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(Moon of the Falling Leaves)

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Important Benefits Update: TRIBAL MEMBER INSURANCE



The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is excited to announce an additional plan offering for all Tribal Members that takes effect on Jan. 1, 2022.

Compare the current medical plan to the new offering to the right. To elect or waive this new coverage, please take action during Open Enrollment, which will take place during the month of October.

Watch your mailbox beginning Oct. 1.

For more information, contact:

- **Craig Graveratte**
989-775-4942 | cgraveratte@sagchip.org
- **Lisa Ayling**
989-775-4943 | layling@sagchip.org

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 Max (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 Jan. 1, 2022. If elected, this plan will be free of charge.	

TM3 (Tribal Member) Plan Open Enrollment

October 1 - 31, 2021

We're excited to announce an **additional medical plan offering for all Tribal Members eligible for the TM3 plan** that takes effect on Jan. 1, 2022. To elect or waive this new coverage, please take action during Open Enrollment. If you take no action during your Open Enrollment period, you will be placed on the no cost High Deductible plan.

Open Enrollment is your once-a-year chance to elect, waive, and/or adjust benefit coverages and add/drop dependents. Upon electing pre-tax deducted benefits, you will not be able to make changes until the next Open Enrollment period, unless you experience a qualifying life event.

Scan the QR code to the right, and receive more details about the 2022 plan options.



Protect Your Health

Protect Your Family

Protect Your Financial Security

TM3 (Tribal Member) Plan | 2022 Benefits at a Glance

Benefit	Highlights
Medical & Prescription Drugs	<p>Protect your health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two plan options: 2022 Buy-Up Plan for a low out-of-pocket responsibility, and the no cost \$2,000 HDHP Plan for a higher out-of-pocket responsibility. • You may choose to purchase the 2022 Buy-Up Plan for a monthly premium. • Both plans use Medicare-Like-Rates (MLR). For claims to be paid at 100% with no patient responsibility, please request a referral from PRC and present your ID Card to the provider.
Teladoc	<p>Use virtual doctor visits for common, non-emergency medical conditions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact a board-certified, licensed doctor by phone or email, 24 hours a day!
Health Advocacy	<p>Use this resource for healthcare decisions and concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meritain Health's medical management nurses can help you make decisions about care, doctors and more.
Dental	<p>Protect your smile.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two network options: Delta Dental PPO and Delta Dental Premier. • Coverage for preventive, basic, major, and orthodontia services.
Vision	<p>Protect your eyesight.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coverage for exams, lenses and frames.

Disclaimer: This is a summary of the official Summary Plan Documents (SPD) that legally govern the terms and operations of their respective plans. If there is a conflict between this summary and the plan document, the plan document prevails.

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James Floyd Peters

August 21, 1958 – September 7, 2021

James "Bud" Floyd Peters, age 63, of Grand Rapids, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021, at Mercy Health-St. Mary's in Grand Rapids.

James was born on Aug. 21, 1958, in Mount Pleasant, the son of Floyd and Marvel Ruth (Neyome) Peters.

He graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School. Bud served our country in the National Guard. He worked as a grinder for Imperial Metal Products and previously for Irwin Seating.

Bud married Sherry Lynne "Lewis" Peters on Aug. 24, 1984.

He was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Bud enjoyed all sports, including NASCAR, and was an avid fan of the Detroit Lions, Tigers, and Red Wings. He loved watching his sons play sports. Bud enjoyed going to many rock 'n' roll concerts, spending time with family and friends, traveling, especially amusement parks like Cedar Point, Disney and Universal Studios.

Bud is survived by his wife Sherry Lynne Peters of Grand Rapids; his sons Jimmy Peters and Anthony Peters; brothers Scott (April) Warren; and sisters Lillian (Reggie) Steele, Stephanie Peters and Harley the Cat, and Deborah (Marco) Guillen; nieces and nephews, Destiny Harper, Richard Madison IV, Morningstar Quin, Elizabeth Reitsma, Ben Warren, Andrew Warren, Matthew Warren, Tenisha Abuado, Marco Guillen Jr.; and many close friends (Dian Alexander and Mike Agema).

Bud was preceded in death by his parents Floyd and Marvel Ruth (Neyome) Peters; maternal grandparents Wilson and Sara Collins; and paternal grandparents James and Helen Peters.

Bud touched the hearts of many and will be dearly missed by family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2, at Clark Family Funeral with Greg Mandoka officiating.

In memory of Bud, the family asks family and friends to wear their favorite sports team clothing – except Michigan State University! A luncheon will follow the service in the Reflections Reception Center. The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 1, and 10 a.m. until the time of service on Saturday, Oct. 2, at Clark Family Funeral Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family.



Samson Timothy Sawmick

October 11, 1953 – August 27, 2021

Samson Sawmick, 67, of Mount Pleasant and formerly of Colorado Springs, passed away Friday, Aug. 27, 2021, at MidMichigan Medical Center in Midland.

Samson was born Oct. 11, 1953, in Northport, Mich., son of the late George Aaron and Elsie Martha (Wasaquam) Sawmick. He graduated from Northwest Indian Bible School in 1972.

He hitchhiked his way to Colorado, with his longtime friend Lou Sprague, where he absolutely loved living with the beautiful mountains. He also enjoyed golfing, watching the cooking show with Gordon Ramsey, and was extremely fond of his mother.

Samson is survived by his siblings, Yvonne (Anthony) Dyer of Grand Rapids, Daniel (Margo) Sawmick of Ontario, Canada, Zachariah Sawmick of Mt. Pleasant, Jeremy (Shawn) Sawmick of Mt. Pleasant, and Michelle (Jose) Pena of Holland; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Ramona Rodriguez, Gladys Hall, Ralph Sawmick, and Gregory Sawmick.

Samson's funeral was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, at Charles R. Lux Family Funeral Home with Pastor Doyle Perry officiating. Burial was held in Denver Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Samson's name may be made to the charity of choice.



Robin Lynn High

January 29, 1966 – September 16, 2021

Robin Lynn High, age 55, of Grand Rapids walked on Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021.

Robin was preceded in death by her son Houston Gilbert High; her parents Gilbert and Ella High; her aunts Harriet Ashquab Castaneda and Sandra Parney; her cousins Vincent A. Castaneda and Tabitha Kendall.

She will be missed by her granddaughter Ciarra (Ashquab) Parney; her brother Roger High; her cousins Loretta, Chawn, Leona, Evelyn Castaneda; nieces Camie Castaneda, Leona and Michelle Parney; nephews Ben Wilkins and Jeff H. Kendall; her best friend Billi Jo; and all of her many friends on the west side.

Robin was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe. She enjoyed spending time with friends and family.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, Sept. 21 at the Arsulowicz Brothers Stocking Mortuary, 585 Stocking Ave NW.

Memorial contributions toward her final expenses would be appreciated.



Joan Cline

February 19, 1952 – September 4, 2021

Joan Cline of Mount Pleasant passed away after a short illness, on Sept. 4, 2021, at the age of 69.

Joan was born in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., on Feb. 19, 1952, the daughter of Robert and Jennie (Otto) Bruner. She worked for Michigan Indian Employment and Training Services as an employment assistant. In 2012, she married the love of her life, Steve Cline.

Joan was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and visiting the nearest casino. The sun rose and set on her grandchildren and whenever ending a conversation with them she always said, "Love you more!" She will be deeply missed.

Joan is survived by her daughter, Louanna Bruner (Tim Mills); grandchildren, Scott (Angie Brown) Sheahan, Tyrone Rios Jr., Jenna Rios; step-grandson, Alec Mills; several nieces and nephews; sister, Roberta (Jerilyn) Bruner.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Steve Cline; siblings, Rosemary Neyome, Virginia Snyder, Shirley Rodriguez, Margaret Saboo and Norman Neyome.

A Celebration of Life was held at the Charles R. Lux Funeral Home on Sept. 10, 2021 at 1 p.m. Visitation took place one hour prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Isabella County Soup Kitchen.



LeEtta Hansen

December 7, 1931 – September 5, 2021

LeEtta Hansen, age 89, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021, at Andahwod Assisted Living.

LeEtta was born Dec. 7, 1931, in Bay City, the daughter of George and Rose (Graveratte) Henry. She graduated from Bay City Central High School with the class of 1949. LeEtta married Hans Hansen and he preceded her in death on Oct. 31, 2003.

LeEtta was a member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and served two terms on Tribal Council. She was proud of her Native heritage and advocated for Native American rights.

LeEtta loved to travel; she was involved with the travel club and traveled internationally to many continents. She was a great seamstress and always sewed Halloween costumes for her son, Karl.

LeEtta is survived by her son Hans Karl (Becky) Hansen of Mt. Pleasant; granddaughters Karly, Noelle, and Chloe; and many other extended family members.

LeEtta was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and brothers Lawrence, Leroy, Elwood, and Harrison.

Funeral services took place at 1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 10, 2021, at Clark Family Funeral Chapel. A luncheon followed in Reflections Reception Center. The family received friends beginning at 12 p.m. until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to H.A.T.S.



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.
- Anyone wanting to be added can call (989) 775-4004.

Regular Council Session Dates

- Oct. 5
- Nov. 2
- Dec. 7

Public Comment Sought

RAP/Per Capita Plan Criminal Convictions Section(4)

SCIT Members may complete the survey:



Online at www.sagchip.org on the Member page



Or by mail

Contact Public Relations at 989-775-4096 or publicrelations@sagchip.org to request a paper version be mailed.

Survey open: Oct. 1-31, 2021

Background

In 2013 Tribal Council submitted Resolution 13-085 to the BIA which led to the addition of a "criminal convictions" section to the Revenue Allocation Plan. The BIA approved the submitted changes and approved two additional resolutions submitted by the Tribe, (18-133 & 20-021). The documents outline the Tribe's intentions and desire to curtail criminal behavior while protecting the long term viability of per capita for law abiding members. Now it is time to evaluate the effectiveness of the provisions.

Purpose

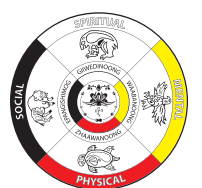
- ▶ To solicit ideas and comments from SCIT Members regarding the criminal conviction provisions pages 5-8 Section (4) of the Revenue Allocation Plan.
- ▶ To determine if Members are satisfied with the "criminal conviction provisions" of the Plan.



SCIT Higher Education Fall 2021 Scholarship Deadline

Fall 2021 schedules are due for current SCIT Higher Education students on or before Oct. 15, 2021 to be eligible for Fall 2021 funding.

SCIT Higher Education applications and scholarship information can be found on SCIT Education website at www.sagchipschool.net under the Higher Education tab.



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



Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan 2021 Primary Candidate List

Primary Election: Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021

Polling station open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Tribal Gym

District 1

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| • Bennett, Brad | • Kahgegab, Courtney | • Raphael (Wassegijig), Valarie |
| • Betts, Joshua | • Leureaux, Sheila | • Ricketts, Alice Jo |
| • Bonnau, Terry | • Merrill, David Jr. | • Riley, Charla |
| • Chamberlain, Kevin | • Miller, Rodney Sr. | • Ruhl, Gayle |
| • Chippeway, Brian W. | • Neyome, Chip | • Sawmick, Adam |
| • Chippeway, Samantha | • Otto, Carmen | • Schramm, Paul Jr. |
| • Colwell (Jackson), Michelle | • Otto, David | • Smith, Casey |
| • Davis, Levi | • Otto-McCoy, Kimberly | • Smith, Toni |
| • Ekdahl, Ronald F. | • Owl, Melissa | • Spotted Tail (Montoya-Pego), Maia |
| • Gonzalez, Consuelo | • Pelcher, Brandy | • Sprague, Bernard |
| • Hawkins, Kelly | • Pelcher, Clinton Jr. | • Sprague, Lucas |
| • Hunt, Lindy | • Pelcher, Milton | • Wassegijig (Vasquez), Jennifer |
| • Jackson, Brent | • Peters, Summer | • Wemigwans, Martha |
| • Jackson (Peters), Theresa | • Quigno, Mary | |
| • Johansen, Ronald | • Quigno-Grundahl, Diana | |

District 2

- Nelson, Ronald

District 3

- | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| • Cloutier, Frank J. | • Hadden, Marcella | • Skutt, Kevin |
| • Graveratte, Aaron | • Kequom, Joseph | |

You Have a Choice, You Have a Voice!



Happy Birthday
Billie Jo

I love you to the moon and back. (Angel)



Samuel Cloud,
we wish you a happy birthday!
With love, your family!



Lydia Krupa

we are wishing you a magical
birthday!
Love, your family!



Marvin Davis Jr.
will be 50 on October 16th

Happy Birthday Auntie

Oct. 7

We love you
Love, the kids

Everyone gets to be young once. Your turn is over.

Happy birthday Ma.
Oct. 7

December Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits

Available starting Monday, Oct. 4, 2021

Deadline: Friday, Nov. 5, 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
- The Tribal Clerk's office must have the original form

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

District 1 SCIT Primary Election October 12, 2021

Polls are open
8 a.m. - 8 p.m. at the Tribal Gym
7070 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
(Corner of Broadway & Leaton roads)

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

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

Planning Department Survey

The Planning Department is distributing a survey regarding fish consumption and water resource use in the SCIT community.

- The survey is online only and is open until Oct. 29.
- Participants must be 18 years old, be a member or descendent of SCIT, and live in Michigan.
- Those who participate will be entered into a drawing for a gift card ranging in value from \$25-\$100.
- Winners can choose a gift card from Amazon, Dicks Sporting Goods, or a Mobil gas card.

To participate, please contact Phil Jackson by email at PJackson@sagchip.org to receive the survey link.



Attention Tribal Members:

Find the latest information by creating an account and logging into sagchip.org in the Tribal Members only section.

To create an account, go to:
www.sagchip.org/user/signup.aspx



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

Attention SCIT Tribal Members: Notice of Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the hearing may be held, in the Council Chambers at the Black Elk Building, 7500 Soaring Eagle Boulevard, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. This hearing will address: the liquor license application presented to Tribal Council by Bob VanWert, General Manager of the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Hotel, or his representative. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing is as follows:

Renewal of the Retail On-Premise General Liquor License for the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Hotel located at 2690 Worth Rd., Standish, MI 48658. Such License, if approved, would cover

all indoor areas, outdoor areas, Gaming Floor, Function Rooms, and all other applicable areas of the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino where beverage service is appropriate and allowed; including the Tribal Center and Saganing Powwow Grounds located at 2570 Worth Rd., Standish, MI 48658 and outdoor events area for services during events. This License, if issued, would be for the duration of one full year from Nov. 30, 2021 through Nov. 29, 2022, with hours of alcohol service consistent with Section 10 of the Gaming Compact of Aug. 20, 1993, and also including hours of service for Sunday Alcohol Sales and Sales on Christmas Eve until midnight, Christmas day beginning at noon and New Year's Day until 4 a.m.

Attention SCIT Tribal Members: Notice of Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing held on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Chambers at the Black Elk Building, 7500 Soaring Eagle Boulevard, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. This hearing will address the application for a renewal of a Retail On-Premise General License and Retail Off Premise General License presented to Tribal Council by Robert Juckniess, CEO for the Migizi Economic Development Corporation. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing is as follows:

Renewal of the Tribal Liquor License for Retail

On-Premise and Off-Premise General License for the Soaring Eagle Waterpark & Hotel located at 5665 E. Pickard Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Such license, if renewed, would cover selling of packaged beer, wine, and liquor for consumption by buyers on-premise and off-premise. The License, if renewed, would be for the duration of one full year commencing on Nov. 20, 2021 and expiring on Nov. 19, 2022 with hours of alcohol sales consistent with section 10 of the Gaming Compact of Aug. 20, 1993, and the Tribe's Liquor Control Act, Chapter 8.7.

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.

7th Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Program

7957 E. Remus Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Hours of Operation: M-F / 8am-5pm

Staff contact:

- **Tonya Jackson**, admin. assistant II: 989-775-4780
- **Lee Ruffino**, cultural manager: 989-775-4786
- **Clinton Pelcher**, cultural rep: 989-775-4816
- **Ben Hinmon**, cultural rep: 989-775-4785
- **Dan Jackson**, cultural rep: 989-775-4782
- **Eric Sowmick**, cultural rep: 989-775-4787

Ongoing weekly events:

- **Drums Out (singing for fun)**: every Wednesday, 5 p.m. at The Blue House (right next door to 7th Gen)
- **Sewing Night** every Thursday, 5 p.m. in the Ceremonial Building
- **Sacred Fire** lit in morning every Thursday
- **Anishinaabemowin & Sacred Fire Lunch** every other Thursday (first in-person began Aug. 5)

Upcoming events:

- **Oct. 21**: Fall Feast
- **Nov. 4**: Spirit Feast
- **Dec. 21**: Winter Feast
- **Jan. 27, 2022**: Winter Baby Celebration

Wood and stone shops:

- Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Please call 989-775-4780 to make appointment

Sacred Medicines are available to the community, please bring small offering of semaa (tobacco)

Maple syrup is available to the community for donation or trade, please call or stop in for more information

Kina gwaya do'gtigan (Everyone's Garden): Community Garden is open for season, please call for more information



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



Victims of Crime Program update

The overall objective for the Victim of Crime program is to promote long-term safety and emotional healing of victims of crime. The Victim of Crime promotes the program by following federal guidelines for allowable activities only, including but not limited to: crisis intervention, safety planning, information on victims' rights and the criminal justice process, personal advocacy, assistance with filing crime victim compensation, restitution requests, victim impact statements and personal protection orders.



Hours

- **Monday:** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Behavioral Health
- **Tuesday:** 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Tribal Court and 1 - 5 p.m. at Behavioral Health
- **Wednesday:** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Behavioral Health
- **Thursday:** 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Tribal Court and 1 - 5 p.m. at Behavioral Health
- **Friday:** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Behavioral Health

Office Phone Number: 989-775-4814

Cell Phone Number: 989-330-2759

2800 S. Shepherd Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858



Attention Adult Tribal Members

Migizi EDC is seeking to fill two Community Member seat vacancies on its Board of Directors.

Those interested should exhibit exemplary experience in business, be responsible and express integrity as well as good judgment. Each interested party should be sensitive to the unique goals and the culture of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The ideal candidate would recognize the need for diversification within the Tribe's holdings as well as demonstrate expertise in and have an understanding of business management, administration, accounting, finance, law, advertisement, public relation and other related disciplines. Time requirements include all regularly scheduled meetings, including additional project meetings and special meetings. This appointment and its term will run concurrent with Tribal Council elections.

A Letter of Intent will be accepted until Nov. 12, 2021 and should be mailed to:

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

Youth Council Election Timeline

- Youth Council election packets available Oct. 5 and are due by Nov. 2
 - Elections will take place Nov. 17-18
 - Newly-elected Youth Council will be sworn in Dec. 13
- **Dates subject to change**



For more information: YouthCouncil2@sagchip.org
www.sagchip.org/youthcouncil



Every Tuesday

- ▶ **When:** from 4 - 6 p.m.
- ▶ **Location:** 7th Generation
- ▶ **Starting:** Oct. 5, 2021
- ▶ **Who:** 5th-8th grade students

The purpose of the group is provide students with an opportunity to create healthy identities for themselves as Native Americans.

The Prevention program is based on the White Bison's Sons and Daughters of Tradition framework and incorporates Anishnaabeg teachings. There will be times when the group may split for male/female specific teachings.

To register or for more information, please contact:
Behavioral Health Prevention at prevention@sagchip.org



Community Wi-Fi now available

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

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

Attention all Tribal Members

The program dedicated toll free (1-800 884-6271) number for At-Large/Member Services has been eliminated.

The Tribe's main toll free (1-800-225-8172) may be used instead to reach the Tribal Government switchboard and any department or program you need.

You may also find the Tribal Government telephone Directory on the Tribal website at www.sagchip.org.

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Trust. Integrity. Traditions.

Please Consider Voting Paul Schramm for Tribal Council Representative.

Boozhoo Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member, My name is Paul Schramm, Jr. I am running for Tribal Council and ask for your support. Let me introduce myself. I am the Chairperson of the SCIT Conservation Committee and a Board Member on the SCIT Health Board. I am a retired machinist, Bargaining Committee member, and Chairman for the International Association of Machinists at Union Pump where I bargained the business and working conditions for the membership. I am the past Chairperson of the Title IX Indian Education Committee for Kalamazoo County Public Schools, and past Pow Wow Chairman for the Kalamazoo Valley Indian Association. I am married to Diane for 43+ years and have three children: David, married to Krystal, Jeffrey, and Timothy. Three grandchildren: Emma, Adam, and Owen.

Our Tribe needs strong leadership to guide our nation; a new election cycle brings that opportunity. Our programs have been cut, affecting the ability for us to feel connected to the Tribe and our affairs. We have the ability to think of new ways - using new ideas, technology, or simply getting back to basics - to strengthen our communication. We must bring back programs that worked in the past, look toward our future, and address the needs of our membership. I believe we must continually give back to our people and I wish to represent all on Tribal Council. We need a strong Council that will put People, Culture, and Teachings of our ancestors first. We must manage the holdings of our Tribe in a manner that protects generations to come. I believe my background fighting for membership rights and working conditions, working in the Kalamazoo County School systems with our Native Youth, and a lifetime of experience working with - and for - our Elders, gives me the experience to be your representative. When elected I understand that I am a servant of you and the community and will always conduct myself with honesty, integrity, and respect. There are many challenges for our people that we can - and will - win together to ensure our sovereignty and well-being. Key issues for me include: tribal sovereignty, Elder's issues, education, per cap protection, insurance, healthcare, and the fight against drug abuse as we have lost too many of our children. I look forward to speaking with you, hearing your feedback, and vigorously representing your interests. I am, and always will be, your servant as we steer the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan into the future. Please consider voting for me to represent you at Tribal Council.



Respectfully,
Paul Schramm, Jr. / Ishpeming Migisi
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MARCELLA FOR DISTRICT 3 - 2021

Boozhu! I am excited to share a few things about me and what I stand for as a District 3 Tribal Council candidate.

I have an Associate's Degree in Business and own a professional photography studio. I am also the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer with a passion for preserving our culture and history. I have worked for the Tribe for nearly 25 years and have extensive experience in Gaming and Tribal Operations. I have witnessed many changes with our Tribe and community throughout the years. Changes that have only made us stronger as a Nation. I am proud to be part of the Tribe that other Tribes look to as an example here in Michigan.



I was an Army brat growing up and have the utmost respect for all branches of the military. Because of that, I will honor all active duty military members and veterans. I will keep them as a top priority because without their fight for freedom, none of us would be here today.

Our children deserve the best education possible. Services to nurture the well-being of our youth need to be one of our top priorities. Our elders had to think many generations ahead when signing treaties and negotiating our gaming compacts. I am grateful for their knowledge and in keeping with our cultural traditions of honoring our elders, I will also rank them high on my priority list.

I see a lot of grief in our community from young ones dying too soon. I will make a point to do all that I can to fight the war on drugs! Culture is prevention. We also need support services for those that are grieving.

As a Native business owner and artist, I will make sure to advocate for Native-owned businesses and fine arts whenever possible.

Lastly, I promise to be transparent and do everything in my power to unite us as Tribal citizens, and not divide us. Miigwetch.

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Candidate Profiles

Oct. 12, 2021 Primary Election

Tribal Observer is providing the Saginaw Chippewa community voters a feature of the candidates on the 2021 Primary Election ballot.

All primary candidate photos are included. Profiles are also included for candidates who provided them.

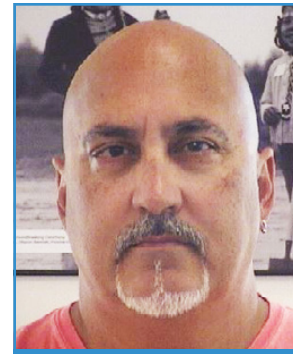
All profiles are published as submitted. The Tribal Observer did not edit in any way.



Bennett, Brad



Betts, Joshua



Chamberlain, Kevin



Chippeway, Samantha



Bonnau, Terry

Hello my name is Terry L. Bonnau. I am a proud SCIT member born in Bay City, Michigan. I started my life in a predominantly Native area called Saganing/Pinconning. My family relocated to Indiana, because of my parent's divorce, and DHS involvement. I relocated to District 1 in 2000, to relearn more about my heritage. The SCTC, and CMU helped me to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree w/a minor in Native American Studies. The lineage that connects me to the SCIT family starts with the Treaty signing of 1855, by Chief Pe-nay-say-waw-be. He was followed by a son named Benjamin Salas. He married Sarah Thomas, who was granted a land allotment in 1883-5. It was located in the northwest corner of Winn and Millbrook. As a long time Board member on the Elders Advisory Board, I would be proud to serve on the Tribal Council as your representative.



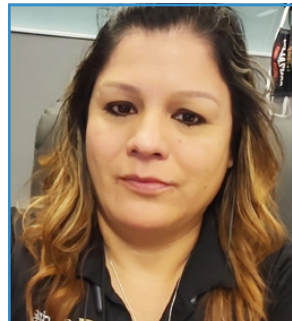
Chippeway, Brian W.

Hi, I am Brian W. Chippeway. Great grandson to Ben Quigno and son of Brian E. Chippeway. I have worked for the tribe for 6 years at both the Soaring Eagle Casino and Tribal Operations. I strive to bring sobriety and family cohesiveness to our reservation. If elected I will focus on the future of our tribe. Thank you for your support! #THINKTINK2021



Colwell (Jackson), Michelle

Because I worry for the Tribe's future...our future; this is home where I raised my children, Breanna and Gage; the tribe has been my entire career; and I care for our membership and the community that resides here amongst us...I run. My beliefs are unchanged since I last served on council. I'm against micro-managing... we have capable people we should trust and hold accountable while providing expectations and support. Balanced budgets are a necessity with responsible spending. Policies must be modified to serve their intended purpose. I hope we voters: question why each candidate is running and hopes to achieve; ask what they are hiding by discrediting others; remember election promises are quickly forgotten as council consists of twelve, not one; and select candidates who listen, compromise, and work together to achieve productive goals over personal agendas. We need leaders capable of making good decisions for our tribe's present and future.



Gonzalez, Consuelo

Hello my name is Consuelo Josephina Gonzalez. I am mother of 3, David, Marjorie & Mattea. A grandmother of 5 and great-grandmother of 2. I've worked for the Tribe for 23 years, in various departments. Such as Tribal Court, Parks & Recreation, Social Services, Behavioral Health and the Marketing Department in the Casino. I have an Associate's degree from Tribal College. I have always been departments that can help our Tribal Community. As a Tribal Council candidate I could provide strong stern voice to promote education, health, culture and overall positive well-being for the entire Tribal Community. As a mother and grandmother I am committed to our children. With love and respect for one another we can create unity within the Tribe to help build a stronger Tribal Community. If we embrace one another's differences, we can work together in these difficult times to make it better for our children.



Hawkins, Kelly

Boozhoo aanii, My NAME IS KELLY LYN HAWKINS, I AM THE GREAT GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF CHIEF NIMKEE ELIJAH ELK. I am Red Crow Woman, and the GREAT GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF MAGGIE JACKSON. I am a warrior, I will fight for my ppl . My fight is for our next generation, I'm standing to protect our Native Children... I am a Full Blooded CHIPPEWA/ TLINGIT Kway ..MY FATHER IS A FULL BLOODED TLINGIT AS MY MOTHER IS FULL BLOODED CHIPPEWA THIS IS WHERE MY LINEAL BLOOD LINE COMES FROM. I AM STANDING FOR MY TRIBE WHY I DECIDED TO RUN FOR COUNCIL. WE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN IGNORED, TREATED WRONGFULLY, OUR TRIBAL MEMBERS FAMILIES HAVE BEEN RIPPED APART. We NEED REUNIFICATION OF OUR TRIBAL MEMBERS CHILDREN.. OUR CONSTITUTION BY LAWS HAVE BEEN BROKEN, SUCH AS OUR TREATIES BY LAWS .



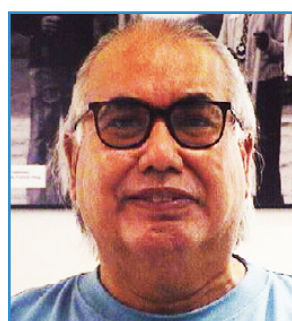
Jackson, Brent

Hello- I'm running for Council because I understand the impact that Council's decisions have on the Membership, sovereignty and businesses. I know in my heart that we must expand the Tribe's economic portfolio to benefit all Members, but we must also continue to nurture our main source of revenue, casino gaming. I've been blessed to have worked for the Tribe since 1989 in various capacities including over 27 years in operational management, Gaming Commission and three terms on Council. I believe these experiences have provided me with a firm foundation to undertake the necessary steps to expand our non-gaming business endeavors while bolstering our gaming enterprise. The time to act is now. We can no longer sit idly by while our competitors advance ahead of us. I hope that you will entrust me with the opportunity to help guide our tribe to a brighter future. Thank you for your consideration.



Jackson (Peters), Theresa

Aani my fellow Tribal Members. I wish everyone love and blessings. Thank you for giving me the honor to serve as one of your representatives over the last two terms. Best wishes to all the candidates. Theresa Peters-Jackson



Johansen, Ronald

I'm a candidate for change; I am not a career politician. I have worked in many different departments for the sole purpose of knowing what happens in our tribal businesses and what the government is doing.. I have a unique perspective that I bring to the council I have served twenty years in the military, I have graduated college, taught at the tribal college as part of the native studies program. I have worked for the tribe since 1998 and witnessed how are elders build this casino into a four diamond facility. I recognize that the tribe has many challenges that need to be addressed from infrastructure to the treatment of tribal members. I will meet with tribal families to discuss my agenda and what I can do for you. I only plan to serve one term to fix things and return the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe to glory.



Leureaux, Sheila

Hello, my name is Sheila Leureaux. I have been employed with the Tribe for 18 years. My priorities remain the same; our youth and education. Our children are our future, we need to educate and guide them so they can become the strong leaders of the future. We need to get out of our comfort zone and begin to accept that change is needed. A strong Council and a new direction are needed so that the tribe can begin to prosper. I want to thank everyone in advance for your support.



Merrill, David Jr.

"Boozhoo, mushmakinks N'diznikaaz", ma'iingan dodem", my name is David Merrill Jr, known by elders and our community as "Baby Dave". I ask for your vote this election. No stranger to public service, I served as United States Marine Corps Sergeant and currently serve as a Tribal Police Officer. My whole life I lived in district one; Now as a married family man with four kids, in Spirit Keepers subdivision. I currently serve on the Education Board (TEAB) assisting with the Tribal School and Recreation Center project. I was a founding member of the Tribe's Youth Council, establishing a way for our youth to have a voice. I enjoy serving my community and work to move the tribe in positive direction for our kids and the next seven generations. I focus on improving our Tribal Members quality of life. Miigwetch, for considering in me as your next representative on Tribal Council.



District 1 | Isabella



Davis, Levi



Ekdahl, Ronald F.



Hunt, Lindy



Kahgegab, Courtney



Otto, Carmen



Otto, David



Miller, Rodney Sr.

Boozhoo I'm Rodney Miller My goal is to fill a council seat with a voice of reason and logic. I would like to see an expansion in Tribal enterprises by us seeking new market opportunities. I would also like to see more effort towards cannabis and hemp industry. I would like to reinforce our cultural traditions through supporting various programs including building up the 7th gen. I believe we all want what is best for our Tribe as a whole. I believe our community will thrive with expanded education services such as a new Tribal College as well as K-12 education. To be successful, we must grow and educate our own tribal community. We need open - minded leaders; council members who remain humble, and remember that our purpose is to do what is best for our community. "chi-miigwech," Rodney Miller



Neyome, Chip

Boozhu; I would like to serve you on Council to continue the work of preparing a path for our future generations. I believe we have opportunities to change the lives of members through improved access to rivers, streams, and lakes. I would like to see Tribal Council focus on community improvement plans, while allowing gaming and economic development to forge their own paths towards success. I believe in protecting the Gaming Trust for the sole use of Gaming Enterprises and strongly discourage other uses. We must have clearly defined goals if we endeavor to spend wisely and create the future we desire as a nation. I am skill full in developing plans and solutions and will work with fellow council members to identify goals to aspire to. I am confident in my knowledge of Tribal policies and understanding of the fact that there is much I have yet to learn.



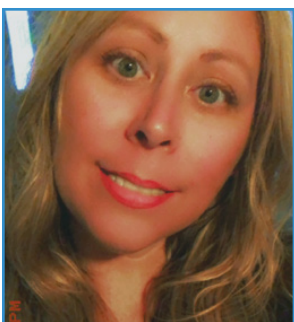
Otto-McCoy, Kimberly

My name is Kim Otto McCoy. I grew up in a family that instilled commitment to serve our people as a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. My family has always served our people. I have worked for the Tribe for over 30 years in different capacities, all focused on providing services and advancing rights for the Tribal Membership. My current position is with the Planning Department where we provide direct services to the Tribal Membership that focuses on improving their quality of life. From 1985-1995 I served on the Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs at the request of then Chief Arnold Sownick where I worked with grassroots committees, Tribal leadership, and legislators to advocate for Michigan Anishinaabe people and communities. With your support, I will continue our family tradition by working with Tribal Council and Members on enrollment, housing, medical and recreational marijuana, substance abuse, and inclusivity.



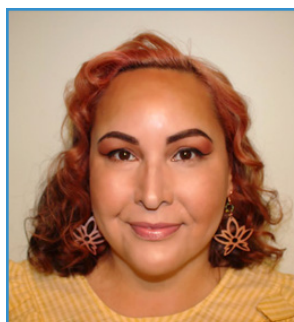
Owl, Melissa

Aanii Boozhu, My name is Melissa Owl. I am asking you, my friends, and the leaders of the community for your endorsement for Tribal Council. I am not asking for special treatment for any of my family members. I know that education is the foundation from which we build strong, solid communities. I also believe that families know their children best and it is critical that we listen to the voice of the community if we are going to continue the foundation necessary to raise our future, grow our businesses, support our elders, save our medical insurance and cultivate future economic opportunities. We have a lot of work and responsibility ahead of us. Remember, "The source of Tribal powers rests in its people." www.sagchip.org With the 7 Grandfather teachings, my education from CMU- Bachelor's in Business Administration, my business experience and your help, we can prosper. "Owl" work for you.



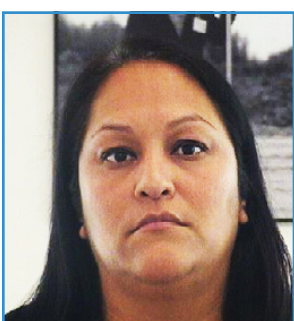
Pelcher, Brandy

I began working for the tribe in 1990 as a summer youth worker, later transferring employment to the casino, and for the last 14 years I have held employment in the Human Resources Benefits Department. My greatest achievement in life has been the time spent time raising my three children and now also my commitment to taking care of children in the community through fostering; both for ACFS and DHS. As we journey through life we will come to hold many roles; I am a mother, a caregiver, a mentor, a friend, a team player, and an ally for those in need. I believe these roles have prepared me for a new opportunity to continue helping our people. I place high value and importance in new opportunities, being receptive to constructive feedback, teamwork, and strength in the face of adversity.



Peters, Summer

Boozhoo! I have extensive front line and supervisory gaming & tribal operations experience since 1996. I possess an existing extensive tribal professional network built through entrepreneurship experience as a professional artist since 2010. I will graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Law & Economics in Spring 2022 and am in concurrent progress on my Master's of Business Administration. I present two ideas: a Tribal Member Bill of Rights that guarantees the right to free speech without retribution and improved methods to bridge the existing communication gap between leadership and membership. I'm very interested in jumpstarting the economic development in non-gaming ventures. I believe in education and culture preservation & I enjoy public speaking. I believe in giving compassionate leadership that cultivates an environment free of bullying tactics & fear. I am interested in progressing the personal and professional empowerment of the tribal member, no matter the differences between us. Miigwetch.



Quigno, Mary

Boozhoo,
My name is Mary Quigno, I have been a lifelong community member and have over 16 years of service with the Tribe. My leadership within the Tribe has always been to lead by example and be fair and consistent, which has prepared me to run for Tribal Council. I am dedicated to serving our community, and for the betterment of our Tribe. I have a passion for helping people, and if elected I would like to look at ways to diversify our businesses and create growth and healing in our community. Our Elders and children should always be a priority in the many decisions of Tribal Council, as well as our members with personal struggles.

Miigwetch for your support!



Quigno-Grundahl, Diana

Boozhoo. Diana Quigno-Grundahl – Running for District 1 Representative. I started my service with the tribe over 28 years ago. I've had the honor of serving on Tribal Councils in the past. These experiences have taught me how to communicate and work as a team with the common goal of tribal prosperity. My current role at Nimkee Clinic affords me an opportunity to ensure the best care for our patients, and our community. It is these leadership skills that will enable me make the best decisions to benefit the membership. I know the importance of having successful enterprises, so we can provide services to our membership that will create a better quality of life for us all. As you vote for the next tribal council, please know that my heart will always want the best for our community.



Raphael (Wassegijig), Valarie

Hello, Valarie (Wassegijig) Raphael, running for District 1 representative. The reservation is home for my family and me. I started working for the Tribe at the casino in 1992, I am currently the Business Office Director at Nimkee Clinic and have been here since 1996. I take great pride in doing the best for our tribe, my leadership skills that I've acquired over the years will benefit my ability to make sound decisions for continued success for our tribal businesses and services for the membership. My heart is invested with our community and feel that our elders and children need to have the best support and services possible. I am asking for your support for Tribal Council. Together we can continue to prosper.



Ricketts, Alice Jo

I would like to say how grateful I am for the opportunity to serve you on Tribal Council the past 18 months. The challenge was exciting but also frightening at times. The Pandemic caught us by surprise, however, through prayer and courage we made it through and we continue to make it through. I am so happy that our prayers were met concerning hard decisions we had to make in the past 2 year term. As a leader I commit to doing what is in the best interest of our Tribe and businesses and humbly ask that you consider voting for me this coming election. I pray that you and your families be blessed. Respectfully yours, Alice Jo Ricketts



Riley, Charla

Boozhoo kina Gwayaa / hello everybody, Charla Riley ndizhnikaa minwaa giizhigookwe, waabaasheshii ndodem, Anishinaabekwe nda'ow, Lansing Michigan ndoonjibaa. I've lived on the Reservation 19 years. Educational background includes my Associates from SCTC, Bachelor's Degree from CMU Majored in Entrepreneurship, Minored in Business Administration, and two Tribal Internship Programs. My Goals are to strengthen Tribal Departments by increasing their eligibility to apply for federal grant funds, strengthen Tribal Agreements, and expand the Sasiwaans Language Immersion School Program. I've worked as the Funding Development Specialist, Secondary Language Specialist, Grants Analyst, and Data Governance Board Administrative Assistant. I've worked for the Tribe 10+ years. I descend from Maria Peters and Moses Pelcher but no matter where we come from Disenrollment for personal gain I do not support, we've lost enough members to Drugs and COVID19. Miigwech for your consideration at the voting polls. God Bless us all! We Shine Together



Ruhl, Gayle

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Coming from a strong family, I'm willing to speak up and defend our constitution and treaty rights. I have made the commitment to understand the issues and remain informed of items brought to Tribal Leadership. I attend as many meetings as possible to ensure the votes I cast on your behalf are well reviewed. I have enjoyed serving the Tribe and membership for over 20 years working at Behavioral Health, Andahwod and Council. I've earned a master's degree, taught at colleges and universities while continuing to struggle learning Anishinaabemowin. I am willing to work hard alongside other elected members. Important to me is continued gaming growth, sovereignty, increased profits, stabilizing health care, supporting our culture as well as education and employment opportunities to members. I have a great love and pride for our tribe and if re-elected I will offer my best. Miigwech.



Schramm, Paul Jr.

Boozhoo, My name is Paul Schramm, Jr. and I am running for Tribal Council. My wife Diane and I have been married for 43 years. We have three children, David married to Krystal, Jeffrey, and Timothy and grandchildren Emma, Adam, and Owen. I am the Chairperson of the SCIT Conservation Committee and serve as a Member on the Health Board. Representing our people and our youth in past roles as Chairman of the Advisory Committee for Kalamazoo County Schools Title IX Indian Education program and Pow Wow Chairman of Kalamazoo Valley Indian Association. For 20+ years I was a Bargaining Committee Representative and Chairman of the International Association of Machinists bargaining all business aspects and fighting for better working conditions. People, culture, and family come first. As your servant, I will conduct myself with integrity, truthfulness, and respect. Thank you for your consideration.
Paul Schramm, Jr. / Ishpeming Migisi



Smith, Toni

Aani, my name is Toni Smith. At the age of 22, I moved to Mt. Pleasant. I have lived in Mt. Pleasant ever since. I attended school at CMU. I graduated from CMU with a Bachelors Degree in Health Fitness in Prevention & Rehabilitation. I am passionate about the health and wellness of the people, our community and our businesses. I am proud to be a member of the SCIT. I have worked for the SCIT in various positions and throughout our organization. I feel that I have a good understanding of our tribal community, businesses, employees, and patrons. I feel that I can help to advance our tribe now and into the future. I think that I could help us to overcome whatever challenges that we may face. I would like to see us to continue to grow and to expand into other arenas of business too.



Spotted Tail, (Montoya-Pego), Maia

Boozhoo! My name is Maia Spotted Tail (Montoya-Pego); I am the granddaughter of "Buddy" & Grace Pego. I was born and raised on the SCIT reservation. I hold a BSBA double major in Business Administration & Accounting from CMU, an MBA-Accounting Concentration from the University of Michigan, and am 5 classes from completing my Masters of Science in Accounting from the University of Michigan. I have attained 12+ years of accounting experience within the tribe; including both the gaming and government sectors. I will continue utilizing my financial knowledge and experience to make educated business decisions while protecting financial assets. I will also continue pursuing cannabis initiatives to diversify and create multiple cash inflows that will allow for a more prosperous future for the membership. Additional focuses on youth and elder initiatives, and reinforcing our traditional Anishnaabe teachings will be prioritized. I humbly ask for your election support! Miigwech!



Sprague, Bernard

I graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School and I served our Country in the US Army with an honorable discharge. I have over 35 years with the Tribe and I honorably served on Tribal Council for 7 terms, serving as Tribal Sub-Chief and Tribal Secretary. My overall goal is to continue working for the Tribe, giving back to our community, and being supportive of future growth opportunities. I was very instrumental in developing Parks & Recreation, Family Olympics, Little Elk's ball diamond, and Ogemaw playground. I enjoyed coaching little league, baseball, and basketball for our youth. My passion is hosting golf tournaments to raise awareness and funds for the Tribe. Other volunteer work includes Native Fest, Elder's Pow-Wow trip, and Labor Day Picnic. I support infrastructure, expansion, funding for health care services, education, Pow-Wow, services for elder's, youth & veterans, and banning drug dealers from our reservation. Miigwech.



Sprague, Lucas

I am a graduate of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College where I received my associate's degree in liberal arts in the spring of 2017, and also a graduate of Central Michigan University where I received my bachelor's degree in Sport Management, with a minor in Communication in the summer of 2020. I am currently a graduate student at Central Michigan University pursuing a degree in Masters of Science in Administration. I started working for the Tribe as a Summer Youth Worker; I have now been here for ten years, and currently the Interim-Manager of the Recreation Department. I was born and raised on the Isabella Reservation and have become intimately familiar with the issues facing our tribal youth. If I am elected, I will continue to prioritize community engagement which is an important factor in identifying and tackling the issues that face our tribal community.



Wasegijig (Vasquez), Jennifer

It has been an honor to serve on Tribal Council. Although, there have been uncertainties due to the pandemic, I believe I have done my best to help make decisions that benefit the Tribe and our members. If re-elected, I look forward to once again, being available and providing a voice for the membership. Thank you for your continued support; may God continue to bless us, protect us, and guide us in a prosperous way.



Pelcher, Clinton Jr.



Pelcher, Milton



Sawmick, Adam



Wemigwans, Martha

Boozhoo my fellow Tribal Members, First off I would like to thank the membership for giving me this opportunity to serve as your Tribal Council Sergeant at Arms. It has been such a humbling experience and I truly appreciate you all. I will continue to use my voice and make the best decision for our tribe as a WHOLE. So with that being said I am asking once again for your support in this election. Miigwech



Smith, Casey

District 2 Saganing



Nelson, Ronald

Boozhoo, my heart beats for the Saganing Reservation, where I come from. We must always thank the Creator and Mother Earth for the life we live as Natives. We must preserve our ancestry, history and culture while promoting economic development. We must all remain focused on eliminating greed, strengthening our social being, political culture, spiritual future and helping each other for the greater good of our Tribe. Our strengths will always come from the pride of our people and our ancestors. A strong vision with respect to leading our Nation will always protect the people from the drama that tries to destroy it. Positivity will heal all with an open mind to be a strong nation. The growth of our economy is important for the well-being of all our people. I thank you for the confidence and allowing me to serve Saganing as part of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe. Chi-Miigwech.



District 3 At Large



Hadden, Marcella



Kequom, Joseph

“My name is, Joe Kequom, I’m a District Three Member and I’m asking for your support and vote to return as your District Three/ At-Large tribal council representative. I have worked for my tribe for 40+ years as a grant writer, tribal police officer and tribal council member. As an officer I worked through the ranks until achieving the position of police captain. Presently, I’m employed with the tribe as a council member and after foregoing the challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic, I have gained more knowledge and experience to guide our tribe for our future generations more diligently. I will continue to use my professional experiences, training and knowledge to make the best decisions for my people, the community, tribal government and gaming sectors. On a more personal level, please continue to keep your family and loved ones safe during this time of uncertainty. -Thank you, Joe Kequom”



Cloutier, Frank J.

Frank J. Cloutier,

I bring for your consideration over 20 years of experience with the Tribe. I possess institutional knowledge of ordinances, policies and resolutions. My time on previous Tribal Councils have given me the experience and knowledge to be best suited to serve the At-Large district. The At-Large district is an important part of the Tribal community. It is the largest district with a strong voice and strong character. District three should not be an afterthought. I have been able to represent the Tribe on many levels within my position as Public Relations Director and can bring that exposure to the leadership. It is less important who we vote for. However it is more essential that we as District Three members vote and have our voices heard. Thank you for your consideration.



Skutt, Kevin

I am running to be your District Three Representative. I hold an Associate of Science in Mathematics/Physics and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting with Honors from The University of Michigan. I have been married for 16 years and have 2 beautiful girls. I started my career with the Tribe in 1999, at the age of 14, in the Summer Youth Program and participated for four summers. I presently work as an Accountant in Tribal Operations Accounting. I have previously been the Deputy Tribal Clerk in the Enrollment/Tribal Clerk Office and a Guest Service Supervisor with a total of over 12 years of service with the Tribe. I would like to bring my education and experience into a leadership position to serve the Membership with transparency and an open mind. I would be dedicated to seeing the Tribe thrive and protecting Member benefits. Thank you – Kevin Skutt



Graveratte, Aaron

My name is Aaron Graveratte. I am asking for your support in the upcoming election to be your District 3 Representative. I’ve earned a Master’s Degree from CMU. Family, honesty, equality and education have always been very important to me. I have also taken pride in working for my Tribe, 15 years and counting. Our At-Large Department has been recently dismantled. This has caused our District 3 members to feel disconnected from our resources the Tribe used to offer. In previous years our district came together for many events. This was an opportunity for our members to come home and connect with our Tribe. I would be honored to have your vote and be that connection for our District 3 Members. Regardless of the election outcome I am always willing to answer any questions you may have and can be reached by email AEGraveratte@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

Tribal voting 500-foot radius, non-interference zone

The Tribal voting 500-foot radius, non-interference zone:

Ordinance 4, section 19. Prohibition against interference with Elections.

On Election Day for any Council election, including any Primary, General, Special, Run-Off or removal Election, a person, including any Tribal official, employee or representative, shall not:

(a) On any land owned by the Tribe or held in trust for the Tribe, excluding property leased for residential use:

(i) post, display or distribute any material that directly or indirectly makes reference to an election, a candidate or a ballot question (This subsection does not apply to official material that is required by law to be posted, displayed or distributed in a polling place on election day);

(ii) solicit, persuade or endeavor to persuade, intimidate or threaten a person to vote for or against any particular candidate or for or against any ballot question that is being voted on at the election; or

(iii) either directly or indirectly, for the person’s own benefit or on behalf of any other person, receive, agree or contract for valuable consideration for voting or agreeing to vote, or inducing or attempting to induce another to vote, or for refraining or agreeing to refrain, or inducing or attempting to induce another to refrain, from voting; or

(iv) either directly or indirectly, give, lend or promise valuable consideration to or for any person as an inducement to influence the manner of voting by a person relative to a candidate or ballot question or as a reward for refraining from voting; or

(b) loiter within a building where a polling place is located or within 500 feet of any entrance to such building, including any parking areas adjacent or appurtenant to such building; or

(c) directly or indirectly utter or address any threat or intimidation to an election official or other person authorized to administer or enforce election laws or to conduct, oversee or monitor an election or to assist in the carrying out of such duties, with the intent to induce such person to do any act not authorized by law or to refrain or delay in the performance of any duty imposed by law.



Election Timeline

2021 Primary & General Elections

- 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. 13** | Primary Election Results and Candidates List Posted

- 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 additional information, please contact Tribal Clerk’s Office at 989-775-4051



Facilities Department accepting applications for skilled trade apprenticeship program

LOUANNA BRUNER

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Workforce Developer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Facilities Department will be accepting applications for their skilled trade apprenticeship program, offering the following apprenticeships:

- Electrician
- Plumber
- Heavy Equipment Operator
- Carpenter

We have had several Tribal Members successfully complete apprenticeships and obtain their state licensure. Jason VanOrden was one of our first successes. After passing the state exam, he became a journeyman electrician in 2017. His success paved the way for another member to start a new apprenticeship. Keith Riley was selected and completed his apprenticeship during the summer.

Dan Bennett was the first Tribal Member to complete

the plumber apprenticeship and obtain the state licensure. Since then he has worked for the Water Treatment Plant and is back at the resort as a journeyman plumber. His successor, David Conlay obtained his state license last year and has been a journeyman plumber since December 2020.

Not to be out done by her male counter-parts; Stephanie Starkey fulfilled all the requirements of the Carpenter Apprentice program in August

2019 and continues to be an asset for facilities department.

Willie Bailey III and Glen Coffin completed the Heavy Equipment Operator apprenticeship. Glen has continued working for the Tribe in this capacity since 2019.

All four apprenticeship positions are currently available for SCIT Members only. This is a great opportunity for Tribal Members seeking a skilled trade career, and obtaining proper certification and state licensure.

Applications will be available online in October. There will be an informational meeting that will provide an overview of the program, necessary qualifications, and representatives from Greater Michigan Construction Academy.

For more information regarding the Facilities Apprentice Program, please contact Training and Development Manager Louanna Bruner at **989-775-0053**.

Community gathers for family fun during Labor Day Picnic

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Community members gathered for a competitive, fun-filled day during the Labor Day Family Picnic during the holiday on Monday Sept. 6.

From 12 to 5 p.m. at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground, family bingo began at 1 p.m. with several other activities and games being held throughout the event, including bag and sack races, egg tosses, side attractions and musical chairs.

Lunch was served at 12:30 p.m. and a bean bag tournament was held at 1 p.m. – two players per team and a 16 team limit,



Photos courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

single elimination. The final top four teams received prizes.

The event was made possible by the Recreation Department, in collaboration with Andahwod and Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. Joseph Sowmick served as the event emcee.

Andahwod Continuing Care Community & Elder Services

Andahwod preserves our people's legacy by cherishing our elders through honor, care, and respect while encouraging family and community involvement.

Andahwod Continuing Care Community and Elder Services is an assisted living facility for Tribal elders and Tribal elders program offices. The assisted living facility offers four levels of care to meet elder needs:

- **Independent:** Little or no assistance needed
- **Level of Care I:** Two to four hours of care per day
- **Level of Care II:** Four to eight hours of care per day
- **Comprehensive Care:** Eight to 12 hours of care per day
- **Respite Care:** Temporary stay based on nursing care needs

Andahwod is not a skilled nursing facility/nursing home but is able to assist with quality of care while promoting independence and supportive living to Tribal elders. An assessment is required and performed by nursing staff to determine health plan and monthly rates. Housekeeping services and meal plans are also available for additional fees.

Andahwod Elder Services offers SCIT Tribal elders the following services at 50 years old.

- Birthday Cards
- Birthday Bingo (*last Saturday of month*)
- Elders Breakfast (*second & fourth Wednesday every month*)
- Free Holiday Dinners (*to be announced*)
- Elders Advisory Board (*Board membership & advocacy*)
- Notary Public

- Lawn Mowing Service (*application, \$50 fee, medical note needed for 50-61 years old*)
- Snow Removal Service (*application, \$50 fee, medical note needed for 50-61 years old*)
- Nimkee Medication Pickup (*in Isabella County; when available*)
- Elders Newsletter (*bi-monthly*)
- Medical Equipment (*when available*)
- Income Tax Preparation Assistance
- Andahwod Wellness Lodge & Sauna (*exercise room for elders only*)
- Elders Advocacy (*assistance to help in many of areas*)
- Planned Elder only events



Andahwod Continuing Care Community and Elder Services staff office hours are Monday – Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Please call the Andahwod Front Desk at 989-775-4300 or go to the Andahwod webpage on www.sagchip.org for staff directory or more information.

Andahwod CCC & ES is not open to the public yet. Visitors must set up a day & time and follow through with health screenings prior to visit**

Healing to Wellness Program Services

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Juvenile Healing to Wellness

Juvenile Healing to Wellness is designed to serve youth who suffer from addiction to illegal substances. Any adolescents moderate to high risk ages 13-21, referrals from schools, Behavioral Health, Nimkee, ACFS, DHHS, judge, prosecutor, and defense attorney.

The juvenile coordinator will work with individuals referred and accepted in the Juvenile Family Healing to Wellness Court Program, assess their ongoing needs, coordinate services, and ensure compliance with program guidelines. Those coordinated services would include, but not limited to, ACFS, Education, Human Resources (employment), Probation, Behavioral Health, Nimkee, Ziibiwing Center, and 7th Generation. If you have any question, please contact:

Melanie Burger

Healing to Wellness Juvenile Coordinator
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Family HTW

The Healing to Wellness Program is a voluntary, alternative sentencing program that allows participants to obtain a full range of services to assist them in living a drug and alcohol free life. The program offers services that specifically coordinated, managed and comprehensive; including substance abuse/misuse treatment, judicial oversight, random drug screening, assistance in obtaining housing, education, mental health, family counseling, traditional teachings, and other services provided by Saginaw Chippewa Behavioral Health.

Goals

- Decrease the number of tribal deaths though the use of medical assisted treatment for substance use disorder.
- Increase the number of services provided to Healing to Wellness clients.
- Decrease the number of petitions for children filed in Tribal Court for neglect and abuse due to drug and/or alcohol disorders.



"Healing Our Families Together"

Mission

The Healing to Wellness is designed to reduce recidivism, family violence and death caused by substance abuse by leading participants down the Red Road by embracing cultural teachings of the Seven Grandfather teachings and the Medicine Wheel. We provide our clients with a sense of pride and responsibility to themselves and their community.

If you have any questions please contact:

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Kildee introduces bipartisan resolution opposing proposed Canadian permanent nuclear storage site near Great Lakes

Resolution asks Biden Administration to work with Canada to prevent new permanent storage of nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin

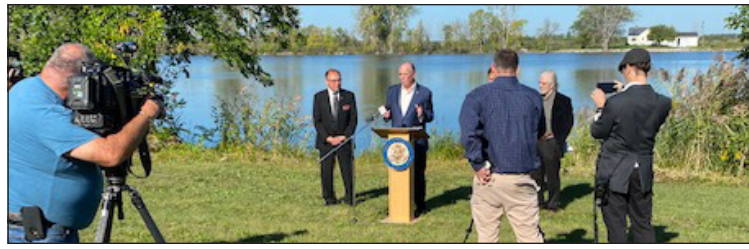
THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DAN KILDEE

SAGINAW, Mich. — Standing on the banks of the Saginaw River, Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05), Chief Deputy Whip of the House Democratic Caucus, Sept. 16 announced the introduction of a bipartisan resolution opposing Canada’s new plan to build a permanent nuclear waste storage site in the Great Lakes Basin.

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO), a nonprofit established by the Canadian government, has unveiled new plans to build a facility that would permanently store more than 50,000 tons of high-level nuclear waste in South Bruce, Ontario, located within the Great Lakes Basin.

High-level nuclear waste is the most dangerous form of nuclear waste and remains hazardous for tens of thousands of years. An accident involving radioactive waste near the Great Lakes would have catastrophic and long-term consequences for the health of Michigan, the Great Lakes region and all of the U.S. and Canada.

The U.S. and Canada have historically worked together to prevent the permanent storage of nuclear waste in their shared water basins. During the 1980’s, when the U.S. was exploring several potential domestic sites to permanently store nuclear waste, the then-Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Minister for External Affairs Joe Clark expressed serious opposition to sites located in or near shared water basins. Ultimately, the



Courtesy of Sally Kniffen

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U.S. decided not to pursue these contentious sites.

Congressman Kildee’s resolution asks President Biden and his administration to work with the Canadian government to ensure nuclear waste is not permanently stored in the Great Lakes Basin.

“Permanently storing nuclear waste in the Great Lakes does not make any sense,” Congressman Kildee said. “The Great Lakes are central to our way of life, and permanently storing nuclear waste so close to our shared waterways puts our economies and millions of jobs at risk in the fishing, boating and tourism industries. People in both in the U.S. and Canada depend on the Great Lakes for drinking water, which could be contaminated if there ever was a nuclear waste incident. For years, I led the fight in Congress to stop another permanent nuclear waste storage site in Kincardine, Ontario less than a mile from Lake Huron. Now, I continue to urge Canada to find a better place to permanently store nuclear waste that is not so close to the world’s largest supply of fresh water.”

In addition to Congressman Kildee, the resolution is cosponsored by Representatives Peter Meijer (MI-03), Andy Levin

(MI-09), Jack Bergman (MI-01), Debbie Dingell (MI-12), Anthony Gonzalez (OH-16), Mike Gallagher (WI-08), Bill Huizenga (MI-02), David Joyce (OH-14), Raja Krishnamoorti (IL-08), Marcy Kaptur (OH-09), Brenda Lawrence (MI-14), Joseph Morelle (NY-25), Betty McCollum (MN-04), John Moolenaar (MI-04), Tim Ryan (OH-13), Jan Schakowsky (IL-09), Haley Stevens (MI-11), Rashida Tlaib (MI-13), Fred Upton (MI-06) and Jackie Walorski (IN-02).

“As Michiganders, we are fortunate to be to part of the Great Lakes Basin, and we all hold a unique responsibility to ensure our freshwater resources remain protected for generations to come,” said Congressman Meijer. “From recreational activities to economic opportunities, the Great Lakes are integral to our daily lives, and a spill of hazardous materials would be devastating to communities across the state. We must continue to urge our Canadian allies to find an alternative storage site for nuclear waste, as the current proximity to the Great Lakes remains a threat to our freshwater basin.”

“Millions of people and wildlife depend on a healthy Great Lakes ecosystem to live. It should be abundantly

clear that permanently storing nuclear waste anywhere near the Great Lakes is a major environmental and health threat we cannot afford,” said Congressman Levin. “As a lifelong environmentalist, I am always trying to minimize the risk posed by nuclear waste by ensuring that it is properly stored away from our most sensitive places. I am proud to join Congressman Dan Kildee on this resolution and ensuring our Great Lakes are protected for future generations.”

“The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has a long history of being opposed to and working with others to eliminate the continuing threat of nuclear waste being deposited into Mother Earth so close to the largest fresh water repository on earth. The Tribe remains committed to the elimination of all efforts to further threaten our environment and territories for the greater good of humanity,” said Tribal Chief Tim J. Davis, of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. “It takes people from all walks of life to ensure we do the good work to protect and preserve our most sacred gift, the gift of water (biish).”

“Over 40 million people in the U.S. and Canada depend on the Great Lakes for clean drinking water. The Great Lakes generate over \$82 billion in economic activity annually and support over a million good-paying jobs. A nuclear waste spill would spell disaster for our economy, the health of millions, and our way of life. The Great Lakes are absolutely the wrong place to build a nuclear waste repository,” said Marc Smith of the National Wildlife Federation. “Thank

you to Congressman Kildee for protecting these precious natural resources from the threats posed by burying nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin.”

“As Michiganders, we are defined by the Great Lakes and we will be remembered by how we stood up for these waters that hold 20 percent of the planet’s fresh surface water,” said Tim Minotas, legislative and political coordinator for the Sierra Club Michigan Chapter. “Storing nuclear waste within the Great Lakes Basin would pose a substantial unnecessary threat to the Great Lakes ecosystem, our drinking water, and the regional economy, which is why we must do all that we can to prevent this from happening.”

Previously, the Canadian power company Ontario Power Generation (OPG) also attempted to build a permanent nuclear waste storage site in Kincardine, Ontario, less than a mile from Lake Huron. For years, Congressman Kildee led the fight to successfully stop this company from permanently burying nuclear waste so close to the Great Lakes. In June 2020, after Congressman Kildee’s advocacy, OPG formally abandoned the project.

This resolution is part of Congressman Kildee’s continued efforts to protect the Great Lakes from the threat of Canadian nuclear waste. Congressman Kildee has introduced resolutions similar to this one in the last four Congresses—each time with strong bipartisan support—to oppose the permanent storage of Canadian nuclear waste near the Great Lakes by any entity.

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Grandparents Day Celebration held at Andahwod

NATALIE SHATTUCK

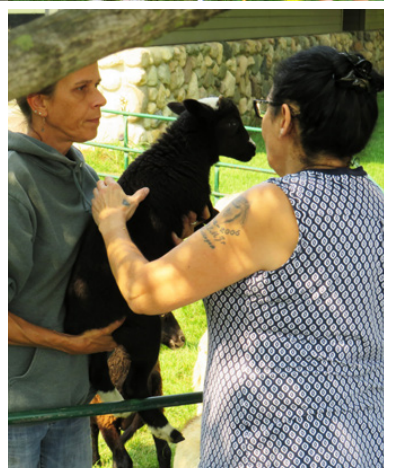
Editor

A special feature and family favorite of this year’s Grandparents Day Celebration was the Whispering Pines Mobile Zoo, set up outside of Andahwod. The mobile exhibit consisted of a variety of

animals from around the world – from farm animals (goats, cows) and exotics (a camel was on the Andahwod lawn).

The celebration occurred Saturday, Sept. 11 from 12 to 4 p.m. with food, games and prizes. Lunch and an ice cream bar began at noon.

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U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona visits Tribal College

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona paid a visit to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College during a stop on the Return to School Road Trip – a bus tour to showcase students and communities safely returning to in-person learning – on Thursday, Sept. 23.

Secretary Cardona participated in a welcome ceremony and visited with Tribal College students and faculty. Cardona was welcomed by SCTC President Carla Sineway and Tribal Council Secretary Maia Spotted Tail with Council members in attendance.

Cardona was gifted a black ash basket from Mary Pelcher, dean of academics.

“I love visiting Tribal lands and cultures, the gifts (show) how vibrant and beautiful the



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona (center) poses with Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College faculty and staff during his visit to the college on Thursday, Sept. 23.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Secretary Cardona (left) visits with SCTC alumni and current students for an intimate discussion to address Tribal students' needs.

culture is,” Cardona said. “I want to start off by acknowledging how grateful I am at the opportunity to visit...”

Three hand drummers performed an honor song for Cardona prior to him dropping in the herbal medicine class, instructed by Daisy Kostus.

Cardona asked the students, “So, why did you sign up for this course?” The students’ responses included: to learn more about natural medicines from a trusted elder, to identify natural medicines in the wild and to pass the knowledge along to future generations.

Next, Secretary Cardona joined a short Anishinaabemowin language lesson with instructor George Roy. Roy taught the words and pronunciation for who (wenesh), what (wegnesh), where (aapiish apii), when (aaniish apii), why (aani dash) and who (aaniish).

Off into another area in SCTC, Cardona had a sit-down discussion with SCTC alumni and current students to get a better understanding of how tribal colleges serve



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Cardona tests his luck with an atlatl, or spear-thrower, on the SCTC lawn as a group gathers to watch.

Native students.

“What I heard from the students was, ‘I wish the facilities that we have rival what the other schools have so we can attract more students.’ As I go back to D.C., I’m going to think about how we can remove whatever obstacles may exist for the support and funding that tribal colleges receive... to be used for those things that the students and the staff have told me are priorities,” Cardona said. “That’s why this world tour is so important. That’s why it’s important that I walk through classrooms, that I walk through hallways and I listen to students.”

Cardona continued, “Yes, we are celebrating school reopening. Yes, we are celebrating 50 million students across the country. In person learning every day, full time – that was the goal. We are doing that, but it’s also important for me to see what challenges lie so that I could make sure that our agency (U.S. Department of Education) is focused on supporting our students, and that includes our tribal schools.”

Secretary Cardona said it is important schools “welcome all students and affirm who they are as individuals.”

“Across the board, there’s a common theme throughout the world tour – when you put students in front of teachers who care for them, and they’re in an environment that’s welcoming and affirming, they will succeed,” Cardona said. “I heard from a (SCTC) student that said in another system he had a 1.8 Grade Point Average, and now he’s thriving (at the Tribal College).”

Cardona continued, “Reopening schools is not

about turning on the lights and making sure everybody has PPEs and that the air flow is good, that’s basic. We really need to raise the bar and make sure that, in front of every classroom, there is a well-qualified, caring teacher with enough support, and in a school environment that welcomes all students and affirms who they are.”

Outside on the SCTC lawn, the secretary tested his luck with an atlatl, or spear-thrower. Spear throwing is a hunting technology that predates the bow and arrow and was invented at least 25,000 years ago.

Adam Haviland, faculty and chair of the Native American Studies Program at SCTC, demonstrated to Cardona how to use the atlatl. Cardona



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SCTC President Carla Sineway (left) and Secretary Cardona (right) pose for a photo in front of the tour bus for the Return to School Road Trip.

may not have hit the target but he impressively gave the spear some speed and distance.

The secretary took the time to pose for photos with SCTC faculty and staff before departing to Lansing and then Detroit that afternoon.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Cardona drops in Daisy Kostus' (right) herbal medicine class as Kostus explains what the students learn in the course.



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Cardona greets a SCTC student and observes the plants and medicines positioned on the desk.

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What is a Michigan Left?

What is a Michigan Left? Michigan Lefts are a common type of turn that have been part of Michigan roadways since the late 1960s. Where a Michigan Left is in place, left turns at the intersection are not allowed. Instead, to turn left, you must drive straight or turn right, then make a U-turn at a median crossover.

How to make a Michigan Left:

- Never attempt to make a left turn at the intersection.
- Proceed through the light and use the designated median crossover to navigate a U-turn (see red line in diagram provided).
- Review the red line and green line instructions, while referring to the diagram provided.

Turning left from M-20 to Leaton Road. M-20 traffic

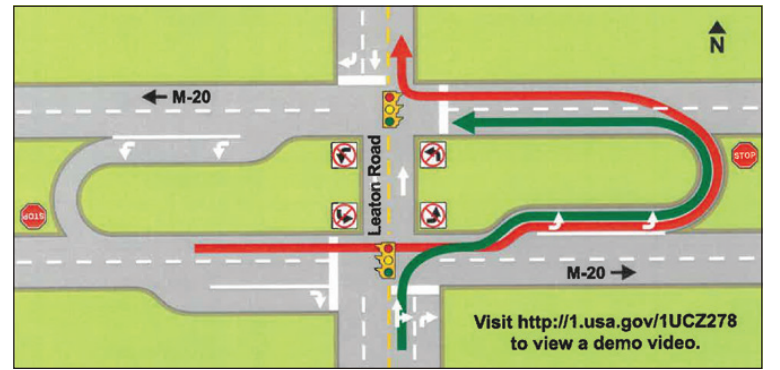
cannot turn left directly onto Leaton Road at the intersection. Instead, continue past Leaton Road and turn left into the median crossover, usually about 660 feet beyond the intersection. When traffic clears sufficiently, turn left onto the opposite direction of M-20, then move to the far right lane and turn right onto Leaton Road, completing the traffic movement.

Turning left from Leaton Road to M-20. Leaton Road traffic looking to turn left onto M-20 must first turn right onto M-20, move to the far left lane and turn left into the media crossover (also about 660 feet from the intersection.) When traffic cleans sufficiently, turn left onto the opposite direction of M-20, completing the traffic movement.

Why bring a Michigan Left to M-20 and Leaton Road?

• **Safety:** Due to the number and severity of crashes at the M-20/Leaton Road intersection, this area qualified for a safety grant. By installing Michigan Lefts, left-turn and angle-type crashes (the most severe types of crashes) should be reduced. In collaboration with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, the remaining portion of the boulevard was constructed using Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) funding.

• **Reduce congestion and improve access management:** MDOT is sensitive to the potential impact of businesses and homes along the M-20 corridor. Boulevard roadways with



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Courtesy photo

a Michigan Left are shown to reduce congestion and vehicle crashes. By improving traffic flow, residents and other customers will have easier access to businesses. Traffic flow is further improved with fewer crashes.

• **Improve roadway operations:** With fewer crashes and

less congestion, M-20 will function better for all drivers. This area is already showing improved traffic flow. It joins two other locations operating smoothly in the Mt. Pleasant area: US-127 Business Route (BR) and Broomfield Road west of US-127 BR.

Connie Sprague retires after 35 years

Connie Sprague was employed with the Tribe for 35 years in a number of positions. Connie retired on Friday, Aug. 27 and was serving as the Benefits Manager in the Human Resources Department. Connie indicated she would be spending her time fishing and relaxing. The HR Department wishes her well on her retirement. Congratulations, Connie!



Courtesy of Tonia Leasureaux

Connie Sprague

Jason George honored on last day

After nearly 17 years of employment with the Tribe, HR Training Manager Jason George celebrated his last day on Friday, Sept. 10, 2021.

George was hired by the Tribe in 2001 and had served in the training manager position since February 2006.

“I want to say farewell to everyone within the whole organization, Tribal Ops, SECR and SELC. The Tribe is a great organization sharing its values with all who work here. There truly is a place for you here if you want it and that was something that made me proud of this organization. I guess the best thing for me was that I didn’t have to be someone else and

that I liked who I was while working here. Many of you showed me sides of your lives that paved the way for deep understanding both professionally and culturally. I take that knowledge with me now as I leave for new opportunities and thank everyone here that shared their lives with me.” – Jason George



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Jason George

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Mijim Emawn-doon-gaa-de

Foods that are Gathered

Word Bank

- Miinwaang
- Kosmaan
- Jiisenhs
- Pin
- Wiigwaasmin
- Manoomin
- Mshiiimin
- Mndaamin
- Mshkiigimin
- Miin

Across

- 3: Fruit
- 4: Carrot
- 7: Cherry
- 8: Corn
- 9: Apple

Down

- 1: Pumpkin/squash
- 2: Potato
- 3: Cranberry
- 5: Blueberry
- 6: Rice

Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

- Down**
- 1. pumpkin/squash (kosmaan)
 - 2. potato (pin)
 - 3. cranberry (mshkiigimin)
 - 5. blueberry (miin)
 - 6. rice (manoomin)

- Across**
- 3. fruit (miinwaang)
 - 4. carrot (jiisenhs)
 - 7. cherry (wiigwaasmin)
 - 8. corn (mndaamin)
 - 9. apple (mshiiimin)

Answers



Keith Urban makes his return to the outdoor Soaring Eagle stage

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Keith Urban made his return to the outdoor Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort stage on Saturday, Aug. 28.

The guitarist/country music superstar and his band launched into “You Gotta Fly,” “Superman,” “Raining on Sunday” and “Never Comin’ Down.”

“Feels so good to be back,” Urban said. “I’m a little nervous and I’m excited... “We played Thursday night (Aug. 26) and that was the first time we played in 559 nights.”

As Urban got distracted in his talk to the crowd, he said a section near the front of the stage “smelled a little green over there,” and he began an impromptu performance of Willie Nelson’s “On the Road Again.”

“Just hang on ‘cause Bob Marley is coming soon,” Urban said, laughing. “This doesn’t happen in other places.”



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Keith Urban makes his return to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort’s outdoor stage on Saturday, Aug. 28.

“This next song is for all of you dreamers out there tonight,” Urban said. “... The first concert I ever went to, I was 5 years old and my dad took me to see Johnny Cash... I’d never seen my dad so transfixed.”

It was at that concert, Urban said, that he knew he wanted to be a musician.

“(This next song is about) the journey of following your passions,” Urban said before performing “Wild Hope.”

Urban and his band performed an abundance of his hits including “Long Hot Summer,” “Days Go By,” “Somewhere in My Car,” “Where the Blacktop Ends” (with opening act



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Opening act Lindsay Ell performs “Criminal” during the outdoor show as part of the casino’s summer concert series.

Lindsay Ell), “Somebody Like You,” “You’ll Think of Me,” “Blue Ain’t Your Color” and “Wasted Time.”

Special for this central Michigan audience, he performed a solo acoustic cover of Left Frizzell’s “Saginaw, Michigan.”

Country music artist and guitarist Lindsay Ell opened the show at 8 p.m. and performed an impressive set, showing off her skills on the electric guitar.

Ell performed 10 songs including “Criminal,” “Want Me Back,” “Good On You,” and her first number one on country radio, “What Happens in a Small Town,” which was recorded by Brantley Gilbert.

During “I Don’t Love You,” Ell performed an extended guitar solo during which she played on her knees and leaned so her back was touching the floor of the stage.

Soaring Eagle hosts Metal Tour of the Year featuring Megadeth, Lamb of God

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort was the latest stop of the Metal Tour of the Year on Friday, Sept. 24.

The tour featured definitive metal band Megadeth, alongside current frontrunners Lamb of God, Trivium and Hatebreed.

Megadeth’s stage featured huge video boards, impressive lighting and a wall of Marshall amplifiers with drummer Dirk Verbeuren perched on top.

The band began with lead vocalist/guitarist Dave Mustaine’s blistering guitar solos on “Hangar 18,” followed by “The Threat Is Real” and “Sweating Bullets.”

Fans were treated to a multitude of hits, spanning four decades including “She-Wolf,” “Trust,” “Conquer or Die!” and “Dystopia.”

The night ended with a trio of the band’s most popular

songs including “Symphony of Destruction,” “Peace Sells” and “Holy Wars... The Punishment Due.”

Co-heading the night was Lamb of God, who took to the stage prior to Megadeth.

A sheer black curtain covered the stage at the start of their set. Only the silhouette of lead singer Randy Blythe could be seen, as he sang the beginning lyrics to “Memento Mori.” As the song progressed, the curtain suddenly dropped and an explosion of pyrotechnics kicked off the audio assault that would be the rest of their show.

The show continued with “Ruin,” “Walk With Me in Hell” and “Resurrection Man.”

Lamb of God also played “Now You’ve Got Something to Die For,” “Set to Fail,” “New Colossal Hate,” “512,” “Vigil” and “Contractor.”

To close out their set, the band performed the hard-hitting duo of “Laid to Rest” and “Redneck.”

Trivium took to the stage prior to Lamb of God. The American heavy metal bands performance included fan favorites “In the Court of the Dragon,” “Feast of Fire,” “Capsizing the Sea”

and “In Waves.”

Hatebreed opened the show with their aggressive vocals and heavy riffs. The band played many hits including “Looking Down the Barrel of Today,” “Destroy

Everything,” “I Will Be Heard” and “This Is Now.”

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



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Members of Megadeth, alongside lead guitarist/vocalist Dave Mustaine (bottom center) perform “Hangar 18” during their Sept. 24 show at Soaring Eagle.



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Lamb of God lead singer Randy Blythe (left) and drummer Chris Adler perform on the outdoor concert stage.



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Trivium members come together on center stage during their performance of “Feast of Fire.”



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Hatebreed was the first of four bands to take to the stage that night.



'Real Good Man' Tim McGraw performs country music mega hits

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Country singer and actor Tim McGraw returned to the outdoor stage at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Saturday, Sept. 18.

McGraw sang an abundance of his hits including "Shotgun Rider," "Southern Girl," "Something Like That," "Over and Over" and "Where the Green Grass Grows."

"I feel like I need to explain something," McGraw said. "A lot of you have seen pictures of me with a gray beard. I'm not having a midlife crisis."

McGraw explained he is in the middle of shooting "Yellowstone" prequel "1883" and the role requires him to look older and grow a beard.

McGraw will be playing the great grandfather to actor Kevin Costner's character.

"The beard is not a midlife crisis... but the tight jeans may be," McGraw said, laughing at his signature look.

After about a dozen songs in, McGraw apologized for making a few blunders; forgetting the lyrics and mumbling a bit. He acknowledged he forgot some of the lyrics stating, some of his "songs are 28 years old" and he may forget words from time to time and he has a "script running through his brain" due to filming.

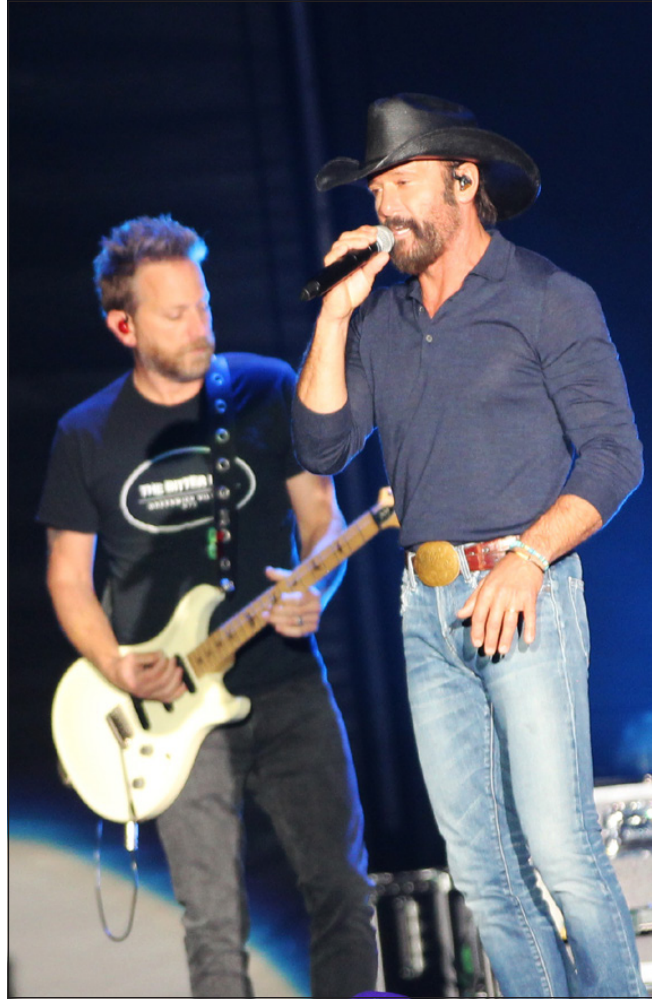
McGraw also performed his hits "Real Good Man," "Truck Yeah," "I Like It, I Love It," "Live Like You Were Dying" and closed his show with "Indian Outlaw" and "Humble and Kind."

Opening act Lauren Alaina performed a 45-minute set. A former contestant on "American Idol," Alaina

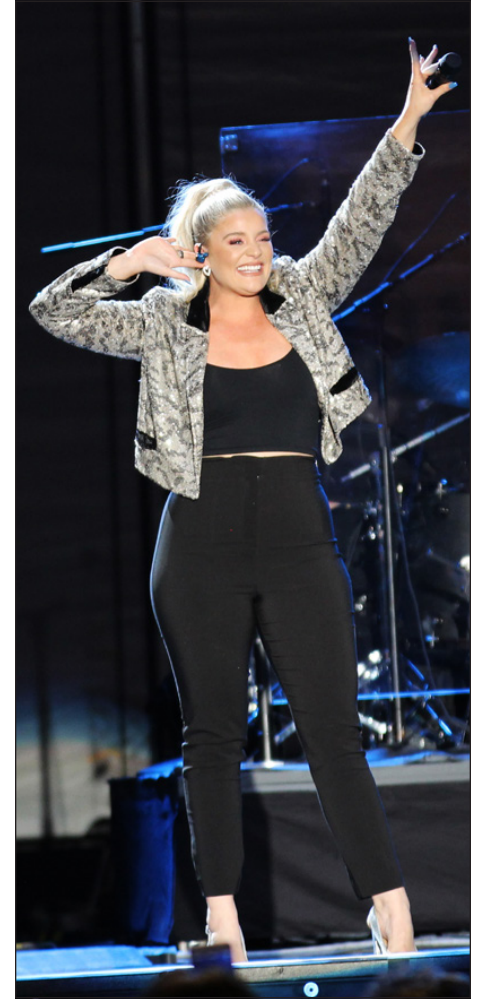
performed "Run" and a song she "wrote for her ex-boyfriend" – "If I Was a Beer."

Alaina ended her set with her

most well-known hits "Road Less Traveled" and "What If's," recorded with country artist Kane Brown.



Country artist Tim McGraw (front) and his guitarist perform "Southern Girl" during the Sept. 18 outdoor concert.



Opening act Lauren Alaina performs shortly after 8 p.m. on that Saturday evening.

Powwow Committee Seeking Members

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Editorial:

Pandemic

Piniig

ELLIE MITCHELL

Contributing Writer

The last community event I attended before the plague set in was the round dance hosted by the Waganakising Odawag. This was a work trip, part of my then-new job at Michigan State University. I had admissions materials and swag from various MSU programs to give away. It was a fun round dance.

People picked up keychains and stickers from my table and gave a college prep brochure to a binoojinh (it's never too early to start thinking about your education). Ziibimijwang had a table at the event, and I indulged maple sugar-based delights on my drive home. We didn't know how much life would change in just a few days.

Within a week, all upcoming events had been cancelled. But this is not a piece about the pandemic. I don't think I need to spend time exploring trauma that we are all still experiencing. So, for the sake of the emotional wellbeing of you, the reader,



Piniig - potatoes

and me, the writer, this narrative will jump nearly a year, to February 2021.

The Waganakising Odawa tribal health clinic opened their vaccine availability to members of other tribes and I was able to get an appointment. I made the drive the night before and stayed in a fancy hotel I could only afford during a pandemic winter.

I stared out the window at gchigami, thinking about how Waganakising was the last community gathering I attended and now they were giving me a vaccine.

The next morning, I got my shot at the tribal vaccine clinic. I was sitting in the socially distanced chairs, waiting for the staff to clear me to leave, when a nurse handed me a brown paper bag. Inside was a note, thanking me for getting vaccinated, and madaamin, piniig, ziisibaakwad, all from Ziibimijwang. I was brought to tears by the generosity of the gift. I thought they were doing me a favor, and yet, they gave me a gift.

I cooked some of the piniig that week and ate it with gawaak from Miskwaagamiwi-Zaaga'iganing. The winter air warmed, and maple sap started running. I helped collect sap a few times at the hill. Being there with a few people was the closest I had come to a community event in months.

A few weeks later, Saginaw Chippewa Recreation hosted a Reservation clean-up event; it was the first time I saw many community members in over a year.

The early spring mud dried, and the fruit trees blossomed.

Glossary of Anishinaabemowin

- **Binoojinh:** a small child (tiny tot in powwow parlance)
- **Gawaak:** walleye
- **Gchigami:** a great lake, in this context, Lake Michigan
- **Madaamin:** corn
- **Miskwaagamiwi-Zaaga'iganing:** Red Lake/Red Lake Nation (this is the Red Lake orthography; in our Eastern Anishinaabemowin variety, this might be pronounced/spelled Mskwaagamii or Mskogamii-Zaag'iganing)
- **Piniig:** potatoes
- **Waganakising:** place of crooked trees (Little Traverse Bay area)
- **Waganakising Odawag:** Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa
- **Ziibimijwang:** the place where food grows near the river, the name of the LTBB tribal farm
- **Ziisibaakwad:** sugar

7th Generation announced their community garden plots were available. I was enticed by the staff's assurance that they would not let my corn die. I've never been a good gardener. Plants do not meow/bark/yell when they're thirsty or uncomfortable. Without that vocal communication, I forget about them.

While I was gathering my corn seeds, I remembered the

Waganakising piniig in my cupboard. They were sprouted, so clearly, they wanted to be planted, and I was obliged to follow their instruction. Most of them grew, even with my neglectful techniques.

As I harvested them in early September, I thought about the generosity of the Waganakising Odawag; they gave a vaccine and an abundance of carbohydrates.

October 2021 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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Try not to fall in love with this big ball of joy! Buster, the 3-year-old Pit Bull mix, needs a foster home. Buster was adopted out to a loving home last year and sadly his owner recently passed away. Since he has been back in HATS's care we noticed a slight limp and X-rays indicated he needs surgery on his hip to allow for pain-free mobility. Buster would love to find a foster home to care for him post-surgery.

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Fifteenth annual People's Traditional Powwow held Sept. 18-19

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

It was a beautiful weekend for the 15th annual People's Traditional Powwow on Sept. 18-19.

Held at the Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds, grand entries were at 1 and 7 p.m. on Saturday and noon on Sunday.

Head Veteran Ray Cadotte led the grand entries.

High Spirit was the host drum, Bear River was co-host drum and invited drum was Onion Creek.

Jason Whitehouse was the emcee for the weekend and Mike Demain was the arena director.

According to Tonya Antoine, administrative assistant II for the 7th Generation Program, the number of dancer's this year varied at all levels.

"We did have more (dancers) Saturday night due to the Round Dance transition," Antoine said.

A Social Round Dance for Community Healing was held from 9 p.m. until midnight, presented by 7th Generation and Tribal Education. James "Bud" Day was the emcee and invited singers included several of Michigan's most talented Round Dance singers.

The powwow weekend kicked off on Friday evening with lacrosse games and a bonfire at 6 p.m.

A feast for participants was held that Saturday at 5 p.m.

A hand drum contest was hosted by the Jackson family on Sunday afternoon.

Despite uncertainties due to the state of the pandemic, Antoine said the powwow weekend "went well."

"We had masking/sanitizing stations set up along with hand washing (stations)," Antoine said. "We tried to plan as safely as we could for the community. (We had) signs up stating masks were recommended."

In collaboration with 7th Generation, Tribal Education, the Recreation Department, Housing



Photos courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Department, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Ziibiwing Center, and Beads & Powwow Supply helped make the powwow possible.

"7th Generation Program would like to say chi-miigwetch to our sponsors and those that helped with the People's Powwow this weekend. We could not have had a successful event without all

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- **In person:** You may obtain a hardcopy from the Housing Office located at 2451 Nishnabeanong 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 Nishnabeanong Dr., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

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

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Suicide Resource and Response Network founder shares safeTALK intervention skills

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Healing to Wellness Coordinator

On Sept. 9, Barb Smith, founder and executive director of the Suicide Resource and Response Network, provided for 25 participants in the Soaring Eagle Black Elk ballroom.

Smith also provided an extensive day safeTALK and ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) on last month.

Smith believes the safeTALK model is adaptable to many cultures including the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

“Telling an individual what you noticed, asking directly about suicide, listening to why suicide came to their mind and keeping them safe by connecting to a caring person who can decrease their pain is the main points of the safeTALK model,” Smith said. “... This model can be used by any individual and is universal.”

Smith cited her years of experience working with at risk communities and explained why professionals working with families need to be trained in suicide intervention.

“We all play a role in suicide prevention. Persons with thoughts of suicide are more likely to talk to a family or friend before they go for mental health care,” Smith said. “We can all be connectors, but more often than not for most people, having a caring person can be enough to decrease the thoughts of suicide.”

Smith also acknowledged in regards to social media posting, most people with thoughts of suicide want and need to talk about their pain.

“What people hear, see, sense or learn might be an individual reaching out for help. We find most often that people who post their pain on social media want help,” Smith said. “They want to share their pain and they want people to hear and respond. If we don’t respond, it might make them feel even more alone and no one cares. By responding, it tells the person, ‘I hear you and I want to help.’”

Smith said many people are afraid to ask someone about thoughts of suicide because if they try to help and the person still dies they feel responsible.

“The emotions would include... feeling like it is too much responsibility to feel like their life is in their hands,” Smith said. “No one has that much power over another person but we can be here to support anyone who is hurting.”

Smith asserts suicide thoughts and ideations should be treated as any other illness.

“We know that approximately 90 percent of people who die by suicide, have a diagnosable mental illness with depression being highest of mental illnesses. If we don’t stigmatize suicide thoughts, people would be more willing to reach out for help,” Smith said. “Most people after receiving mental health care, prescribed meds or in patient care will go on to live a better quality of life. Mental health

care is as important as physical health care as both effect the body. We also know that integrated care with treatment works best.”

Melissa Isaac, director of the Tribal Education Department, continues to work toward implementing trauma-informed services for Tribal students and saw the value offered in the training.

“We cannot be helpful if we are not trained in how to identify easily missed, warning signs of suicidal thoughts. Fostering healthy families begins by normalizing uncomfortable topics,” Isaac said. “My favorite aspect of the safeTALK training was the emphasis on how powerful the simple act of listening can be. Listening can help us identify signals of suicidal thought. Most importantly, listening can save a life.”

Isaac informs “if we look back to our original ways of being and knowing, our people did not have incidence of suicide.”

“Listening was ground in everyday life. Our babies were taught, from birth, to be patient, calm, and observant in their tikinaagan (cradleboards). If they communicated a need, our families were attentive to them,” Isaac said. “During talking circles, everybody was given the chance to speak while the rest of us listened. There is more listening during talking circles than there is talking.”

Isaac mentioned indigenous leadership also performed their duties in this way.



“Every leader was given the opportunity to speak and be heard. It seems we have lost this practice. We now listen to respond. We do not listen because we are too busy and have to be at the next place,” Isaac said. “We do not listen because we know the person speaking shares a different perspective. Our ancestors and our communities were healthy and wise. The more we listen, the less likely we will be impacted by suicide.”

Christa Gomez, case manager for Behavioral Health Residential Treatment, attended the training and said safeTALK principles “benefit the work that she is doing in substance abuse to foster healthy families.”

“The training gave me the tools to feel capable of providing families and clients experiencing the suicidal ideations the care they need. My favorite part of the training was that Barb is so passionate about the work that she does,” Gomez said. “She gives you the verbiage to say the correct things and in a very kind and caring way.”

Gomez identifies one cultural barrier to talking about issues of suicide is institutional discrimination.

“Some Native American people could have a concern that they might not get treated equally in the healthcare system if they might need to go into the emergency room or be admitted into inpatient psychiatric care,” Gomez said. “Having someone from SCIT Behavioral Health walk them



Courtesy of Barb Smith

Barb Smith, founder and executive director of the Suicide Resource and Response Network, provides training on suicide intervention skills on Sept. 9 at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

through the process and let them know that they are there for them can help and they can be an advocate for them.”

Kehli Henry, Ph.D., Project AWARE coordinator, informs the trainings were made possible through a partnership with American Indian Health and Family Services (AIHFS), in collaboration with Behavioral Health Programs, Native Connections, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, and Project AWARE/Education.

AIHFS, Project AWARE, and Native Connections all have SAMHSA funding for mental health-related work.

Henry said her team also supported suicide prevention trainings through this partnership in May and June 2021.

“Our goal was to train 60 community members, and we exceeded that by training 81 participants and three from other organizations,” Henry said.

Henry said these trainings are important for Project AWARE, because one of its goals is to increase community awareness and knowledge of: mental health and related issues, how to build community resilience, and how to support those who are struggling with mental health.

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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.



Indigenous Pink Day to raise awareness for breast cancer

AMERICAN INDIAN CANCER FOUNDATION

Indigenous Pink Day is an annual breast cancer awareness campaign held every October.

Join us on October 21, 2021 for Indigenous Pink Day. Indigenous Pink Day is a national breast cancer awareness campaign for American Indians/Alaska Natives.

The American Indian Cancer

Foundation asks Indigenous people of all ages to join by wearing pink and sharing photos on social media using the hashtag #IndigenousPink to raise awareness of breast cancer in Indian Country.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among Native women, and is the second leading cause of cancer death. However, all bodies have breast tissue and are at risk for developing breast cancer.



Indigenous Pink Day aims to educate communities about the importance of early detection; and remind men, women, non-binary, and gender fluid relatives to stay up to date on cancer screenings.

Because this national campaign happens on a digital platform, community members are able to participate from anywhere.

Talk to your primary care provider at your next appointment to

discuss the recommended breast health screenings guidelines. On average, women start their yearly mammogram screenings at age 40 along with monthly self-breast exams starting at age 21.

Nimkee

celebrates

3,500

COVID-19

vaccinations

MARIAH AUSTIN

Accreditation/Quality Assurance Specialist

SUE SOWMICK

Public Health Nurse

Nimkee Public Health has now administered more than 3,500 COVID-19 vaccines to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal community over the past nine months.

We are again facing an increase in COVID cases due to the delta variant being the predominate strain in current circulation. The delta variant is highly contagious; a single individual infected with the strain can spread the virus to five or more people and cause serious illness.

Unvaccinated individuals

are at highest risk for contracting the delta variant while fully vaccinated individuals are far less likely to catch COVID-19 and be hospitalized.

The CDC and FDA are now recommending fully vaccinated individuals who are immunocompromised receive a booster (third vaccination). Nimkee Public Health is closely monitoring additional guidance from the CDC and FDA regarding boosters for any additional populations as well as vaccinations for children.

As flu season approaches, Nimkee would also like to encourage everyone six months of age and over to get their flu vaccine. Please protect yourself and others by getting vaccinated to keep our community healthy and resilient.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Nimkee Public Health staff pose for a photo in matching T-shirts promoting the COVID-19 vaccine. The Nimkee Clinic has reached a milestone of administering more than 3,500 COVID-19 vaccines to the Tribal community throughout the past nine months.

COVID and flu vaccinations are available free of charge to eligible clients and offered during weekly vaccine clinics, call Nimkee Public Health for more information at 989-775-4695.

Meritain Connect

Did you know that you can Manage your own health care program, you can create your own personalized member website, it's called Meritain Connect. When you log in, you will find everything you need to know about your benefits; from eligibility, to enrollment, to what's covered.

Registration for Meritain Connect is an easy three-step process.

1 Go to www.meritain.com. Then, in the top right corner, click Register.

2 Next, select Member under "I am a" and enter your group ID. You can find your group ID on the front of your member ID Card. Then, click Continue. Please note: you may set up a login for yourself, as well as any children under age 18 who are covered by your plan. For privacy purposes, you spouse and dependents over the age of 18, covered by the plan, must each establish logins to access their individual information.

3 You will need to fill in your:

- Group ID (located in your member ID Card)
- Member ID (located in your member ID Card)
- Date of Birth, Name, Zip Code and Email address



A username will be provided to you. After you create a password and confirm your email address – you're done! You'll automatically be logged into your new Meritain Connect account. The next time you log in go to www.meritain.com, just use the same username and password from step 3. *Note: Please protect your insurance information

Three Members Needed

For the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Health Board

- 1.) Must be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- 2.) Must be at least 18 years of age
- 3.) Must have strong interest in the health services provided and the health problems within the Saginaw Chippewa community

Meetings are held once a month and a stipend is given for each meeting attended (if eligible). Requires Tribal Council approval.

Deadline: Oct. 31, 2021

For more information, please call Karmen Fox at 989.775.4631

If interested:

Write a short letter stating why you feel you would make a good Health Board Member.

Mail or bring to the Nimkee Clinic:

Attention: Karmen Fox
2591 S. Leaton Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

*Please include your phone number or a contact person.

*When the letters are received at the end of the time period, they are given to Tribal Council to make the final decision.

Fall WALKING TOUR

Oct. 4 - 29, 2021

Explore, enjoy, and exercise through some of Isabella's most beautiful Parks and Preserves.

Tour and find the picture provided by the Nimkee Staff for the following locations:

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| 1. Chipp-A-Waters Park | 5. Indian Pines Park |
| 2. Deerfield Nature Park | 6. Halls Lake Natural Area |
| 3. Sylvan Solace Preserve | 7. Florence Maxwell Audubon Woods Preserve |
| 4. Bundy Hill Preserve | |

Each ticket earned will go toward the draw:

- 3 pictured destinations (min) = 1 ticket
- 4 pictured destinations = 2 tickets
- 5-7 pictured destinations = 3 tickets



Share your experience with the Nimkee Staff by sending your pictured destination(s) to tpotts@sagchip.org for an additional ticket.

Prizes: \$50 DICK's Sporting Goods gift card (x2), YETI tumbler (x2), and Nimkee Fitness T-shirt.

- ▶ Check off each location toured on your personal log.
- ▶ We look forward to hearing about your fall walks!



Positions Now Available!

Apply today at
www.migiziedc.com



OCTOBER 2021 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Youth of Tradition

Every Tuesday starting Oct. 5 | 4 - 6 p.m.

- 7th Generation Cultural Building
- **Registration: prevention@sagchip.org**
- Open to 5th-8th grade students
- The purpose of the group is provide students with an opportunity to create healthy identities for themselves as Native Americans.

Project Venture After School Schedule

Every Wednesday | 3:30 - 5 p.m.

- ACFS
- **DWinn@sagchip.org or 989-775-5804**
- **Oct. 6:** Keep calm and follow your path
- **Oct. 13:** RESPECT
- **Oct. 20:** Fitness and nutrition
- **Oct. 27:** Speak your truth to be heard

Homework Lab

Monday - Thursday | 3 - 5 p.m.

- Next to the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- **989-775-4071 or dsmith@sagchip.org**

Monday Nights Extra Tutoring

Mondays | 5 - 8 p.m.

- Next to the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- **989-775-4071 or dsmith@sagchip.org**

Drums Out "Singing for Fun"

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

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

Community Sewing Nights

Oct. 7, 14, 28 | 5 - 8 p.m.

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

Nimkee Drive-Thru Flu Shot and COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

Oct. 9 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (last registration at 3:45 p.m.)

- Nimkee front entrance
- **989-775-4699**

Men's Traditional Teaching with Joe Syrette

Oct. 9 | 1 - 3 p.m.

- Behavioral Health
- **Prevention@sagchip.org**

Traditional Games Night

Oct. 11 | 5 - 8 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- **DAJackson@sagchip.org or 989-775-4782**

Fall Feast

Oct. 21 | 6 - 8 p.m.

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

Halloween Haunt on the Hill

Oct. 22 | Starting at 5 p.m.

- The Hill (Powwow Grounds) Campground
- **Recreation@sagchip.org**
- Costume Contest: 5 p.m.
- Trunk or Treat: 6:20 p.m.
- Fear Factor: 7:45 p.m.

#BeAware Self Defense Night

Oct. 21 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- Nimkee Fitness Park
- **Registration: DVTaskForce@sagchip.org**
- 30 spots available
- Learn to recognize and avoid dangerous situations and how to defend yourself
- All participants under 18 need to have a parent or guardian present.

ACFS Foster Care Christmas Bazaar

Dec. 11 | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- **989-775-4991**
- Vendors: 8' by 8' space available for \$50

COVID-19 Vaccination

Extended!

Team Member

INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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

Prize drawings: Every Friday at 10 a.m., beginning Sept. 17 through Dec. 29, 2021.

** On TOPS holiday closure dates, drawings be held the day before closures.*

Prizes: 58" TV, Fitbit, security camera system, cash prize, gift cards, waterpark passes and more.

To be entered into the prize drawings, team members can provide proof to:

▶ **Any Human Resources representative:**
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. or on Saturdays from 6 - 10 p.m. at the HR Satellite Office

▶ **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



For more information:

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

OCTOBER 2021 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
 <p>Check out the Tribal Observer ONLINE</p> <p>www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling ● Waste Collection* <p><small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small></p>	<p>1</p> <p>Active Parenting Now 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. ACFS</p>	<p>2</p> <p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Hydrant Flushing</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Hydrant Flushing</p> <p>Native Farmers Market Last Day of Season 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.</p> <p>Drums Out 6-8 p.m. 7th Gen Fire</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Eagle Feather Cleansing 10 a.m. Ziibiwing</p> <p>Hydrant Flushing</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Sacred Fire 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>Eagle Feather Honoring 10 a.m. Ziibiwing</p> <p>Auricular Acupuncture 4-6 p.m. Behavioral Health</p> <p>Hydrant Flushing</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Active Parenting Now 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. ACFS</p> <p>Hydrant Flushing</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10</p> <p>Traditional Healing with Joe Syrette 8-5 p.m. Behavioral Health</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Indigenous Peoples Day 10 a.m. Ziibiwing</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Drums Out 6-8 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>SCTC STEAM Meeting 12 - 1 p.m. SCTC</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Anishinaabemowin at Sacred Fire Lunch 12 - 1 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>Auricular Acupuncture 4-6 p.m. Behavioral Health</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Tribal Observer Deadline</p> <p>Active Parenting Now 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. ACFS</p>	<p>16</p> <p>17</p>
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Tribal Observer Classifieds

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

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ACFS Director - Social Services

Open to the public. Master's degree in social services, human services or related field. Full licensure required. Five years social services experience. Two years' experience in a supervisory capacity. Experience working with tribal communities or other diverse, minority or disenfranchised groups.

Medical Clinic Director

Open to the public. Master's degree in a health or administrative field. Five years' experience in an outpatient or clinic setting. Three years in a supervisor capacity. Must be able to promote the vision of the Tribal community as directed by Tribal Council and Tribal Health Board.

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.

Technical Services Technician II

Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field or three years IT support desk experience with one of the following certifications: Microsoft Certified Desktop Support Technician Certification, CompTIA A+ Certification, Comp

TIA N+ Certification. Experience with Windows Server and Desktop OS and Microsoft Office Suite.

Substance Abuse Outreach Counselor

Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Two years' experience working with substance abuse treatment protocols, the judicial and legal system. Two years' demonstrated co-occurring therapy experience with adults, youth, children and families preferred.

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.

SCTC Tutor

Open to the public. At least 60 completed credits towards a college degree with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above. Strong mathematics and/or English background ability to demonstrate competence in SCTC's MTH 230, MTH 120, ENG 101, ENG 102, and ENG 130 or equivalent is higher preferred.

SCTC Adjunct Faculty

Open to the public. Master's degree required in identified discipline. Previous teaching experience preferred. Candidates for Native American Studies Program adjunct faculty with extensive knowledge of history and culture, skills in Anishinaabemowin and/or experience in Native art and cultural activities may qualify for position.

Licensed Practical Nurse PT

Sign on bonus. \$200 will be paid after successful completion of probation (90 days). Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Successful completion of an accredited program for Licensed Practical Nurses.

Clerical Pool

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

Registered Medical Assistant

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Registered or certified medical assistant license. One year experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting.

Maintenance Worker

Open to the public. One year experience with basic maintenance and grounds keeping. Experience with operation, maintenance, and janitorial equipment preferred.

Child Welfare Prevention Specialist

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social services, human services or related field. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered.

Soaring Eagle

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.

Waitstaff

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

Call Center Agent FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. One year of customer service work experience. Previous reservation experience with hotel, car rental, airline, cruise ship or travel agency preferred.

Call Center Agent PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. One year of customer service work experience. Previous reservation experience with hotel, car rental, airline, cruise ship or travel agency preferred.

Host/Hostess

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months food or hosting experience and/or the ability to successfully pass in-house training.

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.

Call Center Lead

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

Kitchen Equipment Technician

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

Inventory Control Warehouser

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be able to be certified to operate a stand up or sit down forklift within 90 days of hire/transfer. Must have good communication skills, good computer skills with Microsoft Office, and the ability to handle tasks in a busy environment.

Cashier PT

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

Bartender

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

Saganing

Slot Shift Supervisor

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. One year slot experience.

Slot Technician

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Associate degree in electronics preferred.

Players Club Representative

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

Security Officer FT

In house only. Only SCIT Members and SELC/SECR employees may apply. Must be at least 18 years of age. Security or surveillance experience preferred.

Housekeeping Supervisor

Open to public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Two years of hotel housekeeping experience.

Facilities Supervisor

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Three years of maintenance experience. One year in a supervisory capacity preferred.

SPA Receptionist

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year of retail and cash handling experience.

Laundry Attendant

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

Maintenance Worker

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

Security Officer PT

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.

Cashier PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cash handling or cashiering 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.

F&B Attendant FT

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

Guest Room Attendant FT

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

Chef

Open to public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Five years of ca-

sual dining, high volume, hotel culinary experience, or comparable restaurant experience. Two years supervisory experience.

Guest Room Attendant PT

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

Waitstaff FT

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

Waitstaff PT

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

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.

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.

Finance Cashier PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cash handling or cashiering experience.

Central Plant Operator

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Three years of experience in a Central Plant, mechanical equipment environment, or licensed HVAC.

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.

Hydrant Flushing Oct. 4-8

Attention Tribal Community Homeowners

The Water Plant Maintenance staff will be flushing hydrants Oct. 4-8, 2021. Please refrain from washing whites and/or light colored clothing during business hours, as the flushing of hydrants will disturb any water main sediments and will stain your clothing. We will do our best to complete this process as quickly as possible and appreciate your patience during this annual occurrence.

For more information, contact: Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Utilities department at (989) 775-5141

Trapping Season 2021

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

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 108 subdivision 2 the 2021 Trapping Season shall begin Oct. 15, 2021, and will close on April 29, 2022 unless ordered otherwise.

- Badger and Otter limit two per season (tags included with license)
- Bobcat¹ is limited to two tags only whether hunting, trapping or combination of seasons.
- Muskrat, Mink, Beaver, Raccoon, Fox¹, Coyote¹, Skunk, Weasel and Opossum will not have a bag limit for the Trapping Season
- No conibare style traps larger than 220 size (7"x7" jaw) may be used on land unless made inaccessible to cats and dogs at ground level

Licenses will be available starting Oct. 12, 2021 at the Tribal Planning Department. Fee is \$10 per license.
"Other Indians" may not hunt on Tribal Trust or Tribal owned Fee Land. Other Indians as defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 52.

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

Small game License required to hunt Bobcat, Coyote and Fox.



Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow held Sept 11-12

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The 2021 Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow was held Saturday, Sept. 11 and Sunday, Sept. 12.

Located at 2750 Worth Rd. in Standish, Mich., the Saganing Powwow Grounds are just down the road from the newly-updated Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Hotel.

Grand entries began at 1 p.m. both days, with a hand drum contest occurring Sunday.

During the Saturday grand entry, Head Veteran Walker Stone Fish led the way in the arena with members of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society and flag carriers following.

Leading the dancers into the arena were head male dancer Cruz Perez and head female dancer Cicilee Chivis.

Emcee for the event was Paul Raphael, with Leroy Shenoskey serving as the arena director.

Painted Rock provided the head drum. Onion Creek was the co-host drum.

Observer photos by Matthew Wright



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Head female dancer Cicilee Chivis (left) and head male dancer Cruz Perez (right) lead the dancers in the arena during the Saturday, Sept. 7 grand entry.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Head Veteran Walker Stone Fish (right) leads the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society and flag carriers during the Saturday afternoon grand entry.

