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U.S. Supreme Court affirms Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

A major victory for Native children and families was announced last month on June 15 when the United States Supreme Court issued a ruling that protects tribal sovereignty and affirms the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).

The ICWA, a 1978 federal law, prevents children from being removed from their

tribal communities in custody, foster care and adoption cases.

The petition was brought on by a white couple, the Brackeen family in Texas, against the U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, claiming the provision was a form of unconstitutional racial bias against non-Native Americans.

The ruling, *Haaland v. Brackeen*, was written by conservative justice Amy Coney Barrett. The justices rejected the challengers' claim by a vote of 7 to 2.

Justices Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas dissented.

The following quotes are from government officials and Native American leaders on the ruling and what it means for Indian Country.

Statement from President Joe Biden

"I stand alongside Tribal Nations as they celebrate today's Supreme Court decision. This lawsuit sought to undermine the Indian Child Welfare Act – a vital law I was

proud to support. The Indian Child Welfare Act was passed to protect the future of Tribal Nations and promote the best interests of Native children, and it does just that. The touchstone law respects tribal sovereignty and protects Native children by helping Native families stay together and, whenever possible, keeping children with their extended families or community who already know them, love them, and can help them understand who they are as Native people and citizens

of their Tribal Nations. The Indian Child Welfare Act safeguards that which is most precious to us all—our children. Today's decision from the Supreme Court keeps in place a vital protection for tribal sovereignty and Native children.

Our Nation's painful history looms large over today's decision. In the not-so-distant past, Native children were stolen from the arms of the people who loved them. They were

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Ruth's Chris Steak House now open in Mount Pleasant

Renowned fine dining steak house debuts fourth location in Michigan

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. (June 12, 2023) – Ruth's Chris Steak House, famous for its unmatched dining experience and steaks served on 500-degree sizzling plates, today announced its newest location is open for business in Mount Pleasant, Mich. inside the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

The Mt. Pleasant Ruth's Chris restaurant, located at 6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd.,



brings an unmatched dining experience to the central Michigan area with its 8,965-square foot location.

The new space features three main dining rooms, a luxurious bar and bar-lounge, patio with ample seating, as well as a private dining room that can accommodate personal and family celebrations, business meetings and more. The space is elegantly appointed and thoughtfully designed to provide a comfortably elegant, warm, and welcoming dining experience for every guest.

"We've had the absolute pleasure of serving the Michigan community for many years, and are fortunate to make our one-of-a-kind experience available to even more guests in the area," said Michael Atkins, general manager for the Mt. Pleasant Ruth's Chris. "Ruth's Chris offers guests an exclusive dining experience – whether they're celebrating a special occasion or enjoying an

intimate dinner – no matter the size, we look forward to welcoming guests into our restaurant and showcasing the highest quality food, beverages, and service in a warm and inviting atmosphere."

With more than 150 restaurants around the globe, Ruth's Chris has been in business since 1965. As part of the pre-opening celebration for its newest restaurant, Ruth's Chris hosted a special dinner with community leaders, business owners and Ruth's Chris executives with 100 percent of the proceeds from which were donated to Greater Lansing Food Bank.

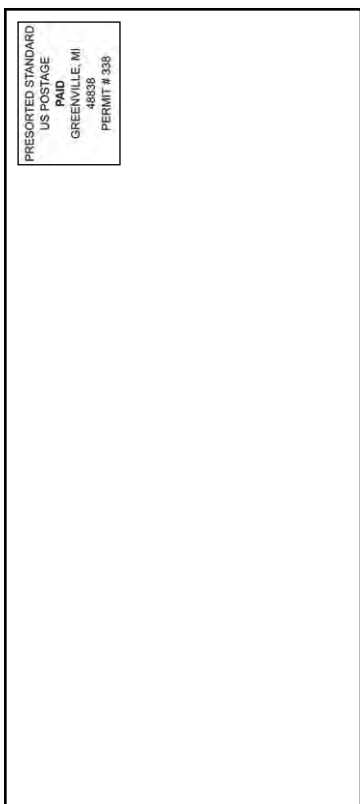
"The Mt. Pleasant location is our fourth in the Michigan area, representing an exciting expansion in the region that further entrenches us in Michigan's fine dining scene," said Cheryl Henry, president and CEO of Ruth's Hospitality Group, Inc. "We're thrilled to continue to serve this community and look forward to more

expansion opportunities in the near future."

At Ruth's Chris, the last bite is just as good as the first. The company's perfected broiling method and seasoning techniques ensure each cut of USDA Prime beef arrives cooked to perfection and sizzling on a 500-degree plate – just the way Ruth's Chris

founder Ruth Fertel liked it. Representing the highest-quality beef, these cuts are well marbled and hand-selected for thickness and tenderness. Ruth only served her guests the finest, and that's why Ruth's Chris serves custom-aged USDA Prime beef.

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"WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR FUTURE"

Annual

HOMECOMING MEETING

Thursday, July 27, 2023

Doors open at 9 a.m.
Meeting begins at 10 a.m. with Grand Entry

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall

**Open to all ages **Tribal ID required*



Connie Sue Sprague

June 7, 1958 - June 6, 2023

Connie Sue Sprague, age 64, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at her home.

Connie was born June 7, 1958, in Mount Pleasant, the daughter of Albert and Betsey (Peters) Alonzo. She married Lewis Sprague on Aug. 30, 1981; he preceded her in death in 2021.

Connie worked over 30 years for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe as a cook, early childhood teacher, gaming manager, and benefits manager. She also served several terms on the Tribal Council. She also worked briefly for the Sault Marie Tribe as gaming manager.

Connie enjoyed fishing, golfing, traveling, and the theater. In the past, she and Lewis were avid Tampa Bay Buccaneers fans traveling to Tampa every year for the opening home game.

Connie is survived by her sons, Lewis Jason Sprague Jr., Amos George (Fern) Cloud; grandchildren, Isabella L. Cloud, Galvin Hatfield, George A. Cloud, Samuel T. Cloud, Waakiin Lewis Sprague, Biidaasge Allen Sprague, Faerolee Rae, Luella Fern, Wren Rosanne, Yarrow Sioux; great-grandchildren Maleki Dye and Amadeus Dye; siblings, Carla (Stan) Sineway, Carol White Pigeon, Roberta Starkey; and many nieces and nephews.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents; husband Lewis Sprague; sister Valerie Esparza; brother Foster Hall Jr.; and brother-in-law Owen White Pigeon.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Friday, June 9, 2023, at 11 a.m. with Carla Sineway officiating. A luncheon followed in the Reflections Reception Center. Following the luncheon, interment took place at Woodland Cemetery. The family received friends that Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral chapel.



Naomi Staggs

March 25, 1958 - June 5, 2023

Naomi Zocher-Staggs of Mount Pleasant, Mich., formerly of Flat Rock, Mich., passed away peacefully on June 5, 2023.

Naomi was a proud senior member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, recently retired from The Ford Motor Company and a huge football fan!

Naomi is survived by her son Andrew Staggs, grandson Brayden; brothers Larry, Doug, Eric, Tommy; sisters Belinda, Carol, Jennifer Ann; their spouses, as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Adolf and Virginia; husband Harold Cordum; the father of her children James Staggs; siblings Val, Dave, Micheal; and her daughter Anastasia Staggs.



Saturday, July 29

Honoring Roger High Baa and past Freedom Walkers

Eagles Nest Tribal Gym

- 7 a.m. – Doors open and registration
- 7:30 a.m. – Welcome and opening prayer
- 8 a.m. – Honoring people in recovery
- 9 a.m. – Walk begins

- Breakfast will be provided.
- The Freedom Walkers will head south on Leaton Road, and then take a left turn on Tomah Road and proceed east until the walkers reach the Hill Campground (Powwow Grounds).

For more information, contact: Prevention@sagchip.org



17th annual
People's Traditional POWWOW

Save the Date!
Aug. 26 & 27, 2023

Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds
7957 E. Remus Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

INTERTRIBAL OPEN
GOLF TOURNAMENT

July 28, 2023

Riverwood Resort Golf Course
1313 E. Broomfield Rd., Mt. Pleasant

- Door prizes
- Food at the turn (provided by SCTC)

Three-person scramble:
Shotgun start at 9 a.m.

- \$80 per person
- Skins \$30 per team
- Number of flights based on number of entries
- Teams can be co-ed
- Two players must be Tribal Members or descendants of any Tribe or employee of Tribal Ops/Migizi/SECR/SEL.

Registration deadline: July 19, 2023

To register or for more information, contact:
• Alex Leureaux | 989.775.4121 | Recreation@sagchip.org

Nimkee Fitness

24/7 ACCESS

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

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

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

STAFF AVAILABLE: Fitness staff will be available from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday to assist with the access paperwork.

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

Yoga Class | Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

For more information, please contact:
Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's inaugural

MSHIIKENH 5K RUN/WALK

Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023

Registration/packet pick-up: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Race starts: 9 a.m.
Fee: FREE

Location: 5805 Pickard St., Mt. Pleasant
Course: Grass trails on the old Waabooz Run Golf Course
Awards/gifts: Overall male and female awards, participant keychains, custom T-shirt to first 150 participants

Registration: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/MountPleasant/SCTCMshiikeh5KRunWalk>

For more information, please contact:
Jayme Green | 989.317.4760 ext. 241 | jagreen@sagchip.edu

Ziibiwing Center
Community Digital Archive ASSISTANCE NEEDED

The Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways' Research Center needs your assistance. Would you be willing to assist once a month by virtual meeting and through additional email correspondence? Your support is needed to review draft processes and materials intended for use on the Saginaw Chippewa Mukurtu website currently under development and titled: Ziibiwing Center Community Digital Archive.

You can view the current development at this temporary web address:
<https://cdsc-wsu.org/ziibiwing-center/home>

For more information, please contact:
• Email: ZiibiwingQuestions@sagchip.org
• Phone: 989-775-4733 or 989-775-4748

TEAM SCIT
FUNDRAISER

Support Team SCIT at the Michigan Indian Family Olympics!

Blackstone Grill package includes:

- Blackstone four-burner 36" griddle cooking station with side shelves
- 36" soft cover

Tickets on sale now!

- \$5 each or five for \$20
- At the Native Farmers Market (corner of Broadway and Leaton roads) every Tuesday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Tickets also available from:
• Public Relations: 989.775.4059
• Nimkee Fitness: 989.775.4690

Drawing: Tuesday, July 18
*Need not be present to win



“WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR FUTURE”

Attention Tribal Members

Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings

are held at 9 a.m.

Regular Tribal Council Sessions

- ▶ First Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.
- ▶ Inside the Council Chambers of the Black Elk Government Complex
- Meetings are open to Tribal Members
- Anyone wanting to be added can call (989) 775-4004

Regular Council Session Dates

• July 11 • Aug. 1 • Sept. 5

Neyaab Miinwaa
Niibing Gindaasdaa

(Let's Read Again This Summer)

June 12 – Aug. 4, 2023
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Library

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Library wants to welcome you back to summer reading! Join us this summer as we bring back our Summer Reading Program with lots of great prizes to give away and some fun interactive events throughout as well. Stop by the Tribal Library to sign up and pick up a reading log! The more you read, the more chances you have to win. Everyone is welcome to join!

Contact information:
• Phone: 989-775-4508
• Email: KCondon@sagchip.org
LDise@sagchip.org

GOLF COMPETITION

Earn points for your Tribe!

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Pleasant Hills Golf Club
4452 E. Millbrook Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Check-in opens at 9 a.m. | Tee off at 10 a.m.

Age groups:

- Seniors 65 and over
- Youth 17 and under
- Mens 64 and under
- Ladies all ages
- Coed - all ages invited

Format: Two person scramble

Register online: www.sagchip.org/mifo/

Cost: \$37 for 18 holes

***SCIT Golf Members:** \$27

- Lunch: \$8
- Optional skins entry: \$10 Extra
- 50/50 tickets: 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5
- Participants receive: sleeve of logoed golf balls and tees

For more information, please contact:
Bernie Sprague at 989.775.5309 or 989.400.1838 or BSprague@sagchip.org

Election Timeline

2023 Primary & General Elections

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

Sept. 1 | **Petition deadline** for candidates to turn in petitions

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

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

Sept. 13 | **Final candidate list posted**

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

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

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

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

Oct. 11 | **Primary Election results and candidates list posted**

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

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

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

Nov. 8 | **General Election results posted**

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

School/Sport Physicals

At Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center

Available Wednesdays and Thursdays in July Starting July 12th

- Please bring in physical form with parent part completed before physical.
- We also are asking to arrive 1/2 hour before you see provider. The medical assistant completes part of the exam before the provider comes into the room.
- Please call for available openings ASAP.

To schedule a physical, please call:
Nimkee Clinic at 989-775-4672

35th Annual

Michigan Indian Family Olympics

Friday, July 21, 2023

New location!
Shepherd High School
321 S. 4th St., Shepherd, MI 48883

Registration open now:
www.sagchip.org/mifo/

For more information, please contact:
Jaden Harman at 989.775.4694

Attention all Tribal Members:

To be eligible to vote in the upcoming 2023 Tribal elections, you must register to vote 30 days prior to the election date.

- ▶ Voter Registration forms are available at the Tribal Clerk's Office and on the Tribes website.
- ▶ Due to the change in Ordinance 4, those living in Isabella County are now District 1 eligible voters and must fill out a Voter Registration form.
- ▶ If you've had a recent address or name change after Jan. 1, 2022 you must also register to vote if you have not already.

For more information, contact:
The Tribal Clerk's Office 989-775-4051

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

MEET UP and EAT UP

June 12 - Aug. 18, 2023
Monday - Friday

Come in and have a seat and eat:

- Breakfast: 7:30 – 9 a.m.
- Lunch: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saginaw Chippewa Academy
7498 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
**This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*

Call 211 or Text Food to 877-877 to find a safe site near you.

Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

TRIBAL YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

July 25 & 26, 2023
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Saginaw Chippewa Police Department

Open to Tribal community youth, 12-18 years of age

Activities include:


- Driving course (using golf carts)
- Shooting courses (using non-lethal ammunition)
- K-9 demos
- Equipment/tool displays
- Event will conclude with a cook out and kickball game

Registration required
Deadline: Friday, July 7

- Register in person at the Tribal Police Department
- A waiver and acknowledgment form must be signed
- Limited to 20 spots

For more information, please contact:

- ▶ Tribal Dispatch: 989.775.4700
- ▶ Sgt. Craig Wilson: cawilson@sagchip.org

Tribal Council

Chief
Theresa Peters-Jackson | District One

Sub-Chief
Jennifer L. Wassegijig | District One

Treasurer
Gayle Ruhl | District One

Secretary
Martha Wemigwans | District One

Sergeant-at-Arms
David Merrill Jr. | District One

Chaplain
Alice Jo Ricketts | District One

Council Member
Diana Quigno-Grundahl | District One

Council Member
Frank J. Cloutier | District Three

Council Member
Luke Sprague | District One

Council Member
Mary Quigno | District One

Council Member
Ron Nelson | District Two

Council Member
Samantha Chippeway | District One

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College STEAM Student Organization

SUMMER STEAM RAFFLE Fundraiser

Drawing: Monday, July 31, 2023
Tickets: One for \$5 or five for \$20



Prizes:

- **1st place:** Beaded medallion donated by Jennie Snyder
- **2nd place:** Overnight stay at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel with a \$50 gift card for food donated by the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel
- **3rd place:** A pair of ribbon skirts (one women's, and one youth) donated by Joann Little

Purpose: The fundraisers help with the cost of events, activities. Donate to a good cause and help a student travel to national conference to present.

For more information, please contact:

- **Kathleen Hart** | 989.317.4827 | khart@sagchip.org
- **Elisa Grossman** | 989.317.4861 | egrossman@sagchip.org

Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee Currently Two Vacancies

The Planning Department is soliciting letters of interests for adult Tribal Members interested in serving on the Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee for a Tribal Council appointed two year term. Per Ordinance 11, section 102, subdivision 2 and the approved Ordinance 11 Committee By-Laws. The current two year term will end on Nov. 14, 2024.

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

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

dseal@sagchip.org

Letters of interests accepted until all vacancies are filled.



Working Together To Protect Our Environment

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.

SCIT Powwow Committee

RAFFLE



Electric Bike Package

Drawing: Sunday, July 30, 2023
2 p.m. | Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Grounds

Package includes: Bike, helmet and rack

Tickets: 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10

Please contact powwow committee members for tickets: Darcy Pilar, Elizabeth Chivis, Noelle Wells, Carla Bennett, Elizabeth Smith, Dabian Sprague, Niibin Sprague and Barb Sprague

*All proceeds will benefit the Saginaw Chippewa and Saganing Powwows

For more information, please email:
Powwowcommittee@sagchip.org



Tuesdays • June 6 - Oct. 3
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Farmers Market Pavilion
Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads

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

Welcoming NEW Healthy Food/Native Art Vendors: Maple syrup, eggs, honey, seeds, cottage foods, plants, organic protein and wild rice.

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

Now featuring:
Produce grown on SCTC's Food Sovereignty Garden
Mshkikiikaan
(The Place of Medicine)




Like us on Facebook!

For more information, contact:
Jasmine Gonzalez, Market Master
989.775.4629 | JaGonzalez@sagchip.org

TRIBAL OBSERVER

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

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

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

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



Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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

Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

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

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

Contact Information:

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



Community Cultural Teaching at ezhibiigaadek asin

(Sanilac Petroglyphs - near Cass City, Mich.)

...a ceremonial place of natural beauty & wonder. Join us as we honor the teachings & spirit of the ancestors at this sacred place.

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. | 8251 Germania Rd., Cass City, MI

Share a traditional teaching from your family, or just come and listen and embrace the culture in a beautiful and sacred setting.

- Bring your lawn chair
- Sack lunch provided
- Skirts for women
- Free & open to the public

Little People Cultural Sharing
with George Martin

Honoring the Memegwesi (Little People):

Offering Bundle for the Sanilac Petroglyphs

Memegwesi are known to protect Anishinabe children, sacred medicines and sacred places. Teachings about the memegwesi tell us they protect the people against sickness. In the spirit of reciprocity and respect, we give them a gift bundle to thank them for their important work.

Suggested gifts for the Memegwesi:

- Needles & thread
- Buckskin & fur scraps
- Dry corn & wild rice
- Buffalo jerky & dried fish
- Maple sugar candy
- Small copper items
- Little clothing & hats
- Pennies
- Little tools



For more information, please contact:

MLHadden@sagchip.org or 989.775.4751



10:30 a.m. | Deerfield Park
2425 W. Remus Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

- Water ceremony performed by Tribal elder
- Upon arrival, participants should inform the Deerfield gate that they are part of the River Cleanup.
- After the cleanup, transportation back to Deerfield Park will be provided.
- Kevin Chamberlain: What to watch for on the river, overview of recycling, sorting waste and how to correctly dispose of waste
- Katie Hager: Invasive species outreach

Launching into water: 11:30 a.m.

- Canoe/kayak to Meridian Park while picking up trash as we paddle
- Snacks and water will be provided.
- Time on the river will be approximately three hours.

Closing remarks at 2:30 - 3 p.m.

- Dustin Hager and Ayla Sisco/Natural Resource Team: Clean boats, clean waters - stop the spread of aquatic invasive species and free boat/watercraft wash

Registration is required to attend

Registration deadline: Monday, July 3, 2023

- Event registration is limited to 25 attendees.

To register or reserve a watercraft, contact:

Katie Hager, Environmental Outreach Coordinator
Email: KHager@sagchip.org | Phone: 989.775.4585

- Must sign a photo and safety waiver
- Limited number of kayaks and canoes available to reserve
- Anyone is welcome to attend. Snacks will be provided.
- Participants may also bring their own watercraft and join us on the river.



Nimkee
Memorial Wellness Center

Nimkee will be closed:
Monday, July 3 & Tuesday, July 4, 2023

The Pharmacy will be open:
Monday, July 3, 2023 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

NEW HOURS

Effective May 22 - Sept. 3, 2023

Nimkee Clinic & Pharmacy will be open:

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

A medical provider will be on-call: 989-317-2088

▶ After regular business hours ▶ Fridays ▶ Weekends

Teledoc is available
"General Medicine Only"

Free for UMR-registered patients, scan the QR Code to download the app.



Teledoc prescriptions

Nimkee patients can fill Teledoc prescriptions received during open clinic hours at Nimkee Pharmacy if the patient is referred to Teledoc by Nimkee Medical.

We appreciate the continued support of our patients and employees who arrange their schedules to accommodate the community's needs.



ZIBIWING CENTER
of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways

Collections Committee Vacancies

Attention Tribal Members

The Zibiwing Center is seeking interested individuals to serve on its Collections Committee.

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

Interested members need to:

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

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

William Johnson, Curator/Operations Manager

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

Housing hazardous tree program

The SCIT Housing hazardous tree program began in October 2022 and was created to provide financial assistance to Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members to mitigate dangers or threats to their primary residence posed by hazardous trees.

Definition of a hazardous tree is a tree that has defects, in whole or in part, that may cause damage to Primary residence and/or out buildings.

The program has been a great success and has helped 17 Tribal Members - 12 elders and five members from all three districts and one out of state member.

The program has exhausted all funds available at this time.

SCIT Housing, with Tribal Council and Administration, will review the Program to see if we should continue it for the next fiscal year.

If you are in need of hazardous tree consultation, please email: scithousingbilling@sagchip.org to be added to the list.

Homeowners Assistance Funds program (HAF)

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

Need assistance keeping your home?

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

SCIT-SCHD Housing can help with:

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



Applications are available:

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

SCAN FOR APPLICATION



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



Statewide Tribal OPIOID SUMMIT

"Healing Our Families and Communities Together"

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the fourth annual Tribal Opioid Summit has been rescheduled.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause but we are hopeful you will be able to attend this fall.

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023 & Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall

For questions or more information, contact:

Carol Jackson | 989.775.4805 | Carjackson@sagchip.org
April Osburn | 989.774.7107 | midcentralahc@cmich.edu

Submissions needed

The fourth annual Statewide Tribal Opioid Summit Committee is requesting the community's support for submittal of a remembrance of their loved one who would like a chance to share their story with others due to opioid, alcohol substance misuse and suicide.



Submissions will be featured on a memorial board

- It's important to remind us all of the light that grows dim throughout the loss of our loved ones. To lend a voice to those who cannot speak, to bring awareness through education, and to bring families together by sharing their stories.

Vendors needed

Calling all Tribal crafters and artists who would like an opportunity to sell their items at the fourth annual Statewide Tribal Opioid Summit free of charge. (This does not include any sponsorships or companies to promote or sell any business-related items. Please submit under sponsorships for the summit).

Vendor spaces are free for all Native crafters and artists



ICWA

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sent to boarding schools or to be raised by non-Indian families—all with the aim of erasing who they are as Native people and tribal citizens. These were acts of unspeakable cruelty that affected generations of Native children and threatened the very survival of Tribal Nations. The Indian Child Welfare Act was our Nation's promise: never again.

Tribal Nations fought hard to pass the Indian Child Welfare Act, and I am proud to have joined them in the ongoing efforts to defend it. Vice President Harris and I will continue to stand with Tribes to protect Native children, honor tribal sovereignty, and safeguard the essential principles of the Indian Child Welfare Act."

Statement from Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo)

"Today's decision is a welcome affirmation across Indian Country of what presidents and congressional majorities on both sides of the aisle have recognized for the past four decades.

For nearly two centuries, federal policies promoted the forced removal of Indian children from their families and communities through boarding schools, foster care, and adoption. Those policies were a targeted attack on the existence

of Tribes, and they inflicted trauma on children, families, and communities that people continue to feel today.

Congress passed the Indian Child Welfare Act in 1978 to put an end to those policies. The Act ensured that the United States' new policy would be to meet its legal and moral obligation to protect Indian children and families and safeguard the future of Indian Tribes."

Statement from National Congress of American Indians President Fawn Sharp (Quinault Nation):

"This victory now means the extraordinary vision of Tribal Leaders who fought so long and hard to pass ICWA in 1978 is now perfected and will be the law of the land for generations to come. Our children, our future and our very existence as Native people will no doubt continue to survive and thrive just as our Creator intended and ancestors envisioned. Our prayers were answered and today we honor every voice that joined us to make clear Tribal Nations have an inherent sovereign right to protect the interests of our children and future."

Statement from National Indian Child Welfare Association, Association on American Indian Affairs

"Today's decision is a massive victory for Native children, Native families, and

the future of Native peoples. The Court's decision affirmed that the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) is constitutional, puts the best interests of Native kids first, and is grounded in tribal sovereignty. This ruling respects the work that Tribal Nations have done for millennia to ensure Native kids stay connected to their families, communities, and cultures whenever possible.

Not only will this ruling allow Indian Country to continue to advocate for the best interests of Native children, but it also reaffirms what we have said and known all along: Tribal Nations are sovereign nations. Similar to states or foreign countries, Tribal Nations have the inherent powers of self-government and have the right to provide for the social, economic, safety, and cultural needs of their citizens.

For too long, ICWA's opponents have used cases like *Haaland v. Brackeen* to try to undermine tribal sovereignty. Today, the Justices have sent a clear message that these biased, ahistorical attacks have no legal foundation and will not be tolerated. We hope this decision will lay to rest the political attacks, but let this case show that Indian Country and its many bipartisan allies are united in defense of Native children and of tribal sovereignty.

Today's ruling is a ringing endorsement of the protections that ICWA requires. The ruling reinforces that ICWA is binding federal law. The court's opinion adds momentum to collective

efforts to increase ICWA compliance, enact state-based ICWA laws that build on ICWA's strong foundation, and continue to support tribal child welfare and justice systems.

Indian Country stands together in joy with the countless allies who have supported us throughout this case."

Statement from Cherokee National Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr.

"Today, the Supreme Court once again ruled that ICWA, heralded as the gold standard in child welfare for over 40 years, is constitutional. Today's decision is a major victory for Native tribes, children, and the future of our culture and heritage. It is also a broad affirmation of the rule of law, and of the basic constitutional principles surrounding relationships between Congress and tribal nations. We hope this decision will lay to rest the political attacks aimed at diminishing tribal sovereignty and creating instability throughout Indian law that have persisted for too long. The Court once again demonstrated that it understands the legitimacy of ICWA and what it means for tribes, families, and children. By ruling on the side of children's health and safety, the U.S. constitution, and centuries of precedent, the justices have landed on the right side of history. With these latest political attacks on ICWA now behind us, we hope we can move forward on focusing on what is best for our children."

Native Fest

A Celebration of North American Indian Culture

INDIAN CAR BINGO

Tuesday, July 25, 2023 • 6-9 p.m.
GRAND PRIZE! \$1200 in gift cards

- Registration starts: 4:30 p.m.
- \$25 per person
- Rain or shine
- Youth Council will be selling food
- Fabulous prizes
- Open to the public

Live! MUSIC & COMEDY NIGHT
Wednesday, July 26, 2023 • 6-9 p.m.

- All night fun!
- Open to the public
- Free admission
- Rain or shine

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Anishinabe Performance Circle Graduation
7:00 - 7:30 p.m. | Comedy Slam and games
7:30 - 8:00 p.m. | Brothers In Music performance
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. | Live performance featuring: Tatanka Means

Tatanka Means is an award-winning actor, motivational speaker and stand-up comedian from Chinle, Ariz. He represents the Navajo, Lakota, Dakota and Omaha Nations. His most recent film is "Killers of The Flower Moon" directed by Martin Scorsese and is set to be released in 2023. Means is currently filming in Utah on Kevin Costner's new epic western saga, "Horizon."

Tatanka performs stand-up comedy throughout Indian Country spreading laughter and messages of inspiration to all ages. He is one of the busiest touring Native comedians performing. Means has also developed his own apparel company, Tatanka Clothing. The company creates apparel to uplift and inspire cultural empowerment. Tatanka was recently named "Entertainer of The Year" by the National Indian Gaming Association. Tatanka is proud to be an alcohol and drug-free sober performer.



COLLECTION SHOWING

Anishinabe Beadwork

On display July 24-27, 2023







*All proceeds will support education and cultural programming at the Ziibwing Center.



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At the 35th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics

Register your family online

- Go to: www.sagchip.org/MIFO
- Pre-register online prior to July 13 to be guaranteed a T-shirt.

Free to SCIT Members & their families

Thursday, July 20

10 a.m. | Golf Scramble at Pleasant Hills Golf Club

- Register online at www.sagchip.org/MIFO
- \$27 with Tribal Membership, \$37 without
- Lunch provided

Cornhole, Pickleball and Lacrosse at Island Park

- Pickleball tournament starts at 4 p.m.
- Cornhole tournament starts at 6 p.m. (\$5 buy-in)
- Pick-up Traditional Lacrosse game starts at 6 p.m.

Friday, July 21

New location!
Shepherd High School
 321 S. 4th St., Shepherd, MI 48883

- Registration open from 7:30 - 11 a.m.
- Opening Ceremonies begin at 9 a.m.

Track & Field competitions and games: Baby crawl, tot trots, elder walks, archery, various dashes and runs, softball throw, long jump and bean bag toss!

For more information, please contact:

Jaden Harman, Nimkee Fitness Coordinator at 989.775.4694



Check out the 2023 Team SCIT T-shirt!

* For all SCIT participants.
 **Must be picked up before 11 a.m. on event day.



Tribal descendant appointed by Gov. Whitmer to Ferris State University Board of Trustees

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Earlier this year, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced appointments to university governing boards and other boards and commissions.

That announcement included Gov. Whitmer's appointment of Saginaw Chippewa direct descendant Michael Fisher to the Ferris State University Board of Trustees. Fisher currently serves as associate general counsel for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Fisher was appointed for the term, commencing Feb. 2, 2023

and expiring Dec. 31, 2030. He succeeds Rupesh Srivastava whose term expired.

"It was an incredible honor to be appointed by Governor Whitmer," Fisher said. "I never expected to do anything like this, and it is quite a big responsibility, but it's a chance to do a bit of good and I'm excited to get to work."

After graduating law school, Fisher joined Miller Canfield, Paddock and Stone as an associate attorney in the Energy, Environmental, and Regulatory Practice Group.

Fisher earned his Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center, Master of Public Administration from

Central Michigan University, and Bachelor of Science in environmental biology from Ferris State University.

"This appointment was a bit of a surprise to me, but when the Governor's team reached out—I was thrilled about the opportunity," Fisher said. "I graduated from Ferris State in 2010, and I'm very thankful for time as a Bulldog. I was the first in my family to attend college, and I've been fortunate enough to do some interesting things since then. I see this as an opportunity to give back to Ferris and ensure that our students continue to have the resources to succeed."

According to the release from the Governor's office, Article VIII § 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 "establishes that Michigan's institutions of higher education, that are established by law as having authority to grant baccalaureate degrees, shall each be governed by a Board of Control which shall be a body corporate." Each Board of Control consists of eight members appointed by the Governor for eight-year terms.

"I serve alongside my seven fellow trustees to manage Ferris State University," Fisher said. "We work as a board to manage and advise the University president; review and approve



Courtesy photo

Michael Fisher

budgets, major contracts, and academic programs; and enact policies to ensure that Ferris achieves its mission. It requires a lot of collaboration and a deep understanding of all issues facing a large public university."

Ruth's Chris

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While Ruth's Chris' USDA Prime steaks and their signature sizzle may have put the restaurant on the map, guests can also enjoy fresh seafood, scratch-made side dishes and desserts, craft cocktails and choice wines, all served with the sort of hospitality that would make its namesake proud.

Ruth's Chris Mt. Pleasant also offers its unbeatable Happy Hour, which includes mouthwatering food and full-size appetizers, hand-crafted cocktails and wine starting at only \$9 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. every Sunday through Friday.

For more information and hours of operation, or to make a

reservation, please visit <https://ruthschris.com/mt-pleasant> or call (989) 422-8222.

Ruth's Chris Steak House was founded by Ruth Fertel 58 years ago in New Orleans. Ruth had a recipe for everything – from how to prepare her signature sizzling steaks to how to treat her guests.

Ruth's Chris Steak House. This is how it's done.



Courtesy photo

Ruth's Chris Steak House General Manager Michael Atkins (left) presents Michelle Lantz, CEO of the Greater Lansing Food Bank, a donation check of \$7,928.32 in celebration of the opening and new Ruth's Chris location in Mount Pleasant.

Request for quotes: Home Inspections



Issued by: The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, Housing Department (2451 Nishnabeanonng Drive, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858)

Project overview: The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan is in need of a qualified licensed builder/contractor to inspect the current inventory of HUD-assisted homes, 52 total residential units.

Company background: The Saginaw Chippewa Housing Department (SCHD) is wholly owned and operated by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe located on the Isabella reservation in Isabella County; MI. SCHD has been operating a low-income rental housing program for over 30 years, with funding from the Indian Housing Block Grant awarded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The SCHD is seeking a qualified contractor to provide inspection services on its inventory of rental units (52).

Project goals:

- To ascertain the present condition of each residential unit in writing
- To identify any health or safety hazards
- To obtain recommendations for repairs and improvements for each unit in writing
- To obtain professional cost estimates on recommended repairs and improvements on each unit in writing

Project scope of work:

- 9 single family detached 3 bedroom manufactured homes with garage in Standish, MI
- 17 Two bedroom units with garage in Mt. Pleasant
- 15 three bedroom units with garage in Mt. Pleasant
- 6 four bedroom units with garage in Mt. Pleasant
- 5 single bedroom apartments in Mt. Pleasant
- Provide a written report, listing condition on each residential unit
- Specific items for review: foundation, crawlspace, sump pump, roof, exhaust fans & vents, gutters, attic, windows, doors, siding, driveway, flooring, interior walls & ceilings, cabinetry & counter tops, appliances, fencing, porch, steps, and deck
- Provide written reports with pictures on each individual unit

Timeline: The work will commence immediately upon execution of a fully executed contract.

The project must be completed and invoices paid by September 30, 2023.

Required Information:

- The principal address and contact information of the contractor including dba credentials
- Copy of current license
- Proof of insurance (indicate level of professional and general liability coverage)
- Provide two recent references with contact information

Evaluation metrics; a points system will be used to compile a total score for each submission based on the following:

- Submit information in writing, format should be no larger than 8.5" x 11"
- Total cost for services
- Not on the federal government's debarred list
- Better Business Bureau Rating
- Experience with home inspections
- Ability to meet the deadline
- Native Preference shall be a consideration
- Small, woman, minority and service disabled veteran-owned business, if yes, provide documentation.

The SCHD will evaluate each responsive and responsible submission. The submission with the highest rating will be notified via email.

Submission deadline:

Proposals must be emailed to: romaloney@sagchip.org no later than 5 p.m. on July 30, 2023.

For more information, please contact:

Rosalie Maloney | SCIT Housing Manager | Email: romaloney@sagchip.org | Phone: 989-775-4581

COMMUNITY SURVEY MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING

Survey submission deadline:
Friday, July 14, 2023 by 5 p.m.

The Missing Middle Housing Program ("MMHP") is a housing production program designed to address the general lack of attainable housing and the housing challenges underscored by the COVID-19 pandemic by increasing the supply of housing stock.

Migizi Economic Development Company is conducting a survey in which we are asking for the community's support to help identify the housing needs within this community. With this input we will devise strategies and action plans to support the development of an affordable housing community. We have set aside a parcel of land on Broadway Road, across from the school drive for this purpose.

\$100 gas card

For your participation in the survey, you will be entered into a drawing and have the chance to win a \$100 gas card.



Take Survey

Completing the survey:

Your answers will be anonymous and confidential.

- The survey will take less than five minutes.
- The survey may be completed in a few ways:
 - Online and can be found on MigiziEDC.com website;
 - Using the QR code located on this flyer;
 - You may also receive the survey by mail
- Please submit only one version of the survey

For more information, please contact:

Tonia Kequom, Property Manager

• Email: tokequom@sagchip.org • Phone: 989-775-4229



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Remembering the children through a day of memoriam and fellowship: Celebrating the 89th anniversary of the Mount Pleasant boarding school's closing

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

It was a day to speak in the language, to honor tradition and culture on the grounds where it was all once forbidden. Tuesday, June 6th celebrated the 89th anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School's closing.

The Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School operated from June 30, 1893 to June 6, 1934 with an average enrollment of 300 students per year. The students were forcibly taken from their families.

The day-long "Honoring, Healing & Remembering" began with a 7 a.m. sunrise ceremony at Mission Creek Cemetery with George Martin, Steve Pego and Ogitchedawag. The remainder of the day continued on the boarding school grounds.

A ceremony was held for a new eagle staff created by Paul Walker, a Bear Clan member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The eagle staff is dedicated to the MIIBS students and lists the names of the 227 students whom died at the school.

Walker, a survivor of the Holy Childhood of Jesus Catholic boarding school in Harbor Springs, Mich., said "from 1971-1976 he was incarcerated" during his attendance at the school.

Walker, of Freeland, Mich., said he prayed to the Creator and asked if he was meant to make a healing staff for Indian boarding school survivors. The next day, he said he was asked to create that staff.



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Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson (far left) speaks shortly after a ceremony for the new eagle staff – dedicated to the boarding school students – is held at the 2023 Honoring, Healing and Remembering on June 6 at the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School grounds. Survivors of the Holy Childhood of Jesus Catholic Boarding school in Harbor Springs, Mich. stand with the chief.

The staff is made of medicinal birch, bald eagle feathers and healing cedar which "stays alive all year round" to honor the youth.

Emcee Joseph Sowmick announced it was time for the grand entry and flag song, performed by Onion Creek Drum. Those walking in grand entry wore the names of the deceased students on cards, strung around their necks.

Robert O. Davies, president of Central Michigan University, was in attendance to provide remarks at precisely 10:30 a.m.

"Today is an opportunity to acknowledge the injustices of the past, while working collectively to ensure tragedies like this never happen again," Davies said.

Davies mentioned CMU's collaborating efforts with the Tribe involving educational

initiatives, including a grant to increase the number of certified Indigenous educators.

Amy Perschbacher, City of Mount Pleasant mayor, was also in attendance to provide remarks.

"We cannot erase the trauma that happened here but we can hold hands and move forward showing the generations today, and those of tomorrow, that we will build, and we're committed to build, a better world together," Perschbacher said.

Tribal Elder Steve Pego led the sacred pipe ceremony.

"I looked up to the elders when I was young and now I get to stand here and retell their stories," Pego said.

The student roll call – during which each of the deceased student names were read and honored with a drum beat – was read by William Johnson, curator/office manager of the Ziiibwing Center, and Isabelle Osawamick, Anishinabe outreach specialist, as boarding school survivors stood next to them.

"I'm always honored to call out the names of the students with Isabelle Osawamick. The Onion Creek Drum resounded beautifully in remembrance of them," Johnson said. "The Student Roll Call 'Remembering the Deceased' is a very emotional time during the day's events. We felt happy



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Harbor Springs boarding school survivors are photographed with their quilts made from the "Quilts for Survivors" group based in Canada.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Architect Christian Nakarado discusses what's next for the standing MIIBS buildings.

that we made it through the roll call with grace and respect."

Music selections by the band Brothers in Music were played during lunch.

A MIIBS Committee update was provided by Marcella Hadden, tribal historic preservation officer, and architect Christian Nakarado presented a keynote address to discuss what's ahead for the MIIBS buildings.

In regards to the reuse of some of the buildings, Nakarado said it was important to "develop priorities for preservation and renovation."

"Out of the seven existing buildings, we've identified three key buildings that are the most likely candidates for reuse for a variety of reasons, including: size, historical significance, physical condition, simplicity of lay out, cost of rehabilitation," Nakarado said. "We have decided to prioritize three buildings at the heart of the former boarding school site: the work shop, the gymnasium and the main classroom building (or auditorium building)."

The work shop building, Nakarado said, is relatively small in size, and has a simple rectangular shape, basement, open first floor and a second floor with a series of smaller spaces.

The gymnasium building is relatively larger with classroom spaces, an open second floor, and a tall ceiling space.

There are three second-priority buildings: the larger girls' dormitory, the home economics building which functioned as



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Veteran George Martin (Lac Courtes Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians) leads grand entry on the day to remember and honor the boarding school children.

the superintendent's house, and small girls' dormitory located at the southwestern end.

When the community was surveyed about the usage of the buildings, the key findings of preference were for: language revitalization, storytelling, traditional and contemporary arts, healing and treatment for historical trauma, and boarding school museum and memorial.

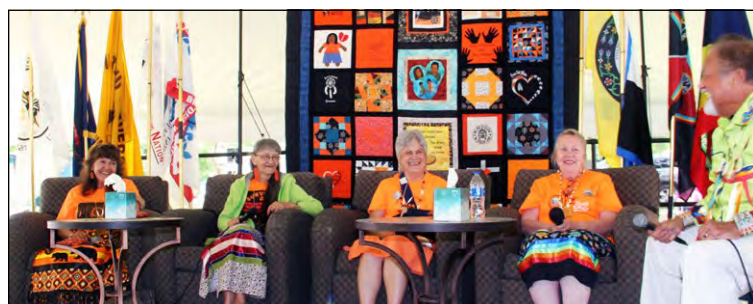
"The overall strategy we've developed is to change the buildings as little as possible while stabilizing and repairing them back to an architectural state quite close to what exists today," Nakarado said, adding new windows, doors and repairs will be added.

The plan is to use the "light-touch approach" with no major changes to interiors; the most respectful way to honor the children that once attended the school, Nakarado said.

"Let the silence within each building speak for itself," Nakarado said, mentioning the goal of any updating.

Nakarado is "trying to think carefully" of what will become of the 15 acres surrounding the building. A possible garden, large space for gathering or memorials were mentioned.

A boarding school survivors panel was held and included four survivors from Holy Childhood of Jesus Catholic boarding school



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A panel of the Harbor Springs boarding school survivors speak (left to right: Linda Cobe, Kim Fyke, Sharon Walker-Skutt and Marilyn St. Onge-Wakefield) as emcee Joseph Sowmick moderates the discussion.



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Grand entry participants wear the names of the deceased boarding school children on a card as a necklace.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

William Johnson (left) of the Ziiibwing Center and Isabelle Osawamick (center), Anishinabe outreach specialist, read each of the deceased students' names as Paul Walker (right) stands with the eagle staff.



Groundbreaking for Permanent Supportive Housing occurs May 31

JOSEPH SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

On May 31, shovels once again touched Mother Earth as Tribal Council joined Housing Department officials and dignitaries for a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) groundbreaking.

Tribal Council Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts began with a blessing, and a sacred fire was on site along with the Onion Creek Drum.

Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez served as emcee of the event and introduced Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson for opening remarks.

“It is truly a dream come true to see this project move forward and it all began under the (2019) Ekdahl administration,” Jackson said. “We were sitting in Council chambers and we talked about the needs of our people and how we could help them achieve their family’s goals and dreams. I would like to personally thank Ronnie and also the (Tim) Davis administration for continuing and supporting the actions of the previous administration. And I especially would like to thank my fellow Council members who are here to help break ground on another facility to help Tribal Members.”

Samuel Anglin, PSH coordinator for the Housing Department, said this project is more than just affordable housing to the Tribe.

“This project is about establishing a healing community based on the concepts of Housing First and Harm Reduction Models, Anglin said. “We have to get rid of the stigma of addiction and mental health and treat people in a respectful manner. This lodge concept will allow people with common issues to come together to empower,



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Tribal Council, Housing Department personnel, and dignitaries join in the May 31 groundbreaking for the Permanent Supportive Housing located off of Broadway Road.

encourage and build from each other in a safe trusted living area. We, as indigenous people, have lived a PSH model for a millennium.”

Anglin acknowledged each of the tribal councils that helped secure the funding, provide the vision and direction for this project.

“A huge shout out from the community goes to the SCIT Housing Manager Rosalie Maloney and the SCIT Construction Team, Tom Kequom for the guidance and support throughout this project,” Anglin said. “I look forward to welcoming everyone next year for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Miigwetch!”

Housing Manager Rosalie Maloney shared a brief history of the project and said the initial idea for the effort started in 2018.

“Shortly after taking the position as Housing manager for the Tribe, I came to realize the Tribe had a housing problem on the Isabella Reservation. Tribal Members were calling me for housing assistance because they were being shut out rental housing because landlords have some very strict rules,” Maloney said. “These are our members that struggle with substance use disorders and mental health issues. Sometimes they were losing their housing

because they just can’t maintain it on their own.”

Maloney said under Housing’s existing program she had nothing better to offer them and identified four barriers to obtaining housing: Lack of financial resources (first month’s rent, last month’s rent and security deposit all due at once), poor or no credit history, criminal history (many related to substance use disorders) and lack of employment.

Maloney said PSH is not just a 16 unit apartment building.

“It’s not just a roof, it’s also providing the supportive services needed to stabilize individuals and their families,” Maloney said.

The residents will receive the types of supportive services that complement treatment plans such as: child care, 12-step programs on site, case management services, and transportation to and from their appointments, all in a safe, decent community environment.

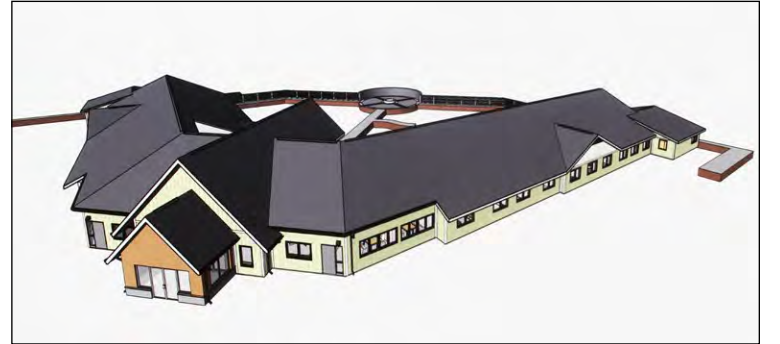
Maloney’s closing remarks mentioned those who assisted to make this possible.

“My initial partners in the Office of Grants & Contracts, Shannon and Donna, who travelled with me to HUD’s Chicago ONAP in 2019 to learn about HUDs competitive grant process. The SCIT’s



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Rosalie Maloney, housing manager, speaks about the need for supportive housing and what the program will offer.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

A design of the 16 unit apartment building

grant application scored 96 out of 100 points! That got us the starter funds of nearly \$4 million,” Maloney said. “I’d also like to thank the project team: Construction Manager Tom Kequom, Accounting Department (Jackie Reger, Sue Kollman and Brandy Judkins), Tribal Administrator Dustin Davis and Ruben Mosqueda, Planning Code Compliance Officer Ed Howard, Legal Department General Counsel Sean Reed and his team, SCIT Director of Utilities Shannon Peters and the IT Department.”

Dale Johnson Jr., vice president of JR Heineman & Sons Construction, spoke of the project and has worked with Kequom and Anglin and with Ziibiwing Center in the past.

“The need for this project and to have our firm be a part of it is a blessing for us,” Johnson said. “As a contractor, all the work that has taken place before the project got

to us, we are truly honored to put it all together for you. We know it’s a competitive bid process and we get that, but this win is a win for the community as well.”

Scott Winchester (Thunder Clan), Pokagon Potawatomi tribal liaison of Seven Generations A&E Firm, brought project design boards with Director of Construction Services Steven Zimmerman.

“As a tribal company, we are honored to be a part of this beautiful project and to be a part of your team...,” Winchester said. “A part of what we do, doing the architecture and construction is to bring culture into the design components, and we will bring all those needs and services you want provided into this building.”

Onion Creek Drum gave an honor song prior to the groundbreaking.

A tentative grand opening is scheduled for the fall of 2024.

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in Harbor Springs, Mich. – Sharon Walker-Skutt (Saginaw Chippewa), Marilyn St. Onge-Wakefield (Sault Ste. Marie of Chippewa Indians), Kim Fyke (Sault Ste. Marie of Chippewa Indians) and Linda Cobe (Lac Vieux Desert Tribe of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians).

Cobe was a 5-year-old first grader when she first attended the school.

“Such a tender age when you get pulled that young,” Cobe said, mentioning the children were not allowed to bring any items from home – no clothing, toys or books.

Cobe said she remembers getting slapped by one of the nuns and watching other children get beaten.

Fyke attended the boarding school during ages 9 to 14 – from 1970 to 1974.

Don’t put me in a Catholic cemetery or I will come back to haunt you, Fyke said through her tears.

“I’m just learning to be Indian. I had no idea about any of it,” Fyke said. “This is my first gathering with Native people.”

St. Onge-Wakefield attended the school for six and a half years, beginning at age 5.

She said during the Catholic confessional, the Father had betrayed her trust by telling the nun her confession.

On the day her and her siblings had to return to the school when summer was over, St. Onge-Wakefield said they would hide behind furniture.

Skutt said the sisterhood of the other survivors has helped in her healing process.

The audience was very engaged when the panel spoke. Audible gasps could also be heard during some of the remarks.

“We were able to have four boarding school survivors tell their (experience), and give a true and honest look into their young lives...,” said Marcella Hadden, tribal historic preservation officer. “Stories like theirs aren’t always easy to hear but are definitely a good reminder of what we can never let happen again to Anishanaabe children and families.”

The event concluded with a beautiful, emotional jingle dress healing dance, and a



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Central Michigan University President Robert O. Davies



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City of Mount Pleasant Mayor Amy Perschbacher

celebratory round dance and giveaway. A traveling song was performed by Strong Women Singers.

The event was held by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

and its Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways and Tribal Historic Preservation Office, and Central Michigan University. The event is held annually on June 6.



39th Annual

July 28, 29 & 30, 2023

Grand Entry

Friday: 7 p.m. | **Saturday:** 1 p.m. | **Sunday:** 12 p.m.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground

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- Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel | 1.877.232.4532
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Registration:

- Registration closes on Friday at 6:45 p.m. and Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

Vendors:

- Must be approved for set up
- Please email: powwowcommittee@sagchip.org
- Or website for application: <http://www.sagchip.org/pow-wow>

Host Drum: Young Enemy

Head Veteran: Raymond Cadotte

Masters of Ceremonies:

Paul Raphael & Brian Moore

Arena Director: Mark Kingbird Sr.

Arena Director: Mike Medawis

Drum Judge: Harvey Dreaver

Male Dance Judge: Wesley Cleland

Female Dance Judge: Tracy Cleland

Head Female Dancer: Delina White

Head Male Dancer: Gerald White

Fire Keeper: Steven Oldman

Sound: Hoka Sound

• **Dance contests:** See page 12

• **Drum contest:** TBA

• **Committee specials:** TBA

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For more information, contact: SCIT Powwow Committee at 989.775.4000 or PowwowCommittee@Sagchip.org



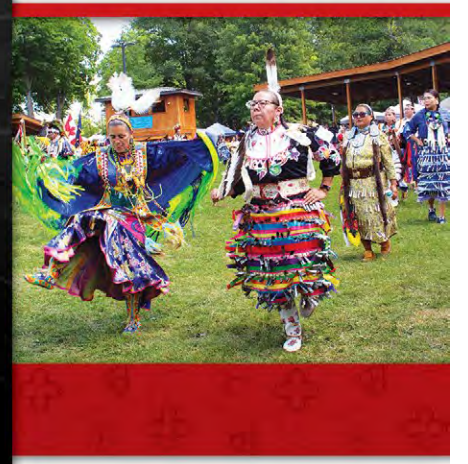
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39th Annual Saginaw Chippewa POWOW July 28, 29, & 30, 2023



UNDERSTANDING THE PATH

— A list of powwow guidelines from the SCIT Powwow Committee —

- 1. Be on time.** The SCIT Powwow Committee is doing everything possible to ensure that activities begin and run smoothly. Please cooperate in this regard.
- 2. Appropriate dress and behavior are required in the arena.** Anyone unwilling to abide by this rule will be asked to leave by the arena director. (If you are going to dance, try to wear dance clothes.)
- 3. Pointing with fingers is considered poor manners by some nations.** If you must point, use your head and nod in the direction you wish to indicate.
- 4. The seating around the arena is reserved for dancers in regalia.** Seats with blankets, shawls or regalia items on them are taken and should not be bothered. Do NOT sit on someone else's blanket unless invited. Uncovered seats are considered available.
- 5. No pets allowed; they should be left at home.** The arena is a sacred place from the time it is blessed until the powwow is over. At no time should pets be allowed in the arena.
- 6. Respect the head male and female dancers.** Their role entitles them to start each song or set of songs. Please wait until they have started to dance before you join in. In some traditions, it is considered improper to pass the head male or female dancer within the arena.
- 7. Some songs require you to be familiar with the routine or have special eligibility rules in order to participate.** Trot dances, snake, buffalo, etc. require particular steps or routines. Veteran dances may be restricted to veterans, combat veterans or, in some cases, the relations of veterans. If you are not familiar with a particular dance, observe and learn. Watch the head dancers to learn the procedures.
- 8. Most powwows are nonprofit and depend upon donations, raffles, blanket dances, etc. for support.** Donations are encouraged as a way to honor someone. Any participant can drop money onto the blanket to aid with the powwow expenses.
- 9. Certain items of religious significance should be worn only by those qualified to do so.** Respect the traditions. Never intentionally touch another dancer's regalia, personal property without permission.
- 10. Giveaways, attributes of Indian generosity, are held at many dances.** They are acknowledgments of appreciation to recipients for honor or service given to the people. When receiving a gift, the recipient thanks everyone involved in the giving.
- 11. If you wish to ask for a special song from a drum, talk to the arena director first and make sure the master of ceremonies is informed.** It is traditional to make a gift (monetary or otherwise) to the drum for special requests.
- 12. Before sitting at a drum, ask permission from the head singer.** Do not touch a drum without permission. The drums are sacred, and it is believed that anyone who takes a place behind the drums has been selected by the Creator to be there. No one drums without special permission, and no one sits in the drumming area without special permission. Great offense is taken if you choose to sit in this area. You should never turn down an invitation by anyone, especially elders, during a powwow.
- 13. Ask permission before taking pictures of dancers.** Pictures may be taken with the permission of the dancers but not during dedication dances (veterans songs, flag songs or prayers). These special songs will be announced by the emcee. Under no circumstances may you enter the arena to take photos.
- 14. If at any time you are uncertain of procedure, etc., please check with the emcee, arena director or head singer.** They will be glad to help you with your questions.
- 15. Unless you are sure spectator seating will be provided, bring a chair.** Remember that the seating immediately around the arena is for dancers only.
- 16. Be aware that someone standing behind you may not be able to see over you.** Make room, step aside, sit or kneel if someone is behind you.
- 17. Alcohol, recreational drugs and firearms are prohibited at all powwows.**
- 18. If you see a lost feather, or you yourself drop a feather, do not pick it up.** Notify the nearest veteran, the head veteran, head male dancer or arena director immediately.
- 19. In some places it is okay for adults to dance while carrying infants or small children.** In other places this is considered contrary to local etiquette. Ask before doing so.
- 20. Always stand during special songs.** This includes grand entry, flag songs, veteran songs, memorial songs, prayer songs or any other song that the emcee designates. It is also customary to remove hats for the duration of that song.
- 21. Always listen to the emcee. He will give all of the information you need as well as entertain you and keep you posted about news.** Any questions you have can be answered by him. He will let you know when you need to stand and when you may sit after honor songs. He will also announce intertribal dances and other invitations for guests to participate.
- 22. Supervise your children so that all may enjoy the event without distraction.**
- 23. If you have a question, ask.** Most dancers, singers, elders and staff are happy to help. Offer a cold drink or other small, symbolic gifts to those who help you.

A QUICK GUIDE TO THE SIX MAIN OJIBWE DANCING STYLES

Women's Jingle

This dance is aptly named for the tin cones (jingles) that cover the dancer's dress literally from head to foot. The movements of the dance are bouncy and energetic so that the jingling of the dresses matches the beat of the drum and provides a constant rhythmical accompaniment to each song. To be a jingle dress dancer, you must have dreamt about being one. With each step that these dancers are taking, they are praying for a sick friend or relative. The dress is made of cloth and has hundreds of cones attached, usually 365. Each one represents a prayer for each day of the year. When she dances, she uses her fan in a sweeping motion to wave away sickness.

Men's Fancy

Fancy dancing is easy recognizable by its rapid tempo and its colorful and distinctive regalia. Dancers' regalia features two very large, vividly colored double bustles, which are worn on the dancer's back. Smaller bustles may also be worn on the arms as well as brightly colored bead work and accessories. These men are undoubtedly some of the most energetic of all the powwow dancers. Their steps are quick but graceful with a high-powered twist.

Fancy Shawl Dance

The outstanding feature of these dancers' outfits is the graceful, brightly-fringed shawls that drape the young women's shoulders. They are a perfect compliment to the twirling, prancing, pirouetting steps of this showy, high-spirited dance. The word fancy refers to the footwork, not the shawl. The dress and decorative beaded accessories are vividly colorful and match the flaring shawls. The dance represents the life of the butterfly. This exuberant and delightful dance is undoubtedly the flashiest of the women's dancing styles.

Men's Grass

This dance style is also easy to recognize by the striking regalia, with dancers covered shoulder to ankle in long, thick flows of bright, multicolored cloth fringe. Men's grass dancing symbolizes the young men of western tribes who were to stomp down the tall grass of the plains so the people could use the area. The long fringe represents the grass. The long, flowing yarn fringe originally started out as sweet grass hung from their regalia. In modern times, yarn is used. The dance movements are also distinctive for their sliding, shaking and spinning motion, rather than the high, kicking steps of the fancy dancer.

Women's Traditional

These women dance in a sedate and stately manner. They may move slowly about the circle of the arena but often will simply stand in the same place, rhythmically dipping and swaying to the beat of the drummers. Their outfits are often heavily and elaborately decorated with beadwork and sometimes porcupine quills, elk ivory and cowry shells. The dresses themselves may be sewn of buckskin leather or of various types of fabric. Their colors tend to be somewhat gentler and subdued than those of other woman's dance styles.

Men's Traditional

Traditional dancing is an opportunity for men to dance in the way of their fathers and grandfathers. A traditional dancer's regalia is much more likely to reflect tribal affiliation than those of the other men's dance styles. The dancer's ensemble may frequently include pieces handed down for generations within the family and may range from a look of dignified simplicity to dramatically elaborate. The dance style is similar to the outfit itself—elaborate, expressive and powerful but not as flashy and exuberant as the other men's styles.



SECR hosts Family Fun Day, employee years of service awards

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted a Family Fun Day for its team members, along with Tribal Operations employees on Wednesday, June 21 in the Entertainment Hall.

The free event was held from 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., and featured food and many fun activities for employees and their families. The activities included a mechanical bull, karaoke, caricature and face painting, balloon twisting, raffles, inflatable bounce houses and photo booths.

A years of service awards ceremony was held beginning at 6 p.m. The event honored employees who have achieved five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service. This year saw a total of 218 employees receiving recognition.

Mary Jackson, table games supervisor, was honored for reaching 35 years of service.

Human Resources Director Louanna Bruner shared the following about Jackson:

“Mary started her career in 1987 as a part-time blackjack dealer. She ventured out of the table games department into security where she advanced into leadership as



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Mary Jackson
35 years of service

security supervisor. Mary returned to table games in 1997 as a table games training supervisor. I guess you can take the girl out of table games but you can't take table games out of the girl!”

Her daughter CeCee says her earliest memory of mom working was in Security at the card room. She's always been a hard worker, thoughtful and respectful of her co-workers and bosses.

CeCee said, “My mom has built a beautiful life with my dad, raised her kids and gets to enjoy time with her grandbabies and she makes us all feel like her number one. Every quality and who she is at work is who she is at home too. We are happy to see her being acknowledge for her 35 years of service.”



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Eve Bailey
30 years of service

Eve Bailey, table games supervisor, was honored for reaching 30 years of service.

Human Resources Director Louanna Bruner shared the following about Bailey:

“Eve started working in table games in 1991. She quickly advanced into the role of a Pit Boss and became a floor person in 1998.

Her husband Fred said she's seen a lot of changes in table games from the card room's long hours, to reluctantly having to move into the new casino. I remember that too; seems like most of table games preferred the card room! Fred shared she started there when she was 18; 30 years later and she's still young! Fred did let me know that he's not too far behind Eve in years at the casino.



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Casino CEO Melinda Coffin (center), accepts her award for 15 years of service alongside Tribal Council members.

That's the way to do it Eve, keep him chasing you!”

Cliff Russel said, “From the early days in the card room where you and Trudy would have... a competition of who could fit more scrunchies in their hair to present day,

you've been a consistent, reliable member of SECR Table Games. You're contributions to the department do not go unnoticed and we're blessed to have had the pleasure of working with you over the years.”



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The Family Fun Day was held in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall on June 21. The free event featured food and activities for employees and their families.

2023 SCIT Powwow Dancer Payouts

Junior Boys (6-11)			
Place	Grass	Fancy	Traditional
1st	\$200	\$200	\$200
2nd	\$150	\$150	\$150
3rd	\$125	\$125	\$125
4th	\$100	\$100	\$100

Teen Boys (12-17)			
Place	Grass	Fancy	Traditional
1st	\$400	\$400	\$400
2nd	\$300	\$300	\$300
3rd	\$200	\$200	\$200
4th	\$125	\$125	\$125

Senior Adults (Men) 36-49			
Place	Grass	Fancy	Traditional
1st	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100
2nd	\$800	\$800	\$800
3rd	\$600	\$600	\$600
4th	\$400	\$400	\$400

Senior Adults (Women) 36-49			
Place	Jingle	Fancy	Traditional
1st	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100
2nd	\$800	\$800	\$800
3rd	\$600	\$600	\$600
4th	\$400	\$400	\$400

Junior Girls (6-11)			
Place	Jingle	Fancy	Traditional
1st	\$200	\$200	\$200
2nd	\$150	\$150	\$150
3rd	\$125	\$125	\$125
4th	\$100	\$100	\$100

Teen Girls (12-17)			
Place	Jingle	Fancy	Traditional
1st	\$400	\$400	\$400
2nd	\$300	\$300	\$300
3rd	\$200	\$200	\$200
4th	\$125	\$125	\$125

Golden Age (Men) 50-59	
Place	Combined
1st	\$1,100
2nd	\$800
3rd	\$600
4th	\$400

Platinum Age (Women) 60+	
Place	Combined
1st	\$1,100
2nd	\$800
3rd	\$600
4th	\$400

Platinum Age (Men) 60+	
Place	Combined
1st	\$1,100
2nd	\$800
3rd	\$600
4th	\$400

Golden Age (Women) 50-59	
Place	Combined
1st	\$1,100
2nd	\$800
3rd	\$600
4th	\$400

Junior Adults (Men) 18-35			
Place	Grass	Fancy	Traditional
1st	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100
2nd	\$800	\$800	\$800
3rd	\$600	\$600	\$600
4th	\$400	\$400	\$400

Junior Adults (Women) 18-35			
Place	Jingle	Fancy	Traditional
1st	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100
2nd	\$800	\$800	\$800
3rd	\$600	\$600	\$600
4th	\$400	\$400	\$400

Drum Contest	
• 1st place:	\$8,000
• 2nd place:	\$6,000
• 3rd place:	\$5,000
• 4th place:	\$4,000
• 5th place:	\$3,000

For more information:
 Phone: 989.775.4000
 Email: PowwowCommittee@Sagchip.org
 All payouts are subject to change

DANCE SPECIALS

- **Ribbon Skirt & Ribbon Shirt Contemporary or Traditional Design Special - July 29, 2023:** Contestants will creatively design the artistic expression of contemporary life or traditional life honoring our future generations. Four places for ribbon skirts contests and four places for ribbon shirt contests. Sponsored by SECR Marketing Department. Runway ready by 5 p.m. at east arena entrance. Powwow Committee not responsible for supplying models. Four places 600/400/300/200
- **Switch Dance:** Contestants 6 years and older. Females wear male regalia and males wear female regalia to dance their best to place. (Please remember grandmas are watching and represent the honor of the dance!) Contestants will be required to perform multiple songs. Sponsored by the family of Julius Peters, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Tribal logo.

- **Head Dancer Sweetheart Special:** Hosted by Delina and Gerald White. More information will be available at the powwow.
- **Fancy Bustle Special:** Contestants 6 years and older. Must dance their finest to compete to multiple songs. Judges will select the top three places with audience participation for winner placement. Three places 500/300/200
- **Woodland Men's Dance Special:** Contestants 18 years and older will dance to songs until judges select top three dancers and audience participation for top three places. Three places 500/300/200
- **Women's Traditional Scrub Special:** Contestants 18 years and older will dance to the songs until judges select top three dancers with audience participation for winner placement. Three places 500/300/200
- **Head-to-Head Youth Dancer & Adult Dancer Team Dance:** Youth ages 3 to 17 years old teamed with an adult ages 18 years old through platinum age. Contestants dancing the same category of dance style to multiple songs with audience participation for winner placement. Three places 500/300/200

- **Iron Man Grass Dance Special:** Contestants 18 years and older will dance multiple songs until disqualified by being bucked off song or other reason. Drummers' choice for songs. Last contestant dancing with last three contestants placing. Three places 300/200/100
- **Iron Women Jingle Side Step Special:** Contestants 18 years older will dance the side step to numerous songs until last contestant dancing. Three places 300/200/100
- **Youth Hand Drum Special:** Youth ages 3 to 17 years old must perform one song. Three places 150/100/50
- **Adult Hand Drum Special:** Adults 18 years and older with two or more contestants per group. Each group will perform one song. Judges select top three contestants. Three places 500/300/200
- **Women Back-Up Singers:** Contestants 3 years and older, with two or more participants per group, will sing two push-ups of a song acapella style. Three places 250/150/100

All specials subject to change by the Powwow Committee



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Sharon Arts
 25 years of service



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Michelle Bell
 25 years of service



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Rita Berger
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Duane Booth
 25 years of service



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Robert Camp
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Robin Fenton
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Surveillance Supervisor
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Bartender - Casino Beverage
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Central Plant Supervisor
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Security Officer | Matthew Prchlik
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Billy Starkey
Kori Swartz
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Finance Cashier
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Anthony Baldwin
Michelle Bell
Kendall Beltinck
Rita Berger
Duane Booth
Scotty Bunker
Jamey Burger
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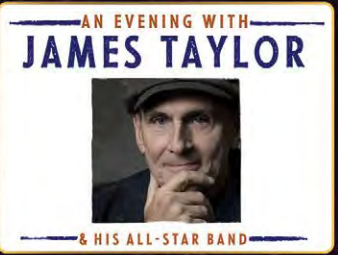
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Willie Nelson, Jelly Roll meet, perform together for the first time at Soaring Eagle

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

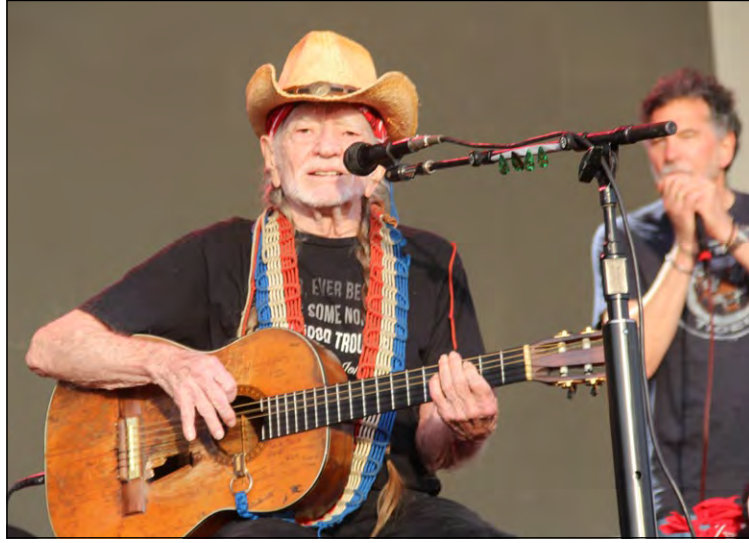
If fans wanted tickets to the Willie Nelson and Jelly Roll concert, they had to act fast. It sold out almost immediately. The two artists performed – and even met for the first time – during the Saturday, May 27 show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. This was the second outdoor show of the season.

The music legend – whom is now 90 years old – Willie Nelson performed a one-hour set beginning at about 8:10 p.m. Sitting side-by-side with his talented son, Lukas Nelson, whom also sings, plays guitar, and writes songs.

The father and son both sported guitars, cowboy hats, long hair (Willie's in his signature braids), and wore black.

Willie and his band members – sporting an upright bass, percussion, piano and harmonica players – got the show started with “Whiskey River,” “Stay a Little Longer” and a mesh up of “Funny How Time Slips Away/Crazy.” Lukas took the vocals and freely belted out “Just Outside of Austin.”

Willie had a satisfying set, mixing torch songs and ballads with up-temp crowd-pleasers including: “I Never Cared For You,” “Mammas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys,” “Angel Flying Too Close to the Ground,” “On the Road Again,” “You Were Always On My Mind” and



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The country music legend 90-year-old Willie Nelson performs during his May 27 outdoor concert at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

“Roll Me Up and Smoke Me When I Die.”

Lukas took the lead on his song, “(Forget About) Georgia.”

It was difficult to not be moved when the 90-year-old musician sang Pearl Jam’s “Just Breathe” next to his adoring son as he sang the beginning lyrics: “Yes I understand/ That every life must end/As we sit alone/I know someday we must go.”

Willie called up Jelly Roll to perform a couple songs with him. Rightfully so, Jelly Roll accepted.

It was a heartwarming performance by the country music icon. Willie left a mark on Soaring Eagle once more.

About 30 minutes after Willie left the stage, the lights went out, lighting turned the stage red, a giant skull with golden eyes lit up the screen,

and out walked Jelly Roll and his bandmates.

He may look serious with face, neck and body tattoos and a rough-around-the-edges appearance, but Jelly Roll came out grinning with his gold teeth shining.

No need to wait for a pinnacle at the end of his show, the pyrotechnics – fire, and lots of it – shot out within the first couple songs, “The Hate Goes On” and “Only.”

As Jelly Roll is open about his past as an incarcerated felon; his music speaks to the broken, the healed, the saints and the sinners. His songs contain some heavy topics – redemption, grief, battling addiction and more.

“That’s what we call therapeutic music,” Jelly Roll said that evening after performing an emotionally-moving song.

While he may be considered a country music artist and was raised outside of Nashville, Jelly Roll launched his career in hip-hop, the style is showcased in many of his tracks.

Jelly Roll made his Grand Ole Opry debut in November 2021.

One thing he is very, very candid about is his support of marijuana, as he mentioned multiple times throughout the evening. He performed his song “Smoking Section.”



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Jelly Roll performs for the sold-out crowd that Saturday evening.

Jelly Roll continued on with “Over You,” The White Buffalo’s “House of the Rising Sun” and the CMT Music Award-winning “Son of a Sinner” during which the opening act, Ernest, joined him on stage.

“Once you come to a Jelly Roll show, you are officially family,” he said, stirring audience hollers.

The performances kept coming with “Dead Man Walking,” “She,” Lynyrd Skynyrd’s “Simple Man,” “I Need You,” “Need a Favor” and the platinum-certified hit “Save Me.”

His Hulu documentary “Jelly Roll: Save Me” is now streaming. In the documentary, he opens up about his struggles with mental health and addiction.

“It would mean a lot if you took the time to check it out,” he said, mentioning

the documentary.

On stage, he said he was honored about the opportunity to perform with the legend Willie Nelson.

According to a video from Jelly Roll’s social media, that evening at Soaring Eagle was where he and Willie Nelson first met. The video shows the two artists being introduced and shaking hands.

The opening act, American country music artist Ernest, played a 40-minute set which began at 7 p.m.

Ernest has written songs for Morgan Wallen, Jake Owen, Thomas Rhett, Chris Lane and Florida Georgia Line, and he signed a recording contract with Big Loud in 2019.

His singles include “Doperman,” “Bad Boy,” “I Think I Love You,” “Cheers,” “American Rust,” and “Flower Shops” featuring Morgan Wallen.

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Gabby is a 2-year-old American Pit Bull and Labrador Retriever mix. She is so sweet and ready to be someone's sidekick. She likes to be active, loves cuddles and walks amazingly well on a leash. She loves car rides and going to the park. She has been with HATS since November 2022, so she is ready for her forever home!

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Godsmack, Bullet for My Valentine deliver fiery performances at Soaring Eagle

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted Godsmack, Bullet for My Valentine and From Ashes to New on Friday, May 26. The outdoor concert stage was the second-to-last stop of Godsmack's "Best of Times World Tour."

The show proved to be quite the spectacle, with Godsmack's members providing tight, groove-ridden and intense pyrotechnic-infused performances. Lead singer Sully Erna proved he was still one of the greatest frontmen in the game.

As the curtain dropped to begin the show, a wall of fire illuminated the stage during the opening drum beats of "When Legends Rise."

The music continued with the angst-riddled "Cryin' Like a B," followed by the forceful hits "1000hp" and "Something Different."

The set featured a trio of new songs in "You and I," "What About Me" and "Surrender." The songs were released in February 2023 on the band's eighth studio album "Lighting Up the Sky."

The hits continued with masterful performances of "Bulletproof," "Awake" and "Voodoo."

Singer Sully Erna and drummer Shanon Larkin duled



Observer photo Matthew Wright

Godsmack frontman Sully Erna performs "Something Different" during the May 26 outdoor concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

on separate drum sets during "Batalla de los tambores."

The regular set ended with "Whatever," but the band wasn't through with the night as they soon returned for an encore performance of "Under Your Scars." This was followed covers of Aerosmith's "Dream On" and The Beatles'

"Come Together."

Godsmack closed out the night with a fiery performance of fan favorite "I Stand Alone."

Taking to the stage before Godsmack was Welsh heavy metal band Bullet for My Valentine.

The band kicked off their set with "Your Betrayal,"



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Bullet for My Valentine member Matthew Tuck (left) and Jamie Mathias (right) perform "Your Betrayal."

"Waking the Demon" and "Piece of Me."

Next up were the hit songs "Knives," "Over It," "4 Words (to Choke Upon)" and "Shatter."

Bullet for My Valentine closed out with two of their biggest hits in "Tears Don't Fall" and "Scream Aim Fire."

American rock band From Ashes to New opened for both bands, taking to the stage first that night.

The band performed many of their biggest hits including "Nightmare," "Heartache," "Hate Me Too," "Crazy" and "Through It All."



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From Ashes to New lead singer Danny Case

Audience 'boots, scoots and boogies' right on down to outdoor Brooks and Dunn show

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

There's a good chance when someone hears the opening lines: "Out in the country past the city limits sign/Where there's a honkytonk near the county line" they may run straight to the dance floor to line dance. If you know this hit song, you're likely a country music fan and know the well-known duo behind the song, Brooks and Dunn.

The legendary duo performed this mega hit "Boot Scootin' Boogie" and a collection of their country music hits at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Thursday, June 15.

Although it rained throughout the entire evening for this outdoor show, fans were all smiles and loving the nostalgia of the country classics.

Brooks and Dunn – made up of Kix Brooks and Ronnie Dunn – came out on stage ready to entertain, starting the set with "Brand New Man," "Put a Girl in It" and "My Next Broken Heart."

As the rain didn't slow down, Kix Brooks addressed the crowd dressed in ponchos, raincoats and hats.

"I mean, I'm from Louisiana and this ain't really raining, ya'll. You know what I'm saying? And I know ya'll are from Michigan and this ain't really

cold!" Brooks said, as the audience erupted in applause and hollers.

Perfectly timed before performing "Mama Don't Get Dressed Up for Nothing," Kix addressed the rain-soaked crowd.

"I bet you ladies took a lot of time getting ready for this evening, didn't you?" he said. "You ladies are all dressed up under those parkas. Got ponchos over two hours of work out there. Guys, we're still gonna play. You didn't get dressed up for nothing!"

The energetic duo's set including some of their greatest hits including "Play Something Country," "Cowgirls Don't Cry," "My Maria" and the gospel-inspired "Believe."

During "Neon Moon," Ronnie Dunn had a note-holding competition with the crowd.

"I think. Not I think, I know, 'Red Dirt Road' is my favorite song Ronnie and I ever wrote together," Kix Brooks said of the song performed that evening.

In case the audience was unaware, they would learn from that evening that Kix is one heck of a harmonica player. He shined during "Rock My World (Little Country Girl)."

The lights dimmed and a brief pause was underway, the encore proved it was time to "Boot Scootin' Boogie" as the hit song concluded the evening,



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Country music legendary duo Brooks and Dunn performs during the June 15th Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort outdoor show.



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Country music artist Scotty McCreery opens the Thursday evening show.

along with a special tribute performance of "Only in America" during which military men and women in uniform were brought on stage.

Opening for Brooks and Dunn that evening was country music artist Scotty McCreery.

Scotty McCreery walked out alone on stage and began the opening lines to "In Between" as his band joined on stage during the second chorus.

His set continued with "Small Town Story," "Feelin' It," and what McCreery said

is his wife's favorite song, "It Matters to Her."

"We're going to play a lot of the new stuff and a lot of the old, from the 'American Idol' days, McCreery said.

McCreery rose to fame after winning the 10th season of "American Idol" in 2011.

McCreery played his hit songs including "This Is It," "Five More Minutes" and "You Time." He also performed covers including Randy Travis' "Forever and Ever, Amen" and Alan Jackson's "Chattahoochee."



Delegation of MSU scholars take environmental field trip to SCIT facilities

JOSEPH SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

On June 15, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe hosted a delegation of 12 Michigan State University students from the Hal and Jean Glassen Scholars Program.

The delegation was led by the program's director Jim Schneider, a certified wildlife biologist for the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

The scholars toured the water treatment facilities, the Seventh Generation greenhouses and maple syrup processing facilities, and the Ziiibiwing museum.

Isabelle Osawamick, Anishinabe outreach specialist, offered a language teaching for the scholars in Anishinaabemowin and



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal Council Member Luke Sprague provides insight to Michigan State University Glassen scholar students on the importance of academic outreach.

highlighted words used in indigenous agriculture. The students also enjoyed a lunch prepared by the Seventh Generation staff and participated in the Sacred Fire teachings.

Student Mackena Rhadigan (Macomb, Mich.) is working



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Michael David, fresh water operator, conducts an onsite environmental science tour with the students at the water plant.

toward a fisheries and wildlife major with a concentration in conservation biology and was impressed everyone was so willing to share.

"Everyone we met on the reservation was beyond welcoming and it was lovely to have the opportunity to talk to (Natural Resource Specialist) Jennifer (Bailey) about the conservation work you're doing in Mt. Pleasant. I really enjoyed learning more about your greenhouse as well as the sacred fire," Rhadigan said. "I was deeply touched by the emphasis on gift-giving in Anishinaabe culture, and since visiting have found myself searching for ways to give meaningful gifts to my friends and family as well. I really enjoyed my time... and will



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Lee Ann Ruffino (far right), cultural manager for Seventh Generation, walks the students through the greenhouse to demonstrate how sacred medicine and herbs are grown in a good way.

carry the lessons I learned from the visit through the rest of my career as a conservationist."

Madison Janes (Monroe, Mich.) is an incoming senior studying environmental studies and sustainability.

"As Mr. Sowmick said, you truly only understand what the reservation is like once you go out and see it for yourself," Janes said. "It was so immersive to learn about the cultural past of the Anishinaabe, as well as everything the tribe does in the present day, from the Seventh Generation greenhouses to the Water Treatment Facility. The great things the Tribe is doing will stay with me for a lifetime. Everyone we spoke to was informative and answered our questions; I

learned so much. It was such a fantastic experience that everyone should have."

MSU Junior Erin Henthorn is majoring in fisheries and wildlife with a minor in science, technology, environment and public policy.

"I am so grateful that you shared with us the meaning of the eagle feather and how we can strive to walk the good path with everything we do," Henthorn said. "At the water plant, I saw how much pride the operators take in providing safe and constant water to the community. Working with water is more than a job; it is a passion, it is a calling. It was inspiring to meet such passionate and genuine people."



Courtesy photo

A delegation of 2023 MSU Glassen scholars are photographed outside the Ziiibiwing Center with Joseph Sowmick, public relations manager, and Jim Schneider, program director.

Migizi Economic Development contributing to tribal security

FRITZ KUHLMAN

Marketing Manager

Migizi Economic Development is in the process of completing several noticeable projects around the Reservation.

The removal of the apartment buildings on Broadway has been completed, the canopy replacement at the Sagamok store is almost finished, and the initial stage of upgrades to The Hill campground is nearing the end.

While these projects are visible to all members, Migizi collaborates, almost daily, with other Tribal units and departments to generate improved results through sharing knowledge and expertise.

As a result, Migizi is often approached to support Tribal properties that need to be

renovated and restored or advised in developing best practices to drive improved performance.

Examples of Migizi's collaboration include The Hill Campground, a detailed plan for the RV park in Saganing, development and marketing of Tribal apparel, entry into the hemp business, a future Tribal Community Center, and the purchase of both commercial and recreational land such as the former Mid-Michigan College building and the Lodge property in Tawas.

Migizi EDC currently provides sponsorship for Native Fest, back-to-school events in both Mount Pleasant and Saganing, Orange Shirt Day, Freedom Walk, Michigan Indian Family Olympics, and many more.

Migizi's Property Management division provides fee-based plowing and mowing of Tribal lands as requested. In addition, tools held as Migizi assets are loaned to other Tribal departments as needed to increase efficiencies and reduce costs for the Tribe.

Through the Economic Development Department, the Tribe is able to secure its energy buying with the use of the Saganing substation. This capability allows significant energy cost savings to Tribal entities in Saganing. Studies are underway to determine if a substation in Isabella County is feasible, which could provide additional energy cost savings to the Tribe through powering businesses, residential properties, or both.

In fiscal year 2022, Migizi EDC paid \$548,000 to the Tribe for shared services like IT and payroll services. In that same period, Migizi paid a further \$159,000 in interest. Based on EBITDA, which means earnings before tax, depreciation, and amortization, which measure a business's actual financial health, Migizi is net-cash positive by more than one million dollars. The company has demonstrated continued growth and generates positive cash flow for the Tribe.

In addition to Saganing Sagamok, Isabella Sagamok, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, residential and commercial real estate, agricultural land management, and Cardinal Pharmacy, Migizi Economic Development Company has entered the space of 8a

government contracting with Bakinaw Federal Contracting, the buying, and selling of energy, and is looking closely at financial services and other arenas that could produce substantial Tribal income. These opportunities take time, resources, and effort to realize but offer an alternative path to Tribal financial independence.

While many of these business interests are unseen, Migizi Economic Development Company is focused on pursuing and growing these promising opportunities. While not apparent like the physical properties of the Tribe, these economic development efforts are set to yield significant and sustainable results that could lift the Tribe to new levels while providing financial security for future generations.

Annual HUD income limits for affordable housing programs in Arenac and Isabella counties

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Low (80%) Income Limits (\$)	42,400	48,450	54,500	60,550	65,400	70,250	75,100	79,950

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Isabella County: \$74,900	Arenac County: \$69,900



Health prevention and education moves outside at 2023 Summer Safety Fair

JOSEPH SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

Health prevention and education took to the street as Tribal departments joined with various organization and agencies throughout Michigan at the 2023 Summer Safety Fair on Saturday, June 3.

The weather was picture perfect for the event held at the Tribal public safety building on the corner of Leaton and Broadway in Mount Pleasant.

Sue Sowmick, Nimkee Public Health registered nurse, said Summer Safety Day is an opportunity to connect with the community to highlight public safety resources and equipment used during a given emergency.

“The spirit of the event provides the community the opportunity to get to know the men and women that serve in their roles as first responders. This fosters trust in our emergency workers and helps alleviate fear and anxiety in an emergency situation,” Sowmick said. “It provides an excellent opportunity to foster an environment of safety in the community. It also provides a fun, family activity for all ages.”

Sowmick estimated there were 339 people who signed in to register for the four-hour event with 112 youth in attendance. First responders,

however, indicated the number of people was well over 500 from what they saw.

Sowmick informed there were 16 Tribal departments and 13 community-based agencies who participated.

Participating Tribal departments included: Tribal Council, Tribal Police and Fire, Nimkee, Behavioral Health, Andahwod, Business Regulations, Project Aware, Recreation, Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services, Social Security Administration, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Migizi, Planning, and Maintenance.

Participating community agencies included: Central Michigan Health Department, My Michigan Health, Peer 360, Humane Animal Treatment Society, Isabella County Child Advocacy Center, Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis Club, 911 Isabella County, Mobile Medical Response, McLaren Central Michigan, Sacred Bundle Project, Karmonos Cancer Screening, Pleasant Optics, Mt. Pleasant Fire department, and Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women (MMIW).

A special cake was made by Soaring Eagle pastry chefs for the dedication of first responder in the community.

“It is wonderful to see the community come out to learn some new information and have



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

Smiles come out as bright as sunshine as the 2023 Summer Safety Fair sizzles.

Over an estimated 500 people attended the four-hour Saturday, June 3 event that included health prevention and family safety messages with first responders in the community.

fun. The Tribal Police had all of their equipment out with education brochures for families,” Sowmick said. “The officers also had helmets from the local Kiwanis club and children’s bikes to giveaway (donated) to promote healthy exercise along with safety. The police dogs were also providing plenty of PR with young and old alike.”

Representatives from Detroit-based American Indian Health and Family Services were on site to bring awareness to their Sacred Bundle Project regarding youth suicide prevention.

“The Mt. Pleasant Fire Department brought their ladder truck to be on display as well as the Smoke House to educate families in what to do during a fire in their homes,” Sowmick said. “Also, we had Mobile Medical Response (MMR) to show the community what is in an ambulance in case they have not seen the inside of one.”

Sowmick continued, “(Council Member) Dave (Merrill Jr.) brought the family’s Slip N’ Slide and the Tribal Fire set a water hose up, and that was a huge draw with the kids. With

the heat, it was a perfect day for it and some of the parents and grandparents joined in.”

Peer 360 Recovery Coach Anna Winters not only provided information about recovery, a recovery meeting was held at noon that was well attended. Isabella Substance Awareness Coalition gave out naran along with providing education on how to use it.

Sowmick offered her sincere thanks to the community for coming out and to the booth participants and volunteers, and looks forward to next year’s event.

Tribal youth play “Kickball with the Cops” during Project Venture event

JOSEPH SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

School is officially out and summer is here, and Tribal youth kicked it off with a fun game of “Kickball with the Cops.”

Tahsheenah Foley, youth program coordinator for Project Venture, and Anishinaabeg Child and Family Services (ACFS) worked with the Recreation Department and the Tribal Police to make the June 12 event a perfect kickoff to summer.

“We had a great turnout by inviting all 12-17 year

olds to come join us... (at the) Broadway Park for a fun game,” Foley said. “This was my first Project Venture-hosted event and I was so happy to see the large turnout of both Tribal PD and our youth. We are looking forward to more summer fun events to come.”

Foley said the event had 23 youth who participated with the first responders also from the Saginaw Chippewa Fire Department.

“... We blended the teams so they were a mix of youth and PD. Samuel Cloud and Elijah Chivis were team captains and handpicked their teams,” Foley said. “Our scorekeeper

was Project Venture parent volunteer Ashawnee Sprague and our food preppers were Carrie Huron with ACFS Prevention, Officer Joe Maxey and Ashawnee Sprague. Food contributions were made by (Recreation) Manager Ronnie Ekdahl and myself with Project Venture.”

Foley said hearing the teasing and laughing on the field at the Broadway Park “was awesome.”

“Events like this really give the youth the time and space to see the officers as people and help remove the stigma that we so often see out here on the Rez,” Foley



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal youth and first responders pose for a photo in between fun games of kickball last month at the Broadway Park.

said. “It also gives PD the chance to see kids in their elements of just being kids and it helps builds rapport and trust. The youth are already talking

about next year’s rematch. Actions speak volumes and simply showing up for them is one of the best things we can do to support them.”

July 2023 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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Sherry Hileman
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Candice Ashmun
Randall Bird
Lee Kerns
Kirsten Schaefer
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- 11) Diane Dege

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- 17) Larry Burnham
Gary Grills
Kevin Hancock

- Arnold Hawkins Jr.
Gerald Nahgahgwon
Mark Powell
Mark Walraven
Deborah Smith
- 18) Marcus Peters
Clare Camburn
Marc Raslich
Pamela Schottl
- 19) Debra Smith
Randy James
Melissa Mowry
Brian Tabor
- 20) Carla Jeffrey-Hovey
Eric Sowmick
Klisti Felske
- 21) Joe Brown
Jason Barnes
Crystal Sprague

- 22) Melissa Owl
Kimberly Dorow
Louise Hunt
Michael Neyome
David Russell
- 23) Lewis Mena
Linell Crampton
Shannon Gross
Tina Howard
- 24) Margaret Hinkle
Annette Ackley
Duane Beaulieu Jr.
Cheryl Berlin
Andrew Falcon
Jane Jolly
John McDonald
Lisa Starkey
- 25) Guy Jackson
Michael Dalton
Robert Fallis III

- 26) Sheri Jackson
Douglas Ritter
Barbara Durga
- 27) Elizabeth Mena
Donald Federico
Tracey Frank
Donald Leauxaux Jr.
- 28) Judy Johnson
Thomasine MeShawboose
Duane Beaulieu
Stephen Johnson
Colleen Kirby
- 29) Valarie Raphael
- 30) Marlin Bennett
Ann Orr
Frederick Stevens
Keeshta Wemigwans Sr.
- 31) Yvonne Glomski
Victor Bailey
Marlene Gray



Graduates awarded during Tribal Education Department's 2023 banquet

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

It was an evening to celebrate those making advancements in their educational journey. The Tribal Education Department held its 2023 graduation banquet on June 6.

Held in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall, the evening included presentations to graduates, dinner, remarks from Council members, and closed with an honor song.

More than 10 graduates were recognized for their higher education achievements.

Derek Johnson was honored for achieving his doctorate in global sports leadership from East Tennessee State University.

The following were honored for the completion of master's degrees: Guadalupe Gonzalez, master's degree in arts and letters from Michigan State University; Maia Spotted Tail, master of business administration from the University of Michigan-Flint; Luke Sprague, master of science in administration from Central Michigan University; and Alicia Starkey, master of social work from Northern Michigan University.

Onica Miller (Central Michigan University) and

Deidra Wilson (Spring Arbor University) were celebrated for achieving bachelor's degrees.

The following Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College graduates were honored for receiving an associate degree: Sage Chupco, Chyann Haas, Lacey Mandoka, Alicia Raphael and Elizabeth Smith.

Sachet Ashmun was recognized for completing a certificate in the manicuring/nail program from Creative Hair School of Cosmetology.

The following were honored for graduating high school: Kyrah Bennett, Mackenzie Burger, Brysen Chamberlain-Fish, Johnathan Davis, Tayden Davis, Malakai Demonies, Cameron Fleming, Josiah Hill, Lucas Jackson, Simon Jackson, Tavia Kahgegab, Jimaganish Martell, Trent McConnell, Nautica Mena-Strait, Aaliyah Montoya-Pego, Aaron Montoya-Pego, Sarah Oswabine, Asalia Quigno-Grundahl, Christian Quigno-Grundahl, Max Richards, Mattie Seger, Paul Shomin, Kayden Weekley-Dean, Kenny Wemigwans, Hudson Yager, Miigwan Starkey, Aaliyah Mena, Lily Dean, Hunter Johnson, Ally Seagraves, Olivia Sineway, Janice Gardner, Skylur Graveratte, Zachary Meyers, Samantha Seger, Jasmine



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

This year's Tribal graduates are celebrated and awarded during the Education Department's annual banquet on June 6 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall.

Isham, Adrianna West, Kylie Sprague, Nyah Chippeway and Annie Lada.

The following were honored for completing their GED: Nagweyabb Kahgegab and Tara Hunt.

Renata Borton, Marta Heslip, Kaiya Willson and Kerry Byberg presented the awards to the high school graduates. Olivia Manitowaki-McCullough awarded the higher education recipients.

Tribal Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts provided the prayer and Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson provided welcoming remarks and congratulated the graduates.

"Be the outstanding leaders I know you can be," Peters-Jackson said to the recent grads.

Tribal Council member Luke Sprague offered a keynote speech.

Sprague discussed his educational journey as a full-time employee and parent. He said he recalls preparing for exams in

his work parking lot, and using hundreds of leave time hours to complete his homework.

"You have to outwork yourself before you can compete with others," Sprague said.

Event emcee and Tribal Elder Joseph Sowmick expressed the importance of Tribal Members seeking higher education and working for the community.

The 5:30 to 7 p.m. event concluded with an honor song by Blue House Drum.

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Saturdays & Sundays in July

*Promotion will not occur on Sunday, July 30

Hourly drawings from **12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.** for your chance to play our "Sizzlin' Summer of Cash" game! Select beach balls to rack up cash amounts! Find all 5 "Saganing Eagles Landing" logos and you'll win the \$100,000 Grand Prize!

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One winner each hour will be drawn to play our Shake It Up dice game and win up to \$2,000 in cash!



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6:00 A.M. - 11:59 P.M.**

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**EVERY WEDNESDAY
4:00 A.M. - 11:59 P.M.**

Earn up to \$50 in Premium Play from 4:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m. by earning points by using your ACCESS card!



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Nearly 130 5k racers and one-mile fun walkers participate in the annual Human Race

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On your mark, get set, go! Racers and fun walkers lined up on Remus Road by 6:30 p.m. for the 31st annual Human Race, hosted by Seventh Generation, on Wednesday, June 14.

The Human Race consists of both a 5k competitive run and a one-mile fun run/walk.

Fitness Coordinator Jaden Harman of Nimkee Fitness welcomed the participants and explained the route of the 5k, and Onion Creek Drum provided a song prior to the race's start.

Hand-crafted cedar eagle feather awards went to the top three male and female finishers in 13 different age classifications in the 5k run and the top three one-mile fun run/walk.

A total of 71 runners completed the 5k.

Kevin Daum (category: male aged 40-44) won first place in the 5k with a time of 19:17:72.

Second place went to Steve Marr (male 24-29) with 19:29:86 and in third place was Tim Lambrecht (male 60-64) with 20:24:67.

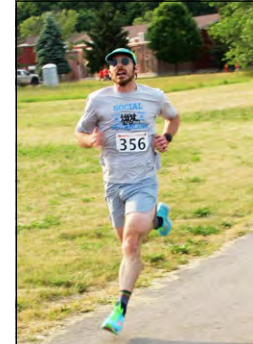
The first female 5k finisher was Ellen Laurenz (18-23), in overall 13th place, with a time of 22:58:22.

The second female finisher, in overall 21st place, was Jennifer Hodge (50-54) with 26:09:02.



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Fitness Coordinator Jaden Harman (front) provides a welcome to the 31st annual Human Race competitors on Wednesday, June 14 on Remus Road in front of Seventh Generation.



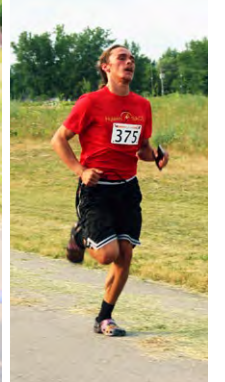
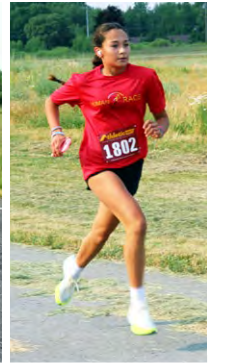
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Kevin Daum takes first place in the 5k with a time of 19:17:72.



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Alex Evans wins first place in the one-mile run with a time of 7:20.



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A total of 55 participants competed in the one-mile fun run/walk.

Alex Evans won first place

in the one-mile with a time of 7:20.

Second place went to Kaya Rose (female 14-17) with 7:34, and Kyven Rose (male 0-13) took third with 7:58.

A giant Slip 'N Slide was waiting for participants near the finish line on the Seventh Generation lawn.

Participants received an event T-shirt and a post-race dinner.

“Everything from the weather, the dinner (those chicken wings though!), the friends, families and fellowship, and the excitement from the start line to the finish was simply amazing,” Harman said. “It especially warmed my heart to see all the families and familiar faces return to this great event and be active together.”

Harman said chi-miigwetch to the Seventh Generation staff

for the hospitality and being a great host.

“Special thanks to all the volunteers who came to assist in making registration and course directing run smoothly,” he said. “Also, thank you to Tribal Police and Fire Department for guiding and making sure all the participants were safe on the roads. Congratulation to all who participated and gave valiant efforts.”

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Program Details:

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- Fulfill the requirements of your chosen goal for three out four weeks in the month. Inquire with Jaden about personalizing your goal for any of the “health foundations.”
- If you participate two months or more. You must pick at least one new “health foundation.”
- Log sheets – Each month a new log sheet will be sent out. Turn your log sheet into Nimkee Fitness prior to the Wednesday of the next calendar month.

"Build to Health" 7 Foundations

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

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- Each month two \$50 gift will be drawn from the finishers. Choose from Dick's, Amazon or Mobile

- Complete two months and win a “Build to Health” T-shirt



For more information, contact:

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

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- ▶ Counseling is also available through the primary health insurance UMR.
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- For more information visit: teladoc.com/therapy



JULY 2023 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Wednesday Warriors

- July 5, 12, 19, 26 & Aug. 2, 9, 16
- 7/5: Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel
 - **Registration: Recreation@sagchip.org**
 - Registration required for each event
 - Open to all Native youth, grades 6 and up

Chippewa River Cleanup

- July 5 | 10:30 a.m.
- Deerfield Park (Mt. Pleasant, Mich.)
 - **Registration: KHager@sagchip.org**
 - Registration deadline: July 3, 2023

Auricular Acupuncture

- July 6, 13, 20, 27 | 4 - 6 p.m.
- Behavioral Health
 - 989-775-4850

Traditional Healing with Joe Syrette

Full for July, please call to be added to waiting list

- July 12, 13 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Behavioral Health
 - 989-775-4850 or DePeterson@sagchip.org

Cruise In Car & Bike Show

- July 14, Aug. 11 | 5 - 7 p.m.
- Andahwod
 - 989-775-4339 or depelcher@sagchip.org

Teachings & Sweat Lodge with Traditional Healer Joe Syrette

- July 18 | 1 p.m.
- Behavioral Health
 - 989-775-4850 or DePeterson@sagchip.org
 - Teachings in lodge: 1-3 p.m.
 - Sweat begins: 5 p.m.
 - Offered as prevention, an alternative to or for healing from opioid use disorder.

Baby Celebration

- July 19 | 6 - 8 p.m.
- Seventh Generation
 - TJackson@sagchip.org or 989-775-4780

Michigan Indian Family Olympics Golf

- July 20 | Check in: 9 a.m., tee off: 10 a.m.
- Pleasant Hills Golf Club
 - 989-775-5309 or BSprague@sagchip.org
 - Two person scramble
 - Registration: www.sagchip.org/MIFO
 - Cost: \$37 for 18 holes
 - SCIT golf members: \$27

Michigan Indian Family Olympics

- July 21 | Registration opens: 7:30 a.m.
- New location! Shepherd High School (321 S. 4th, Shepherd, MI 48883)
 - 989-775-4694 or JHarman@sagchip.org
 - Pre-registration: www.sagchip.org/MIFO
 - Free to SCIT Members and their families

Native Fest: Indian Car Bingo

- July 25 | 6 - 9 p.m.
- Ziibiwing Center
 - 989-775-4750

Native Fest: Live Music & Comedy Night

- July 26 | 6 - 9 p.m.
- Ziibiwing Center
 - 989-775-4750

Annual Homecoming Meeting

- July 27 | Doors open at 9 a.m.
- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall
 - 989-775-4000
 - Meeting begins at 10 a.m. with grand entry
 - Open to all ages, Tribal ID required

Intertribal Open Golf Tournament

- July 28 | Shotgun start: 9 a.m.
- Riverwood Resort Golf Course
 - **Registration: 989-775-4121 or Recreation@sagchip.org**
 - Registration deadline: July 19
 - \$80 per person
 - Two players must be Tribal Members or descendants of any Tribe, or employee of Tribal Ops/Migizi/SECR/SELC.

Saginaw Chippewa Powwow

- July 28 | Grand entry: 7 p.m.
July 29 | Grand entry: 1 p.m.
July 30 | Grand entry: 12 p.m.
- Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground
 - **PowwowCommittee@sagchip.org or 989-775-4000**

Freedom Walk

- July 29 | Doors open and registration at 7 a.m.
- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 - **Prevention@sagchip.org**
 - Welcome and opening prayer: 7:30 a.m.
 - Honoring people in recovery: 8 a.m.
 - Walk begins: 9 a.m.

Basketball Summer League

- Thursdays from July 6 - Aug. 31 | 5 - 8 p.m.
- Nimkee Fit Park's outdoor basketball court
 - **Registration: 989-775-4522 or NSawmick@sagchip.org**
 - Championship games: Sept. 7 & 14
 - 5-on-5 basketball league
 - \$400 team fee. Fee needs to be paid by week two or team will forfeit.
 - Need at least six teams to start
 - Open to youth, ages 15 and up
 - Each team must have two youth (15-18) on the roster
 - Champion T-shirts; second place medals

JULY 2023 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
3 Tribal Ops closed Administrative Closure Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health	4 Tribal Ops closed Independence Day Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom	5 Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m. B. Health Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	6 Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Sewing Night 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen Euchre Night 5:30-7:30 p.m. Andahwod	7 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health	1/8 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health 2/9
10 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health	11 Blood Drive 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saganing Regular Council Session 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Sewing Club 3 p.m. Andahwod	12 Elders Breakfast 9-10 a.m. Andahwod Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m. B. Health Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	13 Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m. 7th Gen Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Sewing Night 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen Euchre Night 5:30-7:30 p.m. Andahwod	14 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health	15 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health 16
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24 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health Touch a Truck Event 3-5 p.m. Tribal Library	25 Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Sewing Club 3 p.m. Andahwod	26 Elders Breakfast 9-10 a.m. Andahwod Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m. B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	27 Ice Cream Social 2 p.m. Andahwod Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Sewing Night 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen Euchre Night 5:30-7:30 p.m. Andahwod	28 Tribal Ops closed Saginaw Chippewa Nation's Day Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health	29 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health 30
31 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SECR Payroll • SCIT Per Capita • SCIT Payroll • Curbside Recycling 	Tribal Member RÉSUMÉ Development		Available through Human Resources Any Tribal Members needing assistance in creating or updating their resume are encouraged to contact Betsey Alonzo to set up an appointment at the following: Betsey M. Alonzo , Tribal Development Coordinator Email: Balonzo@sagchip.org Phone: 989-775-5643	



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Tribal Operations

Waste Water Operator II

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Three years' experience in wastewater/water field or directly related experience in plumbing or mechanical plant operations. Must be willing to take classes in microbiology, advanced math and beginning algebra courses. Must have an aptitude for operating and maintaining water treatment and waste water treatment mechanical equipment and be skilled in the operation, repair and maintenance of mechanical, lab equipment and electrical equipment.

Waste Water Operator III

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Five years' experience in wastewater/water field or directly related experience in plumbing or mechanical plant operations. Must be willing to take classes in microbiology, advanced math and beginning algebra courses. Must have an aptitude for operating and maintaining water treatment and waste water treatment mechanical equipment and be skilled in the operation, repair and maintenance of mechanical, lab equipment and electrical equipment.

Water Operator II

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of water operator or related experience. A math test will be required and administered prior to interview. Training in hydraulics, physics, biology, science, or related field will help in learning this field. Must have mechanical skills, not limited to automotive, such as pumps, or shaft driven equipment. Must possess good communication and diagnostic skills. Desired qualifications: Education and experience in advance mathematics, basic chemistry, laboratory and computer skills.

Water Operator III

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Five years of water operator or related experience.

A math test will be required and administered prior to interview. Training in hydraulics, physics, biology, science, or related field will help in learning this field. Must have mechanical skills, not limited to automotive, such as pumps, or shaft driven equipment.

Certified Nursing Assistant

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year nursing experience preferred. Experience with older adults preferred. State of Michigan Certified Nursing Assistant. Must be able to obtain HIPAA certification within five business days from date of hire. Must be able to obtain BLS Certification within probationary period.

Anishinaabe Culture and Language Teacher

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Experience working with school age children. Bachelor's degree in related field. Proficiency in speaking the Ojibwe language.

Bus Driver

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

Paraprofessional

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Pass a state or local exam (i.e. Basic Skills Test of Michigan for teacher certification or ETS ParaPro Assessment); or complete at least two years of study at an institution of higher education (60 semester hours).

Special Education Teacher

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

Psychiatrist

Open to the public. Medical degree. Licensed psychiatrist with a license in the State of Michigan and board certified. Three years' experience as a director of psychiatric ser-

vices. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple organizations and community systems.

SCTC Supplemental Instructor

Open to the public. At least 60 completed credits towards a college degree with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above. Under the supervision of the dean of students, Supplemental Instruction (SI) leaders offer one-on-one support to facilitate interactive study sessions to help identified students learn course concepts, prepare for exams, and learn effective study skills.

Clinical Therapist - ITC

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 for date of hire. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple disciplines, organizations, community systems, and a diverse population.

Elementary Counselor AWARE

Open to the public. Grant funded position through Sept. 29, 2024. Bachelor's degree in social work or counseling from an accredited program. One year experience in mental health services working with children and families of children with severe emotional disturbances.

Nurse Practitioner/ Physician Assistant

Open to the public. Grant funded I.H.S. funding. Family nurse practitioner or physician assistant license. Master's of Science degree in nursing for family nurse practitioner. Graduate of physician assistant program of study and successfully completed the physician assistant certification examination. Two years' experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting desired.

Prevention Specialist

Open to the public. Associate degree in human services or related field. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered. Experience with Native American traditions and cultural processes.

Physician

Open to the public. Medical degree or doctor of osteopathic medicine. Current board certification in specialty. Medical license for MD or DO in the State of Michigan. Desired qualifications: Two years' experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting.

General Labor Pool

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

Clerical Pool

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

Case Manager

Open to the public. Grant-funded position. Grant funding ends on Sept. 30, 2023. Bachelor's degree in social work, psychology or human services related field. Desired qualifications: One-year experience working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. Experience with federal grant reporting, tracking, and evaluation.

SCTC - Adjunct Faculty

Open to the public. Master's degree required in identified discipline. Previous teaching experience preferred. Under the supervision of the dean of academics, the adjunct faculty will be responsible for the preparation, presentation, and evaluation of classroom instruction and related activities during the day, evening, or weekend.

Soaring Eagle

Line Server PT

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

Inventory Control Warehouse

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Experience with operating warehouse equipment including forklifts and riding cleaning machines. One year receiving or warehouse experience working with warehouse equipment desired.

Line Cook

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

F&B Cashier PT

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

Senior Accounts Receivable Clerk

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Two years of previous accounts receivable experience, preferably in a high volume environment.

Sous Chef-Pastry

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Culinary degree from an ACF accredited school preferred. Three years kitchen experience in a quality operation specializing in food production. One year in a supervisory capacity.

Guest Room Attendant FT

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

Guest Room Attendant PT

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

Journeyman Electrician

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Six years of experience working as an Electrician or completion of a formal electrical apprentice program.

Call Center Lead Agent

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year reservation experience with a hotel, casino, car rental, airline, cruise ships, or travel agency.

Guest Relations Rep PT

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

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Technical Services Technician I

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Two years help desk experience or Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science or related field. Experience with Windows Server and Desktop OS and Microsoft Office Suite.

Line Cook

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

F&B Custodial Worker

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Kitchen cleaning experience desired.

Police Officer

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. MCOLES certified or MCOLES certifiable. CPR and First Aid Certifications.

Finance Cashier FT

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

Finance Cashier PT

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

Guestroom Attendant

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

Beverage Waitstaff FT

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

F&B Attendant FT

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

Waitstaff FT

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

Waitstaff PT

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

Summons and Complaint Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LORNE ROY JACKSON:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800. The estate of Lorne Roy Jackson: The decedent, Lorne Roy Jackson, who lived at 3855 N. Johnson Road, Weidman, MI 48893. Date of Death: Jan. 16, 2023. Personal representative: Lillian Diane Olson, 3520 N. Johnson Road, Weidman, MI 48893. Notice to Creditors: Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

PUBLICATION OF HEARING: TO PUTATIVE FATHER, FOR CHILD BORN MARCH 22, 2015 WITH MOTHER, ASHLEE KESHICK (DECEASED)

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court Children's Division. Case No. 20-JCW-0053. The Court has taken jurisdiction of the minor in reference to the case number listed above. A hearing for Motion of Putative Father Hearing will be conducted by the court on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 a 10 a.m. in the courtroom at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 before the Honorable Michelle Horn. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the putative father personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

PUBLICATION OF HEARING: TO SHANNON ELGIE AND SAMUEL ARNOLD IN THE MATTER OF ONE MINOR CHILD

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court Children's Division. Case No. 16-JCW-0278. Date of birth: 08-13-2014. The Court has taken jurisdiction of the minor in reference to the case number listed above. A hearing for Petition to Terminate Parental Rights will be conducted by the court on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 a 10:30 a.m. in the courtroom at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 before the Honorable Michelle Horn. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Shannon Elgie and Samuel Arnold personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Court continuing its jurisdiction over the minor and the eventual termination of parental rights. Rights of parties as to counsel is set forth in title II of the Children's Code, Chapter 2.3, Section 2.313(a).



Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow 2023 held June 10-11

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The 2023 Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow was held Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11.

The annual powwow was held at the Saganing powwow grounds in Standish, Mich., located just across the road from the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Hotel.

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

Inclement weather on Sunday forced the powwow to move indoors at the nearby Saganing Tribal Center.

During the grand entries, Head Veteran David Merrill Jr. led the way in the arena with members of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society and flag carriers following.

Head dancers were chosen each day. On Saturday two sets of head dancers were chosen – Gary Gibson-Odawa and Ofelia Zapata in the first set, and Kewaquam Gibson and Beth Bush for the second.

Sunday's head dancers were Gary Gibson and Faith Carmona Pego.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

An intertribal dance is held at the Saganing Traditional Powwow on Saturday, June 10.

Joe Medicine served as master of ceremonies, with Leroy Shenosky as arena director.

Serving as fire keeper was Steven Oldman.

Kchi Mukwa Singers served as host drum, with Look Out Hill as co-host. Other invited drums included Southern Straight and Sturgeon Bay Singers.

The SCIT Powwow Committee shared a message after the event.

“Chi-miigwech to all the participants and the vendors, we would not have had a great weekend without you,” the committee said. “Chi-miigwech to all who made the weekend great. We will see everyone next year to do it again!”

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Head Veteran David Merrill Jr. (front right) leads the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society and flag carriers during the Saturday grand entry.

