Kerry Hatlak; her son Keezhig Floyd; daughter Alyssa Acuna; grandchildren Jupiter and Oliver; her mother Darlene Highley; and brothers Casey and Austin Floyd.

Sabrina was preceded in death by her father Fredrick Floyd Jr.; brother Jimmy Floyd; maternal grandparents Robert Leo Chamberlain Sr. and Shirley (Sprague) Day; paternal grandparents Fredrick and Judy Floyd Sr.

Funeral services were held on Friday, July 2, 2021, at 1 p.m. at Clark Family Funeral Chapel with Rev. Doyle Perry officiating. A luncheon followed in the Reflections Reception Center. The family greeted friends beginning at 12 p.m. until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Attention Tribal Members

INPUT NEEDED

for the repurposing of the former
Tribal Operations Building
(7070 E Broadway, intersection of Leaton and Broadway)

Tribal Council needs your input, ideas and/or suggestions such as: should it include a place for sacred fires, veterans memorial, meeting space and amphitheater.

Please send any suggestions, options and/or questions to Public Relations at:

- ▶ Email: PublicRelations@sagchip.org
- ▶ Phone: 989-775-4096

2021 Tribal Election

Candidate Packets

Will be available at the Tribal Clerk's Office, beginning
Aug. 6, 2021 – Sept. 3, 2021.

Input needed for Veterans Memorial Site

Tribal Council has recently approved for a Veterans Memorial Site. Input needed from Tribal Members, Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society and veterans on suggestions for location and memorial ideas. The space will need to be large enough to hold events and several event attendees.

For input, please contact the Public Relations Department at:

- Email: PublicRelations@sagchip.org
- Phone: 989-775-4096

2021 Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Elections

District 1 Change of Location

In an effort to make voting more readily accessible, and accommodate more voters at one time, the Caucus Committee is pleased to announce that the 2021 Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Elections for District 1 will now be held at the **Tribal Gym located at 7070 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.**

- ▶ **Primary Election:** Oct. 12, 2021, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- ▶ **General Election:** Nov. 2, 2021, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

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

Attention Tribal Members:

The At-Large/Member Services staff has begun to move to new locations. Most services will remain unchanged thru the end of the Fiscal Year (Sept. 30, 2021).

Please note the following new locations for the current staff and contact information:

- **Lisa Ayling:** (HR Dept.) Member Service Rep
989-775-4943 | layling@sagchip.org
- **Nicole Chippewa:** (HR Dept.) Admin. Assistant
989-775-5600 | nchippewa@sagchip.org
- **Denise Pelcher:** (Andahwod) Member Service Rep
989-775-4949 | depelcher@sagchip.org

Craig Graveratte, former supervisor of the At-Large/Member Services Department, officially accepted a new role of Benefits Manager in the Human Resources Department and has agreed to assist Members Services during this transition period. He may be contacted at 989-775-4942 or cgraveratte@sagchip.org

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this time.



Election Timeline

2021 Primary & General Elections

Aug. 6 - Sept. 3 | **Candidate Packets** available at the Tribal Clerk's Office

Sept. 3 | **Petition Deadline** for Candidates to turn in Petitions

Sept. 10 | **Last day to register** to vote for the Primary Election

Sept. 10 | **Deadline for Candidates to meet all aspects of the qualifications** to be placed on the final list of Candidates

Sept. 14 | **Final Candidate List Posted**

Sept. 21 | **Absentee Ballots** for Primary Election available in the office and mailed

Oct. 1 | **Last day to register** to vote for the General Election

Oct. 11 | Certification of voting machines (5:15 p.m.)

Oct. 12 | **Primary Election Day**
Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Oct. 20 | **Absentee Ballots** for General Election available in the office and mailed

Nov. 1 | Certification of voting machines (5:15 p.m.)

Nov. 2 | **General Election Day**
Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Nov. 3 | **General Election Results Posted**

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



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

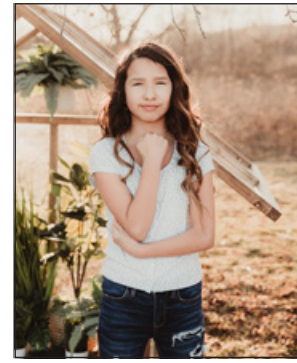
Regular Tribal Council Sessions

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

- Meetings are open to Tribal Members.
- Administration will announce ahead of time if meeting date or time changes for possible weather or emergencies. However, it is rare the times change.
- 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

- **Aug. 3** • **Sept. 7** • **Oct. 5**



*Happy 11th
Birthday
Gnaajwi!*

We love you so much and are very proud of you!
*Love, Grandma, Mom, Dad,
Sisters and Dash!*



*Happy 2nd
Birthday
Makogonzh!!*

*Mom, Dad, brothers,
sister, and family
Love You!!*

2022 ANNUAL REPORTS are now being accepted

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

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

Notarization is required

- Forms are available by mail, email and online at www.sagchip.org
- Post marked forms, email or faxed will not be accepted

Your 2022 Annual Report MUST be filed before/with submitting a Tribal Loan Application.

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



COVID-19 Walk-In Moderna Vaccination Clinics

Open to everyone (18 years and older)

Every Wednesday
Through the end of August

1-4 p.m. | At Nimkee Public Health
(2591 S. Leaton Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858)

- ▶ To vaccinate minors 17 and under please check the Health Department at CMDHD.ORG.



Public Service Announcement

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe strives to provide a warm and welcoming environment for all of its Members and their families to grow, develop, and thrive. Many times we find ourselves celebrating our culture and traditional ways in an open setting with other fellow Tribal Members. Activities such as drumming, singing and dancing are a few examples of how we can practice, share, and teach our traditional ways. When this is done in a respectful and productive way, it acts to strengthen our community and should be celebrated. This is in no way community disturbance or nuisance and should be supported and enjoyed, not discouraged. Let's continue to take care of one another and check-in on your elders often.



15th Annual People's Traditional POWWOW

Elijah Elk Cultural Center - Seventh Generation Program

Sept. 18 & 19, 2021
Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds
7957 E. Remus Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Friday, Sept. 17: Lacrosse and bonfire



Tuesdays • June 1 - Oct. 5

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Farmers Market Pavilion

Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads

Items include:

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

Welcoming NEW Healthy Food/Native Art Vendors:

Maple syrup, eggs, honey, seeds, cottage foods, plants, organic protein and wild rice.

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

Like us on Facebook!

For more information:

Samantha Chippeway, Market Master

- Phone: 989.775.4629 or 989.330.6860
- Email: Samachippeway@sagchip.org

September Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits

Available starting Tuesday, July 6, 2021

Deadline: Friday, Aug. 6, 2021 by 5 p.m.

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

Notarization is required

- Forms are available by mail, email and online at www.sagchip.org
- Post marked forms, email or faxed will not be accepted

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




Tribal Council

Chief
Tim J. Davis | District One

Sub-Chief
Joe Kequom | District Three

Treasurer
Maia Spotted Tail | District One

Secretary
Jennifer L. Wassegijig | District One

Sergeant-at-Arms
Martha Wemigwans | District One

Chaplain
Alice Jo Ricketts | District One

Council Member
Ronald F. Ekdahl | District One

Council Member
Theresa Jackson | District One

Council Member
Chip Neyome | District One

Council Member
Carmen Otto | District One

Council Member
Gayle Ruhl | District One

Council Member
Ron Nelson | District Two

2021 AISM Events Calendar



Aug. 4: Drug Take Back and In Plain Sight Teen Room
12 - 4 p.m. | Native Farmers Market Pavilion

Aug. 11: RezBall 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
4 p.m. | Eagles Nest Tribal Gym Parking Lot

Aug. 13: Youth Fishing Tournament
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park

Aug. 18: Family Fun Event
(Details to come)

Aug. 31: Overdose Awareness and Remembrance Day
6 - 8 p.m. | Behavioral Health Backyard



FALMOUTH INSTITUTE TRIBAL GRANTS MANAGEMENT

CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
TENTATIVE-pending enough participants

Sept. 20-23, 2021
Location: TBD
Monday through Thursday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Estimated cost of \$545
May be reduced depending on number of participants.

To register, please contact:
Kehli Henry at 989.775.4501

About the certification program
Successful completion of this four day* in-depth certification program demonstrates you're equipped with tools needed for successful implementation of grant programs. You'll learn everything you would in the Introduction to Grants Management course, plus receive more granular training on project management, evaluation and goal setting, strategic planning and regulation analysis. You'll also build and strengthen understanding of fiscal aspects of grants management, including understanding the Common Rule, navigating audits and learning to know when expenditures and activities are allowable and can be allocated and whether costs are reasonable under the OMB Super Circular. By passing the online qualifying exam, you'll demonstrate you have knowledge and skills necessary to be an effective tribal grants manager.

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.

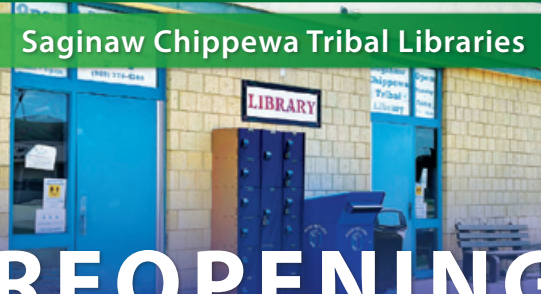
Zoongide'ewin – Bravery
To be brave and have courage is to recognize our moral and mental strength and to do what is appropriate.

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.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries



REOPENING

July 26, 2021

Hours: Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
NEW website address: saginaw.ploud.net

New services

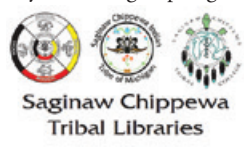
- Printing details – libraryprint@sagchip.org to have us print and place them in a locker for pickup.
- Self-check-out station
- Curbside/lockers
- Libby (magazines etc. now online)

Safety considerations

- Limited capacity
- Exhibiting symptoms – use curbside option if not feeling well
- Masks are optional

Curbside printing also available

- Email your documents to: LibraryPrint@sagchip.org
- We will print them, and place them in the lockers using the above instructions.



Contact information:

- **Phone:** 989-775-4508
- **Email:** AHeidemann@sagchip.org, KCondon@sagchip.org, or LDisel@sagchip.org

Human Resources Satellite Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
**Closed for lunch: 12 - 1 p.m.*

Saturday: 6 – 10 p.m.

Location: Directly next door to Legends Diner on the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort gaming floor.

For more information, please call:
989-775-5648 | 989-775-5654 | 989-775-5778

SCAN HERE to view current positions posted!




Stay up to date with the latest Soaring Eagle news! SCAN HERE



Tribal Observer

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



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

Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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

Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

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

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

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



MASK REQUIRED
PRIOR TO ENTRY

STAY SAFE & HEALTHY

IMPORTANT REMINDER

While Michigan is lifting COVID-19 restrictions statewide, Nimkee Clinic will continue to require face masks and screen all patients, visitors and vendors regardless of vaccination status.

Only one support person will be allowed to accompany any pediatric patient and or adult patient who needs assistance. We will continue to follow recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to help limit and slow the spread of COVID-19.

Nimkee Clinic is committed to ensuring the safety of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Community, our patients and staff.

Tribal Court Update

The Tribal Court has begun in person hearings since July 1, 2021. A party may request a Zoom hearing in writing if the request is received five business days prior to the scheduled and approved by the judge. All other COVID safeguards will remain in effect until further notice.

- Court: 989-775-4801
- Jury hotline: 877-375-9068

COVID-19 Cares Act Funeral Assistance

Dec. 20, 2020 — A provision (Act 2021) was passed to reimburse Funeral Expenses incurred by family; to be reimbursed up to an approved capped amount.

- All Tribal Members, descendants, non-natives are eligible. Do not have to be a U.S. citizen, but the applicant has to be a U.S. citizen.
- Paid directly to one family member, not funeral home. **Use invoice of services paid or commitment to pay.*
- Retroactive back to Jan. 20, 2020.
- Nationwide
- Standard maximum (\$35,000 one person can claim) and minimum amounts.
- Amounts are different by state/city, amounts may vary.
- 100% with no cost share.
- Tribes do not have to verify membership and no state involvement; all Federal.
- BIA does cover some burial expenses and cannot be reimbursed through this program.

Eligibility: Died in the period of Jan. 20, 2020 - Dec. 31, 2020

- **Death certificate:** with COVID-19 stated on it, does not have to be the primary cause and can be probable cause. If COVID-19 was suspected and not on death certificate, FEMA and/or the funeral home can help get the death certificate amended.
- **Proof of funeral expenses:** Cultural expenses or customs are covered as long as there is documentation that they occurred. Embalming, casket, vault, religious service, burial, cremation, etc.
- Does not repay those expenses already paid for by insurance or the Tribe. Only paid to one (1) person with documents to show what was paid for. Cannot duplicate Government Funds.

To apply, please call: 844-684-6333

- ▶ **Hours of operation:** Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Applications accepted beginning: April 12, 2021

Rez Ball 2021
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BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2021
Games start: 4 p.m. | Registration starts: 2 p.m.

Eagles Nest Tribal Gym Parking Lot
(7070 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant MI 48858)

Backup date: Aug. 18 (in case of inclement weather)

- ▶ Free lunch and T-shirt for players (while supplies last)
- ▶ 1st place trophies and 2nd place medals
- ▶ Open to the public
- ▶ Parent Lightning game

Categories:

• 5 th Grade & Under (co-ed)	• 9 th - 12 th Grade
• 6 th - 8 th Grade	• Adult

\$15 per player

- 4 person max per team
- 8 team max per age group

To pre-register, please contact:

- **Lucas Sprague:** 989.775.4149 or lusprague@sagchip.org
- **Kyle Shomin:** 989.775.4093 or KShomin@sagchip.org

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Date: Thursday, Aug. 26, 2021 **Time:** 12 - 4 p.m.
Location: Doozie's Ice Cream Place
1310 E. Pickard Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

HONORING SAGANING TRADITIONAL POWWOW

Sept. 11 & 12, 2021

Powwow Grounds | 2750 Worth Rd. Standish, MI
Next to the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Saganing Tribal Center

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

SCA Fall Enrollment

The Saginaw Chippewa Academy is now enrolling NEW students for the 2021-2022 school year in grades K-5.

Stop by the SCA office located at 7498 E. Broadway Rd. to pick up an enrollment packet. The enrollment packet is also available online in the documents section of our website at <https://www.sagchipschool.net/>

We also require the student's birth certificate, Tribal ID, and immunization records prior to enrollment.

For more information, please call: 989-775-4453 or email Khotchkiss@sagchipschool.net

Community Wi-Fi now available

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

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

COMMUNITY Service

SCTC classes could count toward your community service hours!

Students will receive 10 hours of community service per credit hour, per semester.

Example: A completed 3 hour credit class = 30 community service hours

- Students can register for 3, 4 or 5 credit courses.
- Students can apply for the Michigan Indian Tuition waiver and federal student financial aid.
- For scholarship funding, apply to the Higher Education Department.
- Tuition will be \$60 per credit hour, and \$25 student fee/credit hour.

**Community Service hours will be validated with proof of final passing grades from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.*

Saganing Powwow

Golf Outing Fundraiser

Friday, Sept. 10, 2021
Tee time: 10 a.m. shotgun start

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

- Format: three player scramble
- Entry: \$80 per player (covers cart/green fees/skins/lunch/awards banquet)
- 1st and 2nd place prizes
- Prizes for: longest drive, closest to the pin, and longest putt
- 50/50 raffle
- Mulligans: \$5 each, limit two per player

Sponsors:

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

All proceeds benefit the 2021 Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow



Behavioral Health Programs share the services the department provides to the Membership

The purpose of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Behavioral Health Program is to provide comprehensive, individualized, and holistic outpatient treatment in mental health and substance abuse services to Native Americans encompassed in the designated service areas.

A cultural and sensitive approach shall be taken in the delivery of counseling, outreach, crisis intervention, administrative services, prevention measures, evaluation, and planning for the appropriate mental health and substance abuse services and referrals to the clients served.

Behavioral Health has been accredited by CARF: Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities for the past 20 years. The mission of CARF is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process and continuous improvement of services that center on enhancing the lives of persons served.

All services are accessible by calling the Behavioral Health Front Office at **989-775-4850** or by emailing bhfrontoffice@sagechip.org

Outpatient counseling

- Outpatient therapy provides comprehensive services to Tribal Members with address mental health, substance abuse, and dual diagnosis issues with children, adolescents, adults, and elderly through the delivery of integrated services. Services focus on the Four Directions of the Medicine Wheel; mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual in each individual's life. In addition, focus is placed on the social aspect of one's life. Treatment is person-centered and is developed with the goal of restoring balance in the individual's life. A multi-disciplinary team approach is used to provide services to meet the client's needs as well as; support the recovery, health, or wellbeing of the person served or families served, enhance the quality of life of the persons served, reduce symptoms or needs and build resilience, restore and/or improve functioning and support the integration of the persons served into the community.

- The admission criteria follows in accordance with Indian Health Services policies and guidelines that help govern Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe health care policies and procedures.

- To qualify for services an individual must be registered with the Nimkee Clinic.

- Due to being an Indian Health Service facility and receiving funds, clients are not responsible for co-pays or additional costs for services provided. Private insurance is billed for appropriate services.

Adult Residential Treatment Center (RTC) for substance use

- This program aims to provide alcohol and other drug and



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behavioral health treatment in a residential setting for adults 18 years of age or older. Services include diagnostics, individualized program lengths and treatment plans, client advocacy, and planning for continuity of care. The RTC houses a 24-bed (12 male, 12 female) rehabilitation center.

- The treatment model strives to address various areas of the individual's life including medical and physical needs, education, and employment barriers, implications of alcohol and drug usage, family and social involvement, legal issues, psychological well-being and cultural and spiritual needs. Additional services are designed to assist clients in developing sobriety maintenance skills, pro-social and resiliency skills, and interpersonal relationship skills in a culturally responsive and sensitive setting.

- Several therapeutic modalities are regularly employed. These modalities include but are not limited to; cognitive behavioral therapy, trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy, motivational enhancement, 12 step approaches, and traditional Native American practices. Treatment consists of individual and group therapy, case management, mindfulness, acupuncture, energy healing, life skills, and a variety of other services.

- The intake specialist conducts a screening and assessment of all potential residential clients.

- Admission requires the individual requesting services to meet the following criteria: Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member or a member of another federally recognized tribe or direct descendent of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe residing in the five county service area of Isabella, Clare, Arenac, Midland and Missaukee. Must be registered at Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center. Free from substances for a minimum of 72 hours. Free or in complete control/managed infectious diseases. Free of a major, untreated psychiatric disorder such as schizophrenia or psychotic disorder. Does not have a physical or mental disability which would severely limit the ability to participate in programming. Current within 24 hours from admission a history and physical examination by a medical doctor.

Helping healer and traditional healer

- In addition to using plant medicines, the traditional healer uses the healing spirit to assist

in healing or removing what is causing the distress within the body, mind and spirit. Healers encompass a range of holistic treatments used by indigenous healers for a multitude of acute and chronic conditions or to promote health and well-being. It is holistic, meaning they do not focus on symptoms or disease. Instead, they deal with the total individual. Healing focuses on the person and their environment, not only the illness.

- Healing may involve sweat lodges, talking circles, drumming, ceremonial smoking of tobacco, etc.

- Healers are scheduled at Behavioral Health by appointment by calling the front office (see above).

Prevention

- The Prevention Team at Behavioral Health works very hard throughout the year to provide healthy activities that promote education, awareness and provide resources. The staff serve on several committees and are often asked to work collaboratively with other SCIT departments and community agencies. American Indian Sobriety Month (AISM) and the Freedom Walk are highlights of the prevention program.

- Zaagaate' is a mentoring program for youth in grades 5th-12th and is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Indian Education. Zaagaate' goals are to increase academics, attendance, and graduation rates through cultural teachings, life skill development, and positive relationship building.

- Community and family events include: Wellbriety, Celebrating Families, educational/awareness booths with flyers, information and resources, Masquerade Powwow, lunch and learn collaborative events, etc.

- Celebrating Families is an evidenced-based cognitive behavioral, support group model written for families affected by alcohol or other drugs. Works with every member of the family from ages 3 through adult, to strengthen recovery from alcohol and/or other drugs, break the cycle of addiction and increase successful family reunification.

Native Connections Program

- The purpose of this program is to prevent and reduce suicidal behavior and substance misuse, reduce the impact of trauma, and to promote mental health among American Indian and Alaska Native youth, families and communities.

Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan (NMN) Domestic Violence Services: assistance, advocacy and counseling

- This program is dedicated to assisting survivors and their families in ending domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking in their lives through education, systems

change, building community partnerships, and ensuring accessibility of support services.

- Services are designed specifically for survivors of intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking. All participants involved in services must have been a victim of, or witness to, intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking. Involvement in all programs and services is voluntary. All services are provided free of cost.

Psychiatric services

- Dr. Kathleen Regan has been providing psychiatric services for Behavioral Health for more than 15 years. She also serves as Behavioral Health's medical director. In FY2020, Dr. Regan provided services to 342 individual clients with an average of seeing 42.5 clients per month. Dr. Regan works in the Behavioral Health building one day per week and is available via telephone as needed. Dr. Regan also works collaboratively with the Nimkee Clinic for the oversight of shared clients. She also approves all admissions to the Residential Treatment Center.

School-based consulting clinician

- This program strives to improve access to diagnosis and treatment for children and adolescents. In addition to identifying children with mental health needs and ensuring access to services, SBCC services focus on assisting with the coordination of service planning between educators, mental health professionals and families. Educators, social service providers, juvenile justice officials, and mental health specialists work collaboratively to develop and implement effective services as well as link children and families to additional supports in the community.

- This program works with teachers and staff in training/consulting on trauma informed responses to individual students via observation and one-to-one support. Also collaborates with Project AWARE staff to address trauma.

- SBCC strives to improve school attendance by reducing truancy. Regular school attendance as an early intervention can assist with positive outcomes for learning and can improve academic development. SBCC is working to increase the awareness of the important role the school plays in meeting the social and emotional needs of students by supporting the effort to work on creating trauma sensitive programming.

Graduate level internship opportunities

- Behavioral Health eagerly accepts master's level interns from various colleges and universities. The field of study accepted is in the human services field, i.e., social work, professional counselor, marriage and family therapy, etc.

- Contact the Behavioral Health front desk for information and referral to the correct employee.

Holistic Specialty Treatments: auricular (ear) acupuncture, energy healing

- Acupuncture has been practiced for thousands of years and is one of the key components of traditional Chinese medicine. The body is seen as a balance of opposing forces called yin and yang. Disease and other health concerns are thought to be the result of an imbalance that causes a blockage in the flow of energy. Acupuncture works to release the blockage and restore balance between yin and yang. Auricular acupuncture reduces cravings for alcohol and drugs, including nicotine. Increase calmness and better sleep. Decreased agitation. Relieve stress and emotional trauma. Benefit your wellbeing. This is offered free of charge every Thursday at Behavioral Health from 4 to 6 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

- Energy therapy is the act of restoring balance and harmony to the body, mind, spirit and emotion. Energy therapy helps ease symptoms caused by a variety of issues we face in life: Withdrawal/cravings for alcohol, tobacco and other substances. Reduce anxiety and depression, headaches, chronic pain, fatigue, low energy, and defuses stress and supports greater calm. This is offered free of charge and can be scheduled by calling ahead to schedule an appointment at the Behavioral Health front office.

After hours on-call crisis services

- On call provides services for Tribal community members to alleviate and reduce their level of crisis and is available 24 hours, 7 days per week including holidays. Licensed mental health therapists are on a weekly rotation with each other in order to provide this service.

- The on-call system is operated in conjunction with the Tribal Police Department and may be contacted after business hours. The on-call system can be reached by contacting Tribal Police Dispatch at 989-775-4700 or using the prompts on our main line. The responding dispatcher will contact the Behavioral Health on-call phone to request assistance.

- The definition of "crisis" is as follows: A person is a danger to themselves (suicidal) – Individuals that have indicated a desire to harm themselves and have the capacity to complete such action. A person is a danger to others (homicidal) – Individuals that have indicated a desire to harm someone else and that have the capacity to complete such action. A person is unable to take care of themselves or to understand the need to take care of themselves; Persons that do not have the ability to understand and respond to their basic care needs.



The Housing Department provides a summary of services it provides to the Membership

Federally subsidized (HUD) rental units (51). Rent fees are on a sliding scale according to household income. Currently four SCIT member households utilize this program.

- Nine single family, detached houses with a garage in Standish
- Twenty-nine single family, detached houses with a garage in Mt. Pleasant
- Five single occupancy apartments in Mt. Pleasant
- Eight Duplex units, each with a garage in Mt. Pleasant

COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (US Treasury)

- Rent payments for income eligible renters
- Utility payments (gas, electric, propane) for income eligible renters
- Security deposit payments and other fees related to securing housing for income eligible renters
- Internet fees for income eligible renters
- Water, sewer and trash removal fees for income eligible renters

COVID-19 quarantine housing units (three)

- All located in Mount Pleasant

Maintains three public playgrounds and parks

- Cedar Trail Pavilion and Playground in Standish
- Broadway Playground & Ball Field, Mt. Pleasant
- Little Elk Ball Park, Mt. Pleasant
- Otto Park Area, Mt. Pleasant

Rent-to-Own Program

- Currently one (three bedroom) house

Pavilion and concession for community and private gatherings

- Refundable deposit (based on condition after use)

Land Title Records Office

- Process the Tribal Members' lease hold applications with the BIA
- Hold, preserve and archive the Tribe's property land records

Provided funding for community projects

- 2019 Cement Driveway for the Blue House, Language Immersion Program
- 2019 New Roof for Sasiwaans School
- 2020 New Roof for Saganing Church
- 2021 New Parking Lot for Saganing Tribal Center

Provides funding for various community activities

- Honoring, Healing, and Remembering
- Michigan Indian Family Olympics
- NativeFest
- Back to School Event
- The People's Powwow
- Trunk or Treat

The department currently employs five Tribal Members



Housing Department shares information about grant that supports the program

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe currently receives assistance from HUD's Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) in the form of a grant which averages approximately 1.1 million annually since 1998.

NAHASDA is a federal law enacted by the U.S. Government and is the primary program by which the federal government fulfills its federal trust obligations to Native American tribes. The grant funding for each participating tribe is based on the Native population in their Indian area. The Indian area for SCIT includes the following counties: Arenac, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Mecosta, Midland, Montcalm and Osceola.

The amount of funds available to tribes varies year to year and is dependent on Congressional appropriations. More information can be found at HUD.GOV Office of Public and Indian Housing.

NAHASDA guidelines

The rules and regulations of the program require the grant funds to be directed to low-income Native Americans. HUD defines low-income as

80 percent of U.S. median family income. The income guidelines are published by HUD annually.

There is a complex set of regulations tribes must comply with when administering the grant. The federal statute is: 25 U.S.C. 4101-4212. The regulations pertaining to the law are 24 CFR 1000 and 24 CFR 85.

Compliance requires a dedicated staff to fulfill these requirements and to produce timely reports which are compiled and submitted to Congress by HUD.

Benefits

The main benefit of the housing assistance program is the creation and maintenance of affordable housing for Native households that are income eligible. The SCIT currently has 51 rental units in the program. No more than 30 percent of total household income can be charged as rent. The SCIT gets a portion of the rent revenue each year.

Other benefits of the grant include funding for community betterment projects such as parks and playgrounds and for community activities such as NativeFest and other events offered to the community.

Long term

Today some SCIT Members are eligible to participate in the low-rent program.

None of us can know what the future will bring. Maintaining the viability of the current housing stock and the NAHASDA program is more important now than ever.

2019 SCIT Housing stats:

- SCIT housed 132 individuals
- On average there are five families on the wait list
- On average there are two foster care households participating in the program.
- On average eight applications are processed per month
- Ten percent of tenants are SCIT Members
- Nine percent of tenants are elders, age 60 and older
- Forty-seven percent of tenants are children ages 1-18
- 50 percent of tenants are extremely low income

Community betterment

The Housing department is 100 percent funded by the federal grant. No Tribal funds are utilized.

The following projects have been funded by the NAHASDA Grant and

Housing Department contact information:

- **Admissions & Occupancy:** 989-775-4532
- **Admin Assistance:** 989-775-4595
- **Leasehold & Mortgage:** 989-775-4583
- **Manager:** 989-775-4581 or romaloney@sagchip.org
- **Maintenance:** 989-621-2669
- **Fax:** 989-775-4580

or the Indian Community Development Block Grant:

- The Broadway Park: pavilion, concession stand, playground, restrooms, ball field, and skate park
- Little Elk ball field and pavilion
- Bleachers at powwow grounds
- Fire truck and police vehicles
- Emergency response vehicles
- Staff to maintain parks and grounds
- Equipment available to SCIT departments

Sec. 2 Congressional findings [25 USC 4101]

The Congress finds that:
(1) The Federal Government has a responsibility to promote the general welfare of the nation—

(2) There exists a unique relationship between the Federal Government of the U.S. and the governments of Indian tribes and a unique Federal responsibility to Indian people;

(3) The Constitution of the U.S. invests the Congress with plenary power over the field of Indian affairs, and through treaties, statutes, and historical relations with Indian tribes, the U.S. has undertaken a unique trust responsibility to protect and support Indian tribes and Indian people;

(4) The Congress, through treaties, statutes, and the general course of dealing with Indian tribes, has assumed a trust responsibility for the protection and preservation of Indian tribes and for working with tribes and their members to improve their housing conditions and socioeconomic status so that they are able to take greater responsibility for their own economic condition;

(5) Providing affordable homes in safe and healthy environments is an essential element in the special role of the US in helping tribes and their members to improve their housing conditions and socioeconomic status.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Clerk and Enrollment Department Services

Tribal Clerk services

- Absentee Ballot Request
- Adult Address Change Form
- Annual Report
- Burial Assistance Program Applications
- Candidate Packets
- Child Address Change Form
- COVID-19 Applications
- COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Information
- Decade Birthday checks
- Direct Deposit Form
- District One and Two Reservation Boundaries Maps
- Eagle Permits
- High School Equivalency Requirement Forms
- Michigan Income Tax Withholding Form
- Michigan Indian Tuition Form
- Minutes and Ordinance Requests

- Notary Services
- Per Capita Payment Schedule
- Per Capita Reinstatement Form
- Replacement ID Card: Tribal, Voters, Resident Tribal, Golf Cards, Employee Government ID, Fireman ID.
- Revoke Power of Attorney Form
- Stop Direct Deposit Form
- Tribal Child Welfare Affidavit
- Tribal Child Welfare Agreement Form
- Tribal Child Welfare Quarterly Schedule
- Tribal Child Welfare Withdrawal Form
- Tribal Gym Rental Forms
- Tribal Power of Attorney Form
- Turning 18 years old Child Welfare Schedule
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Information
- Voters Registration Form

Enrollment services

- Affidavit Acknowledging Relinquishment Form
- Descendancy Letter
- Enrollment Applications
- File Copy and One Time Free File Copy Request Forms
- Hardship Assistance Loans
- MI Department of Health & Human Services – Add a father to a Birth Record
- Notary Services
- Release of Information from other Tribes Form
- Relinquishment of Membership Forms (from or to another Tribe)
- Tribal Loan Applications
- Understanding the Probate Process and History Sheet
- Verification of Indian Preference for Employment for the BIA and Indian Health Service Form



Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department shares services provided

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week for the community. Along with the standard preemptive patrols and response to calls for service, we also provide extra patrols of residences while community members are away from their home or business.

Tribal Police offers a youth police academy for Tribal youth to attend in the summer. The

Tribal Youth Police Academy is designed to expose Tribal youth to the skills and necessary training for a career in tribal law enforcement along with teaching them many life skills such as ORV and firearm safety.

Tribal Police also offers a police cadet program for Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members over the age of 20. The police cadet program offers work experience in tribal law

enforcement and prepares the cadet to be successful in a Michigan police academy. This program has been successful in recruiting and training Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members into fully sworn Tribal, State, and Federal police officers.

Throughout the year, we have several drug take back events, and keep a drug drop off bin in our lobby 24/7. This gives our community members a safe

place to dispose of expired or unwanted medication.

Starting in the fall of 2021, Tribal Police will have a school liaison officer. We also offer ORV and Hunter's Safety classes. The police K9's enjoy putting on demonstrations of their abilities for the schools and community events.

We also provide fingerprinting services for non-gaming employment with the Tribe.



Courtesy photo

Tribal academy

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"Step by step, you work through the various barriers that get put in front of us, but if you put your eye on the prize and you know what your goal is, you just have to keep making those steps..." Ekdahl said. "All of these delays have created a building that has allowed a lot of people to have input in."

The building will be entirely dedicated to youth services.

The project's committee is working with an architectural firm out of Grand Rapids, Mich. called Design Forum Inc.

"They come well equipped with a wealth of experience of building schools and other public facilities," Ekdahl said of the firm.

Ekdahl continued, "We've included a lot of areas where we can teach the culture and some of the ways; so, there will be a place to make maple

syrup. The school is located right next to the sugar bush. There will be so much potential for learning; wild rice processing, fish cleaning, dressing a deer, even hunting deer. Those animals have medicines that we need to learn about while processing."

A representative from Standing Stone, the company that provided the blueprints, provided information at a booth during the Homecoming Meeting.

Ekdahl said within the operations of this facility, each department will function independently and have its own budget.

The building will hold precisely 15 public spaces with an effective scheduling system, Ekdahl said.

The Little Nest classroom, as part of Sasiwaans Immersion School, will have four classrooms, with some containing a one-way window for parents to observe their children.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Gikendaaso Way is the selected name of the road leading to the school. The name, submitted by Niibin Sprague, means Educated Way.

The Saginaw Chippewa Academy, kindergarten through fifth grade, will have six classrooms dedicated for their spaces. Three spaces will be dedicated to serve middle and high school students. Other features include a multi-media center, library, reading room and a STEAM room (science, technology, engineering, art and math).

Attached to the STEAM room will be a solar-powered greenhouse so, for example, students can measure the rain and see how much power the rain generated.

The building will host two full-size gymnasiums with the ability to host high school tournaments.

"(The gymnasium) will include a folding wall; half of the side for school during the day and the other half will be used for the community for walking, fitness and physical wellbeing," Ekdahl said.

Next to gymnasium will be a stage area, designed to host music lessons.

"There will be shelving systems in there to store musical instruments," Ekdahl said. "The stage can be used for large events, for performances, for community meetings even. We estimate it will hold 450-500 people. Bleachers were always a big thing so we wanted to make



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Bonnie Ekdahl, consultant of the new Tribal academy, shares updates about the project during the July 22 Homecoming Meeting.

sure we have that for the many spectators."

Ekdahl continued, "Next to the stage, will be a studio with broadcast capability. And it's not just going to be for the adults, it's going to be for the kids to learn."

Other features will include a centrally-located kitchen, large weight room to be available to the community seven days a week, rooms for infants and toddlers to be cared for, and swipe-badge security.

Ekdahl emphasized COVID-19 delayed the project but it is with hope the building will be ready for use by winter 2023.



DGB Development Stage

The Data Governance Board is currently still in their developmental stages. They are hoping to be more functional with policies and procedures in place early 2022. Currently they are working under a grant (Great Lake Inter-Tribal Council) that provides funds to help them through the development process. The board also meets with Tribal Council on a monthly basis to provide updates.

DGB Mission

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

How the community can help the DGB

- Upcoming survey participation
- Share/suggest ideas related to data governance
- Share ideas, concerns about the community's needs
- Volunteer for upcoming events – be added to a list and called upon as needed.

DGB Purpose

Develop, implement and oversee SCIT Data Governance. The Board will protect, manage, and enrich Tribal information and exercise Tribal sovereignty by working to:

1. Build Tribal specific data;
2. Identify new and emerging issues or problems in the community;
3. Assess and identify the need for new programs or initiatives;
4. Engage community members in identifying priorities;
5. Provide education and outreach;
6. Together with the Public Relations Department, build external partnerships; and
7. Refute misleading or inaccurate information about the community and our programs.

How to reach the DGB Members

- **Data Governance Board email:**
DataGovernanceBoard@sagchip.org
- Attend a meeting
- Send questions, concerns, or comments to the board
- Donate gifts or funds to the board
- **Grants Analyst Representative:**
Located in the Office of Grants and Contracts – Boards Administrative Assistant
- **Tribe's toll free number:**
1-800-225-8172
- **Board Webpage:**
www.sagchip.org/dgb

DRUG Take Back

(Includes Sharps)

Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021

12 - 4 p.m. | Native Farmers Market Pavilion
(Corner of Leaton and Broadway roads, Mount Pleasant)

Bring your unwanted, expired or unused medication or sharps to the Native Farmers Market Pavilion to be disposed of properly!

▶ **Receive \$5 in SECR Premium Play!**
When you drop off (limit one voucher per person)



▶ **Raffle prize drawing**
For those who drop off (prize pickup must be arranged)



▶ **In Plain Sight Teen Room walkthrough trailer will also be onsite**
(provided by the Michigan State Police)



▶ **Food vendors**





Ziibiwing Center hosts busy nights of car bingo, music and comedy during NativeFest

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

During Saginaw Chippewa Powwow week, the Ziibiwing Center once more hosted its NativeFest: A celebration of North American Indian culture on July 20-21.

“Honk if you get a bingo!” said bingo caller Bernie Sprague to the Tribal community sitting in vehicles during Indian Car Bingo, held in the Ziibiwing Center’s parking lot.

Car Bingo, held Tuesday, July 20 from 6 to 9 p.m., gave away several prizes; the grand prize — \$1,200 in gift cards.

It cost \$20 per person to participate. All proceeds raised



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The Ekdahl/Saboo families attend Car Bingo, held in the Ziibiwing Center’s parking lot on Tuesday, July 20.

that evening will support educational and cultural programming at Ziibiwing.

Live Music and Comedy Night was held Wednesday, July 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. in Ziibiwing’s lawn.

A light meal was provided at 5:30 p.m. The Anishinabe Performance Circle graduation performance was held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The performance showcased the winter 2020 graduates as they displayed their

newly-learned skills, under the direction of Raymond Cadotte, visitor services representative for the Ziibiwing Center.

This year’s featured graduates were: A.J. Reagan, Jace Reagan, Alexis Reagan, Madison Dixon, McKenzie Dixon, Mary Bouckaert, Kristina Bouckaert, Jade Green, Jorja Green, Josilyn Green and Julian Green.

A comedy slam contest was held from 7:30 to 8 p.m.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Anishinabe Performance Circle graduates pose on stage at the July 21 NativeFest Music and Comedy Night.

Those in attendance could take the microphone and try their luck as a stand-up comedian. Prizes were given to youth and adult winners.

A live performance from J25, a Native American artist, was held 8 to 9 p.m.

Hailing from Gary, Indiana, the Chickasaw Nation female artist, producer and label owner of HGM Music Group LLC has quickly taken the Indigenous hip-hop music scene by storm.

“J25 makes it clear that she will be the voice for Indigenous First Nations people while bringing awareness to the culture, history and issues that don’t get attention in the media,” states her website j25inc.com



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Indigenous hip-hop artist J25 performs that Wednesday evening.



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Bingo caller Bernie Sprague (right) and his wife Bonnie Sprague (left) volunteer during the annual event.



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Michigan tribes call for federal investigation of proposed Muskegon casino

Three Michigan tribes, last month, called for a federal investigation into the decision-making process at the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) under the Trump administration regarding the approval of a proposed off-reservation gaming casino in Muskegon, Mich.

In a new letter to the Office of the Inspector General at the DOI, the chairmen of the Gun Lake Tribe, the Huron-Nottawaseppi Tribe and the chief of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe accuse senior political appointees in DOI of approving a casino in Muskegon based on inappropriate political motivation.

After the 2020 election, senior Trump administration officials abruptly changed course and rushed the approval of plans to approve off-reservation gaming casinos to hurt political opponents, including Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

“There is little doubt that political appointees in the Trump administration fast tracked this issue to politically embarrass Governor Whitmer,” said Bob Peters, chairman of the Gun Lake Tribe. “The Trump people knew full well how controversial this decision would be and they knew it would put Governor Whitmer in a very difficult political position. It is unconscionable that hundreds of our employees’ lives and the millions of dollars in revenue we contribute to the state and local communities are in jeopardy because of a cynical political ploy.”

Under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, Gov. Whitmer has one year from DOI decision, Dec. 16, 2021, to either concur or reject the proposed Michigan casino. It would then need a compact amendment approved by the Michigan State Legislature to allow gaming at the proposed site.



Earlier this year, the Michigan House of Representatives passed a resolution in opposition to off-reservation gaming.

“We were just simply lied to by senior Trump political officials,” said Jamie Stuck, chairman of the Huron-Potawatomi Tribe. “They told us to our face that they would conduct consultations and that a decision would not be made until 2021.”

Stuck continued. “Of course, we knew the fix was in when the Department of Interior would not meet with our Tribes or the Members of the Michigan congressional delegation who opposed this project.”

“It is outrageous that the Department of Interior would approve the first off-reservation casino in nearly 30 years of tribal gaming in the state of Michigan,” said Tim J. Davis, chief of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe. “The Department of Interior chose to ignore the provisions in the compact which forbids off-reservation gaming unless all the Tribes agree. And to hear this decision was made for simple political motivations is just morally and ethically wrong.”

“It is hard to believe the Governor would reward such behavior,” Davis concluded.

In the letter (printed below), the Tribes state “there is a pattern of questionable behavior” by Mr. John Tahsuda, the former assistant to the secretary at the Department. The tribes also asked the inspector general to investigate Mr. Tahsuda’s actions relating to a casino application he approved for his own tribe, the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma. After the November 2020 election, Mr. Tahsuda “expedited the casino project application” of his own Tribe, the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma. The Tribes maintain his involvement in the Kiowa decision was a violation of conflict of interest rules at DOI.

The letter reads:

June 28, 2021

The Honorable
Mark Lee Greenblatt
Inspector General
Office of the Inspector General
U.S. Department of Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Inspector General Greenblatt:

We are requesting that your office launch an immediate investigation into decisions made by senior politically-appointed employees of the Department in the waning months of the Trump Administration including the quick approval of a casino project application by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

In particular, we are deeply concerned about the timing of the Dec. 16, 2020 approval of the Little River Band’s Two-Part Determination application and have reason to believe that the positive decision was politically motivated to harm the Democratic Governor of Michigan because a majority of the Michigan voters failed to vote in favor of re-electing President Donald Trump.

Our belief is based on our interactions with Departmental officials in October 2020 compared to after the November elections, as described below, along with conversations with career staff at the Department since November 2020.

We are also concerned there was a pattern of questionable behavior by Mr. John Tahsuda, the former assistant to the secretary.

Since 2016, we requested consultation with the Department on the Little River Band’s Two-Part Determination casino

application and were repeatedly told by Department officials that consultation addressing our concerns would take place once the environmental process for the application was complete and the application was properly pending before the Office of Indian Gaming in the Department’s Washington, D.C. office. Throughout 2020, we monitored the timing of the completion of the environmental process. In October 2020, officials from the Department’s Office of Indian Gaming informed us that the environmental process was scheduled to conclude in December 2020.

Additionally, we were told that the Two-Part Determination process would take place in 2021 and our concerns related to the Little River Band’s existing gaming compact would be heard during the Department’s consideration of the Two-Part Determination component of the application.

However, after the November 2020 elections, officials within the Office of Indian Gaming informed us that the timeframe for consideration of the Little River Band’s Two-Part Determination application was being expedited at the request of the Advisor to the Secretary John Tahsuda.

Given the drastic change in the timeline, we requested and obtained a videoconference with Mr. Tahsuda on Dec. 4, 2020. Mr. Tahsuda was the only Departmental official in the meeting and made clear to us that he was the primary decision-maker at the Department regarding tribal applications to develop new Indian casinos. At that meeting, Mr. Tahsuda assured our tribes that a decision was not imminent on the Little River Band’s Two-Part

Determination application and that the Department would engage in consultations with our tribes before a decision was made on the Little River Band’s Two-Part Determination.

Unfortunately, and much to our dismay and disappointment, no such consultations took place. In fact, Mr. Tahsuda repeatedly ignored our requests for meetings to schedule the tribal consultations he promised.

On Dec. 20, 2020, initial comments were submitted on the Little River Band’s Two-Part Determination application to Mr. Tahsuda and, again, sought consultation on the matter. At that time, Mr. Tahsuda informed us that he was forwarding our comments to the assistant secretary – Indian Affairs for her consideration. We outreached to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Tara Sweeney for several weeks and never got any response.

We finally learned in January 2021, that the Department issued a positive decision on Little River Band’s Two-Part Determination on Dec. 16, 2020 without the promised consultation and apparently without due consideration of our concerns.

Furthermore, we are aware that three Republican members of the Michigan Congressional delegation also requested a meeting with the Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt and Mr. Tahsuda in November and December 2020 to discuss their opposition and concerns with the project and timeline for decision-making. All meeting requests by these members of Congress were simply ignored by Department officials. However, we learned that Mr. Tahsuda held separate conversations with the one Congressman in the Michigan delegation, Congressman Bill

Huizinga, who supported Little River Band’s off-reservation gaming casino.

Since the November 2020 elections, we have heard that Mr. Tahsuda wanted to approve the Little River Band project not because it was good public policy, but because he knew it would create enormous controversy in the State of Michigan and, in particular, to Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

We have been told that Mr. Tahsuda knew a positive decision on the Little River Band casino application would force Gov. Whitmer to make a very difficult decision on a gaming matter that has been historically controversial in Michigan – where the gaming compacts prohibit this type of off-reservation gaming unless there is an agreement among all the tribes.

We believe that this approval was driven by politics and a cynical attempt to politically harm Gov. Whitmer because she was a fierce critic of President Trump and campaigned aggressively against his re-election in a state critically important to the Trump’s re-election campaign.

Given the highly politicized nature of the Department’s favorable decision regarding the Little River Band’s Two-Part Determination application, we ask that your office investigate whether proper substantive and procedural processes were followed and whether the decision was inappropriately influenced by the politics of the federal elections.

In addition to the Little River Band casino application, we have also learned that Mr. Tahsuda expedited the casino project application of his own tribe, the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, after the November

2020 elections. We believe that Mr. Tahsuda should have recused himself from any decision affecting his own Tribe and we ask that your office investigate this matter as well. If true, then we believe a failure to recuse under the circumstances would be a clear violation of Department conflict of interest and ethics rules since he is a citizen of the Kiowa Tribe.

Mr. Tahsuda served as principal deputy assistant secretary – Indian Affairs from Sept. 3, 2017 until Jan. 20, 2020 and was responsible for all tribal gaming decisions. He continued to play a significant role in tribal gaming decisions from January 2020 until his departure in January 2021 and essentially directed the assistant secretary – Indian Affairs about which projects to approve before the departure of President Trump from the White House.

We believe these actions represent an abuse of authority requiring a review of all decisions made on Indian casinos under his tenure at the Department of Interior.

We believe it is urgent that your office conduct an investigation into these matters because under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, a governor has only one year from the Department’s decision to concur or object to the decision.

Thank you for considering this request.

Bob Peters, chairman of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians (Gun Lake Tribe)

Jamie Stuck, chairman of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi

Tim Davis, chief of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe



Anishinaabemowin WORD SEARCH

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babaamaadizi	travel about
agaamakiing	overseas
gikinoo'amaagozi	go to school
babaamishkaa	paddle about
wajiw	mountain
niimi'idiwin	dance for people
manoominike-giizis	August
babiichii	put on moccasins
ditibiwebishkigan	bicycle
aazhawaadagaa	swim across
mazinaakizige	take pictures
makade-mashkikiwaaboo	coffee
mangitigweyaa	wide river
nibi	water
anokaajigan	craft
wiingashk	sweet grass
ashkikomaan	lead
ishkode-jiimaan	steamboat
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Word Bank

- Pish-mo-win
- Nbaa-gan
- Waab-mo-win
- Mdwe-wej-gan
- Shkwan-dem
- Tas-o-win
- Doo-pi-win
- Waa-bo-wan
- Gzhaap-ki-zi-gan
- Boo-di-wan

Across

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Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan



Community kickball game 'kicks' off summer on the Rez

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Kickoff to Summer 2021 Community Kickball Game was held on Wednesday, June 23 (rescheduled due to rain from June 22) at the Broadway Park field from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The games began at 6 p.m. Participants included, but were not limited to, several Tribal youth and Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police officers.

Hot dogs and chips and event T-shirts were available to all in attendance. DJ Lupe, the event's emcee, provided music.

The event was hosted by the Recreation Department, and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department, Behavioral Health Programs, Zaagaate Mentoring Program, Tribal Court and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College helped make it possible.



Photos courtesy of Jessica Chamberlain

Community members attend the Kickoff to Summer Community Kickball game June 23.

Water donated for SCIT Powwow



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Committee members are photographed with Tribal Court personnel on Wednesday, July 21, as the Powwow Committee and volunteers pick up donated cases of water dropped off in the Tribal Court lobby, made possible by a community service opportunity through the Tribal Court's Bailiff's Office. (Throughout the past couple months, those needing community service hours were allowed to purchase up to four cases of water max. One case of water was equivalent to five community service hours.)

Casino team members donate gifts to Troops



Courtesy photo

NIIBIN SPRAGUE

Guest Experience Specialist
Saginaw Chippewa Gaming Enterprises

Together with Aaron's Gifts from Home, our Soaring Eagle team members collected items for our Troops serving abroad.

"We started Aaron's Gifts from Home in June 2012 in honor of our son, HN Aaron 'Doc' Ullom, who was KIA in Afghanistan, July 12, 2011, saving the life of a Marine. Aaron loved getting boxes from home so we and an awesome group of volunteers, with gratitude to our military, send packages to his brothers and sisters serving our great nation. The mission of Aaron's Gifts From Home is to provide food, snacks, personal hygiene items and entertainment on a year-round basis. To improve morale of deployed American Troops serving abroad."

Thank you Soaring Eagle team for supporting this great cause and our troops!

Rental and Utility Assistance Now Available

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

Eligible households:

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

Types of assistance included:

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



Income Eligible means total household income does not exceed the following

2021	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
80% FMI	\$36,150	\$41,300	\$46,450	\$51,600	\$55,750	\$59,900	\$64,000	\$68,150

Applications are available:

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

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

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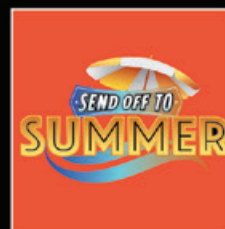


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Competitive dancing heats up the 37th annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Live, in-person dancing has returned. The 37th annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow was held July 23-25 at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Powwow Grounds/Campground.

Dancers, drummers, spectators were eager to return to the powwow after not having the event in 2020 due to the pandemic. The arena seemed that much more packed, with beautiful regalia taking up nearly every inch of the arena during grand entry.

Grand entries began Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 1 p.m. and Sunday at noon.

This year's dignitaries included: masters of ceremonies Joel Syrette and Jason Whitehouse, Host Drum Meskwaki Nation, and Head Veteran George Martin.

This year's head dancers were Alexis Syrette and Marcus Winchester.

"It's a great honor they've been chosen for the things they do in their communities," said the master of ceremonies, referring to the selected head dancers.

Head dance judges were Darrell and Grace Hill and the head drum judge was Jason Kingbird.

Two young Tribal Members joined Head Veteran George Martin in grand entry this year; Tribal Police Officer David Merrill Jr. and Sgt. Christopher Benz of the U.S. Marine Corps. The community proudly honored the young heroes.

Paul Raphael and Lil Man Quintero were the 2021 arena directors.

Several dance contests were held, including: platinum age, golden age, senior adults, junior adults, teen and juniors.

This year's specials chosen by the Powwow Committee included: men's woodland, women's woodland, chicken head-to-head, hand drum, two

step, men's all around, luck of the draw and random mystery spot dances with gifts cards given with various amounts.

And don't forget the fry bread contest.

Contest results will be posted in the September 2021 Tribal Observer.

Before Saturday's short-lived downpour of rain brought on cooler temps, Saturday afternoon saw hot and humid temps. The masters of ceremonies kept reminding every one of the dancers and all in attendance to stay hydrated and drink plenty of water.

Even if you don't feel you need water, this humidity can sneak up on you and cause you to be overheated. Keep drinking water, the masters of ceremonies announced on Saturday afternoon.

SCIT Member Julie Whitepigeon provided Saturday's invocation after the grand entry.

"Pray to give thanks for a wonderful gathering... It's been a long time since we've been able to come together," Whitepigeon said.

Several heroes in attendance danced in the arena during the veteran's song. Shortly after, male fancy dancers of all ages were called into the arena for some competition.

"If you don't make the top six, you aren't sure if you're happy or mad cause it's so hot and humid," the master of ceremonies said on Saturday, after the men's fancy competition, keeping it light and good-humored.

Following the men's fancy dance, a round of



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

(Front, left to right) Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Officer David Merrill Jr., Sgt. Christopher Benz (U.S. Marine Corps) and Head Veteran George Martin lead Saturday's grand entry at the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow on July 24.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Members of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society are flag carriers during Saturday's grand entry.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Head female dancer Alexis Syrette leads the dancers in the arena during Saturday's grand entry.



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

Head male dancer Marcus Winchester is photographed in the arena during Sunday's powwow.

intertribal dances were provided. Each of the drum groups provided an intertribal song.

It might have been the humidity that heated up the arena, but one could argue it was caused by the fire from the competitive dancing.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck





37th Annual Saginaw Chippewa POW W O W



July 23 - 25, 2021





Thirteen graduates receive diplomas at this year's Tribal College commencement ceremony

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

This year, 13 Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College graduates received their diplomas at the college's 2021 commencement ceremony on Thursday, July 8.

The ceremony was held at 6 p.m. in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall, and was one of the first large indoor Tribal events where masks were not mandatory. Each graduate received eight tickets for their family members.

Graduates Marcella Garcia and Alex Leaux earned an associate degree in business.

The following students earned an associate degree in liberal arts: Chris Alberts, Kaylene Delfel, Joe Genia, Jordan Heinrich, Santino M Medina, Sabrina Saxton and Miino Pelcher.

Alexandria Otto and Kendra Nienkerk earned an associate degree in Native American studies.

Chyann Haas and Nichol Mark both received associate degrees in both liberal arts and Native American studies.

Jackie Graveratte, admissions/registrar, stood at the podium on stage and welcomed those in attendance. A procession of dancers in regalia, graduates and SCTC faculty and staff entered the hall and walked to the front of the stage to the beat of the drummers.

George Roy, language instructor, provided an invocation.

Chief Tim J. Davis then provided remarks and congratulated the graduates.

"I'm so proud of all the students and past students that are dedicated to getting their education," Chief Davis said. "It's a lot of hard work, and it's even tougher if you're raising a family, so I appreciate everything you guys have been through. Don't stop learning. I have young grandchildren and I hope they follow in your footsteps."



Photos courtesy of Miss Lily Photography on behalf of Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College

Thirteen Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College graduates are honored at the 2021 commencement ceremony on Thursday, July 8 in Soaring Eagle's Entertainment Hall.

SCTC Board of Regents Chair Jordan Fallis provided remarks before introducing the commencement speaker.

"As you continue to progress, just remember you are enriching your community by furthering your education," Fallis said to the graduates.

Commencement speaker Margaret Noodin is a professor of English and American Indian studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where she also serves as the associate dean of humanities and director of the Electa Quinney Institute for American Indian Education. She is an author of several books and bilingual collections of poetry in Anishinaabemowin and English.

Noodin expressed her belief of the importance of speaking Anishinaabemowin and shared several pieces of her work in the language and provided the English translation.

A project she worked on for several years with others was translating the book "The Little Prince" in Anishinaabemowin. The original story by Antoine De Saint-Exupéry has been translated in the language and is called "Ogimaans (The

Little Prince) Book."

"It is important to have some of those ideas (from this well-known book) translated to our language," Noodin said.

The book has been translated into more than 400 languages and dialects, Noodin said.

Noodin read a quote from the book in Anishinaabemowin then shared the translation in English, "It's much more difficult to judge oneself than to judge others. If you succeed in judging yourself rightly, then you are, indeed, a person of true wisdom."

"When we finally (translated the book) into Anishinaabemowin, it was the first time it had been translated into a North American Indigenous language," Noodin said.

The last quote she shared from the book was: "And now, here's my secret; a very simple secret. It's only with the heart that one can see rightly. What is essential is invisible to the eye."

When the graduates were called onto the stage to collect their diplomas, Noodin gave each of them two copies of her book.

"One of the things I was told was always give something away," Noodin said. "I'll give two copies of the book and I hope you will each give one away. Find somebody that you might sit down with and go through some of the words... I hope that you are aware of how blessed you are to be in a community where you've got folks working on the language; and whether or not that's your thing, maybe someday it will be one of your kids' things or it might be somebody else in your family circle to whom it is very important to know the language."

Noodin's work is available at Ojibwe.net

As the awarding of the degrees took place, SCTC President Carla Sineway read the formal conferral statement, "Be it known to all that the Regents and the Faculty of Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, upon completion of all academic requirements, confer the degree of Associate of Arts upon these students at the commencement ceremony of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College on the 8th day of July 2021."

After each graduate received their diploma, it was time for the turning of the tassels.

"Traditionally, the moving of the tassel at graduation is called 'turning the tassel' or 'the turning of the tassel ceremony.' It symbolizes one's transition from candidate to graduate," Sineway said. "Standard protocol in the U.S. dictates that the tassel be worn on the right side of one's mortarboard at commencement and then, during the ceremony, move to the left side. Faculty and administrators at commencement place their tassels on the left."

The 13 graduates then turned their tassels from the right to the left side of their cap.

Science Instructor Jonathan Miller announced the 2020-2021 Student of the Year, Miino Pelcher.

"It is my honor at this time to recognize a young woman whose dedication to her studies, compassion to help others and overall thoughtful objectiveness class discussion have set her apart as being worthy of the Student of the Year honor," Miller said of Pelcher.



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SCTC President Carla Sineway provides remarks during the commencement.

SCTC President Carla Sineway applauded the graduates for not only achieving a degree but for doing so during a pandemic.

"... You need to take pride in how far you've come and look to your faith as you go forward," Sineway said to the grads. "You worked hard and you faced many changes and I'm so very proud of all of you because you did it in a difficult time. So, I want you to continue to take control of the change and not let it control you. To face challenges just as you have done to get through this year, to get through this pandemic."

Sineway continued, "You've proven your strength, you've proven your wit, and you've proven that you will face the challenge and not back down. You've proven to be an elite group of Native American scholars and I am so very proud of you. Don't forget who you are, don't forget where you've come from, and don't forget what you've done to accomplish this. And those days where it feels like you can't go on any further, just think about what you've already been through."

The ceremony concluded with an honor song as the graduates joined their families.



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Commencement keynote speaker Margaret Noodin, professor and author, shares the importance of learning and knowing Anishinaabemowin.



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Miino Pelcher is SCTC's 2020-2021 Student of the Year.



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Tribal College Extension participating in Hemp TRIM Project

GUADALUPE GONZALEZ

Extension Office
Project Coordinator

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Extension office is participating in a research project that entails the growing of 12 different varieties of hemp at the SCTC property on the Isabella Reservation.

The project has received funding from a grant from USDA NIFA (United States Department of Agriculture and National Institute of Food and Agriculture).

The objectives of the Hemp TRIM Project are to evaluate

growth, yield and the quality of available commercial grain/fiber and CBD hemp varieties in local conditions. Variety plots will be evaluated for pests, insects and pathogens to check for vulnerability. Replicated studies will be done at different locations throughout Michigan at the partner locations.

Partners on this project are Michigan State University Extension, Bay Mills Community College, Lake Superior State University and Little Traverse Bay Band's Ziibimijwang Farm.

Other objectives are to analyze cannabinoid content, grain

and fiber quality. The findings to this research will be made available to all partners.

The seeds were planted on May 10, 2021 at the Seventh Generation greenhouse and sprouts quickly began to emerge within a few days. The plants were then planted in the ground on the SCTC property on June 17, 2021 and have been doing well.

Plans are under way for water supply and other amenities to help with this and other agricultural efforts at the SCTC property, as a food sovereignty garden has also been planted directly next to the hemp plot.

Native American Studies Faculty Adam Haviland and SCTC students lead the efforts for the food sovereignty garden while Extension Coordinator Guadalupe Gonzalez, Equity Coordinator Kathy Hart and Environmental Stewardship Research Scholarship students Elisa Grossman and Chyann Haas lead the efforts for the hemp TRIM Project.

"We've been trying to move more into agriculture with our



Courtesy of Guadalupe Gonzalez

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extension program like the many other Tribal College Extension programs are already doing and when the Hemp Trim project was presented to me, I was excited for SCTC to be a part of it," said Extension Coordinator Guadalupe Gonzalez.

One concern with this project is security regarding the hemp plants. They are a cannabis



Courtesy of Guadalupe Gonzalez

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department will be keeping a close eye on the property for security.

plant, they look and smell like marijuana, however, hemp has less than .3 percent THC and therefore has no psychoactive effects. Hemp has mostly CBD, (cannabidiol) which can be used as a medicine.

There are three main uses for hemp which include: CBD, seed and grain, and fiber. Hemp has been used by humans for more than 50,000 years and is now legal in the United States under the 2014 and 2018 Farm Bill Act.

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PTSD effects on Native children who witness domestic violence

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Effects of domestic violence during pregnancy. In 2014, Michigan State University professors studied and linked the abuse of pregnant women to symptoms of trauma in their children. Professors concluded that stress hormones released during pregnancy also increase stress hormones within the fetus. Some of the symptoms exhibited by the newborn baby included nightmares, startling easily and sensitivity to loud noises/bright lights.

The impact of domestic violence on children. Children and adolescents’ exposure to domestic violence or even the threat of violence/abuse has been linked to an increased risk of psychological, social, emotional, and behavioral problems. Violence includes physical aggression or assault as well as emotional abuse such as humiliation, intimidation, controlling actions, and isolation from family and friends. Exposure does not require directly witnessing violence, because children often experience the harms associated with an awareness of violence.

According to Promising Futures, Best Practices for Serving Children, Youth and

Parents Experiencing Domestic Violence, effects of exposure to domestic violence on children can include:

- Believing the abuse is their fault
- Turning against mother or father or having ambivalent feelings about both parents
- Feeling that they are alone, that there is no one who understands them
- Being afraid to talk about the abuse or express their feelings
- Developing negative core beliefs about themselves and others
- Developing unhealthy coping and survival reactions, such as mental health or behavior problems
- Believing that the world is a dangerous and unpredictable place
- Being isolated from people who might find out about the abuse or offer help

In a case study of children exposed to violence, nearly half (46 percent) involved a parent/caregiver that was a victim of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). These caregivers/parents had few social supports (39 percent); had mental health issues (27 percent); alcohol (21 percent) and drug abuse (17 percent); a perpetrator of IPV (13 percent); had physical health issues (10 percent); a history of foster care/group home (8 percent) and cognitive impairment (6 percent).

Post-traumatic stress disorder and historical PTSD. “Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a mental health condition that’s triggered by a terrifying event — either experiencing it or witnessing it. Symptoms may include flashbacks, nightmares and severe anxiety, as well as uncontrollable thoughts about the event.”

Children 6 years old and younger may re-enact the traumatic event through play and/or experience frightening dreams.

Sadly, Native American juveniles experience PTSD at a rate of 22 percent — the same rate as combat veterans and triple the rate of the general population. This is due to Native children being “polyvictimized” experiencing several forms of violence including sexual abuse, physical abuse, domestic violence, child maltreatment, and community violence. The risk of posttraumatic injuries, medical and behavioral disorders are increased by up to tenfold and their ability to thrive is severely compromised.

Four types of symptoms include: intrusive memories, avoidance, negative changes in mood and thinking, and changes in physical and/or emotional reactions. Native American children may experience:

- negative thoughts about oneself and others
- viewing the world as dangerous
- hopelessness about the future
- difficulty maintaining relationships
- difficulty experiencing positive emotion
- overwhelming feelings of guilt/shame
- self-destructive behavior
- irritability, angry outbursts or aggressive behavior

If you or the children in your life have disturbing thoughts and feelings about a traumatic event, or if you feel you’re having trouble getting your life back under control, a medical or behavioral health care provider can help.

Getting treatment as soon as possible can help prevent PTSD symptoms from getting worse. Children may also benefit from counseling or other types of mental health therapy.

Traditional healing. We were once forbidden to use our traditional methods of healing so it’s been a long road for Native peoples to reclaim our traditions, cultures and spiritual identity. The revitalization of our cultures and spirituality is so important.

Recovering from the loss of human life, ancestral lands, cultural and spiritual identity requires healing traditions and ceremonies. Our ceremonies promote wellness by acknowledging the interrelatedness of Spirit, the Creator and the Universe.

Our community gatherings provide an opportunity for traditional healers and storytellers to use prayer, drumming, songs and sacred objects to restore and renew a sense of hope and pride. Without these fundamental traditions, the journey to healing and recovery is made more difficult.

When medicine is needed, help is available. If you are a parent in an abusive relationship or if you experienced domestic violence growing up, StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7 culturally-appropriate domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives, available by calling or texting **1-844-762-8483** or clicking on the chat icon on Strongheartshelpline.org. StrongHearts advocates can help you with safety planning and parenting skills.

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Cleveland's MLB team officially changes name to Cleveland Guardians

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

CLEVELAND – After 105 years, Cleveland's baseball team is officially dropping the name Cleveland Indians and changing its name to the Cleveland Guardians.

The Ohio MLB team announced last December the name would be changing. It wasn't until July 23 the new team name was announced.

"It is sad that it has taken this long to do the right thing," said SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier. "I

understand the institution of team names; however, we as humans should be compelled to treat each other well. I'm glad it's finally changing."

The team announced its name change in a video narrated by actor Tom Hanks, featuring music from well-known band from Ohio, The Black Keys.

The name change will go into effect after the 2021 season. The change came after years of backlash from Native American groups. In 2018, a racist Chief Wahoo cartoon logo was dropped from the team's uniform and merchandise.

Olympic Gold medalist Billy Mills (Oglala Lakota) released a statement about the name change.

"It's never too late to do the right thing," said Mills, in a statement released by Running Strong for American Indian Youth. "The beginning of the Tokyo Olympics meant (July 23) was already a day of global reflection on the power and importance of athletic excellence, even in these most challenging of times. Now today will be a new beginning for the storied Cleveland baseball team, one without a tarnished legacy of Native caricature."

Mills continued, "The Cleveland Guardians are righting a historic wrong, and have the chance to define this team's legacy as one of both inclusion and excellence."

Cheryl Crazy Bull, president and CEO of American Indian College Fund, also released a statement that mentioned the name change is a "great step towards



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eradicating offensive and harmful mascots in major league sports."

"As the president and CEO of the American Indian College Fund and a former educator with nearly 40 years of experience in education, I have seen first-hand the harm that mascot names and imagery cause to the self-esteem and self-confidence of our young people," Crazy Bull said. "I know only too well what the research proves about the harm the imagery does to them. By selecting a team name and image that reflects a city's shared values and celebrates all its citizens, the Cleveland Guardians have set a welcome and higher standard for how change can be managed



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by listening to all community members, including all voices in a shared vision, and helping a city, an enterprise, and citizens grow as they move forward."

Crazy Bull continued, "We join our fellow educators, allies, and business partners in calling on other professional sports teams and education institutions in a similar position to look to the Cleveland Guardians as an example and move forward to do the same."

The team's video also unveiled a new logo of a baseball edged by a G with a pair of wings, or a "fastball logo."

New Tribal Police officer sworn in



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

On Monday, July 19, Lindsay Gutierrez (left), new police officer for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Dept., was sworn in by Chief Tim J. Davis (right), with Tribal Council members witnessing, to begin duties to protect and serve the Tribe.

August 2021 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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Miranda Lambert, Lee Brice bring the country music hits to Soaring Eagle

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

She's "been saved by the grace of Southern charm." Country music superstar Miranda Lambert brought that Southern vibe to Soaring Eagle Casino



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Lee Brice performs his hit "Drinking Class" as he opens the show shortly after 8 p.m

& Resort during her sold-out outdoor July 24 show.

Rocking fringe, a mini skirt and heels, Lambert walked on stage to Travis Tritt's "T-R-O-U-B-L-E" blaring.

Lambert waved to the crowd and let Tritt's song finish before she began her set with "White Trash," "Kerosene," "Locomotive," "Famous in a Small Town," "Settling Down" and "All Comes Out in the Wash."

Not a woman of many words, Lambert let her music do the talking for her that evening. After the sixth song, she addressed the crowd.

"Thank you all for coming out and spending your hard-earned money to see me and Lee Brice tonight," Lambert said.

The band then launched right into hits "Heart Like Mine," "Only Prettier," "Vice," "Bluebird" and "The House that Built Me."

The backdrop of an image of two pistols ripped down and the musicians began playing Lambert's "Automatic."

"Guess what day it is? National Tequila

Day. We might have had just a little nip of it before we came up here," Lambert said, before performing her song "Tequila Does."

The performance of "Baggage Claim" included a mesh up of "Feeling Alright" by Joe Cocker. Keyboardist Danny and backing vocalist Gwen Sebastian took turns on the choruses.

Then, "Gunpowder and Lead," "Somewhere Trouble Don't Go," "Mama's Broken Heart," The Chicks' "Goodbye Earl," "All Kinds of Kinds," "White Liar," "Little Red Wagon" and "Drunk (And I Don't Wanna Go Home)" were the final songs of the show.

The band gave a bow altogether before exiting the stage just after 11 p.m.

Opening the show at 8 p.m., country artist Lee Brice played a one-hour set.

Brice began his set with "Drinking Class," "Hard to Love" and "Soul" from his newest album "Hey World," released in 2020.

"It's been a while since we've gotten to get out here and play for some real, live people," Brice said. "... For a year and a half, we haven't been able to hear anyone singing these songs back."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Country mega star Miranda Lambert performs for a sold-out crowd during her July 24 outdoor show at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Brice and his band then performed his new single, "Memory I Don't Mess With."

Brice discussed a song he wrote about 15 years ago. He was going to record the song himself but his friends of the Eli Young Band called him and said they wanted to record it. Brice was "broke as

a joke," he said, and welcomed the band to put the song out. "Crazy Girl" gave Brice great success.

Brice also included some of his hit songs into the set: "Boy," "Love Like Crazy," "I Drive Your Truck," "Parking Lot Party," "I Don't Dance," and "Rumor."

ZZ Top headlines outdoor concert with John Fogerty and George Thorogood

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Rock and roll legends ZZ Top, John Fogerty and George Thorogood teamed up for a rousing outdoor concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on July 17.

ZZ Top, the "Little Ol' Band from Texas," headlined the night with their trademark beards and blues rock.

Since forming in 1970 in Houston, ZZ Top has released 15 studio albums, which have sold more than 25 million copies in the U.S.

Their chart-topping music has included six number one singles on the Billboard Mainstream Rock Chart. In 2004, the group was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Donning their signature dark sunglasses and tall hats, lead vocalist/guitarist Billie Gibbons and bassist Dusty Hill,

alongside drummer Frank Beard started the night with their hit song "Got Me Under Pressure."

A cover of Sam & Dave's "I Thank You" was followed by "Waitin' for the Bus," "Jesus Just Left Chicago" and "Pearl Necklace."

Their signature blues-rock sound was on full display during the hit songs "Just Got Paid," "Sharp Dressed Man" and "Legs."

The band played many of their greatest hits including "Gimme All Your Lovin'," "I'm Bad, I'm Nationwide" and "I Gotsta Get Paid" and "My Head's in Mississippi."

ZZ Top ended the night with an encore performance of the gritty, stuttering boogie of "La Grange" and the hit song "Tush."

Rock & Roll Hall of Famer John Fogerty took to the stage before ZZ Top. The former lead singer and guitarist for Creedence Clearwater Revival played a plethora of the group's

hits as well as popular songs from his solo career.

Fogerty began with "Travelin' Band" before transitioning into the swampy atmosphere of the hit songs "Green River" and "Born on the Bayou."

Next, the folky rock hit "Who'll Stop the Rain" was preceded by "Lookin' Out My Back Door" and "Weeping in the Promised Land."

A blues-rock infused cover of the song "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," was followed by "Have You Ever Seen the Rain?" and the funky beats of "Down on the Corner."

Fogerty also played the hit Creedence Clearwater Revival songs "Keep On Chooglin'," "Fortunate Son" and "Up Around the Bend."

Encore performances of "Bad Moon Rising" and "Proud Mary" ended the set.

Opening the night was '80s rock and roller George Thorogood and his band The Destroyers. The singer and guitarist played many of his renowned hits including "Rock Party," "I Drink Alone," "Bad To The Bone" and "Born to Be Bad."

Thorogood also put added his boogie-blues style to a cover of the classic Hank Williams song "Move It on Over."

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



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Dusty Hill (left) and Billy Gibbons (right) of ZZ Top are photographed at a past Soaring Eagle performance in June 2018.



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George Thorogood (center) and The Destroyers perform "Rock Party" on the outdoor concert stage.



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John Fogerty (right) performs the hit Creedence Clearwater Revival song "Green River."



Community embraces the spirit of recovery during the 2021 Freedom Walk

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Healing to Wellness
Court Coordinator

Despite a one-year hiatus borne from the pandemic, more than 250 community members came together to embrace the spirit of recovery on July 23 at the 2021 Freedom Walk.

The annual event took place Friday morning during powwow weekend at the Farmers Market Pavilion and was hosted by Behavioral Health Prevention Department.

The day started in a traditional way with an opening prayer from Tribal Council Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts.

“Freedom Walk is a powerful event in our Tribal community, each year is a time to celebrate our sobriety journey and honor, recognize and champion each other in that journey,” Ricketts said. “My husband (Kevin) and I look forward to this event every year and I continue to pray for those precious ones still struggling. God bless each and every family.”

Tribal Sub-Chief Joe Kequom, a former Tribal Police chief, gave the opening remarks on behalf of Tribal Council.

“I appreciate the efforts being made by all the department and sponsors who bring this event together. Like many events that surround our homecoming powwow weekend, Freedom Walk has always been about families and supporting recovery,” Kequom said. “My family has been a part of this event for many years and I

find it as an honor when people come to our Reservation to learn about our culture and take part of the events we offer the community.”

Kequom remarked that Tribal Council considers the Freedom Walk a signature event and they wanted to see the community in person instead of a virtual like last year.

“This year, we get to come together as we will walk for the freedom of our people. We will get an opportunity to walk together to promote healthy families,” Kequom said. “Our Creator has blessed us with a wonderful day and blessed us with each other. Let us walk together today in unity and remember the blessings our Creator has given us today.”

Tribal Council Secretary Jennifer Wassegijig offered a moving tribute to her husband, Al, who passed away and encouraged others who remember those loved ones.

“I look forward to attending this very important event every year. I walk in honor of our loved ones who have passed on, those who are struggling, and those who continue to walk the red road,” Wassegijig said. “I appreciate the moment of silence that was shared in remembrance. My prayers are with our community, always.”

Tribal Council members Theresa Jackson and Martha Wemigwans were also present with their families to support recovery on the Reservation.

Anishinaabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society led the Freedom Walk with



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Freedom Walk participants stand in solidarity to support sober lifestyles at the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Grounds during the July 21 event.

member Tony Perry on duty to carry the SCIT eagle staff and senior veteran David Perez proudly marched with the AOVWS healing staff.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police officers joined with Tribal Fire Department first responders to secure a safe route on the 1.5-mile journey from the Farmers Market to the powwow grounds.

Behavioral Health Director Ame Edstrom attended her first Freedom Walk and said she found it to be a very humbling and emotional experience.

“I am so very grateful to be a part of it all as the walk and testimonies provide hope and healing to all,” Edstrom said. “The Freedom Walk is an opportunity to instill hope to those with mental and substance use disorders to live healthy and rewarding lives. I want to thank the Prevention Team at Behavioral Health for all of their hard work with



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The walk begins at the Native Farmers Market, moving southbound on Leaton Road and taking a left turn on Tomah Road to proceed to the powwow grounds.

planning and organizing this event. I appreciate all of those who attended the Freedom Walk as this signifies the love, support, and encouragement that surrounds our community members.”

Shuna Stevens, prevention coordinator for Behavioral Health, informs this is Prevention’s largest event of the year and without community efforts, support, and contributions, it would have been more difficult.

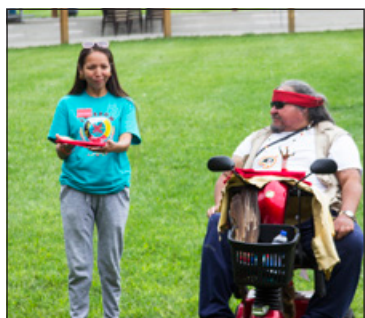
“Chi-miigwetch to Tribal Council, Ogitchedaw, SCIT Public Relations, Tribal Court Healing to Wellness, Migizi and Behavioral Health staff for all the help and support for the Freedom Walk,” Stevens said. “I would also like to thank Prevention Specialist Christina Osawabine for leading the charge for Prevention on this event this year, she was instrumental in coordination.

I’m so proud of the community members who had the courage to speak their stories; they were powerful, engaging, and heartfelt.”

This year’s Freedom Walk included special SCIT guest speakers Cheyenne Fallis, Miranda Pelcher, Anna Winters and Wendy Pierce, and Shawn Castanega from the Hannahville Indian Community.

Tribal elder Isabelle Osawamick from the Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department shared a cultural language teaching.

SCIT elder and Andahwod resident Roger High presided over the eagle feather gifting ceremony. Receiving feathers this year was Deanna Campbell, Anna Winters and Tabitha Fallis (in memory of her late husband Trevor Fallis who walked on from COVID this year).



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SCIT Elder Roger High presides over the eagle feather gifting ceremony. Receiving feathers this year: Deanna Campbell Deanna Campbell (left), Anna Winters (center) and Tabitha Fallis (right). Fallis receives the feather in memory of her late husband Trevor Fallis who walked on this year.



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Editorial: Project Venture hosts week-long fitness camp with students

DOLORES WINN

Youth Program Coordinator

This summer, Project Venture students were able to be a part of the inaugural Wellness Warrior Fitness Camp held June 28 to July 2, 2021. Students were involved in this week-long fitness camp with teachings and hands-on learning from Jaden Harman from Nimkee Fitness, Kyle Shomin from the Recreation Department and yoga instructor Jen from Nimkee Fitness, along with me, Dolores Winn, youth program coordinator for Project Venture Tribal Youth Program.

We wanted to introduce our Tribal youth to some healthy, active ways to live strong, healthy lives through fitness, nutrition education, and diabetes prevention education.

I collaborated with educators all week to give the students a well-rounded experience and lots of hands-on information and knowledge they could use in their futures.

We began our week on Monday with Jaden from Nimkee Fitness and he taught our students the importance of what it means to be healthy, active, and stay involved in functional fitness through exercising and eating a healthy diet to maintain a healthy life.

Jaden made it fun and interactive for our Tribal youth through games, a scavenger

hunt identifying the exercise equipment, and ended the day with some great prizes like Nimkee Strong T-shirts and shaker water bottles.

For most of our students, it was their first time in Nimkee Fitness so it was an exciting experience for them to learn more about how the body works, what it needs to stay healthy, the different exercise equipment and how to properly use the machines.

Jaden had some fun and simple circuit training exercises for us to try, and although it seemed simple, they were definitely a bit challenging for all of us and we really learned how to use proper form in each exercise.

The students stated they would definitely be back to the fitness center for a great way to relieve stress or to stay in shape. Some students went back to the gym that week three to four times.

We also had the pleasure of doing an outdoor yoga class with Jen, one of the Nimkee yoga instructors. The kids loved doing yoga outside and every single student participated.

I'm so proud of our Tribal youth for trying new things and not giving up.

Thank you, Jaden and Jen, for helping teach Tribal youth lifelong skills to stay active and healthy. We appreciate you.

Other days during the fitness camp involved fun basketball



Photos courtesy of Dolores Winn

Project Venture students are photographed during several activities during the week-long fitness camp.

games and drills with Kyle Shomin from Recreation Department. The students had a lot of fun with Kyle and Alex Leareaux. They taught the kids warm ups and played basketball games.

On day three and four, we took the students to School Section Lake where they had a chance to test their outdoor water skills. With help from hands-on volunteer Aaron Hernandez, each student chose a kayak, canoe or paddle board and had fun in the water.

It was great to see their teamwork skills as they helped one use their canoe, kayak or paddle board. The youth said they really enjoyed the outdoor water activities and we plan to go camping one weekend this summer so we can check out

the water activities again and stay longer.

During the last day of Wellness Warrior Camp, the students learned about healthy nutrition and food choices. We made frozen fruit and veggie smoothies with avocado, kale, spinach and lots of frozen fruit.

One of our students, Donna Wiltse, made fry bread on the last day for everyone. The rest of the group helped make Indian Tacos, set the table and prepare the meal. We stood around the table and talked about what we were grateful for and what they enjoyed about the Warrior Camp.

When asked what makes them feel like a wellness warrior, some of the students responded:

"I feel like a warrior because I am a strong Native youth. My character makes me strong and I am courageous in life."

"I am a wellness warrior because I am fearless."

"I am a strong warrior because I take care of my mind, my body and my spirit. I do not do drugs."

I applaud each of our students in the Project Venture program for their hard work, commitment, determination, and their perseverance to try new things and their willingness to learn, and push forward every day. They are strong resilient warriors with bright futures ahead of them.

Thank you to everyone who helped in making the Wellness Warrior Camp a success.

American Indian Cancer Foundation to host 10th annual Powwow for Hope

AMERICAN INDIAN CANCER FOUNDATION

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. – The American Indian Cancer Foundation (AICAF) is thrilled to announce the 10th annual Powwow for Hope™: Dancing for Life, Love and Hope, set to occur on Aug.

28, 2021, at the Minneapolis American Indian Center.

Powwow for Hope is a community healing event and fundraiser. This event helps to eliminate cancer burdens on Indigenous people across the country and is a way for thousands of people representing different tribal nations and urban communities to come together to support loved ones

affected by cancer.

Cancer kills more Native people than any other disease. AICAF needs your help more than ever as cancer screening rates have dropped significantly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Money raised will support AICAF's work in improving Indigenous people's access to cancer prevention, early

detection, treatment, and survivor support resources. These funds have allowed the organization to develop and share culturally-tailored cancer prevention materials across Indian Country, connect cancer survivors and caregivers to healing and supportive services, and partner with tribal nations to change the outcome of cancer in their communities.

In past years, Powwow for Hope funds have helped support AICAF's cancer awareness campaigns that reach thousands of relatives across Indian Country. Donations have also connected AICAF with more cancer survivors and expanded our Survivorship Program.

Interested individuals may start a fundraising team now at PowwowforHope.org.

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Costello
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Penny
Penny is a 2-year-old Pit Bull/Labrador Retriever mix. Penny is a super playful and friendly pup. She loves people and would do best in a home with no other pets and no small children. She will make a great best friend for one lucky adopter.

Humane Animal Treatment Society
1105 S. Isabella Rd., Mt. Pleasant Hatsweb.org
Phone: 989.775.0830 Email: hats.publicrelations@gmail.com
**Building is currently closed to walk-in visitors. Adoption visits must be scheduled ahead.*



Native Helpline provides safety measures during a violent encounter

STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

(Trigger warning: Planning for protection against violence)

Be aware that in an abusive relationship, violence is used as a tactic for the abuser to maintain power and control over the victim-survivor. The violence will continue and may escalate in intensity and frequency.

Safety planning is an individualized process where a practical plan is created that includes ways to remain safe while in an abusive relationship. An advocate can help you produce a plan and discuss your options with you.

If a violent encounter seems imminent and unavoidable, there are a few options to consider to keep you safe.

These tips cannot guarantee your safety, but by using your experience and intuition, along with these tips, you may be safer. You are the best person to judge your safety.

- Try to control your breathing in through your nose and out through your mouth so you can continue to think clearly.

- Say or do whatever you can to de-escalate the situation.
- Avoid rooms or areas without an easy escape.

- Stay on the ground floor if possible

- For example, a basement with stairs and one point of entry will be difficult to escape from during a violent attack.

- Mentally plan how you might escape from each room in advance.

- Be aware of your surroundings. Think about what you could use to shield yourself when your partner becomes abusive.

- Avoid getting into a vehicle.

- Avoid areas where weapons are easily accessible.

- Kitchens are dangerous because of the access to knives. Bathrooms are dangerous because of slipping and the many hard surfaces in a small area. Garages or sheds can also be dangerous because

of access to tools and other heavy equipment.

- Avoid any areas where firearms are stored or kept, even if they are locked securely.

- Remove necklaces and scarves if possible as these could be used to strangle you. Remove earrings.

- Move away from any children in the area.

- Consider safe places to go after escaping.

- Choose a code word or signal that would let children, relatives or neighbors know they should call for help.

- Hide spare keys and money in a safe place or ask a safe person to hold onto them for you in case you need to flee unexpectedly.

- If you are unable to get away from the abuser and are being assaulted, try to make yourself as small as possible to minimize any injuries. Get into a corner or put your back to a wall, bring your knees to your chest and use your arms to cover your neck.

- You have the right to protect yourself and that includes calling the police.

After the violence

After a violent encounter, it can be difficult to process what has happened, take time for yourself to recover and reconnect with yourself. Seek medical attention if needed and is safe to do so.

Consider documenting the violence and abuse. Take pictures and write descriptions of the abuse in a journal or open an email account and email them to yourself. If there are any medical or police reports documenting the abuse, keep the records. Make sure your information is kept in a safe place. Keeping documentation will allow you to have an option to pursue legal action in the future.

Participating in self-care activities like exercise, eating healthy, counseling, journaling, knowing when and how to emotionally check out during times of duress could be helpful. Be gentle with yourself mentally and physically.

Practice your spirituality by smudging, praying or sitting with your traditional medicines if this helps heal your spirit.

“Immediate safety is important and long-term safety planning should be considered when you are in or exiting an abusive relationship,” said StrongHearts Services Manager Joy Samuelson (Standing Rock Sioux Tribe). “Our advocates can help you plan for your safety, no matter what your current situation is.”

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7 culturally-appropriate, anonymous, confidential and free service



dedicated to serving Native survivors, concerned family members and friends affected by domestic, dating and sexual violence. Call or text **1-844-762-8483** or click on the chat icon at strongheartshelpline.org to connect with an advocate.

**Tips adapted from The National Domestic Violence Hotline.*

TEAM APPRECIATION EVENT



DAYS AT BUCKLEY'S MOUNTAINSIDE CANOES

SPECIAL KAYAKING TRIP DAYS FOR TEAM MEMBERS

AUGUST 9-13

Team members must call ahead to book and show their Team Member Badge the day of trip to receive our group rate of \$15 a person for up to a 4 hour trip. Team member guest will also receive the group rate. Canoes are also available!

Call 989.772.5437 to book your trip!

- AVAILABLE TRIPS -

TRIP 1 - RIVER ROAD TO BUCKLEY'S
Last trip: 5:30pm (1-2 hrs.)

TRIP 2 - SCHOOL ROAD TO BUCKLEY'S
Last trip: 5:30pm (2-3 hrs.)

TRIP 3 - BUCKLEY'S TO DEERFIELD
Last trip: 2pm (3-4 hrs.)



Inter-Tribal Council partners with nextdistro.org to get free Narcan to tribal communities

Opioid overdose reversal drug is now available free by mail.

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. has partnered with NEXT Distro and Grand Rapids Red Project to ensure all tribal communities have access to free naloxone through the mail.

NEXT Distro is an online mail-based naloxone program designed for people who can't access naloxone through pharmacies. Community members who need naloxone can access it at no cost through nextdistro.org/itcmi

If you are a person who uses drugs or if you have a loved one who uses drugs, use

this brief online training to learn how to respond in the case of an opioid overdose emergency. Enroll to have Narcan nasal spray or intramuscular naloxone mailed to you at no cost.

This online training system does not interact with health systems, insurance carriers, or law enforcement. Naloxone is sent to your address in a plain, discrete package.

Please direct questions about our program to info@nextdistro.org

To learn more about remote trainings please reach out to Lisa Moran at Lmoran@itcmi.org

COVID-19 Vaccination Team Member INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Open to all SECR/SELCT/Tribal Ops team members who have been fully vaccinated

To be entered into the prize drawings:

Team members can provide vaccination proof


- ▶ **To any Human Resources representative**
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- ▶ **Second and third shift employees can email their vaccination cards to:**
 - skopke@sagchip.org
 - mquigno@sagchip.org
 - fmena@sagchip.org
 - brvalley@sagchip.org
 - ccloutier@sagchip.org

Prize drawings:

Drawings will take place every other Friday at 10 a.m.

Drawing dates and prizes:

- **Aug. 6:** GenTek Sound Bar
- **Aug. 20:** 32" TV
- **Sept. 3:** HP Laptop



For more information, please contact:

Sydney Kopke at 989-775-5654 or skopke@sagchip.org



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Prediabetes: Your chance to prevent Type 2 diabetes

(Editor's note: The following article comes from the CDC, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at cdc.gov and was submitted to the Tribal Observer by Sandra Chesebrough, diabetic grant coordinator for Nimkee Public Health.)

What is prediabetes

Prediabetes is a serious health condition where blood sugar levels are higher than normal, but not high enough yet to be diagnosed as Type 2 diabetes.

Approximately 88 million American adults — more than one in three — have prediabetes. Of those adults with prediabetes, more than 84 percent or one in 10 don't know they have it. Prediabetes puts you at increased

risk of developing Type 2 diabetes, heart disease and stroke.

The good news is that if you have prediabetes, you can make lifestyle changes to prevent or delay Type 2 diabetes and other serious health problems.

What causes prediabetes?

Insulin is a hormone made by your pancreas that acts like a key to let blood sugar into cells for use as energy. If you have prediabetes, the cells in your body don't respond normally to insulin. Your pancreas makes more insulin to try to get cells to respond. Eventually your pancreas can't keep up, and your blood sugar rises, setting the stage for prediabetes—and Type 2 diabetes down the road.

Signs and symptoms

You can have prediabetes for years but have no clear symptoms, so it often goes undetected until serious health problems such as Type 2 diabetes show up.

It's important to talk to your medical provider about getting your blood sugar tested if you have any of the risk factors for prediabetes, which include:

- Being overweight
- Being 45 years or older
- Having a parent, brother, or sister with Type 2 diabetes
- Are not physically active
- Have high blood pressure
- Ever having gestational diabetes (diabetes during pregnancy)

Risk is higher for American Indians, African Americans,

Hispanic/Latino Americans, Pacific Islanders, and some Asian Americans.

Take the Prediabetes Risk Test at cdc.gov

Diagnosing prediabetes

You can get a simple blood test to find out if you have prediabetes. Ask your medical provider if you should be tested.

Preventing Type 2 diabetes

If you have prediabetes, think of it as a warning that you may be heading towards a Type 2 diabetes diagnosis and the serious health complications associated with it.

By losing a small amount of weight if you are overweight and getting regular physical

activity, you can lower your risk for developing Type 2 diabetes.

If you have been diagnosed with prediabetes, and are a patient at Nimkee Clinic, discuss with your medical provider a referral to Nimkee Diabetes Program for prediabetes education or call **989-775-4654** to schedule.

Nimkee Diabetes Program can assist with tools to allow you to make realistic lifestyle changes including:

- Reading food labels
- Meal planning
- Plate Method
- Incorporating exercise

<https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/basics/prediabetes.html>

Measures to help avoid mosquitos and prevent bites

CENTRAL MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The mild winter weather and the recent rainfall have made ideal conditions for an explosion in the mosquito population. Measures should be taken now to avoid mosquitos and prevent bites to protect you and your family from mosquito-borne diseases.

Mosquitos found in the central Michigan area are capable of transmitting several diseases through bites. Diseases that can be carried by area mosquitos include: West Nile Virus (WNV), Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), St. Louis encephalitis, and the California group of encephalitis viruses that includes La Crosse encephalitis. EEE infected several horses late last summer and became a concern for people living in infected areas.

Until the weather cools and we have several hard frosts or freezes, the risk of exposure to mosquito-borne disease will persist.

People infected with mosquito-borne disease may experience headache, chills, fever, weakness, muscle pain and joint pain, that could progress to more serious neurologic disease. Young children, people over 60 years of age, and people with certain chronic conditions or weakened immune systems are at greater risk for serious disease.

The overall risk of getting a mosquito-borne disease is very low, but because the illness could become life threatening, precautions should be taken. Persons who experience flu-like symptoms, high fever, severe or unusual headaches, neck stiffness, seizures or other unusual symptoms should seek medical care as soon as possible.

Tips to prevent bites from mosquitos include:

• Avoid activities in areas where large numbers of mosquitos are present.

• Wear clothing that covers the arms and legs when outdoors, especially at dusk and at dawn.

• Apply insect repellent to exposed skin. An effective repellent will contain the active ingredient DEET. When applying DEET to young children, spray DEET on a cloth, and then wipe it on a child's skin so that the eyes and hands are not sprayed.

The Environmental Protection Agency has a website that can help you find a repellent that is right for you at: www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-repellent-right-you.

• Spray clothing with repellents containing DEET because mosquitos may bite through thin clothing. Whenever you use an insecticide or insect repellent, be sure to read and follow the label for use.

• In heavily infested areas, treat clothing and gear with permethrin or purchase pretreated clothing, which will repel mosquitos and other insects through multiple washes.

• Drain water from potential mosquito breeding sites including flowerpots, pet bowls, clogged rain gutters, swimming pool covers, discarded tires, buckets, cans, and similar items in which mosquitos can lay eggs.

• Make sure your window screens are kept in good repair and that all your doors shut tightly.

• Keep your lawn mowed to reduce hiding places for mosquitos in your yard. An increase in disease among wildlife often precedes an increased risk to humans.

To report a dead bird or other dead wildlife, go to: <https://www2.dnr.state.mi.us/ORS/Survey/4>. By reporting dead wildlife, you can help experts determine when mosquito-borne disease risk is increasing.

More information about zoonotic and vector-borne diseases can be found at: www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases.

Important Benefits Update: TRIBAL MEMBER INSURANCE

Saginaw Chippewa is excited to announce an **additional plan offering for all TRIBAL MEMBERS** that takes effect on January 1, 2022. Compare the current medical plan to the new offering below. To elect or waive this new coverage, please take action during Open Enrollment, which will take place during the month of October into mid-November.

Medical	Current / 2022 Buy Up		\$2,000 HDHP	
	In-Network	Out-of Network	In-Network	Out-of Network
Deductible Single/Family	\$500/\$1,000	\$1,000/\$2,000	\$2,000 /\$4,000	\$4,000 /\$8,000
Out of Pocket Maximum Single/Family	\$3,000/\$6,000	\$6,000 /\$12,000	\$4,000 /\$8,000	\$8,000 /\$16,000
Coinsurance Plan Pays/You Pay	80%/20%	60%/40%	80%/20%	60%/40%
Office Visit PCP/Specialist	\$30/\$60	40% after deductible	20% after deductible	40% after deductible
Emergency Room	\$250		20% after deductible	
Prescription Copays				
Generic	\$10		20% after deductible	
Preferred	\$30		20% after deductible	
Non-Preferred	\$60		20% after deductible	
Specialty	20% (\$250 max)		20% after deductible	
Member Contributions	Effective 2022 this plan will have a premium cost. If elected, premiums for this plan will be deducted from monthly per-capita check.		New plan offering effective January 1, 2022. If elected, this plan will be free of charge.	

Please contact Human Resources with questions.

Nimkee Fitness

NEW HOURS:
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Appointment not needed

- Showers are now available, locker rooms will be limited to two people at a time.
- Temperature check will be performed prior to check-in.

If vaccinated, face masks not required

- All unvaccinated visitors are still required to wear a mask before entering.

Yoga Class
Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5:15 p.m.

For questions or concerns, please contact:
Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690



AUGUST 2021 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Family Medicine Wheel Project

Part 1: Aug. 3, 4 | 5 - 8 p.m.

Part 2: Aug. 10, 11 | 5 - 8 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- **Registration: 989-775-4780**
- 15 participants must complete both part I and II
- Participants may send other family members in place if they cannot attend
- Cost is \$30

Drug Take Back (includes Sharps)

Aug. 4 | 12 - 4 p.m.

- Native Farmers Market Pavilion
- Bring your unwanted, expired or unused medication or sharps to be disposed of properly!
- Receive \$5 in Soaring Eagle Premium Play when you drop off (limit one voucher per person)
- Raffle prize drawing, for those who drop off (prize pickup must be arranged)
- In Plain Sight Teen Room walkthrough trailer will also be onsite (provided by Michigan State Police)
- Food vendors

Project Venture Summer Schedule

Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25

- **989.775.5804 or DWinn@sagchip.org**
- Aug. 4: Building Blocks to Helping Others
- Aug. 11: Community Youth Pillars
- Aug. 18: Dare Mighty Things
- Aug. 25: A Single Drop Makes a Thousand Ripples

COVID-19 Walk-In Vaccination Clinics

Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25 | 1 - 4 p.m.

- Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center
- Moderna Vaccine
- Open to everyone (18 years and older)

7 Grandfather Summer Teachings

Aug. 5, 12 | 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

- **To register, please email: Prevention@sagchip.org**
- Each week will be a teaching about the 7 Grandfather Teachings: Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility, Truth and Wisdom
- Weekly programming open to 5th-8th grade

Community Sewing Nights

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

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

Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26 | 4 - 6 p.m.

- Behavioral Health
- **989.775.4850**

Summer Fun Friday Challenge

Aug. 6, 13, 20

- **Recreation@sagchip.org**
- Open to all Native youth, grades 6 to 12
- Aug. 6: Painting in the park
- Aug. 13: TBD
- Aug. 20: Michigan's Adventure trip

Painting in the Park

Aug. 6 | 3 - 5 p.m.

- Broadway Park
- **Registration: Recreation@sagchip.org**
- With Painted Turtle Pottery Studio

Rez Ball: 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Aug. 11 | Games start at 4 p.m., registration at 2 p.m.

- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym Parking Lot
- **Registration: 989.775.4149 or lusprague@sagchip.org**
- \$15 per player
- Four person max per team, eight team max per age group

Wewebanaabiiwin: Youth Fishing Tournament

Aug. 13 | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., registration starts at 8 a.m.

- Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park
- **989.944.0495 or KeRicketts@sagchip.org**
- Open to the Tribal community and RV Park patrons
- Age groups: 5 to 9, 10-13, and 14 to 17
- Canoes are limited to a first-come, first-serve basis (must wear life jacket).
- Adult must be in canoe with youth 13 & under
- Hot dogs and beverages
- Trophies will be awarded for the first three places.
- Raffle giveaways (must be a participant to enter).

Isabella Back to School drive-thru event

Aug. 18 | 5 - 8 p.m. (or until supplies are gone)

- Saginaw Chippewa Academy
- **989.775.4071 or dsmith@sagchip.org**
- School Supplies and dinner to go
- Event open to DK-12 Services/SCIT Tribal Members
- May only attend one event (Isabella or Saganing)

Saganing Back to School drive-thru event

Aug. 19 | 12 - 2 p.m. (or until supplies are gone)

- Saganing Tribal Center
- **989.775.4071 or dsmith@sagchip.org**
- School Supplies and lunch to go
- May only attend one event (Isabella or Saganing)

SCA Back to School Open House

Aug. 19 | 5 - 7 p.m.

- Saginaw Chippewa Academy
- Students will be able to meet their teachers and see their classrooms.

Overdose Awareness & Remembrance Day

Aug. 31 | 6 - 8 p.m.

- Behavioral Health backyard

AUGUST 2021 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
2	3 Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. STEAM Summer Day Camp 1 - 5 p.m. SCTC	4	5 Sacred Fire Lunch 12. - 1 p.m. 7th Gen Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. Behavioral Health SCTC Beading Circle 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. SCTC	6 Active Parenting Now 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. ACFS Recovery on the Rez 11:30 a.m. Behavioral Health	1/7 8
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Tribal Observer Classifieds

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Tribal Operations

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

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

Dental Assistant
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Graduate of a dental assisting program or two years of dental assisting experience. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered.

Victims of Crime Advocate
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in counseling, social work, sociology, psychology, law enforcement criminal justice, law or related field. Counseling experience within Native American communities, including victims of crime counseling programs, or social work.

Intake Specialist
Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services, or related field. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain licensure within two years from date of hire. Must obtain a CAADC within two years of date of hire.

Master Automotive Technician
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Six years' computer diagnostic, automotive shop, and diagnostic and repair maintenance experience.

SCTC Adjunct Faculty
Open to the public. Master's degree required in identified discipline. Previous teaching experience preferred. Part time for Fall 2021: biology, business, Native American studies, history, computers and art.

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

Call Center Lead
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Associates degree in hospitality, business administration or related field or earned 48 college credit hours preferred.

Department Chef
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Four years of upscale, high-volume, hotel kitchen experience, or similar restaurant experience. Two years supervisory experience. Formal education in the form of a Culinary degree from an American Culinary Federation (ACF) accredited school may be accepted to satisfy part of the work experience requirement.

Accepted to satisfy part of the work experience requirement.

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

Transit Driver PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a current and valid commercial driver's license with passenger endorsements or a chauffeur's license.

Transit Driver PT Seasonal
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a current and valid Commercial driver's license with passenger endorsements or a chauffeur's license.

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

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

Environmental Services Attendant PT
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Knowledge of occupational hazards and applicable safety practices. Knowledge of housekeeping cleaning equipment.

Key Booth Attendant
Open to the public. One year hospitality or customer service experience.

Valet Parking Attendant FT
Open to the public. Third shift. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a valid State of Michigan driver's license, with the proper designation.

Valet Parking Attendant PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a valid State of Michigan driver's license, with the proper designation.

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

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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.

Count Team Associate
Open to the public. Six months cash handling experience. Gaming, banking, or customer service experience preferred.

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

Transit Driver
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a current and valid commercial driver's license with passenger endorsements or a chauffeur's license.

Saganing Slot Technician Supervisor
In house only. Only SCIT Members and SELC/SECR employees may apply. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Bachelor's degree in electronic or electro mechanics preferred. Five years slot technician experience.

Security Officer
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Security or surveillance experience preferred.

F&B Custodial Worker
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Kitchen cleaning experience preferred.

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

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

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

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

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

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

F&B Shift Supervisor
Only SCIT Members and SELC/SECR employees may apply. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Associates degree preferred. Three years food and beverage experience.

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

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

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

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

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.

2021

HOSPITALITY CHALLENGE

INVITATIONAL

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2021

2 PLAYER SCRAMBLE

Maple Creek Golf Course, Shepherd, MI | 10:00am Tee Time

EVENT DETAILS

FORMAT: 2 Player Scramble (18 holes)

ELIGIBILITY: Must be a Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Tribal Ops or Migizi Enterprises team member

COST: \$40 per player (\$80 per team)

LUNCH: Served from 11:30am - 1:00pm

REGISTRATION GIFT: all registrants will receive a goody bag at registration

PRIZES: compete for points by participating in hole games and challenges along the way!

SKINS GAME: competitive skins game for an additional \$20 per team

HOLE CHALLENGES

Best Dressed Team: 20 points/player
Worst Dressed Player: 20 points/player
Worst Dressed Player: 20 points
Long Drive Contest - Hole #1: 20 points
Hole In One - Hole #8: 20 points
First Team to turn in their scorecard
Hole #19: 20 points per player
Closest to the Pin - Hole #'s 2, 5, 10 & 17: 20 points for each hole won
Longest Putt - Hole #13: 20 points
Bean Bag Toss - Hole #15: 20 points
Most 7s on a Scorecard: 20 points per player on the scorecard
Highest Team Score: 20 points per player
Lowest Team Score: 40 points per player

Contact **Bernard Sprague** at (989) 775-5309 to sign up, ask questions or to be a part of the Volunteer Team

Sponsorships are available for \$20 and will help pay for bottled water and goody bags!

Open Interviews

Every Thursday • June 24 - Aug. 5, 2021

2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Ballrooms
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Non-tipped \$15.00 an hour:

- ▶ Guest Room Attendant
- ▶ Line Server
- ▶ Function Services
- ▶ Key Booth Attendant
- ▶ Cashier
- ▶ Environmental Services Attendant
- ▶ Server Assistant
- ▶ Steward
- ▶ Host/Hostess
- ▶ Line Cook
- ▶ Plus more...

Tipped positions:

- ▶ Waitstaff PT \$8.00
- ▶ Bartender \$8.00

• Please bring a resume and apply online to open positions

• Applications available online at: www.sagchip.org/careers

• Must be 18 years of age or older

• Bring two pieces of ID (one being a picture ID)

For more information, please contact:
Human Resources at 989.775.5600

MEET UP and EAT UP

Michigan Department of Education Office of School Support Services Food Service Program

June 5 - Aug. 13, 2021
Monday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Serving breakfast and lunch curbside at:
Saginaw Chippewa Academy
7498 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858



Tribes compete separately in this year's Family Olympics, SCIT Members see three-day format

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

During this year's Michigan Indian Family Olympics, each participating Michigan tribe held its own virtual edition of the games and posted their results in each competition.

With a one-point win, Gun Lake Tribe won first place with 756 points. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe came in second place with 755 points and Little River Band came in third with 103 points.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe held its competitions during a three-day stretch on July 13-15.

Day one on that Tuesday was held at Central Michigan University's Bennett Track & Field from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. where participants competed in 400-meter walks and runs, a one-mile run, long jumps, and 100- and 50-meter dashes.

Day two on Wednesday held recreation events at the Nimkee Fitness Fit Park, located outside of the Fitness Center, from noon to 6 p.m. Competitors gave their all in basketball shots, softball throws, tot trots and a cornhole toss.

Day three on Thursday was also held at Nimkee Fitness and included shuttle runs, fitness circuits, 500-meter rows and burpees.

While it rained on and off throughout the three days, Tribal Members of all ages did not seem to mind the cooler temps as several past Family Olympics have brought on hot and humid, uncomfortable temperatures to compete in.

Tribal Member Nicole Nedwash attended the

competitions with her husband Clayton Nedwash Jr. and sons Noah and Jacob.

When Nicole Nedwash was asked how she felt about this year's new three-day format, she said, "I actually enjoyed it. Not a lot of people around watching."

She also mentioned her favorite parts of this year's games.

"The volunteers and community members encouraging one another," she said. "The weather – I know it rained – but it wasn't as hot and humid as it usually is."

Tribal Member employees were granted three hours of Administrative Leave by Tribal Council to be used throughout the three days.

Event coordinator Jaden Harman of the Nimkee Fitness Center and his team began planning for the Family Olympics in February, and at that time, did not know what the condition of the State would be during the pandemic for community gatherings.

"We collectively, as tribes, decided to do the remote Family Olympics," Harman said. "I was really encouraged to have the other tribes step up and figure out how to host their own events. "(For SCIT) we felt it would be nice to have different focuses to each day, here in our community. People could choose some there favorite events."

Harman said he enjoyed seeing the families in attendance throughout the day and participating in the events together.

"My favorite moments were the smiles on the kids' faces while participating in some of the running events," Harman said. "It was awesome to

introduce the participants to our Nimkee Fitness for the event also. We were able to do some normal exercise activities."

Harman said he enjoys seeing the competitiveness but the sense of community is one of the things that make this a great event.

"Keeping community events alive like this is so important, especially wellness opportunities like these that get our families involved," he said. "It really helps remind our Members of the services that we have here at Nimkee Fitness also."

Walt Kennedy, prevention director for Nimkee Public Health Services, said the event "was a success and the community embraced the new format."

"My favorite part of this year's MIFO was watching the excitement of the participants of all ages interacting within the Tribal community," Kennedy said.

The Family Olympics started 34 years ago as a family track and field day.

"It was nice to be back to the roots of some healthy competition on a smaller scale," Harman said. "However, I do look forward having all the tribes gathering again, hopefully next year, for the event in all its fullness."

Prize drawings were held for Tribal Members that participated in at least two events.

Adult raffle winners included: Clayton Nedwash (Yeti cooler), Mackenzie Burger (portable grill) and Morgan T. (pop-up tent), and youth winners: Mateo Flory (electric scooter), Joshua Pelcher (giant Connect 4 game) and Taleah H. (super soakers).

MIFO results will be published in the September 2021 Tribal Observer. To view the list of winners now, visit www.sagchip.org/mifo/Event

Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

