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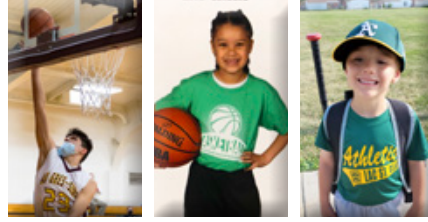
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## Permanent Supportive Housing coming to Isabella Reservation

### ROSALIE MALONEY

Housing Manager

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is coming to the Isabella Reservation soon. PSH is a model of housing that combines affordability with access to supportive services for those who have struggled with addiction, mental health issues, and other disabilities. These Members face many barriers to finding safe, decent housing they can afford and sustain.

This will be a development not just for "Housing" people, but will provide living space designed to foster connections



to the community and all the collaborative supportive systems available to enable continued healing.

In 2018, the Housing Department applied for the 2018-2019 IHBG Competitive Grant. With some heavy lifting from the Office of Grants and Contracts, and technical

expertise from Ethan Rotz at Migizi EDC., the application was written.

With the support and foresight of the Ekdahl administration, the application was submitted to HUD on July 31, 2019. Four months later, the Tribe was notified by HUD that the application received a score of 96 out of 100.

The SCIT was awarded the competitive grant to fund the construction of the project.

Last summer, the Housing Department mailed a survey to Saginaw Chippewa head of households. The goal of the survey was to gauge the level of support for such a project.

The results were emphatically positive.

Housing is now working with Seven Generations Architect + Engineering firm to plan the design of the building.

Over the next two years as the project progresses, Housing intends to obtain technical assistance for the operational aspects of the project such as: best practices, provider agreements, and sound policies and procedures.

There are five other tribes already operating PSH programs in the U.S.

The SCIT Housing department intends to reach out to these successful Native communities to learn all it can about

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their best practices.

If you would like to learn more about PSH, you can visit this link: [www.csh.org](http://www.csh.org)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive Program FAQ

(Editor's note: The following answers frequently asked questions about the newly-created COVID-19 Vaccination Incentive Program for Tribal employees, courtesy of the Human Resources Department.)

**Do I have to give you a copy of my vaccine card to enter?** Yes, however it is not mandatory to enter the drawing. The only information we need is your name and proof of the vaccination, so, if necessary, we can block out any other information

on the card that you may not feel comfortable sharing.

**Who will have access to this information for the drawing?** Human Resources only. A confidential spreadsheet will be kept for winner-tracking purposes, upon completion of drawings on Sept. 3, 2021, the spreadsheet will be destroyed. Confidentiality is a priority and will be strictly enforced.

**Isn't asking for my vaccine card against HIPPA laws?** No, because you are choosing to give us this information. It is not required to share this with us. If you do not feel comfortable, this drawing is not mandatory for those who have been vaccinated, just a fun way to encourage our team members to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

**Will my entry be good for all drawings?** Yes. However if you win, then your name will be taken out.

**Will prize value be taxable and taken from my paycheck?** Yes. Prizes will be taxable and will be withheld from your paycheck 28-30 percent.

**I received my vaccine; however I am on COVID leave/vacation/etc. How do I get you a copy of my card?** You can scan or take a

picture of your card and send it via email to either FMena@sagchip.org, SKopke@sagchip.org, BRValley@sagchip.org, ccloutier@sagchip.org. If you do not feel comfortable sharing your information this way, the drawings are going on until Sept. 3 so you can visit HR main offices at Black Elk, the Satellite office at SECR, or Clint and Brandy at SELC at your earliest convenience.

**I still have to get my second shot. Can I still enter the drawing?** You can enter the drawing upon completion of your second shot. To receive the most protection, please follow up with your second shot. This does not apply to Johnson & Johnson's single dose shot.

**I want to join the drawing but I don't want or cannot receive the vaccine due to health issues. Why am I being excluded?** This drawing is not meant to exclude anyone, only encourage our staff to remain safe and help reduce the spread of the virus. It is not mandatory to receive the vaccine.

**I've already had COVID-19. I am protected from the virus now, why do I need the vaccine?** It is possible you can get infected again. The

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## COVID-19 Vaccination Team Member INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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

**To be entered into the prize drawings:**  
Team members can provide proof beginning April 26, 2021

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

### Prize drawings:

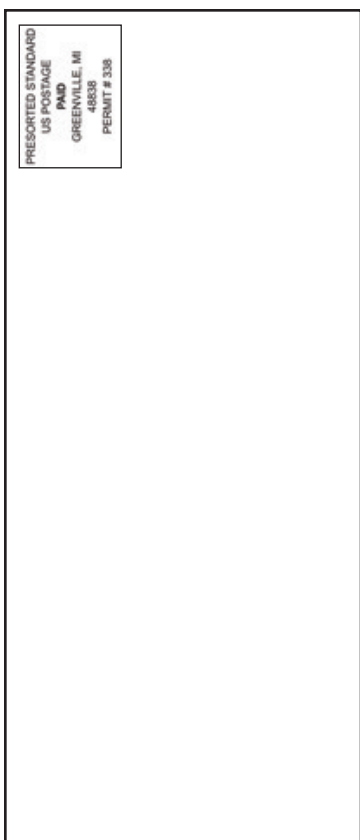
Drawings will take place every other Friday at 10 a.m. beginning April 30

### Drawing dates and prizes:

- **April 30:** \$100 SECR Gift Card
- **May 14:** Samsung Galaxy Tab
- **May 28:** Kitchen Aid Mixer
- **June 11:** Xbox One
- **June 25:** \$100 SECR Gift Card
- **July 9:** Ninja Blender
- **July 22\*:** \$100 SECR Gift Card  
\*Due to TOPS closed for SCIT Holiday
- **Aug. 6:** GenTek Sound Bar
- **Aug. 20:** 32" TV
- **Sept. 3:** HP Laptop



**For more information, please contact:**  
Frances Mena at 989-775-5648 or fmena@sagchip.org







## Gerald Dean Slater

March 5, 1954 – April 19, 2021

Gerald Dean "Big Jer" Slater, age 67, of Mount Pleasant passed away Monday, April 19, 2021, at MediLodge of Mt. Pleasant.

Gerald was born on March 5, 1954, in Mt. Pleasant, son of George and Emma (Peters) Slater.

Gerald proudly served his country in the United States Navy and was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Gerald served as sergeant-at-arms from 1993 to 1995 and 2001 to 2003, and on Tribal Council in 2003. He also worked as a security manager at the Soaring Eagle Casino.

Gerald loved spending time with family and friends and watching westerns and old war movies. He enjoyed riding around Michigan, going to Shipshawana, and spending time with his grandkids.

Gerald is survived by his daughters, Stephanie Slater and Summer Peters; grandchildren, Leo Bennett III, Sandra Slater, Memigwaans Begay, Sean Begay, and Waabigwan Peters; significant other, Patricia Peters; and siblings, George (Debra) Slater, Sharon (Ralph) Matthews, and Colleen Sisco; and in-laws, Fred Cantu Sr., Richard Boyce, and LE Reed Sr.

Gerald was preceded in death by his son, Jeremy Slater in 1999; grandson, Skyler Ray Slater Bennett; parents; brother, Allen Slater; sisters, Helen Reed, Lorraine Kennedy, Sandra Boyce, Kelly Slater, and Bonnie Cantu; and brother-in-law, David Sisco.

A public visitation took place on Thursday, April 22, 2021 from 4 until 8 p.m. at Clark Family Funeral Chapel. Private funeral services took place. Those not in attendance were invited to join the service via a live broadcast on Friday, April 23 at 1 p.m. Interment took place in Woodland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



*Happy Heavenly*  
**Mother's Day and  
Birthday Mom.**

*We love and miss  
you every day.*

*Love, Amanda, Nate,  
Makyo, Lucas, Zari,  
Maleki and Amie*

## Jeannette Marie Shambo

September 24, 1963 – April 21, 2021

Jeannette Marie Shambo "Good Centered Women" peacefully passed away on April 21, 2021 at Medicana Nursing and Rehab Center in Florida.

Jeannette was born on Sept. 24, 1963, to parents Henry Ruben Jr. and Theresa Rubin.

Jeannette is preceded in death to Theresa Rubin (mother) and Henry Rubin, III (brother).

She is survived by her husband, Louis Shambo of Florida; daughter Jeanelle (Jolene) Shambo of Kansas; son Louie and Tanisha (Genevieve, Little Louie) of Florida; daughter Jessica (Ogichida) Shambo of Florida; son Leighton Shambo of Florida; sister Ann Rubin of Florida and sister Sandy and Bob (Nicole, Cam, Lizzy, Kenny) Warner of Kansas. She is also survived by her best friends Penny and Brittany Rodgers and Debbie Rue that she thinks of as sisters.

Good Centered Women was her given Native name and she was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. She enjoyed traveling to powwows to see family, friends and meet new friends and, of course, sell beads. She loved sewing and beading regalia for her children and grandchildren. Nothing gave her more joy then going to powwows and seeing family and especially her grandchildren dress up and dance.

Jeannette also enjoyed gatherings at her home with family and friends. Jeannette took great pleasure in spending time with her girlfriends out celebrating life.

Jeannette considered her greatest treasures in her life to be her husband, children, grandchildren and close friends. She had much love for her Shambo relatives out in Montana and will be greatly missed by all. Her irresistible smile, laugh and kind heart will be most remembered and held close by the hearts of those whom dearly love her.

If anyone ever needed a place to stay or a hot meal, Jeannette was the first without question to help others. Many people were blessed through her hospitality and love.

The person that she holds by far closest to her heart is the true love of her life, her husband Louis. Jeannette met the love of her life in 1983 while attending Haskell Indian Junior College. They dated and were inseparable from then on. Always encouraging her, standing by her, cheering her on; he is the rock on which she leaned on.

In lieu of flowers; the family suggests donations to The Juvenile Diabetes Organization in Jeannette's memory. The site is <https://www.jdrf.org>. Jeannette's wake will be held privately.

## James Gordon Osawabine Sr.

December 7, 1966 – April 7, 2021

James Gordon Osawabine Sr., age 54, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Wednesday, April 7, 2021.

James was born Dec. 7, 1966, in Mt. Pleasant, the son of James T. and Gwendolyn (Kahgegab) Osawabine. James was a member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

James loved playing his electric guitar, going to concerts, and listening to music. He loved his family and time spent with them. Camping and road trips were also some of his favorite things to do.

James is survived by his children: James Osawabine Jr., Jacob Osawabine, Avery (Shannon) Osawabine, Rebecca Osawabine (Devin Jackson); grandkids Shelby Carnes-Osawabine, Tiara Osawabine, Mya Osawabine, Ahjinees Osawabine, Jacob Osawabine Jr., Rylee Osawabine, Arya Osawabine, Wynter Osawabine; his mother Celia Osawabine; siblings Sandra Jackson (Robert Francis Jr.), Amos Jackson Jr. (Barbara Dayson), Christina Osawabine, Faith (Avery) Lejeune, Miranda Shenoskey; significant other Geody Denhof; many nieces, nephews, cousins; and the mother of Jacob, Jimmy, and Jeffrey, Sherry Soderquist.

James was preceded in death by his son Jeffrey S. Osawabine; father James T. Osawabine; mother Gwendolyn Osawabine; brothers Joel D. Osawabine, Bruce Osawabine; and Jennifer Majewski, mother to Avery and Rebecca.

The family greeted friends at a public visitation on Saturday, April 10, 2021 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Clark Family Funeral Chapel. Private funeral services took place. Per James wishes, cremation followed at Daisy Hill Crematory in Mt. Pleasant. Interment of his ashes took place in Woodland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to his family.



## Marlene Sue Jackson

March 21, 1956 – April 21, 2021

Marlene Sue Jackson, age 65, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at her home.

Marlene was born March 21, 1956, in Mt. Pleasant, daughter of Homer and Irene (Chippewa) Jackson. She was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and was very proud of her Native American heritage. She was very passionate about her family and tribal genealogy.

She was a graduate of Mt. Pleasant Public School System in 1975 and was an excellent softball player.

Marlene proudly served her country in the U.S. National Guard from May 2, 1987 to Sept. 5, 1991. She worked for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, The Card Room, and GM in Grand Rapids.

She loved watching Jeopardy, and doing crossword puzzles.

Marlene is survived by her brother, Donald (Leigh) Chippewa, Sr. of Mt. Pleasant; nieces and nephews, Candace (Jason) Benzinger, John (Melita) Chippewa, Nicole (Tommy) Chippewa, Ryan (Kaylene) Chippewa, Eliza Jackson, Michael Jackson, Patricia Jackson, Michael Bennett II, Lisa Marie Bennett, Gabriel Jackson Judson, Amelia Jackson Judson, and Mitchell Jackson; several great nieces and nephews, including special nephew, Tyler Jackson; and her best friends, Rene Alaniz, Lindy Hunt, and Ann Dunigan.

Marlene was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents; brothers, Harvey Bennett, David Jackson and infant brothers, John Chippewa and Lawrence Jackson; sister, Delores Jackson; nephews, Donald Chippewa Jr., Ridge Jackson, and Taylor Vasquez; her dogs, Gunner, Precious, Niles, Bullitt, Jordan, and Ashi; and several aunts and uncles.

A memorial service will take place at Clark Family Funeral Chapel in mid-May.

## Trever Guy Fallis

September 26, 1980 – April 6, 2021

Trever Guy Fallis, age 40, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Trever was born in Oakland County, Mich. on September 26, 1980, the son of Orin Guy Fallis and Sharon Kardell. He married Tabitha Pierce in Mount Pleasant on Nov. 25, 2006.

Trever worked as a security guard for several years at Andahwod Continuing Care and loved the residents there. He was a member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Trever was a simple man with a big heart. He enjoyed video games and U of M sports. Most of all, Trever was a family man and loved time with his wife, kids, and family.

Trever is survived by his wife Tabitha Fallis; his children Trever Guy Fallis Jr., Jada Marie Fallis, and Cameron Wayne Fallis; sisters Tammy (Danny) Salas of Mt. Pleasant, Tonya Fallis of Waterford, Tandi Fallis (Terry McClusky) of Mt. Pleasant, Tabitha Jones of Rochester, Tracy Fallis (Robert Byrd) of Mt. Pleasant; best man Jordan Lee Fallis; and many nieces and nephews.

Trever was preceded in death by his parents; sister Toni Marie Fallis; and grandma Hagar Fallis.

Tabitha would like to express her appreciation to his family for tending to the sacred fire for Trever.

A public visitation for Trever was held Saturday, April 17, 2021, from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Clark Family Funeral Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



## Jack E. Ice

November 12, 1951 – April 20, 2021

Jack E. Ice, age 69, passed away Tuesday evening, April 20, 2021 at McLaren Bay Region.

The son of the late Charles E. and Evelyn J. (Johnson) Ice, he was born on Nov. 12, 1951 in Benton Harbor, Mich. Jack was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. He was also a member of the Bay City Eagles Club Aries #1010.

Jack enjoyed gardening. He loved playing with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as he was a big kid himself.

On April 21, 2006, Jack was united in marriage to the former Peggy Giddings and she survives his passing along with his eight children, Stacey (Gary) Young, Janet (Robert) Ehler, Jennifer Johnson, Jessica Arnold, Lisa (Greg) Harmon, Jason (girlfriend Paula) Giddings, Lisa Ann (Keith) Rogeben and Michael James; his many beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a brother, Gerald Ice; three sisters, Alta Arroyo, Judy (Bill) Bryant and Darlene (Vic) Watkins; a sister-in-law, Tena (James) Becker; three brothers-in-law, Robert Giddings, Donald (Tina) Giddings and Kenneth (Lauren) Giddings; a special niece, Michelle Lopez and several other nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Jack was also preceded in death by a brother, Wilson Ferrio; and a son-in-law, Rick Arnold.

The funeral service took place at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at the Trahan Funeral Chapel. Rev. Jeremy Beiler officiated. Visiting hours were held Saturday from 1 p.m. until the time of service at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family.



## June Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits

Available starting April 5, 2021

Deadline: May 7, 2021 by 5 p.m.

**The Tribal Clerk's Office hours by appointment only:**

► Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**\*Notarization of Clerk's Forms is NOT required at this time**

• Post marked forms, mail or faxes will not be accepted

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

## Tribal Clerk's Office Notarization Requirements

**Starting Monday, May 10, 2021 the Tribal Clerk's Office will once again begin requiring notarization of all forms:**

► Annual Reports      ► Child Welfare Affidavits  
► Loan Applications   ► Address Change Forms  
► POA Paperwork

**Tribal Clerk's Office is open by appointment only: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

The Tribal Clerk's Office can be reached at (989) 775-4051





## Election Timeline

### 2021 Primary & General Elections

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

### Regular Tribal Council Sessions

- ▶ First Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.
- ▶ Inside the Council Chambers of the Black Elk Government Complex
- Meetings are open to Tribal Members.
- Administration will announce ahead of time if meeting date or time changes for possible weather or emergencies. However, it is rare the times change.
- Any SCIT Tribal Member or other individual/department must submit a written request if they wish to be placed on the Regular Council Session agenda.
- Anyone wanting to be added can call (989) 775-4003.

### Regular Council Session Dates

- **May 4**
- **June 1**
- **July 6**



*Happy Blessed  
Birthday  
Olivia  
Love, Mom  
May 15*



Attention Tribal Members

## INPUT NEEDED

for the repurposing of the former  
**Tribal Operations Building**

*(7070 E Broadway, intersection of Leaton and Broadway)*

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

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

- ▶ Email: [PublicRelations@sagchip.org](mailto:PublicRelations@sagchip.org)
- ▶ Phone: 989-775-4096



## Public Service Announcement

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



## Attention SCIT Tribal Members of all ages:

Tribal Council would like your assistance with naming the New Tribal Academy slated for construction early spring of 2021. The road connecting the school to Broadway and East Remus had been constructed in 2020 and remains unnamed. Any suggestions you have for the road would be appreciated as well.

**Please send any recommendations and/or questions to Public Relations at:**

- ▶ Email: [PublicRelations@sagchip.org](mailto:PublicRelations@sagchip.org)
- ▶ Phone: 989-775-4096

Attention Tribal Members  
and Registered Nimkee Patients  
(18 years and older)

If you would like to receive the

## COVID-19 Vaccine

**Please call: 989.775.4959**

**Leave the following information:**

- ▶ Name
- ▶ DOB
- ▶ Phone number



## WHAT to EXPECT when you receive your

### COVID-19 Vaccine

- ▶ You should plan at least 45 minutes when you're coming in for your first dose.
- ▶ You will be screened at the door.
- ▶ There will be health forms, a consent form and a vaccine card that must be filled out.

**You will be monitored on site**

- People who have had severe allergic reactions or who have had any type of immediate allergic reaction to a vaccine or injectable therapy should be monitored for at least 30 minutes after getting the vaccine.
- All other people should be monitored for at least 15 minutes after getting the vaccine.



## Input needed for Veterans Memorial Site

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

**For input, please contact the Public Relations Department at:**

- Email: [PublicRelations@sagchip.org](mailto:PublicRelations@sagchip.org)
- Phone: 989-775-4096

## 2021 Annual Reports are now being accepted

**Deadline: May 4, 2021 by 5 p.m.**

**Tribal Clerk's Office is open by appointment only: Monday- Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**COVID-19 Care Forms from the stimulus payments DO NOT qualify as a submitted Annual Report for 2021.** All SCIT Members are still required to turn in an Annual Report by 5 p.m. on May, 4 2021.

**\*\*Notarization of Clerk's Forms is NOT required at this time\*\***

- Forms are available by mail, email and online at [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org)
- Post marked forms, email or faxed will not be accepted

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





## Tribal Council

### Chief

**Tim J. Davis** | District One

### Sub-Chief

**Joe Kequom** | District Three

### Treasurer

**Maia Spotted Tail** | District One

### Secretary

**Jennifer L. Wassegijig** | District One

### Sergeant-at-Arms

**Martha Wemigwans** | District One

### Chaplain

**Alice Jo Ricketts** | District One

### Council Member

**Ronald F. Ekdahl** | District One

### Council Member

**Theresa Jackson** | District One

### Council Member

**Chip Neyome** | District One

### Council Member

**Carmen Otto** | District One

### Council Member

**Gayle Ruhl** | District One

### Council Member

**Ron Nelson** | District Two

## Interim Guidelines for Indoor Andahwod Resident Visits

### 1: Visitors must have received both vaccinations

- Two weeks must have passed since receiving second dose
- Must show vaccination card



### 2: Scheduled visits

- Visitation hours must be planned/scheduled with Andahwod. Visitor must call the Front office to schedule the visit.
- Visiting hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Sunday 1 - 4 p.m.
- Two visitors per resident
- Visits will be held in the common area living room (Birch, Maple or Cedar) of the resident's apartment.
- Visitors must enter the Andahwod front entrance only.

### 3: Visitors must have health screenings

- All visitors must have a Binax rapid test immediately before scheduled visit at Andahwod.
- All visitors must fill out current symptom disclosure.
- All visitors and resident must sign disclaimer to not hold SCIT liable if either visitor or resident contracts COVID-19.

### 4: Safety Protocols

- Visitor and resident must wear mask over mouth and nose during entire visit.
- Must remain 6 feet away from each other during entire visit.
- Wash and/or sanitize hands before entering and upon leaving the building.

To schedule a visit, you must call the Andahwod front desk at (989) 775-4300.  
• Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. only

- Failure to comply with these interim guidelines will result in no visit and/or visitor removal from building.
- In order to continue safety measures Andahwod reserves the right to deny entry in the building.
- Guidelines of visits are subject to change and/or discontinue.



### Attention SCIT Tribal Members:

The Ziibiwing Cultural Society's **Collection Committee** needs Committee Members

### For more information, please contact:

William Johnson at 989-775-4730 or wjohnson@sagchip.org

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

Tribal Operations buildings are still in restrictive mode, anyone coming in must make an appointment.

### If making an appointment, you must:

#### ▶ Wear a mask:

You must wear a mask or be given one by the department you have an appointment with.

#### ▶ Prescreen question:

You will be asking if you have a cough or shortness of breath. If the answer is "yes" you will have to reschedule at a later date.

#### ▶ Temperature check:

You will be met at the door by a Tribal employee.

- Temperature of 100.4 or below: you may enter.
- 100.4 or above: you must reschedule and cannot enter the building.

## Powwow Committee Seeking Members

The SCIT Powwow Committee is now seeking interested members to join the 2021 Powwow Committee.

Interested individuals may submit letters of interest to: [powwowcommittee@sagchip.org](mailto:powwowcommittee@sagchip.org)

## COVID-19 Vaccination Card Lamination at Andahwod

Andahwod will laminate Covid 19 Vaccination Cards per your request. Call the Andahwod front office to schedule a time.

- Available: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- For more information call: 989-775-4300



Check out the Tribal Observer **ONLINE**

[www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver](http://www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver)

## The Seven Grandfather TEACHINGS

### Nbookaawin – Wisdom

To live with wisdom is to acquire and use experiences as guides for making equitable and mature decisions.

### Zaagidowin – Love

To live our lives with love is to understand our capacity to realize, empathize, and nurture the needs of others.

### Minaadendamooing – Respect

To live with respect is to give mutual consideration for shared and differing ideas as well as for the world around us.

### Zoongide'ewin – Bravery

To be brave and have courage is to recognize our moral and mental strength and to do what is appropriate.

### Gwekwadiziwin – Honesty

To be honest is to recognize that we have the ability to live our lives with honor and integrity.

### Dibaadendiziwin – Humility

To live with humility is to recognize that we are all equal, we all make mistakes, we all like to have our success rewarded and to put others before ourselves.

### Debwewin – Truth

To live in truth is to recognize the difference between right and wrong and to be faithful to ourselves as well as the world around us even when the right way is not the easiest way.

## Tribal Observer

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



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

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

### Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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

## Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

## Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Contact Information:

Phone: 989-775-4096

Email: [Observer@sagchip.org](mailto:Observer@sagchip.org)

[www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver](http://www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver)





## Order Establishing Spring Wild Turkey Season 2021

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B), the 2021 Spring Wild Turkey Season shall begin Thursday, April 1, 2021, and will close Tuesday, June 15, 2021, unless ordered otherwise.

The 2021 Spring Wild Turkey Season will allow for the harvest of two male turkeys.

Harvest tags will be available starting March 29, 2021 at the Tribal Planning Department office. Only two tag are allowed

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

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

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

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

**Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe**

**Donald L. Seal**

Community Engineer, Planning Department



## Summer Youth Workers Needed

Applications now available:  
Online at [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org)

### Youth Workers:

- ▶ Must be SCIT Member
- ▶ Must be 14-18 years old
- ▶ **Deadline:** May 29, 2021

For more information, contact:  
Lou Bruner at 989.775.0053



## Tribal Court New Hours

**Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

*(with the exception of weekly staff meetings on Wednesday 8-9 a.m., windows closed)*

No appointment is required, but must pass all health screenings in order to be allowed entry.

## 2021 Spring/Summer District 1 Elders Lawn Mowing

Andahwod Elders Services is now accepting applications for lawn mowing. Limited availability. Please remember there are age and health requirements for services, along with a required \$50 fee. At this time home visits will not be required for everyone's safety.

Applications are available at:  
[sagchip.org/Andahwod/ProgramsandServices](http://sagchip.org/Andahwod/ProgramsandServices)

Or call to pick up at the Andahwod front lobby

For more information, please call:  
Annette Buckner at 989-775-4307

## Tribal Employee Access Perks

The Human Resources Department is launching a new employee discount program starting March 5. For Employee Appreciation Day, we are kicking off by providing our employees with a discount program, Access Perks, that has over 700,000 discounts available to use in-person and online. To get signed up:

**Web browser: [sagchip.accessperks.com](http://sagchip.accessperks.com)**

- Click on “Sign up” in the righthand corner
- Provide your first name, last name, membership number (which is your employee ID number), an email address, and a password

**App for iPhone and Android: Access Perks**

- Click on “Create account” at the bottom of your screen
- Provide an email address, the name of the organization (which is Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe), membership number (which is your employee ID number), your first name, last name, and a password

After getting signed up, you are all set! You can save on dining, entertainment, theme parks, hotels, shopping, and so much more.

Please contact Human Resources at the Satellite office or at 989-775-5600 if you have any questions.

Tribal Observer

# Graduate Photos

Please submit information to  
[Observer@Sagchip.org](mailto:Observer@Sagchip.org)

### College

- Graduate's name
- School
- Field of Study

### High School

- Graduate's name
- School

**Deadline: May 17, 2021**

## Andahwod Prescription Pick-up

Andahwod Elder Services would like to assist local Tribal elders with prescription pick-up from Nimkee Pharmacy. Elders Services can deliver prescriptions Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Elders must call in own prescription/refills. Elder Services will not pick up any controlled substances and/or narcotic medications.

**If you need your prescriptions picked up, please call:**

- Andahwod Front Office: 989-775-4300
- Elders Advocate: 989-775-4307
- For more information, please call: 989-775-4300

## Soaring Eagle Spa opening soon!

We are happy to announce that our Soaring Eagle Spa staff will be back May 3 to begin getting the Spa back into shape for the opening. We will begin seeing clients on Tuesday, May 11.

Until our staffing increases, the Spa will be open Tuesday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Spa will be closed Sundays and Mondays.

We will also be working with our Marketing Team to modify our schedule to accommodate the changes that will need to take place due to COVID-19. Some of our services will be a little different, but even more relaxing.

Thank you for all of your patience during our down time, we hope to see you very soon for VIP treatment and relaxation.

## COVID-19 Cares Act Funeral Assistance

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

- All Tribal Members, descendants, non-natives are eligible. Do not have to be a U.S. Citizen, but the applicant has to be a U.S. Citizen.
- Paid directly to one (1) family member, not funeral home. *\*Use invoice of services paid or commitment to pay.*
- Retroactive back to Jan. 20, 2020.
- Nationwide
- Standard maximum (\$35,000 one person can claim) and minimum amounts.
- Amounts are different by state/city, amounts may vary.
- 100% with no cost share.
- Tribes do not have to verify membership and no state involvement; all Federal.
- BIA does cover some burial expenses and cannot be reimbursed through this program.

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

• **Death certificate:** with COVID-19 stated on it, does not have to be the primary cause and can be probable cause. If COVID-19 was suspected and not on death certificate, FEMA and/or the funeral home can help get the death certificate amended.

• **Proof of funeral expenses:** Cultural expenses or customs are covered as long as there is documentation that they occurred. Embalming, casket, vault, religious service, burial, cremation, etc.

• Does not repay those expenses already paid for by insurance or the Tribe. Only paid to one (1) person with documents to show what was paid for. Cannot duplicate Government Funds.

**To apply, please call: 844-684-6333**

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

**Applications accepted beginning: April 12, 2021**



## Statewide Tribal OPIOID SUMMIT

*“Finding Solutions That Work”*

**Save the Date!**

**Held Virtually  
Wednesday, June 9, 2021  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**For more information, please contact:**

Public Relations at (989) 775-4059  
or at [publicrelations@sagchip.org](mailto:publicrelations@sagchip.org)

## Tribal Clerk's Office Update

The Clerk's Office now has Annual Report, Address Change and Child Welfare forms, including envelopes and pens available outside at the Drop Box located at the Black Elk Building main doors.

**Office hours:**

- Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Closed: 12 - 1 p.m. *(by appointment only)*

**For more information, please call: 989.775.4051**





## Top 25 Women In Technology: Amy Gates

### MISSION CRITICAL MAGAZINE

(Editor's note: The following article highlights Amy Gates, director of Information Technology for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and was published on March 1 by Mission Critical Magazine online.)



Courtesy photo

Amy Gates

**your journey in the industry so far?** Productive, dedicated, and fulfilling.

**What is your personal mantra?** Where there is will, there is a way.

**Describe the highest point in your career so far and how you got there, including all the hurdles you had to jump (and the ones you tripped over and too).** I believe the high point for myself is when I earned my master's degree in cybersecurity technology. Over the years, I had started and stopped classes toward my master's degree. At no time did I feel the extra classes I took were wasteful; they made me a more well-rounded student.

**What is your most admirable quality?** Responsibility — I value that people can rely on me to see through projects and tasks to completion.

**What aspect of the industry do you think has the most**

**potential for growth, and, on the other hand, which aspect do you think needs the most improvement?** There are many areas I believe we will see growth, like IoT and cybersecurity. We, as a society, are introducing technology into every aspect of our home automation systems — from Wi-Fi-enabled refrigerators to home security systems. However, the expansion and inclusion of technology into every aspect of our lives warrants strong cybersecurity protecting individual privacy from exploitation. All that being said, the one area I believe needs improvement is the inclusion of females within technology. I believe that inclusion needs to start at a young age, promoting female students in the science programs and computer programming.

**When you imagine the future of the technology industry, what does it look like?** It is hard to imagine the future of

technology because I believe it to be limitless. I believe technology can bring value to all of our lives but it needs to be protected from the misgivings and manipulations of human beings for their own benefit.

**What is the most valuable life lesson you have learned so far and how has it helped you in your career?** Success is earned. I believe the best success is one that someone has worked hard for — because the time that was invested into it can be appreciated.

**What three adjectives come to mind when you think about your future path?** Adaptable, persistent, and unrestricted. I need to maintain adaptability to have perseverance to achieve in an unrestricted future.

<https://www.missioncritical-magazine.com/articles/93553-top-25-women-in-technology-amy-gates>

### Amy Gates

**Title:** Director of Information Technology

**Company:** Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in computer science from Central Michigan University, master's degree in cybersecurity technology from University of Maryland Global Campus

**Organizational Affiliations:** TribalNet board member and a Gaming and Leisure advisory board member

**What made you realize you wanted to pursue a career in technology?** Although I took my first computer programming class in high school, when there was dot-matrix printers and everything was DOS, it wasn't until I was in college that I fully engrossed myself in technology. I think it was the logic in computer programming that captured my interest and made me realize I liked the troubleshooting aspect of technology.

**What three adjectives would you use to describe**

## Incentive Program

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vaccine is the best protection against COVID-19. However, it is not mandatory to get it.

**Will I be fully protected once I get the shot?** No. Immunizations of any kind are not 100 percent so you should still take precautions. The CDC recommends still following the guidelines in place such as mask wearing in public space

and around unvaccinated, high-risk individuals, and practicing social distancing.

**If I get the shot, do I still need to wear my mask at work?** Yes, the CDC still recommends wearing a mask to protect those who are unvaccinated. Although you have some immunity, you are still able to carry the virus and pass it onto vulnerable people who may not have been vaccinated.

**If I get the vaccine and have an adverse reaction that lands me in the hospital, will SCIT cover that for me?** No, getting vaccinated is a personal choice made by you. Getting vaccinated or entering this drawing is strictly voluntary. At this time, SCIT has not implemented a leave to cover symptoms after any vaccination. If you feel sick or have a severe adverse reaction to the vaccine, please contact a medical care facility as well

as your management team about proper steps to take for time off, whether this is PTO or a schedule change which depends on your FT/PT status.

**What if I don't feel good after the shot?** Please consult with your physician or medical care facility.

**I want to get the vaccine, but it has been unavailable to me so far. How can I get vaccinated?** Contact your primary

doctor or our Occupational Health Nurse at 989-775-0058. Either should be able to provide resources and information on how to get vaccinated.

**I can't afford the vaccine, how am I supposed to get the vaccine?** The U.S. government is providing the vaccine free of charge. No one should be charged for the vaccine.

Please be sure phone numbers and addresses are up-to-date in Kronos.



# MIIBS

Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School

## Virtual Strategic Planning Session

Save the Date!

**Tuesday, June 15 & Wednesday, June 16**

• **Facilitator: Jason George**  
Training & Development Manager,  
Human Resources Department

**For more information, please contact:**  
**Marcella Hadden**, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

• **Email:** MIHadden@sagchip.org • **Phone:** 989.775.4751



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# VIRTUAL Honoring, Healing & Remembering

Join us virtually on the 87th anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School closing. We recognize the suffering, strength and resilience of the children through a day of memorial and fellowship.

**Save the date!**  
**Friday, June 4, 2021**

- ▶ Student Roll Call
- ▶ Guest Speakers

**For more information:**

- **Marcella Hadden**  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
- **Email:** MIHadden@sagchip.org  
- **Phone:** 989.775.4751

• **Or email:** miibs@sagchip.org



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## Volunteers, Tribal employees clean up Reservation during Earth Day

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

A group of volunteers and Tribal employees participated in the April 22 Earth Day Rez Clean Up beginning at 10 a.m.

The Recreation Department, along with collaborators from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department and the SCIT Planning Department, sponsored the event.

Those involved met at the Broadway Park Pavilion at 10 a.m. and broke up into groups to clean the Reservation; along Leaton Road, The Hill and campground area and more.

According to Kyle Shomin, youth and family recreation specialist, 24 people signed up to volunteer in addition to five Recreation Department employees.

For the planning process, Shomin said he met with the Tribal Police Department, Redrum Motorcycle Club and Society, and the RedSpirit Women's Motorcycle Riding Club to help set up items at the starting location as well as any needed equipment.

COVID-19 protocols took place during the cleanup: COVID waiver forms had to be signed by volunteers, masks were required, groups were encouraged to keep a 6-foot distance, and hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes were provided.

"The Recreation Department would like to give a huge thank you to everybody that came out and helped," Shomin said. "We wouldn't have been able to cover as much ground if we



Photos by Kyle Shomin and Natalie Shattuck

**Volunteers clean the Reservation during the April 22 Earth Day Rez Clean Up. The event is a collaboration between the Recreation Department, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police and Planning Department.**

didn't have your help so, again, chi-miigwetch. We would also like to give a special shout out to the Tribal Police Department, Tribal Planning, Redrum MC, and Redspirit WMRC for offering their time and helping us prepare and plan this event."

An afternoon luncheon at the Broadway Park wrapped up the event.





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## Rental and Utility Assistance Now Available

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

**Eligible households:**

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

**Types of assistance included:**

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



Income Eligible means total household income does not exceed the following								
2021	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
80% FMI	\$36,150	\$41,300	\$46,450	\$51,600	\$55,750	\$59,900	\$64,000	\$68,150

**Applications are available:**

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

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

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





## Recognizing the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan's

# Active Native Youth



**Parker Nelson**  
Au Gres Sims High School | Grade: 11  
Basketball



**Maelea Grace Alaniz**  
Vowles Elementary | Grade: DK  
Ballet, Tap Dancing



**John Stevens**  
Mount Pleasant High School | Grade: 11  
Wrestling



**Alexandria Sawmick**  
Beal City High School | Grade: 12  
Cheerleading, Basketball, Track



**Maggie Nelson**  
Standish-Sterling Middle School | Grade: 8  
Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Powerlifting,  
National Junior Honor Society



**Molly Nelson**  
Standish-Sterling High School | Grade: 11  
Basketball, Volleyball, National Honor  
Society, Student Council



**Daniel Mena**  
Shepherd Middle School | Grade: 6  
SMS Robotics Team



**Kaya Schocko**  
Ganiard Elementary | Grade: 2  
Basketball, Softball, Volleyball



**Alina Ruffino**  
Mount Pleasant High School | Grade: 11  
3rd place winner of the  
"Voice of Democracy" essay contest



**Logan Condon**  
Clare Middle School | Grade: 6  
Football



**Mason Peterson**  
Mount Pleasant High School | Grade: 12  
Concert Band, Marching  
Band, Pipeline Pep Band



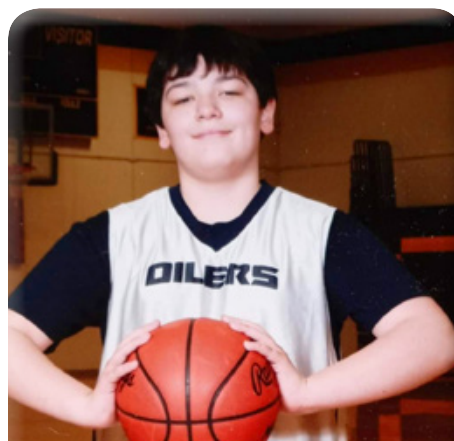
**Marcell Schocko Jr.**  
Ganiard Elementary | Grade: K  
Basketball, T-Ball, Flag Football



**Angelita Martinez**  
Mount Pleasant Middle School | Grade: 7  
Project Venture Tribal Youth Program



**Devin Flachs**  
Beal City | Grade: 9  
Football, Basketball



**Michael Otto**  
Mount Pleasant Middle School | Grade: 7  
Basketball



**Ian Johnson**  
Coleman High School | Grade: 10  
Basketball, Band & Jazz Band, Boy Scouts  
of America, National Honor Society





**Tayden Davis**  
Mount Pleasant High School | Grade: 10  
Baseball



**Angelica Hinmon**  
Shepherd High School | Grade: 9  
Project Venture Tribal Youth Program



**Makogonzh Wemigwans-Hart**  
Age: 1.5 years old  
Football, Basketball, Watching hunting videos



**Roman Hart**  
Renaissance Academy | Grade: 2  
Hunting, Trapping, Brazilian JiuJitsu, Golfing



**Aiden Raphael**  
Shepherd Elementary | Grade: 4  
Basketball, Baseball, Golf



**Lars George**  
Midland High School | Grade: 12  
Lacrosse



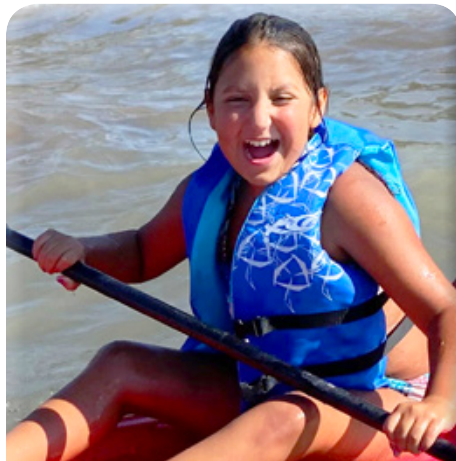
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Shepherd High School | Grade: 11  
Basketball, Volleyball, Softball, Track and Field



**Jorge Martinez**  
Mount Pleasant Middle School | Grade: 6  
Basketball



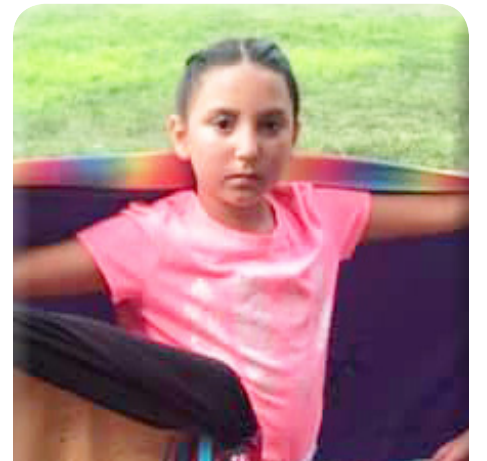
**Marcela Romero**  
Grade: 5  
Powwow Dancing, Skiing, Basketball, Paddle Boarding



**Hanna Slavik**  
Grade: K  
Paddle Boarding, Ballet, Powwow Dancing



**Elliana Tolentino**  
Grade: 6  
Powwow Dancing, Karate, Skiing, Paddle Boarding



**Layla Tolentino**  
Grade: 4  
Powwow Dancing, Skiing, Paddle Boarding



**Marcus Romero**  
Grade: 10  
Fishing, Soccer, Skiing, Frisbee Golf, Golf



**Andre Tolentino**  
Grade: Pre-K  
Karate, Paddle Boarding, Fishing



**Amelia Slavik**  
Grade: 3  
Powwow dancing, Skiing, Gymnastics



**Jordan Floyd**  
Mt. Pleasant Middle School | Grade: 7  
Basketball



**Kyla Henry**  
Renaissance Academy | Grade: 8  
Volleyball, Cheerleading, Fancy Shawl Dancing



**Emma Henry**  
Renaissance Academy | Grade: 6  
Volleyball, Cross Country, Jingle Dress Dancing



**Abigail Kemner**  
Rodgers Elementary | Grade: 4  
Soccer, Softball, Hockey



**Cameron Kemner**  
Rodgers Elementary | Grade: K  
T-Ball, Soccer





## Youth submit art for competition during Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Behavioral Health's domestic violence program and the Victims of Crime Advocate program held a "Love is Love" youth art competition in an effort to promote Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

Art supplies for youth artists were available for pick up on Friday, March 5 at Behavioral Health and the artwork was due via email submission by 5 p.m. on March 26.

The first 15 middle or high school students to submit photos received a \$10 Tropical Smoothie gift card.

The winners, announced by Sarah Deaton, Zaagaate' Mentoring Program

specialist, on March 29 are listed below. The Domestic Violence program wished to keep the artists' names anonymous, but their grades and art work are below.



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9th grade student  
Mt. Pleasant High School



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11th grade student  
Mt. Pleasant High School



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8th grade student  
Mt. Pleasant Middle School



Courtesy photo

A 10th grade Mt. Pleasant High School student submitted art in the form of music.



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11th grade student  
Mt. Pleasant High School



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11th grade student  
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Pre-K student  
Rosebush Elementary



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# By: Chip A. Neyome

Boozhu fellow Tribal Members I approach you today in written form to make an announcement. In 2019 you elected me to a 2 year term on Tribal Council and after the polls were closed I announced that I would be donating 15% of my after tax income to SCIT tribal departments and non-profits that benefit tribal members. Now is the time to fulfill that promise and I ask for your help. I have decided to utilize a basic grant writing process to distribute the funds. Tribal members and employees of Tribal Operations departments may submit a grant proposal to [cneyome@sagchip.org](mailto:cneyome@sagchip.org)

Community enhancement projects are the primary focus. Examples: food sovereignty, art and humanities, prevention related, outdoor space improvements, environmental, educational, skilled trades and more.

When developing your proposal you must include an executive summary, needs statement, goals and objective, program design, evaluation section, project budget, table of contents, cover letter. The deadline for submission is June 30th 2021. Funding available is approximately \$14,000. Multiple grants may be awarded. Award announcements are expected to be made in July. Collaboration with departments and community organizations may improve odds of selection. If you are not familiar with grant writing find someone who is and share your ideas with them, ask for help, invest the time into producing positive community outcomes.

Grant proposals need not be 50 page documents; more important is feasibility, project timelines, goals and objectives. Submitted proposals will be shared with Tribal Council, Administration, and related departments. Additional funding opportunities that match submissions may be identified through this sharing process. Provisional conditions always exist and formal approvals may be necessary which could prolong the process; proposals that extend into or have completion in the year 2022 are acceptable.

**Miigwech and please send comments regarding this matter to [cneyome@sagchip.org](mailto:cneyome@sagchip.org)**

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zaagibagaa	leaves bud
nimaamaa	my mother
mawinzo	pick berries
bangan	peaceful
miijim	food
baashkaabigwanii	blossom
wiigwaas	birch bark
waagosh	fox
minwaanimad	good breeze
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*A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm*

# Anishinaabemowin CROSSWORD



## Word Bank

- Mip-too
- Ge-bi-za
- Nii-mi
- Nbaa
- Wii-si-ni
- Biin-chi-ge
- Ba-gwash-kne
- Zha-zhiib-ni-wii
- Gii-goonh-ke

## Across

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- 3: He/She is sleeping
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Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

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## Throwback: Chief Sowmick receives 1986 letter from Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce

(Editor's note: The following is an August 1986 throwback letter to Chief Arnold Sowmick from Jim Sandy, then executive director for the Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce.)

August 7, 1986

Chief Arnold Sowmick  
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

7070 East Broadway  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Dear Chief Sowmick:

I am writing today to let you know that during the first six months of this year the traffic pattern and flow of people into the Mt. Pleasant area has increased dramatically. As you are well aware the Chamber

has been conducting an effort to alert businesses to the economic potential of increased tourism and travel to this area. In surveys conducted with various travel oriented businesses we have discovered many interesting factors in why things are picking up.

One of the most significant reasons behind the improved travel economy in our area is

the bingo at the reservation. We receive dozens of phone calls each week and send out directions and entertainment guides in response to inquiries about the bingo operation.

Over all, the traffic increase for the first six months of 1986 has been up about 20 percent over 1985. This equates to about 200,000 additional vehicles. This increase has made a

significant economic impact on our community and a large part of that can be directly attributed to Tribal Bingo.

If we can be of any help in the future please don't hesitate to give us a call.

Sincerely,

Jim Sandy  
Executive Director

## BISSELL Pet Foundation sponsors reduced adoption fees across the country 200 animal shelters to participate in a national Empty the Shelters adoption event May 5-9

After successfully finding forever homes for 18,359 pets in 2020 alone, Grand Rapids-based BISSELL Pet Foundation is again aiming to Empty the Shelters by sponsoring reduced adoption fees of \$25 or less at 200 participating shelters and rescues in 36 states May 5-9.

Interested adopters are encouraged to visit [www.bissellpetfoundation.org/ets](http://www.bissellpetfoundation.org/ets) for their local shelter's participation guidelines and COVID hours.

BISSELL Pet Foundation's mission to find every pet a loving home is the driving force behind Empty the Shelters.

In 2016, BPF created this reduced-fee adoption event to make an immediate impact on the nation's ongoing pet

homelessness problem. Since then, this program has encouraged prospective pet owners to consider adoption as their first option when bringing a pet into their family, as there are so many deserving animals waiting to be loved.

A total of 49,360 pets have found homes from this program's efforts.

Empty the Shelters is by far BPF's biggest program and cannot continue going and growing without donor support.

BPF makes adoption affordable and reimburses shelters for every pet adopted during the event to help cover spay/neuter, microchipping, vaccination, and other costs of care.

The foundation is seeking donations to continue to expand ETS to more areas, and 100 percent of contributions will go directly to fund pet adoptions: [www.bissellpetfoundation.org/empty-the-shelters-donations/](http://www.bissellpetfoundation.org/empty-the-shelters-donations/).

"The national Empty the Shelters event in May will be our largest yet, and as a small foundation, we are incredibly proud to see the growth of this program as we continue to expand its impact," said Cathy Bissell, founder of BISSELL Pet Foundation. "Empty the Shelters not only helps our shelter partners free up space in their facilities,



Courtesy photo

but it places pets in permanent homes. It's a win-win for everyone involved...our partners, ETS adopters, and most importantly, the pets."

BPF will also honor foster-to-adopt cases that start as fosters during May 5-9 and are finalized up to one week after the event.

BPF urges families to do their research prior to May 5, as many participating organizations are still operating under restricted protocols and procedures. For more information on adopting for donating to Empty the Shelters, visit [www.bissellpetfoundation.org/ets](http://www.bissellpetfoundation.org/ets).

## Mental Health Services for SCIT Employees

### Employee Assistance Program

The employee assistance program is available to employees and their families. The EAP works with Central Michigan Professional Counseling Associates to provide individual outpatient counseling to employees and children of employees under the age of 18.

**Central Michigan Professional Counseling Associates:**  
Address: 307 E. Michigan St., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 | Phone: 989-772-5833

Employees are able to receive 10 FREE sessions.

For more information go to:

- <https://www.cm-pca.com/fees/#eap>
- <http://www.sagchip.org/hr/newsletters/2016/CMU%20EAP.pdf>

### CIGNA

As an employee of the SCIT, an EAP is also available through CIGNA insurance. They offer counseling on a variety of different issues. They also offer a referral service for pet care, elder care, child care, adoption or even home repairs. ANYONE living in your household at your address can access these services with CIGNA.

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- Click on 'Register' under "Using Your Benefits"
- Choose 'EAP Benefits Only'
- Enter Employer ID: sagchip
- Once you are registered, look at all the services and providers that are free to you

### Meritain Health

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## Higher education student spotlight: David Merrill Jr.

**OLIVIA MANITOWABI-MCCULLOUGH**  
Post-Secondary Support Specialist

David Merrill Jr., a student in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Scholarship program recently graduated from Delta College Police Academy.

David graduated with a high school diploma from Mt.

Pleasant High School in 2013. He started the police academy, a 17-week program at Delta College, in September 2020 and completed in December 2020.

David is planning to continue his education at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.

David is currently employed as a police officer for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department.

His police academy certificate and training has enabled him to become a certified law enforcement officer in the State of Michigan, per Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards. David hopes to continue serving the community and working for his Tribe until he retires.

The one thing David would say to young Tribal Members about higher education is, "The traditional college route isn't always your only choice. The Tribe offers many programs and apprenticeships programs for our Tribal Members. Take a moment to explore the opportunities available for our members and ask questions. And if you're really interested, ask questions and pursue your dreams. It's my understanding the Tribal Police Department is always looking to hire Tribal Members. If you're interested, ask for a ride along with the department. Sign up



Courtesy of Louanna Bruner

**David Merrill Jr., a student in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Scholarship program, recently graduated from Delta College Police Academy. He currently serves on the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department.**

for college visits that offers a police academy."

If you are interested in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Scholarship Program or would

like more information on certificate programs, please contact the post-secondary support specialist at **989-775-4505** or [omanitowabi@sagchip.org](mailto:omanitowabi@sagchip.org).

## May 2021 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1) Leo Bennett Sr.<br>Steven Pego   | Paullette Pashenee<br>Cheryl Pontiac<br>Gary Schneider<br>Stacey Scott   |
| 2) Robin Francis<br>Marc Magnell<br>Gerald Ice  | 18) Nathaniel George<br>Travis Kahgegab<br>Virginia LaMere<br>Rose Sawyer  |
| 3) Federico Cantu Jr.<br>Jacqueline Wemigwans<br>Melvin Ehas Jr.  | 19) Judith Banister<br>Hans Hansen<br>Helen Peters<br>Terrence Frank<br>Deborah Krupiczewicz<br>Ella Powers<br>George Russell<br>Kay Wert  |
| 4) Brian Chippeway<br>William Federico<br>Frederick Leksche<br>Michael Wayne<br>William Cloutier  | 20) Robert Bennett<br>Rachel Francis   |
| 5) Danny Wing Jr.   | 21) April Borton<br>Damian Fisher<br>Angel Jackson<br>Rita Romer<br>Rose Wassegijig<br>Julie Whitepigeon<br>Charles Wright<br>Bobbie Brown |
| 6) Tony Starkey<br>Debbie Curtice<br>David Cyr<br>Kathryn Shanks<br>Charles Slater Jr.  | 22) Volinda Morsey<br>James Walker<br>Yvonne Dyer  |
| 7) Carol Shanks<br>Frances Gonzales<br>Marie Wicks  | 23) Larry Pelcher<br>Tracey Lock<br>Richard Smith Sr.<br>Claudia Spalding<br>Linda Staples   |
| 8) Susan Brooks<br>Marjorie Wehner  | 24) David Rhodes   |
| 9) Steven Godbey<br>Carol Slater  | 25) Steven Martin<br>Shirley Houle<br>Murdock Raslich<br>Jonathan Smith<br>James Sprague<br>Carolyn Stolz<br>Johnny Walker                 |
| 10) Julie Allred<br>Bonnie Klatt<br>Harvey Wright<br>Susan Yamry  | 26) Amy Braley<br>Toni Leaux<br>Noel Peters  |
| 11) Samuel DeFoy<br>Diane Pego<br>Kimberly James<br>Troy Hart<br>Warren Pelcher   | 27) Frank Davis<br>Norma VanDrunen   |
| 12) Craig Graveratte  | 29) Anne Peters<br>Patricia Peters<br>Rosalie Berry<br>Robert Fallis<br>Warren Gionet  |
| 13) Duane Pelcher Sr.<br>Gary Henry<br>Mary Reis<br>Frank Romer   | 30) Paul Schramm Jr.<br>Richard Moggo  |
| 14) Leroy Hall II   | 31) Kristine Gonsorchik<br>Karen Siminski  |
| 15) Deborah Grills<br>Sybil Hunter  |  |
| 16) Joseph Fisher<br>Orville Jackson<br>Bobby Starkey<br>Linda Cook<br>Carolyn Estill<br>David Jackson<br>Allan Slater Jr.<br>Sheila Villarreal |  |
| 17) David Flamand<br>John Quigno<br>Vincent Cleveland   |  |

## Police K-9 groups train on MIIBS grounds



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden

A mid-Michigan regional K-9 training group that trains together often work the police K-9s on the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School grounds on March 24.

The officers often train on the MIIBS grounds for the purpose of police presence to deter trespassing and vandalism.

Photographed left to right are: Scott Laroe, a trainer for Magnum K-9 with K-9 Drako; Sgt. Schiefer with K-9 Sjevka of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department; Sgt. Feger with K-9 Hit of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department; Officer Holp with K-9 Cigan of the Saginaw City Police Department; and Officer Crites with K-9 Aries of Quincy Police Department.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and photographer Marcella Hadden captured the photo when she was also on the grounds.

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**Or email:**  
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**Deadline: May 21, 2021**

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





## SCTC hosts virtual discussion of Boulley's "Firekeeper's Daughter"

**AMEE FISHER**

SCTC English Faculty

&

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor



Angeline Boulley's new young adult novel "Firekeeper's Daughter" is making big waves, and for a big reason. Boulley's story revolves around Daunis, an Ojibwe teen living in the Sugar Lake tribal community near Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

The novel spotlights Daunis' journey as a half-Native, half-white young woman struggling with her identity in both cultures. To add to this dynamic, Daunis finds herself in the middle of an investigation

into the drug crimes in her tribal community. Suspense and humor abound, while the issues plaguing our real-life neighborhoods are portrayed with honesty and care.

Boulley, being a Sugar Lake native, clearly shows

her personal experience through her dynamic characters and candid reflections of Native life.

Boulley is an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and a former Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe employee where she served as the education director.

"Firekeeper's Daughter" has reached the no. 1 spot on the New York Times best-seller list in Young Adult Fiction and currently remains in the top two. The book has also been featured in Reese Witherspoon's young adult book club.

Locally, Boulley has made an impact through local and chain bookstores, showing her openness to meet and interact with her audience.

When Amee Fisher, English faculty for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, heard of the book's release, she immediately searched for Boulley on Facebook. Fisher sent her a private message, introducing herself and asked if she'd be willing to visit the SCTC campus. Boulley excitedly agreed.

Simultaneously, the Tribal College's Extension Program, in conjunction with Central Michigan University's Office of Native American Programs, had been planning a book club. The programs ordered 50 books for distribution to students, faculty, staff, and the tribal communities, and set a date for an online book club discussion.

The March 30 book club discussion was facilitated by Fisher at 3 p.m. with more than 20 Zoom participants.

Fisher said she wrote down each of the many Anishinaabemowin words the book contained to take note of and to learn new words in the language. She described the book as a "fun read" with "beautiful cultural themes" that also made her unexpectedly emotional.

"We think of fiction as a make believe story and as a safe space because it's not real, and I think Angeline has flipped that on its head and told us some immensely valuable truths," Fisher said.

Fisher asked the participants what they thought the main themes of the book were. The group discussed themes of: culture, struggle for identity, trust, generations, humor and strong characters.

"I really appreciated all the culture. It really made it familiar," said Guadalupe Gonzalez, extension project coordinator for SCTC and organizer for the book discussion. "You don't hear Anishinaabemowin often like that with all of the same identity issues people may

have here (on the Saginaw Chippewa Reservation)."

Participant Debra Flute of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Sioux Tribe, a tribal attorney, said she is Native American but not Ojibwe.

"I learned different aspects of your culture I thought was wonderful," Flute said of the Ojibwe aspects of the book.

Summer Baldwin from the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes in Idaho also said she is not Anishinaabe so she "appreciated learning about the Anishnaabe culture from the book."

"Tribes are so different but there are common themes," Baldwin said.

For Fisher, the book was about identity, "the struggle for identity between being Ojibwe and a French Caucasian woman," she said.

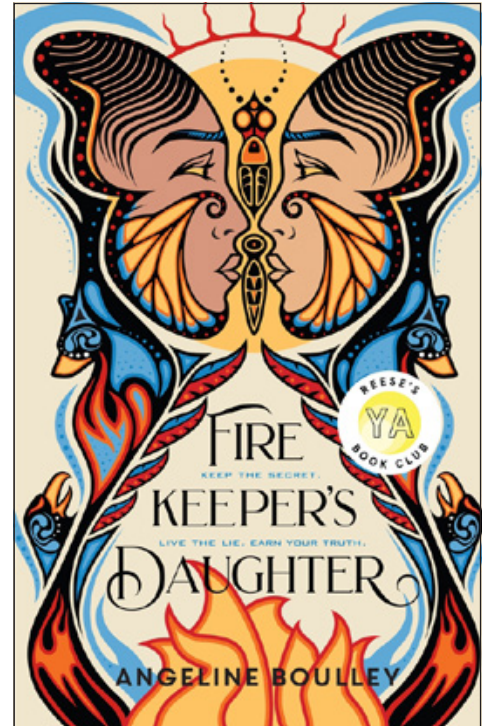
One of the themes Mary Pelcher, dean of academics for SCTC, enjoyed was the representation of generations.

"(The main character Daunis) always looked at the elders, her aunt, and she looked at her nieces and brought all of those generations to life," Pelcher said.

Flute also said she believed the theme of sisterhood and women bonding were "powerful throughout the book."

"I feel like all of the characters reminded me of someone on our (SCIT) Reservation," Gonzalez said.

Olivia Manitowabi-McCullough, post-secondary support specialist for Tribal K-12 Education Services, said she is from Hannahville



but grew up going to Sault Ste. Marie.

"Even reading the first chapter was so personal. Crazy how I could relate to it," Manitowabi-McCullough said.

The book club also discussed plot twists and spoilers, which the Tribal Observer will not spoil here.

"Firekeeper's Daughter" is also available in audiobook form. The book has been picked up to be a series on Netflix by Michelle and Barack Obama's production company, Higher Ground Productions.

"I hope everybody tells everybody about this book because it is just awesome," Fisher said.

Boulley will participate in the Walk in My Mocs Writers' Series at SCTC on Nov. 23, during which she will visit classes at the Tribal College and do a public reading from her book.

Another book club discussion hosted by SCTC and CMU will be coming in November, if not sooner. Stay tuned.



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**For more information, please contact:**  
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# Anishinaabe Author Mark Turcotte connects with SCTC students

**AMEE FISHER**

SCTC English Faculty



Mark Turcotte

Mark Turcotte, of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Tribe, inspired students and faculty alike during his virtual visit to classes and during his public reading and talk on April 22.

Turcotte's visit was the fourth event of Walk in My Mocs Writers' Series, which has seen award-winning Indigenous authors for the last two semesters. The impact of the visiting writers has been celebrated among students; however, it's possible that Turcotte's visit has been the most influential and powerful so far.

Mark Turcotte is a humorous, grateful, and humble man. His presence in the virtual "room" was calming and reassuring. He shared his background with students to encourage them to "be who they are" and to show how the path to success can take many forms.

Turcotte was born and raised on the reservation, until he was about six, when his mother took him and his sister to Lansing. Going through grade school, he felt distanced

from his Native heritage and didn't fit in with the new white culture.

He also explained how he rambled around, "Hitchhiking across the country for five, eight, 10, 15 years" during which time he worked odd jobs as a laborer. It wasn't until he was in his 30s that he came back to Chicago where he rediscovered his love of writing.

Turcotte never did an undergraduate degree but did complete his Master of Fine Arts in 2008.

In each session, Turcotte read his signature poem "Flies Buzzing." It's a poem about him, he says, a poem about his childhood on the rez. In the poem, he recalls dancing in the Round Hall, "in close circles / around the Old Ones,

/ who sat at the drum, / their heads tossed, backs arched / in ancient prayer."

Students all felt a strong connection with this poem, indicating they have many of the same kinds of memories.

One major theme of the day was Native identity, or the lack of feeling "Native enough." Turcotte shared a conversation he had with a mentor, who criticized the then up-and-coming poet as not being "Native enough" because he was finding success.

As a result, Turcotte wrote a series of poems called the "Back When" poems, which each begins with the phrase "Back when I used to be Indian / I am..." The juxtaposition of the past tense and present tense is the way he shows he has reclaimed his Native identity.

Turcotte read "Visitation" a poem in this series. It begins "Back when I use to be Indian / I am 6 maybe 7 / years old, restless, pretending to sleep," and continues to describe his waking in the middle of the night to imagine a buffalo visiting his bedroom.

The constant connection to identity and spirituality led to many emotional, intimate, and



inspirational conversations throughout the day as well as in the evening. During the evening reading, all the participants expressed profound connections and we warmly welcomed our emotional discussions.

More authors will visit SCTC and the Tribal community next fall. Details can be found on the SCTC Facebook page or by contacting Amee Fisher at [afisher@sagchip.edu](mailto:afisher@sagchip.edu) or calling 989-317-4793.

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## Meet the Artist: “Boontak! (Stop It!): Stolen Daughters of Turtle Island exhibit

(Editor’s note: Dr. Suzanne Cross is the artist of the three-piece ensemble [shawl, skirt and medallion] entitled “Stop MMIWG – Help Us Find Her” featured in the exhibition “Boontak! [Stop It!]: Stolen Daughters of Turtle Island.” The exhibit, located in the Ziibiwing Center, raises awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls [MMIWG]. Cross answers questions provided by the Tribal Observer below.)



Courtesy photo

Suzanne Lynn Cross, Ph.D.

**Artist:** Suzanne Lynn Cross, Ph.D., ACSW, LSW, LLC (Bneshiinh kwe-Birdwoman)

**The name of your piece featured in Boontak!:** The three-piece ensemble (shawl, skirt and medallion) is entitled, “Stop MMIWG – Help Us Find Her”

**What Tribe/community are you from?** Citizen of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

**Where do you currently reside?** Presently in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

**What inspired you to create your art and relate it to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)?** In the past I contributed to the “Walking with My Sisters” exhibition at the Ziibiwing Cultural Center. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal community was invited to donate moccasin vamps to be displayed in a circle in the Ziibiwing Culture Center. I was pleased to be able to donate a pair of vamps. This was my first awareness of the movement for the missing and murdered women in Canada and the Northwest U.S.

Last year, I joined the MMIWG planning committee for the events the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe had scheduled for the year. I wanted to be a part of bring awareness to the issues contributing to this phenomenon.

**Is there a personal story behind it?** I have been a shawl maker and bead worker artist for many years. It is a way for me to express my thoughts and feelings. I truly believe art is a form of healing for it allows the artist to create beauty,

bring items together in your own way, and to communicate with the viewers in a different way to convey a message that may otherwise not have recognized or acknowledged.

**How long did it take you to finish this piece?** The time for creating the three-piece ensemble was approximately three months.

**Why did you feel it was important to create art that helps raise awareness for MMIWG?** If there is an opportunity to share what is happening to Indigenous mothers, aunts, sisters and daughters that are in harm’s way; I think it important to bring about awareness. We need these women and girls in our communities to share their love, support, wisdom, and the future. They are our sisters and we value their lives and they are essential to our circle of life.

A year ago, a teenage approached me after the “dance in” of the shawls in Arizona. She asked if I was the one who made the MMIWG shawl. I indicated I was, she then burst into tears, reporting that her sister was missing and she had put up posters to help find her. However, her father went to the locations and removed all of the posters because he thought it was embarrassment to the family. She cried uncontrollable and we attempted to support her. However, she indicated she had to leave because her father would be looking for her. It is clear no one knows what one is going through in life. I often think about this teen and her sister, wondering if the sister ever returned and the impact on the family. I share this experience to help



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

Shawl and skirt by Dr. Suzanne Cross

inform what is occurring and how the situation impacts the family members.

**What advice do you have to other Native women regarding MMIWG?** Develop an awareness of MMIWG happening in Indigenous communities on and off reservation lands. Teach young women and girls how to protect themselves through means of taking self-defense lessons, staying in groups, communicating about the issues, creating art to share their knowledge, and carrying items to help fend off perpetrators such as whistles and cell phones.

**Have you made any changes in your own life to help prevent MMIWG?** I have had self-defense lessons to prevent attacks. Also, I am aware of the locations where I may be more vulnerable. I also have my whistle and cell phone with me. Whenever possible, I travel with friends and/or relatives for safety and it is enjoyable to be accompanied by another person.



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

MMIWG beaded medallion by Dr. Suzanne Cross

## Our Sisters

(Editor’s note: The following is a reprint from Native News Online at [nativenewsonline.net](http://nativenewsonline.net).)

By Suzanne L. Cross  
March 29, 2021



(Illustration by Monica Rickert-Bolter)

We are all Sisters on Turtle Island, the Creator made it so. Some Sisters live in danger and seek to escape the pain of isolation, abuse, and violence. Their resolve may be self-harm, lashing out, or running away. Youthful Sisters may naively seek a life of adventure; only to be coerced into criminal acts for survival. Our Sisters are profoundly missed, and their absence extremely saddened us. There must have been a disconnect, for they did not recognize our love and readiness to help. Before sleep, we pray to the Creator to return our sisters safely. In the darkest of night, we whisper their names and reach out for the warmth of their hands, with no response. We call out their names at sunrise and in the afternoon as their children return home from school. We are filled with continual angst and internalize the pain of sadness which impacts our daily lives. For they are Our Sisters. We seek to create a ‘Circle of Protection’ for our missing Sisters. Our Brothers are essential in the completion of the ‘Circle of Protection.’ As Sisters and Brothers, we honor each of our lives with love. Therefore, we will work to eliminate the power of those who endanger lives of Indigenous women and girls. For they are Our Sisters!

Suzanne L. Cross (Ph.D., ACSW, LMSW, LLC) is on the MMIWG Planning Committee for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and is a member of the tribe.

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





## Tribal Fire Department helps put out wildfire in Manistee National Forests

**BRIAN KELLY**

Fire Sergeant,  
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal  
Fire Department

The Saginaw Chippewa Fire Department's Wildland Fire crew assisted with a fire in the Manistee National Forest that began on Monday, March 22, 2021 at about 12:15 am.

The fire was termed the Warfield Fire, burning 545 acres.

There were roughly 85 firefighters made up of local volunteer fire departments from Manistee County and surrounding counties, the U.S. Forest Service, the Michigan DNR and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe's Wildland Crew (BIA).

As of March 24, the fire was 80 percent contained. The Saginaw Chippewa Wildland Fire crew continued assisting the U.S. Forest Service to contain this fire.

Since 2016, the Wildland Crew has supported the Huron-Manistee National Forest, the Hiawatha National Forest and the Ottawa National Forest, and has also traveled throughout the United States in fighting wildfires while also doing prescribe burns.



In order for the crew to fight fires on the front line, our wildland firefighters must go through specialized training and be red-carded. To get qualified, the crew has to do a work capacity test to ensure a person is physically capable of meeting the minimum fitness requirement associated with assigned wildfires or prescribed fire duties. To fight these fires, you have to be arduous – which is above-average endurance and superior conditioning.

Duties may occasionally demand for extraordinarily strenuous activity in emergency situations under adverse environmental conditions over extended periods. The pace of work typically is set by the emergency condition.



Photos courtesy of Brian Kelly

The Saginaw Chippewa Fire Department's Wildfire Fire Crew assists with a fire in the Manistee National Forest. The fire burned precisely 545 acres.

Essential functions include, but not limited to: running, walking or hiking, climbing, jumping, twisting, bending, lifting more than 50 pounds, and carrying 45 pounds or

more for extended periods over difficult terrain.

The work capacity test involves a three-mile hike with 45 pounds on your back and has to be completed in 45 minutes

or less. The work capacity test has to be done on a yearly bases. There are currently five full-time Tribal firefighters and two paid on-call that are certified and red-carded.



**July 23 - 25, 2021**

**Grand Entry**

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

**Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground**

7525 E. Tomah Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

**Hotel Information:**

- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort | 1.888.732.4537
- Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel | 1.877.232.4532
- The Retreat at Soaring Eagle | 1.877.232.4532

**Vendor Application:**

- Accepting applications until June 7 with approval from committee.
- Limited spaces available
- All vendors will be required to donate for the giveaway or donate water.



**Masters of Ceremonies:**

Joel Syrette & Jason Whitehouse

**Host Drum:** Meskwaki Nation

**Head Veteran:** George Martin

**Head Dancers:** Alexis Syrette & Marcus Winchester

**Head Dance Judges:** Darrell & Grace Hill

**Head Drum Judge:** Jason Kingbird

**Arena Directors:** Paul Raphael & Lil Man Quintero

**Special Request:**

- All specials will be approved by committee prior to event.
- Donation of giveaway gift or water

**Dance Contests: Prizes TBA**

Platinum Age, Golden Age, Senior Adults, Junior Adults, Teen and Juniors

**Drum Contest: Prizes TBA**

**Committee Specials**

**Due to COVID-19, potential restrictions and safety precautions will be followed, including:**

- Limited arena seating
- Vendor booth distancing
- Agenda driven competition events

**Spectators will be expected to follow CDC guidelines, such as:**

- Social distancing
- Mask wearing
- Hand washing

**www.sagchip.org/pow-wow**

*\*Free Admission \*\*Drug and Alcohol Free Event*



# ENTERTAINMENT



**LUKE BRYAN**  
with MORGAN EVANS  
Saturday, May 29 | 8:00PM

**Ticket Prices:**  
\$49, \$132, \$164, \$195  
**SOLD OUT SHOW!**



**MEGADETH and LAMB OF GOD**  
with TRIVIUM & IN FLAMES  
Saturday, July 10 | 6:00PM

**Ticket Prices:**  
\$24, \$40, \$69, \$72  
**ONSALE NOW!**



**SNOOP DOGG**  
with WIZ KHALIFA  
Thursday, July 15 | 8:00PM

**Ticket Prices:**  
\$24, \$65, \$82, \$94  
**SOLD OUT SHOW!**



**MIRANDA LAMBERT**  
with LEE BRICE  
Saturday, July 24 | 8:00PM

**Ticket Prices:**  
\$35, \$75, \$92, \$109  
**SOLD OUT SHOW!**



**SHINEDOWN with THEORY OF A DEADMAN and POP EVIL**

Friday, August 6 | 7:00PM

**Ticket Prices:**  
\$24, \$40, \$50, \$62  
**SOLD OUT SHOW!**



**KID ROCK**  
with GRAND FUNK RAILROAD  
Saturday, August 14 | 8:00PM

**Ticket Prices:**  
\$49, \$132, \$164, \$195  
**SOLD OUT SHOW**



**KEITH URBAN**  
with LINDSAY ELL  
Saturday, August 28 | 8:00PM

**Ticket Prices:**  
\$42, \$116, \$137, \$149  
**ONSALE NOW!**

Tickets can be purchased at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Saganing Eagles Landing Box Offices from 9AM-10PM. Tribal Members must present Member ID at the Box Office upon purchase.

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Soaring Star in 21 exactly	\$750 - \$10,000
Soaring Star in 22 exactly	\$500 - \$5,000
Soaring Star in 23 exactly	\$450 - \$4,500
Soaring Star in 24 exactly	\$400 - \$4,000
Soaring Star in 25 exactly	\$350 - \$3,500
Soaring Star in 26 exactly	\$300 - \$3,000
Soaring Star in 27 exactly	\$275 - \$2,750
Soaring Star in 28 exactly	\$250 - \$2,500
Soaring Star in 29 exactly	\$225 - \$2,250
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## Editorial: Invasive species on the move

### CENTRAL MICHIGAN

#### CISMA

Being centrally located in Michigan is a blessing and curse. What's the curse? Invasive species.

Our location allows for invasive species to move in from all directions. However, the Central Michigan CISMA (Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area) has been fortunate not to have any watch list/early detection rapid response (EDRR) species appear in our region.

Watch list species are those not yet present in Michigan or are in low numbers and have been identified by the state as a potential threat to our economy, environment or human



health. They have yet to be located in Michigan or are low in numbers.

The hope with identifying these species and educating the public about them is to stop them before they get out of hand and take over an area. No matter what your connection to nature is — gardener boater, fisherman, or overall nature lover, there is an invasive species to be on the lookout for.

In the recent years, there have been new sightings of watch list/EDRR species in surrounding areas. Do you like the water? Red swamp crayfish (RSC) and European frog-bit (EFB) are two species that threaten our water resources.

Red swamp crayfish can cause erosion in the river banks by burrowing into the ground and out-compete native aquatic organisms by dominating the food supply.

European frog-bit resembles a miniature Lily pad. It out-competes native vegetation and fills the water column; preventing aquatic organisms from inhabiting these locations and decreasing recreation.

Do you enjoy gardening or a simple walk in the forest? Asian jumping worm



Courtesy of Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

Spotted lanternfly



Courtesy of Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

Mile-a-minute vine

looks similar to the common earthworms we are used to. However, they devour the leaf litter at a much higher rate, which provides needed protection and nutrients for native plants to survive. These worms can spread through transporting plants or live fishing bait.

Spotted lanternfly, although pretty in color, is a huge threat to many of the tree species we all know and love, including fruit trees; decreasing production and potentially killing them by feeding on their sap.

Mile-a-minute vine and Chinese yam are two vine species that can quickly overtake a forest; choking out native species and drastically changing the landscape. Lastly, Japanese stilt grass can overtake a forest floor; crowding out native wildflowers and tree seedlings.

These are just a few of the species in the surrounding area to be on the lookout for.

How, you may ask, can you make a difference or help with these invasions? First, always be sure to clean your equipment (clean, drain, dry) before moving it to other locations and don't move firewood. These are two main avenues of spread of invasive species.

Find one of these species? You can help by reporting it through the MISIN app, on the misin.org website, or contacting the CISMA.

Reporting these species as soon as possible is crucial in protecting our properties and natural resources.

To learn more about these species and others on the watch list, visit Michigan.gov/invasives. You can also

find information about invasive species that are already in your area on this website and the CISMA website at [cmcisma.org](http://cmcisma.org).

To get in contact with your Central Michigan CISMA, call them at 989-414-2237 or email [coordinator@cmcisma.org](mailto:coordinator@cmcisma.org). Follow their Facebook page to learn more about what they do and invasive species in our area.

The Central Michigan CISMA is a cooperative whose mission is to protect and improve the natural resources, economy, and human health in Central Michigan through collaborative outreach and management of invasive exotic species. We address questions and concerns from the public including plant ID and treatment options.

## MAY is Mental Health Awareness Month

Behavioral Health Prevention, Native Connections, and Tribal Education's Project Aware are working to bring you activities and information all month long. Keep an eye out for additional details on everything: coming soon!

### All Month Long

Join our #PreventionHappensHere Challenge

- Share a photo or video of ways you are creating a healthy life for yourself and those you care about! Show the world how you are helping to prevent substance abuse in our community.
- Submit with your name via text at 989-444-9367 or email [Prevention@sagchip.org](mailto:Prevention@sagchip.org) to be entered in the prize drawing.
- Submissions will be shared via social media to promote #preventionhappenshere

### Week 1: May 2-8

#### Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

#### Rez Star Wars Bingo: Live on Zoom!

- **Monday, May 3 at 11 a.m. until gone:** Drive through at Education Administration to pick up your BINGO card packs
- **Tuesday, May the 4th at 6:30 p.m.:** Play Bingo on ZOOM, dress for Rez Star Wars and learn about kids mental health

Chi-Miigwetch to our fabulous sponsors who have donated amazing prizes to support these events for our community's mental health!



For more information, please contact: Kehli Henry at [KHenry@sagchip.org](mailto:KHenry@sagchip.org) or 989. 775.4501

### Culture is Prevention

#### Week 2: May 9 -15

#### Culture is Prevention Week

#### Express Yourself Virtual Art Show

- Art focused on Prevention of Substance Abuse
- Limited art supplies will be available for pick up if needed
- Send in photo of artwork to be displayed virtually to [prevention@sagchip.org](mailto:prevention@sagchip.org)
- Stayed tuned for more information on entering your artwork for a chance to win prizes

#### Week 3 (May 16-22):

#### Suicide Prevention Training Drive

Two chances to learn how YOU can help prevent suicide, and help us reach our goal of training 60 community members and employees!

1. **Living Works START:** Online 90 minute training
  - Be entered in a virtual door prize drawing if you complete the training by the end of the month!
  - To register email: [KHenry@sagchip.org](mailto:KHenry@sagchip.org)
2. **SAFEtalk:** In-person training
  - Monday, May 19 from 1-4:30 p.m.
  - Snacks provided and door prize drawings
  - COVID-19 screening protocols, masks, and social distancing are required.
  - Watch for upcoming flyer for details

#### Week 4: May 23 - 31

#### Aaniin ezhi-yaayin? (How are you?)

Family activities  
Learn how to manage your feelings in a healthy way

- Look out for more information soon!

Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

**Senior Judge Prentiss Brown in Judicial Services at the Tribal Court celebrates his 50-year anniversary in the field of law.**

### New Tribal police officer sworn in

Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**On Monday, April 26, 2021 Charles Johnson (left), new police officer for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, was sworn in by Sub-Chief Joe Kequom (right), with Tribal Council members witnessing, to begin duties to protect and serve the Tribe.**





## StrongHearts Native Helpline launches text advocacy

### STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

EAGAN, Minn. – StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-7NATIVE) has expanded operations and is now offering text advocacy.

The expanded service launched on Friday, April 2. Text advocacy can be reached by using StrongHearts Native Helpline's number: **1-844-762-8483**.

Like online chat advocacy, text advocacy increases accessibility for individuals who

may be hearing impaired and those who may be uncomfortable or unable to vocalize a call for support.

As the pandemic continues and victim-survivors in abusive relationships are forced to shelter-in-place with their abusive partners; it becomes even more vital to offer multiple communication options so victim-survivors can decide what a safe and appropriate option is for them.

"We are eager to expand our services to reach every Native victim-survivor who needs it," said StrongHearts Director Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie

Tribe of Chippewa Indians). "StrongHearts will continue our work until all of our relatives have the resources they need and are safe from violence."

According to the National Institute of Justice and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Partner Survey, Native Americans and Alaska Natives experience some of the highest rates of domestic and sexual violence in the United States.

The study found that more than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native women had experienced violence in their lifetime, and one in three had experienced violence within the past year. The study also examined how this violence affects tribal communities and Native survivors.

For American Indian and Alaska Native people, the study found about half of women and nearly one in five



## STRONGHEARTS Native Helpline

men stated they needed victim services. With few options and supportive resources, Native American victims of abuse often go without assistance.

To address these inequities and better serve Native Americans and Alaska Natives, StrongHearts has been rapidly expanding. In 2020, StrongHearts launched online chat advocacy and sexual violence advocacy. In 2021, StrongHearts increased advocacy services to seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

As American Indian and Alaska Native communities continue to navigate the isolating effects of COVID-19, 24/7 expanded operations and

text advocacy will allow those experiencing domestic and sexual violence to connect with a highly-trained advocate whenever they need free, anonymous and confidential support.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a culturally-appropriate, anonymous, confidential and free service dedicated to serving Native victim-survivors, concerned family members and friends affected by domestic, dating and sexual violence.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a project of the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center and the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

# Community Health & Fitness Day

## Wednesday, May 26, 2021

### At Nimkee's Fit Park

All activities: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 4 - 6 p.m.



Participation Gift!

Participate in at least two activities and receive a Nimkee Strong blender bottle.



Be eligible to win!

Ninja BL770 Mega Kitchen System

**Featuring a variety of fitness activities and challenges, including challenges for the kids!**

- ▶ **Participate in a minimum of two activities and receive a Nimkee Strong blender bottle**
- ▶ **Other healthy opportunities:** Prepackaged healthy snacks, smoothie and shake recipes, music, health screenings and an outdoor yoga class at 5:15 p.m.
- ▶ **Employee Department Challenge:** Trophy for department champions (5 person min per team/10 max per team)
- ▶ **SCIT Community Family Challenge:** Trophy to the family with most points (3 person min per team/8 max per team)

**For more information, please contact:**  
Jaden Harman at 989.775.4694 or JHarman@sagchip.org

# Nimkee Fitness

Current Hours:  
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Capacity is limited to 13 fitness members at a time**

**Appointment not needed**


- Showers are now available, locker rooms will be limited to two people at a time.
- Mask or face shields must be worn when exercising.
- Temperature check will be performed prior to check-in.


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

## Choosing Safer Activities

	Unvaccinated People	Your Activity	Fully Vaccinated People
		Outdoor	
Safest	👤	Walk, run, or bike outdoors with members of your household	👤
	👤	Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	👤
	👤	Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	👤
Less Safe	👤	Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	👤
	👤	Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	👤
		Indoor	
Less Safe	👤	Visit a barber or hair salon	👤
	👤	Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum	👤
	👤	Ride public transport with limited occupancy	👤
Least Safe	👤	Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	👤
	👤	Go to an indoor movie theater	👤
	👤	Attend a full-capacity worship service	👤
	👤	Sing in an indoor chorus	👤
	👤	Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar	👤
👤	Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	👤	

Get a COVID-19 vaccine

 **Prevention measures not needed**

 **Take prevention measures**

**Fully vaccinated people:** wear a mask

**Unvaccinated people:** wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

- Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).
- CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.

Courtesy of CDC, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, cdc.gov





# Case counts increase, instructions on how to isolate and quarantine

## CENTRAL MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The number of new positive COVID-19 cases reported to the Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) has significantly increased again. Furthermore, recent cases have reported many close contacts, making it difficult to quickly contact and give instructions to both positive cases and their close contacts. Many people are also contracting COVID-19 from no known source.

CMDHD is dedicated to protecting the health of its residents and we are working as quickly as we can; however,

our employees are currently unable to reach every positive case within the first 24 hours of receiving results. In some cases, we are only verifying that people are receiving their positive result.

We are prioritizing the positive cases according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recommendations. Thus, we are asking community members to help by following these steps:

### If you have ANY COVID-19 symptoms – get tested!

- Do not go out, go to work or school while you are waiting for your results.
- Stay at home if you are feeling ill.
- For COVID-19 testing sites, please call 2-1-1.

### If you are positive:

- Stay home and isolate from everyone in your household. Isolation is 10 days (If you do not isolate from those you live with, it will extend their quarantine period).

- Please answer your phone or text when you are contacted by the health department. The call or text may be coming from our office or from a CMDHD staff cell phone number.

- Make a list of close contacts starting from 48 hours before your symptoms started or when you had your test done if you did not have symptoms. Close contacts include anyone: within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period, even with a mask on, you provided care for in their home, you had direct physical contact with you shared eating or drinking utensils or got their respiratory droplets on you (sneezed or coughed on).

- Notify the close contacts you identified while you were contagious. They will need to self-quarantine for 14 days since the last day you were with them. If they develop symptoms, they should be tested. NOTE: The quarantine period is 14 days – no exceptions.

### If you were notified that you are a close contact to a positive case:

- You may be notified by a school, a childcare provider, an employer, a family member, a friend, the new COVID-19 Alert App, a contact tracer, or someone else working at the health department.

- Self-quarantine in your home for 14 days. Quarantine should begin the first full day after the last day you were with the positive case. NOTE: The quarantine period is 14 days – no exceptions.

- Prevent anyone who does not reside in your household from entering the home.

- Answer the phone when the state or local health department calls.

- It is recommended that you get tested around five to seven days after you were exposed, especially if you develop symptoms of COVID-19.

- Wear a mask when you are tested and if you must go out for any emergency.

- If you get tested and the results are negative, you MUST still complete 14 days of self-quarantine before resuming normal activities. Close contacts cannot “test out” of quarantine.



Central Michigan District Health Department  
Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities

The local or state health department will never ask for your personal identification like Social Security Number, driver's license, credit card number or financial information.

Consider downloading the MI COVID Alert app on your phone. This app will allow you to notify your close contacts if you are positive or notify you if you have been in close contact with someone who is positive.

Central Michigan District Health Department encourages all individuals who live, work or attend school in Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Osceola and Roscommon Counties to schedule a first dose COVID-19 vaccination appointment through the website at [www.cmdhd.org](http://www.cmdhd.org). If you need help in scheduling, please call 2-1-1 or ask a friend, family member or neighbor.

Please visit us at our website [www.cmdhd.org](http://www.cmdhd.org)



## 5K Run & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk Wednesday, June 16

Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center  
7957 E. Remus Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
(Northwest side of the Shepherd and Remus roads intersection.)

### Registration & NEW 2021 format:

- This year's race will be performed in a heat format on every hour
- Every hour from 3-7 p.m. with a maximum of 25 individuals starting at one time

### To reserve a time slot, please call: 989.775.4694

- Available time slots: 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m.
- \*Runners will be able to arrive 45 minutes prior to their start time

### Registration Fees:

- Individuals: \$15
- Family Rate: \$40 (Three or more immediate family members)
- Payment through cash or check to SCIT on day of event

### Hand-crafted Cedar Eagle Feather Awards for:

- Top three male and female finishers in 13 different age classifications in the 5K Run
- Top three one-mile Fun Run/Walk finishers
- Awards can be picked up after event for top 3 in age group

### Human Race T-shirts

First 125 registered runners guaranteed a shirt  
(a select amount of youth sizes available)

### To-go dinner served to all runners

### COVID-19 distancing guidelines and precautions will be in place

- Mask will be worn indoors
- Each participant will be asked to complete a COVID contact tracing form with personal information



For more information, please contact: Jaden Harman, Race Director, at 989.775.4694 or [JHarman@sagchip.org](mailto:JHarman@sagchip.org)

### I chose to get the COVID-19 Vaccine...

Because I wanted my family and the community to know how important this vaccine is to the world, that we must do our part to save lives, and that we must take in all the information from all the sources then decide on what direction to take. For myself, I decided early that I was taking the vaccine and wanted the community to see myself get the vaccine. To the community, please get both sides of the information — then make your decision. Be safe, love your families.



### Chief Tim J. Davis



### I chose to get the COVID-19 Vaccine...

To protect my family, community and friends. I feel it's important to lead by example and also continue educating individuals who have vaccine hesitancy, so they receive the correct information which will allow them to make an informed decision. #foryouformeforall

### Karmen Fox Executive Health Director, Nimkee Clinic

### I chose to get the COVID-19 Vaccine...

Because I do not want to risk spreading this virus to patients, family, friends or coworkers. I believe it is important to get the COVID-19 vaccine because in order to stop this pandemic, we must use all the tools that are available. Masks, social distancing and this vaccine are among the tools that we can use to help slow the spread and, eventually, stop the virus.



### Becky Cogswell, RN Public Health Nurse



### I chose to get the COVID-19 Vaccine...

I felt it was critical for me to get the Covid vaccine because I was going to be vaccinating our elders and I wanted to protect them as they came in.

### Sue Sowmick Public Health Nurse







## MAY 2021 | Tribal Community Event Planner

### Cultural Art & Craft Supply Pickup

Monday - Friday | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- [TJackson@sagchip.org](mailto:TJackson@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4780
- In May, by appointment only
- [TJackson@sagchip.org](mailto:TJackson@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4780
- Seventh Generation have an overabundance of items in the craft room for inventory, and are opening it to the community to get supplies they need.
- Available supplies include: Beads, leather, sinew, drum kits, etc.
- A consultation is available, if needed for craft supplies

### Rez Star Wars Bingo: Live on Zoom

May 4 | 6:30 p.m.

- [Henry@sagchip.org](mailto:Henry@sagchip.org) or 989.775.4501
- Zoom information provided with Bingo cards
- Must be present on Zoom to win
- Gift cards and awesome prizes!
- Drive thru Bingo card pickup at Education Administration on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 11 a.m.
- One pack of cards per person
- First come first serve: 150 card packs available!
- [Henry@sagchip.org](mailto:Henry@sagchip.org) or 989.775.4501

### Food Sustainability Kit Drive-thru Pickup

May 5 | 1 - 3 p.m. (until supplies are gone)

- Seventh Generation
- [TJackson@sagchip.org](mailto:TJackson@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4780
- Kit includes: garden box, seed and gardening tools

### Necklace Kit Pickup

May 7 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- [TJackson@sagchip.org](mailto:TJackson@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4780
- Cost: \$20 per kit
- 30 kits available
- Instructions will be included

### K'chi-twaa-Mshkod'e (Sacred Fire)

May 6, 13, 20, 27 | 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- [TJackson@sagchip.org](mailto:TJackson@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4780
- Social distancing/masks required
- Tobacco offering for those who need a safe place to offer prayers

### Drive-thru Sacred Fire lunch with Anishinabemowin packets

May 13 & 27 | 12 - 1 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- [TJackson@sagchip.org](mailto:TJackson@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4780
- 5/13: Beef stroganoff, salad and cake
- 5/27: Spaghetti, garlic bread and salad

### Sexual Assault Awareness Month "Do you know SAAM?"

May 10 - 14

- Location: TBD
- Open to all Tribal Ops/SECR/SELC employees.
- Stop in to receive a teal ribbon pin for your shirt and be entered into a prize drawing.
- Prizes will be drawn two times per day.

### Project Venture After School Sessions

Tuesdays | 4 - 5 p.m

- Main ACFS Building - Project Venture Office
- 989.775.5804 or [DWinn@sagchip.org](mailto:DWinn@sagchip.org)
- May 4: All for One, One for All
- May 11: Speak Your Truth to Be Heard
- May 18: Change in View
- May 25: Can it be Right to Be Wrong?
- June 1: Individual/Group Responsibility
- June 8: Acknowledgement & Trust
- June 15: Project Venture Commencement



## Reservation Household CLEAN UP

Saturday, May 15, 2021

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. | SCA parking lot

- Accepting normal household items that do not pose a threat to Mother Earth.
- Items not accepted: Tires, refrigerators/freezers, microwave ovens, computers/screens, televisions, oil, paint, chemicals, batteries, cell phones, fluorescent light bulbs, pesticides/herbicides.
- For Tribal Members only, Tribal ID required.
- Tribal Police Department will offer a drug take back for unwanted, expired or unused medication
- If you have household electronic waste you can drop off at the Isabella County Fairgrounds on May 15 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, contact the Isabella Conservation District at 989.772.9152



For more information, please contact: Housing Department at 989.775.4595

## MAY 2021 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
3	4	5	6 Sacred Fire 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. 7th Generation SCTC Commencement 6 p.m.   SECR Entertainment Hall	7	1/8 2/9
10	11	12	13 Sacred Fire 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. 7th Generation	14	15 16
17 Tribal Observer Deadline Graduation Photo Deadline	18	19	20 Sacred Fire 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. 7th Generation	21	22 23
24	25	26	27 Sacred Fire 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. 7th Generation	28	29 30
31 Tribal Ops Closed Memorial Day		The Hill Campground new phone numbers • For reservations: 989-775-5899 • To reach the supervisor: 989-775-5892			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SECR Payroll</li> <li>• SCIT Per Capita</li> <li>• SCIT Payroll</li> <li>• Curbside Recycling</li> <li>• Waste Collection*</li> </ul> <p>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</p>





## Tribal Observer Classifieds

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

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### 100 Employment Tribal Operations

#### Security Guard FT

Open to the public. This is an interim position, expected to last through December 2021 (possibly longer). Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED.

#### Prevention Specialist

Open to the public. Associate degree in human services or related field. Bachelor's degree in counseling, social work, human services, or related field preferred. One year experience in program planning and presenting prevention education preferred. 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. Two years' experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting preferred.

#### Occupational Health RN

Open to the public. Associate degree in nursing. State of Michigan Registered Nurse license. Three years' experience in nursing.

#### ACFS Director

Open to the public. Master's degree in social services, human services or related field. Must have and maintain a full master's social worker license (LMSW). Five years social services experience. Two years' experience in a supervisory capacity. Experience working with tribal communities and

outside social services. Experience with budget administration, operation, reports, contract management and development.

#### Summer Youth Worker

Open to SCIT Members. Must be between 14 to 18 years of age at the time of application. Must attend parent/guardian and youth worker meeting.

#### General Labor Pool Worker

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

### Soaring Eagle

#### Line Server PT

Sign on bonus, \$125 after successful completion of 90-day probation. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, or six months of SECR internal culinary training.

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#### Steward PT

Sign on bonus, \$125 after successful completion of 90-day probation. Must be at least 18 years of age. Kitchen cleaning experience preferred.

#### Table Games Dealer FT

Open to the public. Must be able to obtain certification from the SECR Table Games Department for each game associate deals. Applicants that do not possess these certifications but have prior casino dealing experience may

earn their certification by successfully passing the written and table testing requirements for the required games.

#### Bartender (Seasonal)

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

#### Crowd Control (Seasonal)

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to work any shift assigned, including weekends and holidays.

#### Usher (Seasonal)

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Customer service and/or ushering experience preferred.

#### Waitstaff (Seasonal)

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

#### Security Officer PT

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

#### Marketing Analyst

Open to the public. Bachelor degree in finance, accounting, business or related field. Three years of marketing analytics experience with a preference for casino marketing experience.

#### Security Officer FT

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

#### Table Games Dealer PT

Open to the public. Must be able to obtain certification from the SECR Table Games Department for each game associate deals. Applicants that do not possess these certifications but have prior casino dealing experience may earn their certification by suc-

cessfully passing the written and table testing requirements for the required games.

#### Guest Relations Representative PT

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

### Saganing

#### Guestroom Attendant FT

Sign on bonus, \$250 after successful completion of 90-day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three months of housekeeping experience preferred.

#### Guestroom Attendant PT

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#### Waitstaff FT

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#### Waitstaff PT

Sign on bonus, \$125 after successful completion of 90-day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Restaurant server experience preferred.

#### F&B Attendant FT

Sign on bonus, \$250 after successful completion of 90-day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Cash handling, banking, or accounting experience preferred.

#### F&B Attendant PT

Sign on bonus, \$125 after successful completion of 90-day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Cash handling, banking, or accounting experience preferred.

#### Cashier FT

Sign on bonus, \$250 after successful completion of 90-day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cashiering and/or hosting experience.

#### Cashier PT

Sign on bonus, \$125 after successful completion of 90-day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cashiering and/or hosting experience.

#### Beverage Waitstaff FT

Sign on bonus, \$250 after successful completion of 90-day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Serving experience preferred.

#### Beverage Waitstaff PT

Sign on bonus, \$125 after successful completion of 90 day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Serving experience preferred.

#### F&B Shift Supervisor

High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Associate degree preferred. Three years food and beverage experience.

#### Count Team Associate

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

#### Line Cook

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

#### Housekeeping Supervisor

In house only, only SCIT Members and/or SELC/SECR employees may apply. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Two years of hotel housekeeping experience.

#### Inventory Control Supervisor

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Three years' warehouse experience. Two years in a supervisor capacity, preferred.

#### Maintenance Worker FT

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

#### Maintenance Worker PT

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

#### Laundry Attendant

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

#### Front Desk Agent FT

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

#### Inventory Control Driver Warehouse

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be 18 years of age. One year receiving or warehouse experience. One year experience in driving vehicles and rigs that require a chauffeur's license.

#### Players Club Representative PT

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

#### Security Officer FT

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

## Summons and Complaint Notices

**NOTICE OF SUMMONS TO APPEAR FOR SHOW CAUSE HEARING AND PETITION IN THE MATTER OF Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Tribal Court v. Charla Mabel Hall** in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989)-775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case NO. 19-CI-0424 Plaintiff: (Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Tribal Court) 2605 N. West Bay Shore Drive Peshawbestown, MI 49682 (231) 534-7050 Vs. Defendant: (Charla Mabel Hall), 1326 Quarry N. W Avenue Apt 2 Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in plaintiff's complaint.

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### Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries Curbside Pickup

Available Now!

#### How to use the curbside services

1. To place a hold on items, please call 989.775.4508 or visit [www.youseemore.com/saginaw](http://www.youseemore.com/saginaw)
2. Once available, they are placed in a locker, and you will be given a PIN to open the locker.
3. Pick up your items, close the locker and re-lock the lock to secure it.

#### Curbside printing also available

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

#### For more information, please email:

- [AHeidemann@sagchip.org](mailto:AHeidemann@sagchip.org)
- [KCondon@sagchip.org](mailto:KCondon@sagchip.org)
- [LDisel@sagchip.org](mailto:LDisel@sagchip.org)







## May Promotions



### Drive away with a new RAM Truck & RV!

Saturdays in May | 7:00PM - 11:00PM

Every hour from 7:00pm to 11:00pm, 1 lucky Access Loyalty Club member will up to \$1,800 in Premium Play! GRAND PRIZE Drawing on Saturday, May 29 at 11:30pm.

ACCESS Card holders will receive one (1) entry for every 300 points earned playing (slots, tables, & bingo) on their ACCESS Card from 12am April 25, 2021 – May 29, 2021 at 11:25pm.



FRIDAYS IN MAY  
6:00PM-10:00PM

Hourly drawings for \$500 in Premium Play and 500 bonus entries into the Grand Prize Polaris drawing on Friday, May 28 at 10:00pm.



EVERY SUNDAY  
9:00AM-11:59PM

HERO card holders can earn \$10 in Premium Play for every 800 points earned. Up to \$50 Premium Play total. Exclusively for HERO card holders.



THURSDAYS  
7:00AM-5:00PM

Swipe at a promotional kiosk for special discounts and offers from 7:00am-5:00pm. Exclusively for ACCESS card holders age 55 and up.



TUESDAYS | MAY 4 & 18

Play your favorite slots for a chance to win \$25 in Premium Play! Ricochet Rewards will randomly award 50 players \$25 in Premium Play. These random rewards can ricochet multiple times between the hours of 3PM and midnight every Tuesday!



### Blast your way to \$100,000 in cash!

Fridays and Saturdays in May  
2:00PM-10:00PM

Every hour from 2:00pm-10:00pm, one winner will have a chance to play a game with a chance of winning up to \$100,000 in cash!

ACCESS Club members will receive one entry for every 200 points earned on their ACCESS club card beginning April 26 at 12:00am. Earn 10X the entries on Mondays May 3, 10, 17 & 24.



MAY 3 & 4  
7:00AM - 11:59PM

Earn 1,000 points from 7am-11:59pm, and swipe your ACCESS card at any promotional kiosk to play a game, for a chance to win Premium Play, Dining Credit or a gift shop voucher.



SUNDAYS  
12:00PM-10:00PM

One lucky ACCESS Club member every hour will have 60 seconds in our April Showers Cash Cube for a chance to win over \$6,000. Grab the flower bouquet inside for an additional \$500 in Premium Play!



WEDNESDAYS | 4:00AM - 11:59PM  
Earn points and get Premium Play!

Points Earned	Reward Amount
300	= \$5
800	= \$10
1800	= \$25

Every hour from 9AM - 9PM we will be doing a drawing for up to \$100 in Premium Play.



MONDAY, MAY 31  
4:00AM-11:59PM

Simply earn 1,000 points with your ACCESS card from 6am-11:59pm, then swipe at any of our promotional kiosks to play a game for a chance to win up to \$250 in Premium Play!

