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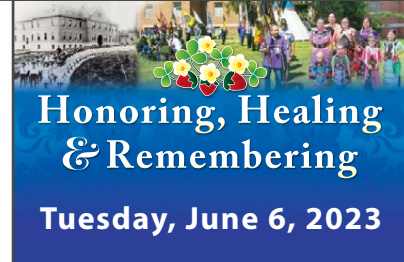
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Honoring, Healing & Remembering

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Mission Creek Cemetery: 7 a.m.

MIIBS Site: 8 a.m.

For more information, please see page 5.

Tribal Operations and related departments will be closed on Fridays

Effective May 22, 2023 - Sept. 3, 2023

Tribe distributes more than \$3.2 million during Spring 2023 2 percent allocation

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe hosted its semi-annual 2 percent distribution for 2023 in Arenac County on Monday, May 22 and in Isabella County on Tuesday, May 23.

The Tribe dispersed funds derived from Class III gaming at its properties: Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel to qualifying local units of government and public schools.

The SCIT distributed a combined \$3,206,622.91 during the two distribution ceremonies.

Local government officials in Isabella County accepted approved grants totaling



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

District Three Council Member Frank J. Cloutier provides a welcome during the Saganing 2 percent distribution on Monday, May 22.

\$1,669,995.33. The educational leaders in Isabella County received \$560,543.94.

Another \$683,258.55 was distributed in Arenac County to local units of government, with the local school districts receiving \$292,825.09.

The Isabella County distribution took place in the Black Elk Building located at 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, Mich on May 23.

The Arenac and Northern Bay County distribution was held at the Saganing Tribal Center located at 5447 Sturman Rd. in Standish, Mich on May 22.

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Saganing Government

- Arenac County \$344,184.55
- City of Au Gres \$10,000
- City of Omer \$14,000
- City of Standish \$46,800
- Arenac Township \$1,000
- Au Gres Township \$11,000
- Deep River Township \$6,000
- Lincoln Township \$15,100
- Mason Township \$31,000
- Moffatt Township \$13,946
- Pinconning Fraser Fire Dept. \$34,140
- Pinconning Township \$32,100
- Sims Township \$6,200
- Standish Area Fire Authority \$60,000
- Standish Township \$5,788
- Turner Township \$11,000
- Twining/Mason/Turner Fire Dept. \$20,000
- Village of Twining \$5,000
- Whitney Township \$16,000

Total Government: \$683,258.55

Saganing Education

- Au Gres-Sims School District \$73,146.26
- Pinconning School District \$68,266.28
- Standish-Sterling School District \$151,412.55

Total Schools: \$292,825.09

Saganing Total: \$976,083.64

Isabella Government

- Isabella County \$678,209
- City of Mt. Pleasant \$262,400
- Chippewa Township \$130,903.22
- Deerfield Township \$17,963.30
- Denver Township \$91,073.44
- Isabella Township \$87,340.01
- Nottawa Township \$144,693.12
- Union Township \$100,000
- Wise Township \$157,413.24

Total Government: \$1,669,995.33

Isabella Education

- Beal City Public Schools \$120,768.90
- Chippewa Hills Public Schools \$51,440
- Mount Pleasant Public Schools \$165,368.77
- Shepherd Public Schools \$196,426.27
- Renaissance Public Schools \$6,400
- Gratiot/Isabella RESD STEM \$20,140

Total Schools: \$560,543.94

Isabella Total: \$2,230,539.27

Grand Total: \$3,206,622.91



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Standish-Sterling School District Superintendent Darren Kroczaleski

Gaming anniversary celebrated with Council and Soaring Eagle associates, patrons

JOSEPH SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

Hundreds of Soaring Eagle patrons were on property with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council as Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson cut the ceremonial cake to celebrate the Tribe's 42nd gaming anniversary on Friday, April 28.

Erik Rodriguez, public relations director, started the celebration by introducing Tribal Council Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts to share an opening blessing for the event.

"I wanted to tell you all that I was here when all this started 42 years ago," Ricketts said.

"We started with humble, small beginnings and look at where we are today. I fully believe we wouldn't have what we have today without the power of prayer; I've always believed in that as a woman of faith, and we thank God for everything we have."

Chief Peters-Jackson thanked all the patrons, Soaring Eagle senior administration and staff for joining in the celebration.

"I want to acknowledge our Creator who has given our Tribe so much and has allowed us to be blessed in this way," Peters-Jackson said. "I also want to say miigwetch to all the elders who started this business back



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal Council members pose for a photo prior to the ceremonial cake cutting for the 42nd gaming anniversary celebration held at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Friday, April 28.

in the day with car bingo in the '70s. All the elders who came and started our gaming business were volunteers and sacrificed

time from their families and home life to get us to where we

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Sunshine Rose Shawnoo

January 30, 1986 - April 26, 2023

Sunshine Rose Shawnoo, age 37, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at McLaren Central Michigan Hospital.

Rose was born Jan. 30, 1986, in Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of Reynold Kevin and Elaine (Pego) Shawnoo. She was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Rose enjoyed being around all her family, spending time with her nieces and nephews and taking her kids shopping. Rose loved living life to its fullest, going to powwows, listening to music, and was proud of her Native American culture. She will always be remembered as a kind and loving person.

Rose is survived by her children, Wabigwan Shawnoo, Auzhini Johnson, Binojii Greene-Shawnoo; father Kevin Shawnoo; sisters Shawana Chippeway, Mary Waboose Claudio; and several nieces and nephews.

Rose was preceded in death by her mother Elaine Shawnoo; sister Segwen Traver; maternal grandparents Buddy and Grace Pego; paternal grandparents Coleman and Leatrice Shawnoo; cousins Allen Pego Jr., Isaac Pego, Teri Paul; uncles Bo Pego, Emery Shawnoo, Calvin Shawnoo; and aunt Delina Shawnoo.

Funeral services took place Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Clark Family Funeral Chapel. Interment took place in Woodland Cemetery. A luncheon followed graveside services at Seventh Generation. The family received friends on Wednesday beginning at 12 p.m. until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Herbert Robinson Sr.

March 5, 1941 - May 3, 2023

Herbert A Robinson Sr., 82 of Pellston, walked on May 3, 2023 at the Hiland Cottage in Petoskey, Mich.

Herbert was born in Detroit, the son of William and Clarinda (Peters) Robinson. We worked in the GM Automotive Plant as an assembly line worker.

He was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and enjoyed hunting and fishing with his sons, going to flea markets and antique shops.

Herbert is survived by two sons, Herbert Robinson Jr. and Henry (Judy) Robinson Sr.; and by nine grandchildren.

The family received friends at the Stone Funeral Home in Petoskey, Mich. on May 9th from 1 to 2 p.m. when a service celebrating his life took place. Burial was held in the Lakeview Cemetery in Harbor Springs.



Robert Lee Burnham

November 25, 1961 - May 17, 2023

Robert Lee Burnham, age 61, of Mayville, Mich., passed away Wednesday, May 17, 2023 with his family by his side.

He was born in Caro, Mich. on Nov. 25, 1961 to William Sr. and Gladys (Davis) Burnham.

Robert enjoyed fishing, playing pool, garage sales, being in the garage with his dogs and drinking a beer, being outdoors and fixing things. He was a goofy guy and loved pranks. Robert always said "see you later" – not goodbye.

Robert is survived by his children, Angellee (Dale) Wilson, Christine (Shaun) Quinn, Tina (Herold) Kester, and Tabitha Campbell (Kenneth Miller); grandchildren, James, Katherine, Noah, Ryan, Jaslynn, Iva, Anna, Mikeal, Sarah, Christopher, Elizabeth, Kenneth and Savannah; siblings, Dan (Rose) Burnham, Jake (Mary) Burnham, Larry Burnham, Betty (Jerry) Brief, Dort (Michael) Brown, Rick Burnham, Rose Burnham and Mary (Mike) North; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, William and Jerry; and the mother of his children, Katherine Burnham.

The family received visitors from 1 to 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at Avram Funeral Home. The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. that day at Avram Funeral Home with Pastor John D'Arcy officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund in care of Christine Quinn.



Jessie Glover

March 6, 1939-May 6, 2023

Jessie Glover, 84, passed away peacefully on May 6th, 2023 in Mount Pleasant, Mich. at the nursing home where she was receiving hospice care.

Jessie was born on March 6th, 1939. Jessie was a loving and kind person who will be deeply missed by her surviving daughter, Brenda (Roy), as well as her grandson Joe, granddaughter Ashley, and great-grandchildren Isaiah, Justin, and Avery; as well as her brother Leroy, sister Tina, and many family and friends.

As per Jessie's wishes, there will be no service held in her memory.



Reinalda Maria Plata

March 10, 2003 - May 15, 2023

Reinalda Maria Plata, 20, of Mt. Pleasant passed away unexpectedly on Monday, May 15, 2023, at her home in Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

Reinalda was born on March 10, 2003, in Chicago, daughter of Raelee John. She was a 2021 graduate of Hastings High School.

Reinalda was known for her funny sense of humor, willingness to help others, and determination to make people around her smile. She was willing to help others and had an abundance of friends, most of all she loved her family and son, Melias.

Reinalda will be missed by so many people. She is survived by her mother, Raelee (Oscar Diaz) John of Mt. Pleasant; father, Enrique Plata of Chicago; son, Melias Moreno Taylor of Grand Rapids; siblings, Erik Arias of Mt. Pleasant, Alexsia (Reggie) Plata of Grand Rapids, Oscar Diaz III of Grand Rapids, and Osiris Diaz of Mt. Pleasant; grandfather, Ronald John of Charlevoix; aunts and uncles, Teresa (Jonathon) Plata, Jorge (Victoria) Plata, Ruben Plata and Christina (Percy) Plata all of Chicago; special uncles, Robert (Heaven) Bird, John (Martha) Wemigwans and Thomas (Nicole) Wemigwans all of Mt. Pleasant; special aunt, Kathleen Hart of Mt. Pleasant; special cousins, Maureen Rueckert, William Fox, Anthony Plata and Edwin Plata; godmothers, Vanessa Hart and Larissa Wemigwans; and many more aunts, uncle, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her maternal great-grandparents, John and Joyce Hart; maternal grandmother, Debra Vidana; aunts, Angela Wemigwans and Paula Hart; uncles, Paul Hart, Anthony Towns and Alex Towns; and cousins, Lesly Coronel and Antonio Hernandez.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 12 p.m., at Charles R. Lux Family Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant. The family received friends on Friday, May 19, at the Funeral Home from 4 to 7 p.m. and one hour prior to service on Saturday. A luncheon was served immediately following the services at the 7th Generation. Reinalda will be laid to rest in the Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago.

Donations may be made to the wishes of the family.



Vaughn "Butch" Schoen

June 21, 1947- May 17, 2023

Vaughn K. "Butch" Schoen, age 75, of Big Rapids, Mich., passed away unexpectedly, Wednesday, May 17, 2023.

Vaughn was born June 21, 1947 in Mount Pleasant, the son of Calvin and Stella (Steele) Schoen. Early in his youth Sam Falsetta became his step-father and raised Butch as his own.

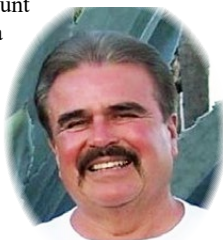
Butch graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in 1965 and then the family moved to Big Rapids. He was a hard worker his entire life.

Butch was well known in his community and will be missed by his beloved family, including his life partner, Lynn Strecker; children, Adam Schoen of Big Rapids, Amy Schoen of Big Rapids, Alyssa (Doug) Bleeker of Rogers Heights, Zachary Myers of Mecosta; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two brothers, Greg Falsetta of Mt. Pleasant and Mac Schoen of Mecosta.

Butch was preceded in death by his parents Sam and Stella Falsetta.

A celebration of Butch's life will take place at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to the Daggett-Gilbert Funeral Home in Big Rapids.

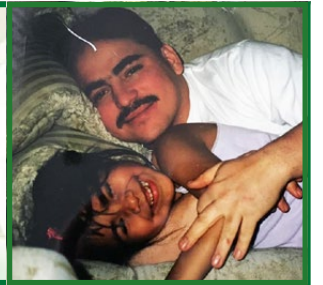


35th Annual
Michigan Indian Family Olympics
Friday, July 21, 2023
New location!
Shepherd High School
100 E. Hall St., Shepherd, MI 48883
Registration open now:
www.sagchip.org/mifo/
For more information, please contact:
Jaden Harman at 989.775.4694

Happy Heavenly Birthday & Happy Father's Day to my Papa Bear.

(Joe Miley)

I wish you were here...



It has been three years, but I still remember like it was yesterday. The girls and I miss you and love you.

(Peanut - LMS)



Jamie Lee Francis

February 20, 1978 - April 25, 2023

Jamie Lee Francis, age 45, passed away peacefully on April 25th, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. She was a beautiful soul with a heart full of love, courage, and a free spirit that touched everyone she met. Her children were her world, and her love for them knew no bounds.

Jamie was a true adventurer, with a passion for the ocean, travel, and exploring new places. Her multifaceted athletic abilities were a testament to her strength and determination, excelling in sports such as softball, wrestling, golf, and track. She had a contagious laugh that could light up any room and bring joy to those around her.

Born on Feb. 20, 1978, in Mt. Pleasant, Jamie was the daughter of Robin Francis and Louise Hunt. Jamie was proud of her heritage and was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Jamie is survived by her three beloved children, Taylyn Francis, Eyhana Feliciano, and Triston Francis, all of Mt. Pleasant; her father Robin (Ma Beth) Francis; her mother Louise Hunt; her siblings Susie (Shrek) Dean, Robin "Fuzzy" Francis, Richard Francis, Demmie Jackson, and Chance Hayes, as well as several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, May 7, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Clark Family Funeral Chapel, with Alice Jo Ricketts officiating. The family received friends beginning at 1 p.m. until the time of the service. A luncheon was held immediately following in the Reflections Reception Center.

Memorial contributions may be made to Jamie's daughter, Taylyn Francis, on behalf of all children.

Jamie's memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.



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PAPERWORK REQUIRED: Current and new members are to fill out new membership and liability forms, along with signing an access expectation sheet.
ACCESS GIVEN BY: Employees will receive access through their employee badge and non-employee Nimkee eligible patients will be given a key fob.
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Yoga Class | Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.
For more information, please contact:
Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690



"WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR FUTURE"

Attention Tribal Members
The Tribal Council Regular Session Meeting on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 will begin at 8 a.m.

- ▶ Please note the time change, as this meeting will begin at 8 a.m.
- ▶ This change will only affect the main meeting.

Regular Council Session Dates

- June 6 • July 11 • Aug. 1

Election Timeline

2023 Primary & General Elections

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

Sept. 1 | Petition Deadline for Candidates to turn in Petitions

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

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

Sept. 13 | Final Candidate List Posted

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

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

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

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

Oct. 11 | Primary Election Results and Candidates List Posted

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

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

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

Nov. 8 | General Election Results Posted

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

CIRCLE OF Indigenous Arts

Market & Juried Competition

June 16-17, 2023 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Awards and Prizes

- ▶ Best in Division Award
- ▶ Best in Show Award

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For more information, please contact:
 Glenna Halliwill at 989-775-4744
 or GHalliwill@sagchip.org

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SAGINAW CHIPPEWA POWWOW
Madendamadaa Waanezhiwebak "Honoring our Future"

July 28, 29 & 30, 2023

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

Registration:

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

Vendors:

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

Host Drum: Young Enemy
Head Veteran: Raymond Cadotte
Masters of Ceremonies: Paul Raphael & Brian Moore
Arena Director: Mark Kingbird Sr.
Arena Director: Mike Medawis
Drum Judge: Harvey Dreaver
Male Dance Judge: Wesley Cleland
Female Dance Judge: Tracy Cleland
Head Female Dancer: Delina White
Head Male Dancer: Gerald White
Fire Keeper: Steven Oldman
Sound: Hoka Sound

- **Dance Contests:** TBA
- **Drum Contest:** TBA
- **Committee Specials:** TBA

www.sagchip.org/pow-wow
**Free Admission **Drug and Alcohol Free Event*

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

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- Report naloxone use at nextdistro.org/reverse to have more naloxone mailed to you

Saganing Powwow

Golf Outing Fundraiser

Friday, June 9, 2023
Tee time: 10 a.m. shotgun start

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

- Format: four player scramble
- Entry: \$80 per player *includes cart, green fee, skins, lunch and awards banquet
- Prizes for: longest drive, closest to pin, and longest putt
- Mulligans: \$5 each, limit two per player
- Raffles

Sponsors:

- Saganing Powwow Committee
- Saganing Eagles Landing Marketing
- Frank Cloutier Extraordinaire

Pre-registration:
Please email your team name and players to:
 Powwowcommittee@sagchip.org
**All proceeds benefit the 2023 Saganing Powwow*

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

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

Check out the **Tribal Observer ONLINE**

www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver



Tribal Council

- Chief**
Theresa Peters-Jackson | District One
- Sub-Chief**
Jennifer L. Wassegijig | District One
- Treasurer**
Gayle Ruhl | District One
- Secretary**
Martha Wemigwans | District One
- Sergeant-at-Arms**
David Merrill Jr. | District One
- Chaplain**
Alice Jo Ricketts | District One
- Council Member**
Diana Quigno-Grundahl | District One
- Council Member**
Frank J. Cloutier | District Three
- Council Member**
Luke Sprague | District One
- Council Member**
Mary Quigno | District One
- Council Member**
Ron Nelson | District Two
- Council Member**
Samantha Chippeway | District One



Wednesday, June 14

Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center
7957 E. Remus Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

5K Run & One Mile Fun Run/Walk

Registration: 5:30 p.m. | Race begins: 6:30 p.m.

Registration forms available online:
www.sagchip.org/sevengen/events.htm

Full course post-race dinner served!

Individual fees:

- \$15 post marked by June 9
- \$20 after June 9

Family rate: (Three or more immediate family members)

- \$40 post marked by June 9
- \$45 after June 9

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.



Human Race T-shirts:

For first 125 registrants

For more information, contact:

Jaden Harman | 989.775.4694 | JHarman@sagchip.org

Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee Currently Two Vacancies

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

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

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

dseal@sagchip.org

Letters of interests accepted until all vacancies are filled.



Tuesdays • June 6 - Oct. 3

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Farmers Market Pavilion

Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads

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

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

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

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For more information, contact:

Jasmine Gonzalez, Market Master
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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.



Storyworth Books

Preserve your meaningful memories and moments in a keepsake published book. Share your experiences with your loved ones.

Open to all SCIT Elders

How to participate:

- **Step One:** Once a week, Andahwod Elder Services will send an email. Call or ask in person a question or give all questions to inspire to write or answer. Include pictures you would like in your book.
- **Step Two:** Elder replies by email, call or in person to Andahwod Elder Services.
- **Step Three:** End of the year (or desired time frame) the elders' stories are bound in a keepsake book.

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For more information, please contact:
Andahwod at 989.775.4300



TRIBAL OBSERVER

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

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

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

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

Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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



Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please mail form to:

Tribal Observer
7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Contact Information:

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



Honoring, Healing & Remembering

Join us on the 89th 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.

Tuesday, June 6, 2023
7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School
1400 W. Pickard, Mt. Pleasant, MI

Welcoming all Pipe Carriers, Tribal Flag Bearers and Jingle Dress Dancers

Silent Auction donations welcome
• Contact: NaLambertson@sagchip.org or 989.775.4756

Keynote speakers:

- **MIIBS Schematic Designs**
Christian Nakarado, Architect
- **Boarding School Survivors Panel**

Sunrise Ceremony
7 a.m. | Mission Creek Cemetery
One mile north off of Pickard Road on Bamber Road

Open to the public. Rain or shine

• Breakfast and lunch provided	• Grand Entry
• Jingle Dress Healing Dance	• Flag Song
• Celebratory Round Dance	• Prayer
• Giveaway and Traveling Song	• Guest Speakers
• Student Roll Call	• Pipe Ceremony
• "Remembering the Deceased"	• Silent Auction

For more information, please contact:

- **Marcella Hadden:**
MLHadden@sagchip.org | 989.775.4751
- **Noelle Wells:**
NWells@sagchip.or | 989.775.4750
- **Or email:** miibs@sagchip.org

Summer SAFETY FAIR

June 3, 2023
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Public Safety Building
(Corner of Leaton & Broadway)

Featuring:

- Fire equipment and smoke house
- Police dog and safety information
- Car seat inspections
- Free fire & carbon monoxide detectors
- Sacred Bundle Project
- Free helmets and bicycle giveaway
- Free lunch and ice cream
- Jaws of Life demo
- Environmental, fall, water, safety, health information & more!
- Police & rescue vehicles
- Door prizes
- Bouncy house
- Kids & adult activities
- Dog & ORV registration info
- Picture opportunities

Everything is free! All are invited!

For more information, please contact:
989-775-4699 or SSowmick@sagchip.org

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College STEAM Student Organization

SUMMER STEAM RAFFLE Fundraiser

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

Prizes:

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

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

For more information, please contact:

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

Homeowners Assistance Funds program (HAF)

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

Need assistance keeping your home?

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

SCIT-SCHD Housing can help with:

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

Applications are available:

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

SCAN FOR APPLICATION

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Housing Department COVID-19 Homeowner Assistance Fund Policy (HAF Policy) is established by action of the Tribal Council of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan on August, 24, 2022. This HAF Policy shall govern the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Housing Department (SCHD) HAF Program and the administration and management of Homeowners Assistance Funds received from the U.S. Department of Treasury pursuant to Section 3206 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. No. 117-2 (March 11, 2011)

SCIT Powwow Committee RAFFLE Summer Patio Package

Drawing: Sunday, June 11, 2023
2 p.m. | At Saganing Traditional Powwow

Package includes: Awning, patio set and \$150 Home Depot gift card

Tickets: One for \$5 or three for \$10

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

**All proceeds benefit the Saginaw Chippewa and Saganing Powwows*

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

ZIIBIWING CENTER of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways

Collections Committee Vacancies

Attention Tribal Members

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

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

Interested members need to:

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

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

William Johnson, Curator/Operations Manager

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

NIIBING Program 2022

June 19 - July 27, 2023

- ▶ **When:** Monday - Thursday, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- ▶ **Who:** Students who are currently in grades K-5
- ▶ **Where:** Saginaw Chippewa Academy
- ▶ **Cost:** \$75

Registration packets/invoices: Available at the Education Administration Office

For more information, please contact: Deb Smith at 989-775-4071 or dsmith@sagchip.org

Weekend Volunteers NEEDED

To help protect the MIIBS site from trespassers and vandals

July, August, September & October
Fridays and Saturdays | 9 p.m. - 3 a.m.

- Preferably military, law enforcement or security experience, but not necessary
- Compensation available
- Must be 18 or older

For more information, please contact:
Marcella Hadden | Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
• **Email:** MLHadden@sagchip.org • **Phone:** 989.775.4751



CMU women's basketball coach Kristin Haynie scores with Tribal Observer interview

JOSEPH SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

On April 20, the Chippewas Champions Center in Mount Pleasant was packed as former WNBA stand-out Kristin Haynie was named as the new women's basketball coach for Central Michigan University.

Erik Rodriguez, public relations director and CMU alumnus, joined CMU President Robert Davies and CMU Athletic Director Amy Folan in welcoming Coach Haynie back home to campus, as she has previously served as assistant coach.

"It was a great day welcoming back Coach Haynie, I believe that her previous experience at CMU will assist in strengthening the partnership between CMU women's basketball and the SCIT," Rodriguez said. "She understands and values our partnership and is committed to continuing to find ways to have her student athletes interact with our Tribal youth. Her connection and understanding of our culture provides a bridge not only to her players but for the overall community as a whole."

Haynie was on the bench as WNBA coach of the Minnesota Lynx for over a month when the CMU Athletics program came calling.

"Thank you to the whole CMU administration for giving me this opportunity to lead this program," Haynie said. "This is truly a dream come true."

Haynie played hoops for Mason High School and is a former Michigan State women's basketball star and assistant coach. Haynie was also a stand-out guard for the WNBA Sacramento Monarchs.

With a wealth of coaching experience from working with coaching legends Sue Guevara (CMU) and Suzy Merchant (MSU).

"A very hard-working CMU Women's Basketball Team," Haynie said, of what can be

expected as she begins as head coach. "We'll do our best to put a combination of players on the court that play with passion and pride. We'll defend, we'll run, and play up-tempo."

Haynie shared, as a player and coach, how she would instill those leadership qualities and work ethic she embraced over the years to her student athletes.

"I believe development happens both on and off the court. I take personal responsibility in the growth of each athlete," Haynie said. "I want to help them achieve their dreams, whether that is pro basketball or starting their career after graduation. My leadership style is centered around communication."

Haynie was firm in her commitment to fostering an "all in" mentality around the program.

"I believe in collaborating and no one person can do this, it will truly be a team effort," Haynie said. "That kind of team effort includes staff and extends to all players, managers, and even the community."

Under former CMU women's basketball coach Guevara, Haynie and the team has interacted with students from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe on many occasions. Haynie has plans for the future as the new CMU Head Coach where her staff and team continue that outreach.

"I think that was a wonderful tradition that Coach Guevara started with the Saginaw Chippewa Academy and the SCIT Parks and Recreation program," Haynie said. "I fully want to continue to do that and find additional ways where the team can be involved with the Saginaw Chippewa community."

Courtesy image



Housing Department introduces Miranda Pelcher-Miley as admission & occupancy specialist

My name is Miranda Pelcher-Miley and I have three beautiful daughters. I am a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and I am Bear Clan. My Ojibwe name is Nimkiibineshiinh Kwe which means "Thunderbird Woman."

I have lived a majority of my life here on the Reservation, with brief periods of residing in Howell and Traverse City.

I am so thrilled to be back at the Housing Department. Some of you may recognize me from the CERA program where I was a temporary worker for about eight months. I benefitted from the temp pool and now have the opportunity to continue working for my Tribe.

I am currently attending Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and just recently have



been selected to serve on the Tribal Education Advisory Board.

Multi-tasking is something that comes easy to me because I am a full-time employee, college student and most importantly, a mother. Although my schedule may sound hectic, I still look forward to serving the Housing community.

Please do not hesitate to reach out and ask questions. I hope to



Courtesy photo

Miranda Pelcher-Miley

make this experience easy and enjoyable for all tenants.

• **Phone:** (989) 775- 4532
• **Email:** MiPelcher@sagchip.org



Nimkee
Memorial Wellness Center

NEW HOURS
Effective May 22 – Sept. 3, 2023

Nimkee Clinic & Pharmacy will be open:
Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

A medical provider will be on-call: (989) 317-2088
▶ After regular business hours ▶ Fridays ▶ Weekends

Teledoc is available
"General Medicine Only"

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



Teladoc prescriptions

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

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

Summer Solstice
Plant Giveaway
Aki Nomaage (The teacher is Earth)
Blessing the People with Plants

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

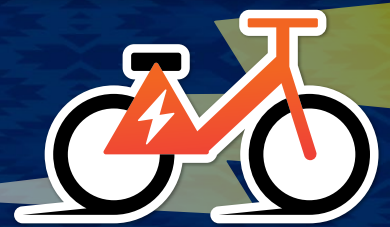
Time: 9 a.m. until gone

SCIT Tribal Housing Garage
2451 Nish Na Be Anong Rd.
• Sun, partial-shade or shade

For more information:
989-775-4467 or MMCreery@sagchip.org

**Program funded by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) & the Bureau of Indian Affairs*

SCIT Powwow Committee
RAFFLE



Electric Bike Package

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

Package includes: Bike, helmet and rack

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

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

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Powwowcommittee@sagchip.org



2 Percent

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(Editor's note: The following contains quotes from local leaders speaking on behalf of receiving the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's 2 percent grants, distributed on May 22-23, 2023.)

Observer photos by Matthew Wright

Isabella County

Tobin Hope, board of commissioners

"The thing is, we built this together. When I say we, I don't mean us, I don't mean the county. I mean all of us, as a community... I want to continue to work together. Continue to grow as a community, and continue to take care of the needs of our people. Thank you to Chief Jackson, Tribal Council and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe."



City of Mt. Pleasant

Amy Perschbacher, mayor

"I am very thankful to Chief Jackson and to Tribal Council for their support and generosity for our community. Community is so important, and I value all of the partnerships we have within our community. Without those partnerships we would not be able to support our residents, who rely on us not only for their livelihood but for their safety and wellbeing. Thank you for all of the support and we appreciate you so much."



Chippewa Township

Rob Smith, supervisor

"Thank you all for being leaders. Thank you for caring, because without you nothing is going to happen out here. People just don't have the funds. We cherish everything that you guys do for us. It matters, thank you very much."



Mt. Pleasant Public Schools

Jennifer Verleger, superintendent

"When we celebrate our graduates in our class, we know that for every student that graduates, it takes something different to get them to be able to cross that stage. When I look at these grants that we generously received today, this really helps the students that have the most obstacles to get across that stage. It really makes the biggest difference for them."



Au Gres-Sims School District

Chris Ming, superintendent

"When it comes to budgets for school districts, the basics are covered and that's about it. Schools are more than just reading, writing and math. We want to make them homes for learning. Because of our partnership with the Tribe, we were able to take advantage of your generosity and put that forward into things that otherwise we could'nt afford within our budget."



Pinconning Area School District

Andy Kowalczyk, superintendent

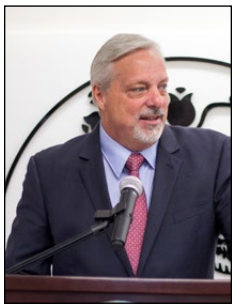
"I just want to tell you about a secondary benefit of this process. It's really amazing, those few weeks before the grants are due. To have the educators talking, and going back and forth. They're calling me, they are emailing, they are talking to each other saying 'what can we do for our students'... It's amazing, so those conversations are great. Even if they were not accepted, those thoughts are now in their heads and they know that this is something that we can look for. Maybe the next time; we can continue to try to get these things for our students. It's all for the students, and so, we appreciate it."



Union Township

Bryan Mielke, supervisor

"I just have to say, as I'm listening and reading through these projects, I couldn't be more excited about some of these. The airport, the commission on aging, the law enforcement support for communications and the recycling program. All of these things help the community as a whole. So again, not just on behalf of the township, but thank you from our entire community. We're all servants here; we all try to serve our communities. I want you to know, that through what you do. Your servanthood makes us more effective servants."



Denver Township

John Pedjac, supervisor

"This is my 18th year coming up here. I cannot tell you how thankful I am for everything you have done for our township and the rest of our communities... If it wasn't for this Tribe, and its unending support that you guys give to the rest of us, we would not be the township that we are today."



Tribal Council declares May 5 as Murdered and Missing Indigenous Persons Awareness Day

PUBLIC RELATIONS

On Friday, May 5, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council adopted Resolution 23-097 to recognize May 5th as Murdered and Missing Indigenous Persons Awareness Day.

SCIT joins in support of other tribal communities, local governments and the State of Michigan in creating awareness of this epidemic.

This resolution assists in reaffirming SCIT's commitment to ending the "Silent Crisis" that happens all too often within Native communities nationwide. By continuing to raise awareness, we can work together to find ways to prevent and resolve incidents of violence perpetrated against American Indians.

RESOLUTION 23-097

WHEREAS: The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan is a federally recognized Indian Tribe under a Constitution and By-Laws ratified by the Tribe on Nov. 4, 1986 pursuant to P.L. 99-346; and

WHEREAS: This Resolution is adopted by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council ("Tribal Council") pursuant to Article VI, Section 1(i), (j), (n), and (o) of the Constitution of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS: American Indians are victims of domestic violence, homicide, sexual assault, and abuse at disproportionately higher rates than other groups; and

WHEREAS: the Tribal Council has determined that a Tribal Missing Indigenous Persons Awareness Day is needed to reaffirm our commitment to combat failures that continue to frustrate the investigation and prosecution of cases of missing and murdered American Indians; and,

WHEREAS: in response to this epidemic of violence, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan is committed to working with federal, state and tribal governments to help develop policies and procedures needed to prevent and resolve incidents of violence perpetrated against American Indians; and,

WHEREAS: on this day, we reaffirm our commitment to bringing an end to the "Silent Crisis" happening amongst American Indian and Alaska Native communities across the country and remaining silent no more.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Tribal Council proclaims May 5th as Murdered and Missing Indigenous Persons Awareness Day and joins the State of Michigan in its proclamation made on this date that local governments and Tribal communities in the State of Michigan increase awareness of and resources for the crisis of missing and murdered American Indian and Alaska Native peoples through appropriate programs, activities, and funding.

CERTIFICATION: The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council with a quorum being present during a Special Meeting on the fifth day of May 2023, by a vote of 7 for 0 against, and 0 abstaining.



'I just want to go home': Tribal elder recounts experience at Harbor Springs boarding school, Part 2

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

(Content warning: The following article contains material that some readers may find disturbing.)

In last month's Tribal Observer, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Elder Sharon Skutt spoke about her experience as a survivor of the Holy Childhood of Jesus Catholic boarding school in Harbor Springs, Mich. She has much more to tell. This is Part 2.

Thousands of Native American children were forced to attend this boarding school from 1829 until its closing in 1983. In 1967, Skutt, then 11-year-old Sharon Walker, and her siblings were sent to the school by their mother.

"My mom was going through a difficult time," Skutt said. "Her doctor told her that if she didn't find someone to take care of us, that he would have us taken away. That's how we ended up going to the boarding school."

Skutt attended the school for three years – for nine months each year. She was able to go home for the summer.

She recalls her reoccurring thought during the school year, "I just want to go home."

Most of her traumatic memories involve the nun in charge of her dormitory. We're calling her Sister N.

"Sister had this big machine that she used to wash the floors and it had this big brush on the bottom," Skutt said. "The only thing I had to do was keep the cord out of the water. Somebody else had to pour the soapy water on the floor for her. Well, that somebody disappeared."

Skutt said upon pouring the water onto the floor, she didn't pour enough or at the exact spot Sister N wanted it.

"I was hanging onto the bucket and she grabbed the bucket," Skutt said. "The bucket and I went flying across the floor and she's yelling at me to go find that girl, and so I went upstairs and I found her... I don't know what happened between (the girl and I) but we ended up getting in a little spat."

Skutt said the daily routine involved Sister N heading down for morning prayer. The children could hear her coming back up the stairs because the floors creaked.

"If Sister was going to be in a good mood, she'd turn just a couple lights on in the

dormitory," Skutt said. "If she was going to be (in a bad mood) that day, she'd always flip all of the lights on. So, I always covered my head with my blanket because I didn't know what was going to happen."

The children had strict orders on how to "properly" make their beds (hospital corners), and the bed, chair at the foot of the bed, footboard, night stand, and basin had to line up perfectly.

Originally set up by the federal government, religious organizations eventually took over boarding schools.

"If that sounds very military, well yeah, because that's how the army said they want it to be. They tried to assimilate us," Skutt said.

"Each morning, you had to get dressed, put your apron on, make your bed, brush your teeth, comb your hair," Skutt said. "Then the sister who took care of the dining room would bang on the radiator pipe down on the first floor and that was her calling (those working in the dining room) to come down."

"Everybody got hot cocoa in the morning and mush – every single day for breakfast. Every once in a great while, you might get cornflakes or oatmeal."

One evening, Skutt refused to eat the dinner provided and was sent to bed early at 6 p.m. The only one in her dormitory, she said she enjoyed her "only chance at peace and quiet." She said it was the only time she didn't "live in that constant fear."

Even after the boarding school, Skutt said she lived in constant fear for a very long time. When she made a simple mistake at work, her anxiety was high; worrying she would be punished and fired.

While the children were tormented regularly, Halloween was the cruelest.

"A story I heard after I left the school was that on Halloween, nuns took baby powder, sprinkled it on the stairway and told the kids that's 'devil's dust' and 'if you step on it, the devil's going to get you.' And, (the kids) were traumatized because there was no place to step — there was powder everywhere," Skutt said.

Other survivors shared another experience with Skutt about one of the nuns carrying a tray with a cover on it to a table in the dining

"When you were there, it was a lot of self-preservation," Skutt said. "You did what you had to do to be able to survive. I always tried to be invisible."

room. The nun approached the children, took the cover off; revealing a bloody bear head.

It was the same nun to also have a bear claw. The nun chucked it at Skutt's sister – it hit her in the hip and left marks, Skutt said.

That was the only time Skutt recalled hearing Sister N defend the children; Sister N told the other nun she couldn't hit her girls.

"When you were there, it was a lot of self-preservation," Skutt said. "You did what you had to do to be able to survive. I always tried to be invisible."

Skutt felt sorry for one of the girls in her dormitory who wet her bed every night. The girl was visibly humiliated and demeaned each time.

Other belittling moments happened when each of the girls were forced to spank a young girl. Skutt said "you had to hit her and had to do it hard enough" or Sister N wouldn't accept it.

"There was another girl... she was a darker skinned Native, and so the back of her elbows were always really dark," Skutt said. "Sister was always making her go to the bathroom – telling her that her elbows were dirty and crusty. They weren't crusty from dirt; they were dry. And (Sister N would) make her go back there and scrub. I felt bad for her too."

Skutt kept a diary and in it, she wrote her plans to run away with another girl at the school, regardless of it being mid-winter. One of the other girls found and read the diary and tattled on Skutt. Mother Superior came to the dorm to talk to her and asked why she wanted to run away.

"I didn't want to tell her it was because of (Sister N), so I told her my mom and dad were going to get a divorce and I was upset about that," Skutt said, mentioning her fear. "Mother Superior didn't believe in hitting kids, but (Sister N) did."

Skutt said she did hear of kids running away from the school.

"A lot of them didn't make it – a lot of them froze to death," she said.

Skutt said burial sites and bones have been found on the former school's grounds.

In February 1940, the Ludington Daily News reported that the frozen body of David Devernay Jr., 13, was recovered after he ran away with another 13-year-old boy who survived. They both had been missing for 24 hours.

On Saturdays, the children were allowed visitors.

"In the dormitory, we had windows that faced (the street)," she said. "On a Saturday, if a car pulled up, someone would yell, 'Someone's got visitors!' All the girls would go running to the windows. Whoever got visitors would be ecstatic, happy. When our families were there, Sister would be so nice and so sweet. But, she'd always give us a look. You didn't want to be too happy because it would really make her mad."

"You could never fully enjoy a visit with your parents or grandparents, because afterward, we'd go to the dorm, and, of course, you're happy because you just had visitors, (Sister N) would be all over you and say, 'You need to get off your high horse just because you had visitors.' She took the joy out of that."



Courtesy photo

Sharon Skutt, with her brother's cat, Spot

At the time Skutt attended the boarding school, three of her siblings were also there. They were never allowed to be together except at meal time.

"Even when we went outside to play, we couldn't go anywhere near the boys. You had to play with your own age group," she said, adding she couldn't play with her sisters outside.

She said her experience wasn't all terrible. She enjoyed Sunday hiking days, picking apples or pears, and occasional cook outs hosted by beneficiaries.

"We did have some fun, but even the fun was marred by some of the sisters who just couldn't stand us having fun," she said.

However, she does have fond memories of Sister Perpetula or "Petchie." She was a warm, kind nun. She gave hugs and would even warn the girls if Sister N was approaching so they wouldn't get in trouble.

In the early '80s, a Grand Rapids-based newspaper released an article about the horrors the students faced at this school. The nuns were let go, but never faced criminal charges.

"I find a lot of comfort in knowing those nuns are going to have to answer to a higher power for the things they did to the kids," Skutt said.

The school was demolished in 2007. Only one brick entrance and one classroom remains on the grounds.

"It was a horrible place," Skutt said. "I said when I grow up, I will never send my kids to any place like this. I will never send my kids away for anybody else to take care of because no one else would take care of them like I will."

In June 2021, U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland announced the Federal Boarding School Initiative, an effort to address the intergenerational impact of Indian boarding schools and to shed light on the traumas of the past.

In May 2022, Haaland and Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland released an investigative report detailing historical records relating to federal Indian boarding schools.

The investigation found that from 1819 to 1969, 408 federal Indian boarding schools were in operation across 37 states, and burial sites were found at 53 different schools (doi.gov).

"You hear people say sometimes, 'Well, you just need to get over it.' No, I don't need to get over it. I need people to know what happened there," Skutt said.

Skutt is scheduled to speak at the Honoring, Healing and Remembering event held at the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School grounds on June 6.

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Courtesy photo

A 1969 photo of some of the Walker siblings who attended the Holy Childhood boarding school. Skutt is on the end on the right. (The photo was taken in between school years.)



Courtesy of Sharon Skutt

The big girls' dormitory is photographed by Skutt when she returned to the grounds during an open house before the school was demolished in 2007.



SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL COLLEGE CLASS OF 2023



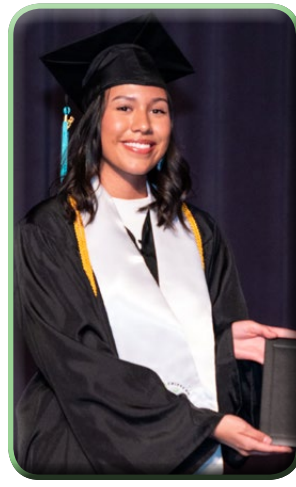
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Associate Degree
in Business



David Perez III
Associate Degree
in Business



Alicia Raphael
Associate Degree
in Business



Sage Chupco
Associate Degree in
Liberal Arts



Ina Loretta Kongphila
Associate Degree in
Liberal Arts



Joanna Cooley
Associate Degree in
Native American Studies



Carl Deaton III
Associate Degree in
Native American Studies



Lacey Mandoka
Associate Degree in
Native American Studies



Elizabeth Smith
Associate Degree in
Native American Studies



Chyann Haas
Associate Degree in
General Science



Tanner Williams
Associate Degree in
General Science



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Announcing
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JUNE 19 - JULY 17 - AUGUST 21

at both Isabella & Saganing Sagamok Express Mobil!

AND ENTER TO WIN A \$100 GAS CARD

1 Free Fountain Pop **OR** 1 Free Popcorn

Winner Drawn the following Tuesday!

No purchase necessary. Must show Tribal I.D. Must be 18 to enter gas card drawing. Limit 1 free item & entry per SCIT member.

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Mt. Pleasant High School



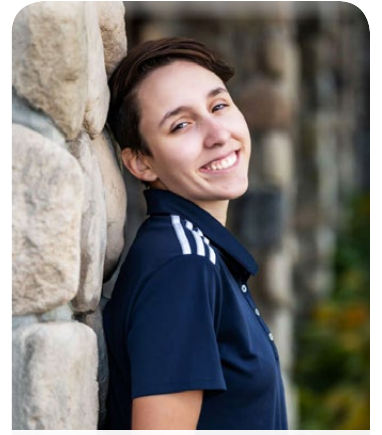
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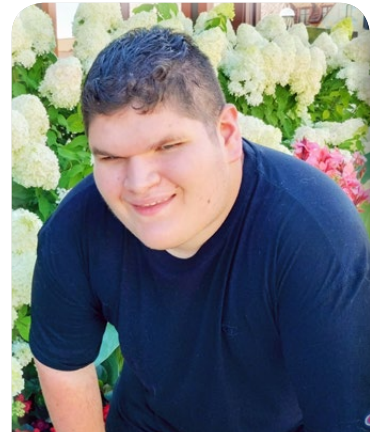
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Kaylie Sprague
WAY-Oasis



Kayden Weekley-Dean
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Josh Leksche
Michigan Connections Academy



Marcus Romero
Judge Memorial Catholic High School
(Salt Lake City, Utah)



Aryana Robinson
Haslett High School



Zoey Mandoka Haggard
Mt. Pleasant High School



Miingin DJ Starkey
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Zachary Meyers
Beal City High School



Syanna DeLaCruz
Michigan Online School



Deion Leauxaux
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Mackenzie Burger
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Lucus Jackson
Mt. Pleasant High School



Kyrh Lynn Bennett
Mt. Pleasant High School



Kenneth Wemigwans
Mt. Pleasant High School



Skylur Graveratte
Beal City High School



Janice Aylsa Marie Gardner
Beal City High School



Skyler Alan Flachs
WAY-Oasis





Congratulations high school graduates!



Adrianna West
Mt. Pleasant High School



Jodie Marie Wabazoo Henry
Alpena High School



Nautica Mena-Strait
Mt. Pleasant High School



Alydia Floyd
Suttons Bay High School



In Memory of
Josiah Hernandez-Wemigwans
Oct. 4, 2005 - Aug. 16, 2022
Josiah graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School at 16 years old with the Class of 2022.

Congratulations higher education graduates!



Alicia Starkey
Northern Michigan University
Masters of Social Work



Guadalupe Gonzalez
Michigan State University
Master of Arts in Rhetoric and Writing



Chyann Haas
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
General Sciences



Latasha Ritter
Mid Michigan College
Administrative Assistant Professional



Tyson N. Perez
Estrella Mountain Community College
Associate of Arts – General Studies

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Nia Lewis
Central Michigan University
Bachelor of Science degree (majored in Neuroscience and minored in Psychology)



Madeleine Fisher
Cal Poly Humboldt
Bachelor of Fine Arts, minor in Art History & Museum and Gallery Practices Certificate



Arthur Slavik
Cleary University
Bachelor in Business and Public Safety Administration



Luke Sprague
Central Michigan University
Master of Science in Administration



Ina Loretta Card-Kongphila
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
Liberal Arts



Lacey Mandoka
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
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- **Phone:** 989.317.4827
- **Email:** khart@sagchip.org

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Tribal Member

RÉSUMÉ

Development

Available through Human Resources

Any Tribal Members needing assistance in creating or updating their resume are encouraged to contact Betsey Alonzo to set up an appointment at the following:

Betsey M. Alonzo, Tribal Development Coordinator
Email: Balonzo@sagchip.org | **Phone:** 989-775-5643



More than 1,600 local area students attend Tribal Education's annual powwow

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

More than 1,600 students from local area schools took a field trip to the SCIT Powwow grounds for the annual educational powwow, held by the Tribal Education K-12 department.

The 2023 powwow schedule consisted of two days of students on Tuesday, May 9 and Wednesday, May 10.

The students experienced powwows, cultural workshops and food (fry bread for the morning sessions and Indian tacos in the afternoons). Session/activities were scheduled for 30 minutes each.

Tuesday saw elementary school students from the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, Sasiwaans, Shepherd, Winn, Mary McGuire, Fancher, Renaissance and Beal City.

Wednesday saw middle school and high school students from Shepherd,



Beal City, Mt. Pleasant and Odyssey.

Previously, the powwow has been held in the former Tribal Operations building. This year it moved to the powwow grounds, which reportedly, the students and staff quite enjoyed.

Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick



Water walk and ceremony held with SCA, Renaissance students

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

It's one of the most important things on this Earth and, rightfully so, it is celebrated. Water was honored during the water walk and ceremony held for Saginaw Chippewa Academy students and fourth and fifth grade students of the Renaissance Public School Academy on May 18.

In a pavilion at Island Park in Mount Pleasant, Michael McCreery, natural resource specialist, provided a welcome as students and faculty were appropriately gathered near the Chippewa River.

McCreery said it is important to teach the youth the significance of water and hold a water walk because "20 to 30 years from now, if you want to have another water walk, it will involve the youth. They will remember honoring the water and want to repeat that."

Cecilia Stevens, culture and language teacher at SCA, discussed the sacredness of water.

"Water has a spirit; it's alive," Stevens said. "It provides nourishment to animals, humans and plants."

Stevens discussed Josephine Ba Mandamin "The Water Walker." Mandamin and Anishinaabek would begin

sacred walks, traversing more than 10,900 miles around each of the Great Lakes.

"They would walk six to eight weeks because it would take that long to walk around the Great Lakes," Stevens said.

As a former conservation officer, a protector of the Great Lakes, wildlife and the rights of people, McCreery said he was involved with a prior water walk.

"I had the privilege to escort the water walkers in 2004 as they passed through Antrim County, Charlevoix, Petoskey, and Mackinaw City," McCreery said. "After learning about the 2004 signing of water accord between all 12 tribes of Michigan



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Saginaw Chippewa Academy and Renaissance Academy students join Tribal community members during a May 18 water walk around Island Park in Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

and the State of Michigan to 'protect the water,' I asked a question of the history of the water accord to friend, Kent Ba Jackson (elder/pipe carrier). He expressed his excitement to me as he was present at the signing and how he wanted to get all the leaders and elders back together to remind them of the promise they made to water."

Prior to the water walk with students, Stevens shared a prayer and a song that she created for the SCA students. The water song came from Isabelle Osawamick, Anishinaabe outreach specialist.

Those in attendance stood facing the East as Stevens sang the song four times through to

represent the four directions.

Stevens encouraged the students to sing with her as they walked almost a half mile around Island Park. While her song was in Anishinabemowin, she encouraged the students to sing in Anishinabemowin or in English, "Water we love you, water we respect you."

Tribal Elder Bonnie Ekdahl participated in the water walk where she walked next to her grandson. She provided a few words before the event wrapped up.

"You are all officially water walkers; you all stuck up for the water," Ekdahl said to the participants. "Every single living being needs water to live."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Cecilia Stevens (front row, third from left), culture and language teacher at SCA, leads the water walk while singing a water blessing.

Wii-maajikwad "Where we grow" Tribal school update



Photos courtesy of Courtney Kahgegab

COURTNEY KAHGEGAB

Project Coordinator Assistant

The Project Coordination team will be providing a monthly update with photos on the new Tribal school and recreation building that is located on Giikendasso Way.

Construction began Nov. 28, 2022 with the mobilization of Konwinski Construction Inc. They immediately began clearing the site, stock-piling topsoil and de-grubbing the area. The construction team also completed work on the detention pond in the early months.

All concrete foundations are complete. There will be plenty of construction work being done as we move into the summer months.

How exciting is it to finally see this new school and recreation center come to life?



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**SUNDAYS, JUNE 4, 11 & 18
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Hourly hotseat drawings from 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Each drawn winner will select one of four money clips to reveal a cash prize of up to \$200!



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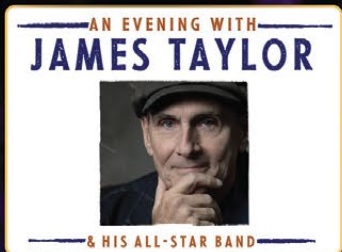
ENTERTAINMENT



**Brooks & Dunn
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Thursday, June 15
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Outdoor Concert
Tickets: \$41, \$116, \$138, \$152



**Beers, Brats & Burgers
Dine & Drink Series**
Saturday, July 22
7:30 p.m.
Entertainment Hall
Tickets: \$50 General Admission



**An Evening with
James Taylor**
Friday, June 23
8:00 p.m.
Outdoor Concert
Tickets: \$36, \$81, \$98, \$114



**Five Finger Death Punch
with I Prevail**
Sunday, July 23
8:00 p.m.
Outdoor Concert
Tickets: \$38, \$90, \$106, \$131



**Monster Truck
Madness 9**
Saturday, July 1
7:00 p.m.
Outdoor Event Area
Tickets: \$25 General Admission



**Kane Brown with Chris
Lane & Restless Road**
Thursday, August 3
7:00 p.m.
Outdoor Concert
SOLD OUT!



**Pitbull
with Lil Jon**
Sunday, July 9
8:00 p.m.
Outdoor Concert
Tickets: \$37, \$89, \$105, \$130



**Carrie Underwood with
Colbie Caillat**
Thursday, August 24
8:00 p.m.
Outdoor Concert
Tickets: \$54, \$141, \$173, \$204

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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Alice Cooper opens "Too Close For Comfort" Tour at Soaring Eagle

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Legendary rocker Alice Cooper kicked off his "Too Close For Comfort Tour" on Friday, April 28 at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Alice Cooper is known for the pure spectacle and showmanship of his concerts. The performance that night featured large display screens on stage, along with a plethora of props, costumes and scripted action.

Decked out with a top hat and cane, Cooper took to the stage and blitzed through an opening trio of "Lock Me Up," "No More Mr. Nice Guy" and "I'm Eighteen."

The hits continued with "Under My Wheels," "Bed of Nails," "Billion Dollar Babies" and "Fallen in Love."

Cooper draped a snake around his shoulders for "Snakebite," marking the first



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Alice Cooper looks out to the crowd during a performance of "No More Mr. Nice Guy" at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on April 28.

time the song had been played live since 1991.

Other highlights that night included "Only Women Bleed," "Poison," "Welcome to My

Nightmare" and "Be My Lover."

A giant monster doll roamed the stage during "Feed My Frankenstein."

After "Ballad of Dwight Fry,"



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Cooper (left) watches on, as guitarist Nita Strauss (right) performs the the solo of "I'm Eighteen."

Cooper was marched by his costume clad wife, Sheryl, to a guillotine. The crowd roared as the blade slammed down, and his fake head prop was raised. Keeping up the charade, the band performed "I Love the Dead" without Alice visible on stage.

Balloons floated around the

stage during a spirited performance of "School's Out."

The show ended with an encore of "Elected," in which Cooper donned a horror-infused Uncle Sam, flanked by American flags atop a tall podium and asked the crowd, "Why not me?"

American rock band Chicago's concert: 55 years and still grooving

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Funky grooves, showmanship and pure musical talent were noticeable during the American rock band Chicago's Friday, May 5 performance at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Chicago came on stage with horns blazing and a groove was set as they launched right into "Introduction," "Dialogue (Part I & II)" and "Old Days."

One of the longest-running and best-selling music groups of all time, Chicago formed in the city they were named after, in 1967.

Current members include: Robert Lamm (keyboard/vocals/composer), Lee Loughnane (trumpet/flugelhorn/songwriter), James Pankow (trombone/horn arranger/composer), Ray Herrmann (saxophones/flute/



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Members of the band Chicago (front, left to right) James Pankow on the trombone, Ray Herrmann on the saxophone and (back) Ramon "Ray" Yslas showcase their talents at the Friday, May 5 performance at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

clarinet), Walfredo Reyes Jr. (drums), Neil Donell (vocals/guitar), Ramon "Ray" Yslas (percussion), Tony Obrohta (guitar/vocals), Loren Golden (keyboard, vocals) and Eric Baines (bass, vocals).

"We are going to do our best

to do all of the songs you came to hear; at least the ones we remember," Pankow said to the audience, stirring laughter.

Chicago continued showcasing their talent with performances of "If This Is Goodbye," "Make Me Smile (reprise),"



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Neil Donell (front), vocalist for the band Chicago, joins the band on stage after the second song, as Robert Lamm (right) performs alongside the bandmates.

"Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?", "Hard Habit to Break," "You're the Inspiration," "Beginnings" and "I'm a Man," a cover from The Spencer Davis Group.

According to the band's website, Chicago has recorded 38 albums, sold over 100

million records.

The music continued with "Just You 'n' Me," "Hard to Say I'm Sorry" and "Get Away," "Saturday in the Park" and "Feelin' Stronger Every Day."

The audience was on their feet for the encore, which included "25 or 6 to 4."

Cinco De Mayo celebration at SECR features Bobby Pulido and Gary Hobbs

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted a Cinco De Mayo celebration featuring Bobby Pulido and Gary Hobbs on Saturday, May 6.

Headlining the night was Tejano and country music star Bobby Pulido.

The son of Tejano legend, Roberto Pulido, Bobby has won numerous awards as an entertainer and vocalist as well as for best video at the 1997 Tejano Music Awards.

His most recent album "Para Que Baile Mi Pueblo" won Best Tejano Album at the 23rd annual Latin Grammy Awards held on Nov. 17, 2022.

Pulido has amassed a passionate following,



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Tejano and country musician Bobby Pulido looks out to the crowd during the May 6 Cinco De Mayo celebration at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

with his many hit songs including "Inesperadamente," "Se Murió De Amor" and "Vanidosa."



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Gary Hobbs performs on the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall stage.

Opening for Pulido was fellow Tejano musician Gary Hobbs.

Hobbs' song catalog

includes many hits such as "Las Mirades," "Ámame Y Bésame," "Te Vas A Acordar" and "Por Favor Corazon."



Planning Department, Environmental Team free tree giveaway hands out nearly 900 trees

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Planning Department and Environmental Team once again hosted a free tree giveaway, held on Wednesday, May 17 in the Housing garage, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The 2023 tree giveaway included the following species: Wild Black Cherry, Eastern Redbud, Sugar Maple, Tuliptree, Sycamore, White Paper Birch, Gray Dogwood, Elderberry, American Larch/Tamarack, White Cedar, and White Pine.

“As a community, we can work together to plant trees

to improve our Tribal land and water health by providing habitat for wildlife, improving air quality, capturing and purifying storm water runoff, and reducing climate change impacts while also promoting community involvement and environmental awareness” said Katie Hager, environmental outreach coordinator.

Precisely 106 community members stopped in to grab a tree.

The trees were free with a limit of 10 per person, with each person taking no more than two of each species. The program was funded by the Great Lakes



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck



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A free tree giveaway is hosted by the Planning Department and Environmental Team on Wednesday, May 17 in the Housing garage.

Restoration Initiative and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The trees were purchased from Cold Stream Farm.

“This year I decided to buy smaller trees so that we could purchase a larger quantity, thus with GLRI and BIA funding I was able to purchase just under 900 trees (855 to be exact),” Hager said.

Hager shared benefits of trees also include: contributes to urban cooling through shade and reduced energy demands, reduces soil erosion and removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

Those who grabbed a tree were given a brochure with the planting directions, a description of each species, and the tree's names were written out in Anishinaabemowin, provided by Isabella Osawamick, Anishinaabe outreach specialist.

Kevin Chamberlain, recycling coordinator, provided bags of shredded paper soaked

in water to ensure the roots would have enough water without oversaturating them.

Planning, Housing, and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College brought in plastic grocery bags so they were able to reuse materials instead of buying new and creating more plastic waste, Hager said.

Along with Hager, the event was a team effort involving: Ayla Sisco, natural resource technician; Phillip Jackson, environmental response program specialist; Alexis Bruce, environmental response technician; Michael McCreery, natural resource specialist; Lupe Gonzalez, program coordinator for the SCTC Extension Office; Elisa Grossman, community support specialist; and Jeremiah Little, SCTC STEAM student president and intern.

Tribe receives award from Shepherd Tri-Township Fire Department



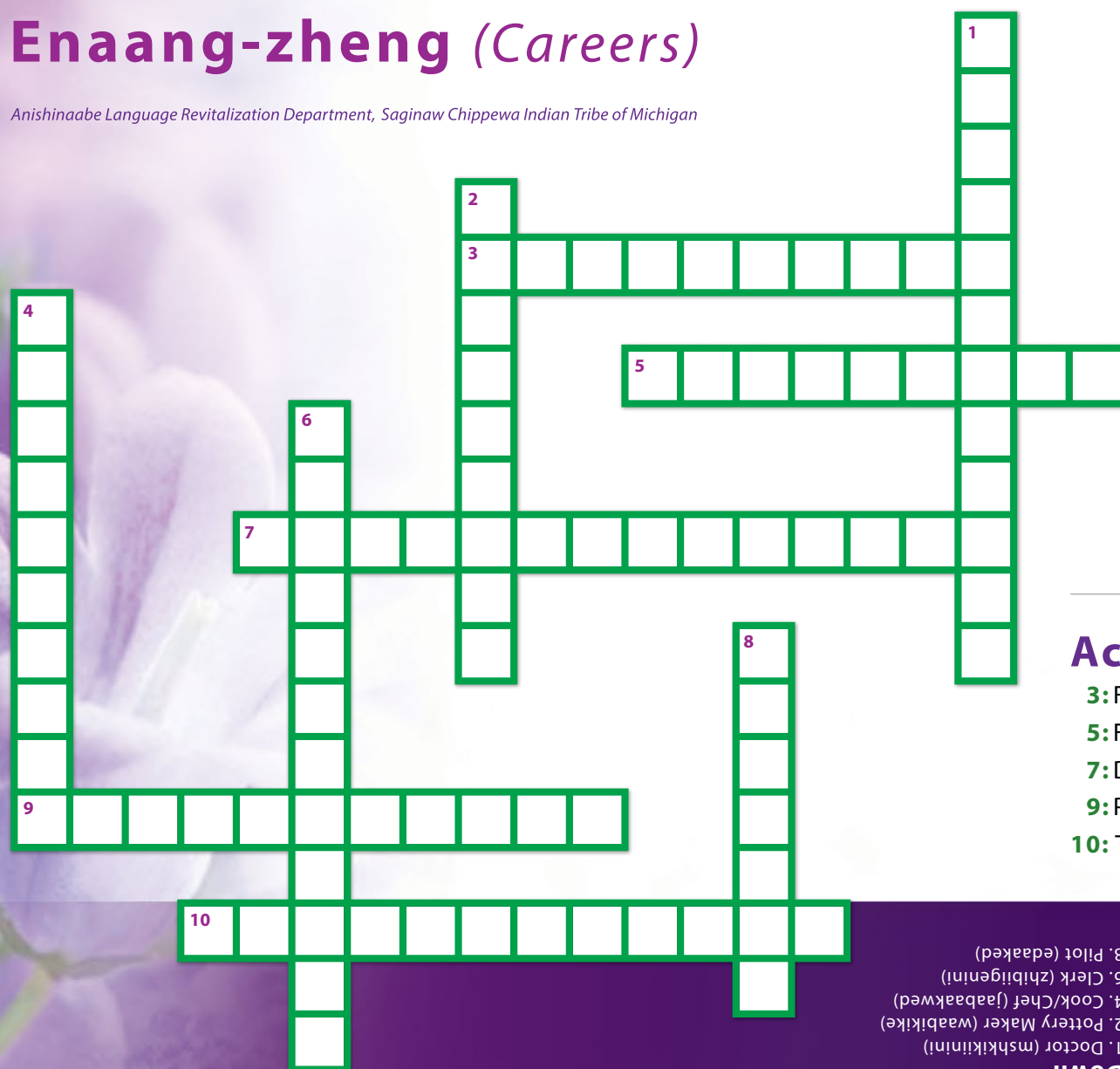
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Tribal Council accepts an award on behalf of the Tribe as the very first recipient of the Shepherd Tri-Township Emergency Vehicle Parade Community Jaws of Life Award. The Shepherd Tri-Township Fire Department developed this award to recognize community members and partners whom have "always answered the call for service to support the Shepherd's fire department during times of need." Tribal Council accepted the award during the 25th annual Emergency Vehicle Light Parade on Friday, April 28 at 6 p.m.

Anishinaabemowin CROSSWORD

Enaang-zheng (Careers)

Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan



Word Bank

- Dko-nwew-nini
- Aa-te-ge-nini
- Zhi-bii-ge-nini
- Jaa-baa-kwed
- Kti-ge-nini
- E'daa-ked
- Wii-bi-daa-ke-nini
- Mshki-kii-nini
- Waa-bi-ki-ke
- E'ki-noo-maa-ged

Across

- 3: Fireman
- 5: Farmer
- 7: Dentist
- 9: Police Officer
- 10: Teacher/Instructor

Down

- 1: Doctor
- 2: Pottery Maker
- 4: Cook/Chef
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Answers



Replacement of island canopy completed at Sagamok gas station

FRITZ KUHLMAN

Migizi Marketing Manager

Migizi Economic Development Company is pleased to share that the replacement of the island canopy at Isabella Sagamok has been completed.

We want to thank everyone for your patience during the project. We do understand that, at times, this was inconvenient to the community. Unfortunately, there was no other option but to perform the necessary work.

Due to environmental regulations, both Sagamok



Courtesy of Migizi EDC

The island canopy at the Sagamok gas station on the Isabella Reservation is completed.

stores are inspected to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal laws. Those inspections include building and structure.

The canopy over the fuel islands at the store has been a concern for some time. The structure had deteriorated to the point it could have

presented a danger to customers. Migizi examined every potential option to make the canopy safe, and in the end, the only option left was a total replacement.

Over the decades, Michigan weather had taken a substantial toll on the canopy, and preventative maintenance had been neglected before Migizi assumed store management. Of particular concern were the upright steel supports for the canopy. The support columns were suffering from extensive rust at the ground level and were beyond repair.

After talking with engineers and contractors, it was determined that immediate replacement was required.

We are happy to report that the project was completed on time and under budget. While this was inconvenient and may have caused questions regarding why it was necessary, Sagamok will now be available to serve the community for decades to come.

Migizi EDC is working diligently to ensure that all Tribal properties are safe, successful, and there when you need them.

Migizi updates: Improvements to The Hill, removal of apartment buildings

FRITZ KUHLMAN

Migizi Marketing Manager

Over the past year, based on the exceptional performance of Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park, Tribal Council has been in talks with Migizi EDC to assume the operation of The Hill campground; the Tribal Council expressed the desire to see Migizi take over the operation of The Hill and to make improvements and upgrades to the property.

A plan and schedule for improvements were presented

to and approved by both the Council and the Migizi Board of Directors.

The plans for The Hill include upgrades to the clubhouse and the addition of a retail shop for campers.

Improvements will be made to the campsites, with plans calling for full hookups to all sites in the future, paving the roadways, and developing more rustic campsites over time. New wayfinding signage and other cosmetic improvements will also be made.

Migizi is awaiting final agreements with contractors



Courtesy of Migizi EDC



Courtesy of Migizi EDC

The two apartment buildings at 6141 and 6147 East Broadway are removed due to issues that made repair financially unfeasible. The area is set to return to green space and talks are ongoing about the best use of the property.

and tradespeople for the more extensive improvements, with the smaller projects being handled by Migizi and Waterpark facilities staff.

The beginning of the project has been delayed by weather and contract negotiations, but work will begin soon.

Currently, the most pressing question is whether the paving of the roads can be completed before The Hill opens for the season or will need to wait until the season's end. Once the asphalt is poured, it will need time to cure and harden before the road surface can support heavy loads.

Recently, there has been concern within the community that the plans called for removing the church and tabernacle at the campground. That is not the case. There has never been any discussion or plan for removing the church. The church and Tabernacle will continue in its current location, and Migizi will upgrade the surrounding area to

enhance the church and make it an even more integral part of The Hill.

Everyone at Migizi EDC recognizes the importance of The Hill to The Tribe and, at the request of Tribal Council, will work to make noticeable and positive improvements to the property as has been the case at Hideaway RV Park. It is planned that when powwow happens at the end of July, everyone attending will see significant changes and find a more inviting and user-friendly property that the Tribe can take great pride in.

Recently, the two apartment buildings at 6141 and 6147 East Broadway were removed.

The building was shuttered in 2022 and scheduled for demolition at that time. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate, and the project had to be rescheduled for this spring. The ground had to dry sufficiently before it could support the needed heavy equipment.

The buildings were removed due to issues that made repair financially unfeasible. Those issues were primarily due to how the buildings were constructed when new and not due to neglect during operation. Migizi had made several improvements to those apartments. The Migizi Board of Directors advised against further investment, precipitating the decision to remove them.

For now, the area will be returned to green space, and talks are ongoing about the best use of the property.

Migizi recognizes the need for Tribal housing and is reviewing several potential ideas to help solve those concerns.

If you have thoughts, concerns, or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact the Migizi team directly. We are here to serve the Tribe and the Membership and are available to answer questions as they come up.

Jennifer Manville Retirement



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Jennifer Manville (center), environmental protection agency region V tribal liaison, is set to retire at the end of June after more than 20 years of service. Manville has been instrumental in assisting the Tribe in the development of programs in brownfields, water quality, and with general assistance programs. She was gifted a pendleton blanket from the Ziibiwing Center during a May 15 visit to the Planning Department (left to right: Environmental Manager Troy Techlin, Manville and Associate General Council Michael Fisher).

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Apoello is a 6-year-old big, lovable hunk of an American Pit Bull Terrier mix. He has had a very rough life thus far and is quite anxious at the shelter. He is hoping for a foster home while he awaits his forever home. He is a peanut butter fanatic. He would greatly benefit from loose leash walking training – he doesn't yet understand leashes and thinks they are fun tug toys.

Louise
Louise is a 7-year-old female Domestic Shorthair mix. When she first came to HATS, she was very overwhelmed by the shelter environment and it made her grumpy. She liked to hide a lot, but after some TLC, she is now comfortable and very sweet and affectionate. She loves to flop over on her side when someone pets her. She has been with HATS since Feb. 28, 2023.

Humane Animal Treatment Society
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**Building is currently closed to walk-in visitors. Adoption visits must be scheduled ahead.*



Andahwod hosts Senior Prom for Tribal elders

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

A senior prom was held for Tribal elders 50 years and older on May 19 from 7 to 10 p.m.

Prom was hosted by Andahwod Continuing Care Community & Elder Services with all proceeds going to support Elder activities. Tickets were \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. A 50/50 drawing was also held.

Elders wore their best formal or semi-formal attire and hit the dance floor to the music by DJ Joe Sowmick.

Photos courtesy of Denise Pelcher and Jennifer Wassegijig



Environmental Team honor U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employee's retirement

JOSEPH SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

On May 4, the SCIT Environmental Team traveled to the Coolidge Road, East Lansing field office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to honor the retirement of its long-serving employee, Dr. Clark McCreedy.

SCIT Environmental Manager Troy Techlin was joined by Environmental Specialist Sally Kniffen and 30 other colleagues who came together at McCreedy's retirement luncheon to celebrate his over 30-year legacy of service to the state and tribal communities.

"Thank you so much for the wonderful courtesy and thoughtfulness shown me on behalf of the Tribe over the years," McCreedy said. "My experience in Michigan has been this: there is no better group of individuals that I have had the privilege of working with than those from the tribes. Working with the Saginaw Chippewa, the Nottawaseppi Huron Potawatomi and the Gun Lake has been nothing but a privilege."

McCreedy's career as a U.S. Fish and Wildlife field biologist

brought his services to Indian Country to assist in environmental response and restoration along with working on environmental contaminants and wildland fire management.

Kniffen said he retired after a long, dedicated career.

"He studied various wildlife, including greater sage-grouse, black-tailed prairie dog and black-footed ferret," Kniffen said of McCreedy. "Clark also participated in wild land fire teams and was the public information officer at a national level for fire management of large fires in forests and grasslands. In recent years, Clark has participated as the lead trustee for the Saginaw River and Bay Natural Resources Damages Assessment and Restoration for the General Motors settlement."

Kniffen and Techlin highlighted some of the work McCreedy did for the Tribe at the luncheon.

"The Saginaw Chippewa Tribe is a trustee council member participating in the settlement case. For natural resources damages, SCIT received the Rooney property in Saginaw in the initial settlement in 1998," Kniffen said. "Clark has been instrumental in



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Environmental Team members Troy Techlin (first in front row) and Sally Kniffen (last in front row) share a moment with McCreedy and his colleagues at their U.S. Fish & Wildlife Field offices in East Lansing, Mich.

assisting the Tribe with restoration work in the Saginaw area, as well as, managing the overall trustee council tasks. Clark was an exceptional public servant and he will be missed."

Techlin presented McCreedy with several traditional gifts from the Ziibiwing Center's gift shop, including a fly fishing lure, as the well-wishers gathered to share stories related to his long serving career.

I appreciated all the good work we did together with Sally, Troy and Mike (SCIT Legal Associate General Counsel Michael Fisher) on the trustee councils," McCreedy said. "It isn't just about the tribal projects that their participation brings value to as they make all our work better and their experience and knowledge

about the Saginaw watershed is a valued asset. We all appreciate how much they bring to our partnership."

Fisher said McCreedy "has worked tirelessly to ensure that the Saginaw River and Bay settlement funds are used for important projects that will help heal our waters."

"It was an honor to work with Clark during his time as lead administrative trustee – because when the hard work needed to be done, we always knew we could count on Clark," Fisher said. "He will surely be missed on the trustee council, but his positive attitude, work ethic, and leadership helped establish a culture which will remain with the team. Clark's a true servant leader and he remains a strong advocate for the Tribe."



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Field Biologist Clark McCreedy (front, right) is handed retirement gifts by Environmental Manager Troy Techlin (front left).

McCreedy mentioned how he feels about the involvement of SCIT and other tribes in environmental concerns.

"Incorporating cultural values of the tribes has been a real priority to me because we are not just restoring the land but we are restoring the relationship of the people to the land," McCreedy said. The tribes, more than any other group that I have worked with over the years, brings that perspective and cultural values to the forefront. We have learned so much on how valuable the relationship of the First Nations people is to the land and we honor and respect the opportunity to be a part of that."

Anniversary

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are today. We honor the efforts of former General Manager Josephine Jackson and those volunteer bingo staffers that made this day possible."

Peters-Jackson shared the history of gaming dates back to 1972 when SCIT Members had an interest to start car bingo. As gaming grew throughout

the United States in 1981, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe was excited to announce and offer its first Tribally-organized gaming operation – high stakes bingo.

It was not until 1987 when SCIT launched the Card Room where the Saginaw Chippewa Academy building stands today. Success from the Card Room allowed SCIT the opportunity to expand and open the

"Slot Palace" in 1993 through the state gaming compact.

The Saginaw Eagles Landing Casino opened its doors in 2009. In 2019, the property opened the Saginaw Eagles Landing Hotel and the last expansion was in 2022 when SECR opened the iGaming and sports betting business at Ascend.

Peters-Jackson also recognized the good work of the first SECR Gaming Commissioner Frank Cloutier and the first Gaming Commission at the celebration.

Rodriguez introduced Sub-Chief Jennifer Wassegijig, Secretary Martha Wemigwans, and Council members Frank Cloutier, Samantha Chippeway, Luke Sprague and David Merrill Jr. at the celebration.

Casino CEO Melinda Coffin mentioned there was a lot of activity in the past year with

the sports book component of the operation.

"Every single day as I walk the floor, I notice the day-to-day operations of the business that wouldn't be possible without all the associates and SECR team you see here today so let's give them a big round of applause," Coffin said. "In 42 years we have come a long way but we are not done yet. We have a lot more fun and adventure to offer our patrons and we look forward with great excitement to see what the future has in store for us all."

The celebration also featured a dance exhibition led by Council's Sgt.-at-Arms and Men's Traditional Dancer David Merrill Jr. and included men's traditional dancers Cruz Perez and Zack Jackson; men's grass dancer Quincy Jackson; jingle dress dancers Dajia Shinos and Cecilia Stevens; and women's traditional dancer



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The 42nd gaming anniversary cake

Faith Carmona-Pego.

The Blue House Singers provided the "heartbeat of our Nation" for the dance exhibition and everyone enjoyed cupcakes prepared by the SECR pastry staff.

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Tribal Member's designs gain attention, featured in New York Fashion Week

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

In high school, Jillian Waterman would cut her clothes apart and put them back together. Never using a sewing machine; everything was done by hand.

Her high school self probably wouldn't have guessed that later in life her designs would bring her to New York Fashion Week, but they have.

The 37-year-old Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member grew up outside of Grand Rapids, Mich. and now resides in Mount Pleasant.

Waterman's website savage-birch.com states, "Consumed by her curiosity, culture, humanity and senses, she has always driven to seek as much traditional Indigenous knowledge as she could. Over the past decade she has focused her efforts on the role revitalization of traditional knowledge in healing and strengthening indigenous communities within the Great Lakes region."

"For almost a decade I did nothing but learn as much as I could, everything from food sovereignty stuff, wild ricing, growing corn and repatriation of seed," Waterman said, adding she was in constant search of knowledge.

Working within the tradition of Anishinaabe bark art, she has created items such as: birch bark canoes, baskets, wigwams, moccasins, ricing sticks and more.

She has led community builds of birch bark canoes and basket making workshops at the Ziibiwing Center.

"(During) the pandemic, I was looking at (Native American Fashion Artist) Jamie Okuma's beautiful work and she wasn't in my price range; I wondered what I could make," Waterman said.



Courtesy of Jillian Waterman

Jillian Waterman

Waterman ended up making a full beaded crop top. As she posted it to her social media, compliments began pouring in and others declared her a fashion designer. Currently, she's made endless fashion pieces and has been trying to keep up with it all for the past two and a half years.

She created a quilled birch bark plague doctor outfit complete with a gas mask and face mask. Once that hit the internet, her success skyrocketed.

Her designs continued with a beaded bikini and her favorite piece she's made to date – a birch bark bustier.

"It was risqué, it was beautiful, it was (made from) birch bark and porcupine quills," Waterman said of the bustier.

She began to apply to different art markets and competitions.

"From there, I decided I might as well apply to New York Fashion Week and see what happens," Waterman said. "I applied, and they said yes, and I was not prepared!"

New York Fashion Week's RISE show is a bi-annual showcase that features signature collections of more than 20 fashion designers across the region. The event held two shows at 3 and 6 p.m. on Feb. 10.

Waterman had 20 pieces for the runway; only two pieces she had completed at the time of her acceptance.

She described fashion week as "awesome" and said she had models fighting over her designs to wear.

"The feedback I got was, it was different from any of the other things that you see out there and that it was different from other indigenous designers as well," Waterman said. "My stuff stood out... it makes me feel really good when people want to wear it."

On her social media accounts, she held a raffle to help raise funds for her future trips to fashion weeks across the globe. One of her pieces raffled off included a birch bark medallion – hand-harvested and etched, edged with 24k gold seed beads necklace, made of buffalo bone, beads and brass cones.

She said she plans to travel to New York and Paris in September.

Her website, savage-birch.com, sells earrings (with brass cones, horse hair tassels, elk teeth and more), ribbon skirts, a birch bark medallion, a suede corset and a birch bark bustier.

"I do street wear, couture dress, draw a lot of florals – and I hand draw them," she said. "I started making more and more risky pieces. The further along I've gone, I was told I'm before my time, a little bit. What I make is different from what you normally see out there."

She said her success in fashion was unplanned and happened organically.

"You know, you go out there, and you do different stuff, and you just kind of hope it's well received," she said. "I guess I've always been an artist, and for me it's just kind of one of those things that happened almost naturally. I just kind of fell into it."

She said she's always been into art and finds it calming.



Courtesy of Jillian Waterman

A quilled birch bark plague doctor outfit, complete with mask and top hat and quilled handbag

"I like making stuff, I like problem solving, and for me, it's not just about the fashion, this is just the first step," she said. "It's like the idea, 'if you build it, they will come.' So I start with making fashion and art, and people get to know me."

Next, she has applied for Vancouver Fashion Week for 2024.

"I don't even know where I'm going yet with all of this. I'm just at the beginning stages."

Her idea for Vancouver is to make skirts made of corn husks that are naturally purple and ombre up to the natural cream color.

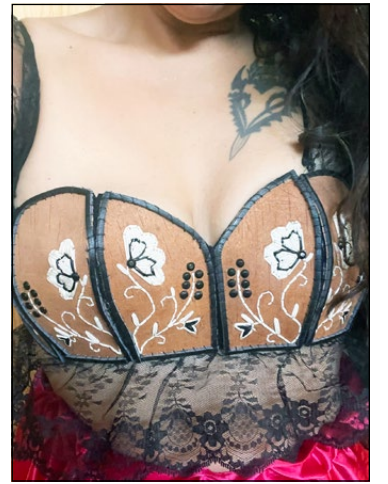
Waterman said the corn husks come from all indigenous female farmers within Michigan.

"For (Vancouver) I'm going to do a 12-piece collection but everything's going to be made out of corn husks," she said. "I have so many ideas and so many different weird things I could do. Essentially, how art is for me is: I watch what everybody's doing and I think about what else could be done, what



Courtesy of Jillian Waterman

Birch bark gas mask



Courtesy of Jillian Waterman

Waterman's favorite design created thus far, a birch bark bustier

I haven't seen yet and what I would like to see.

"There's so much more I want to do with the art; it's not just about the pieces," she said. "What my heart wants to talk about is our connection to the living universe, how that shapes us as human beings, how we heal from everything that's already happened, and how that connects us to the land and our foodways; it's all connected. If I have to do that by glittering and doing really weird art, then I am all about doing some weird art so that I can talk about things that I hope to impact and change."

To see more of Waterman's work or to purchase her clothing and accessories, visit savage-birch.com

June 2023 Tribal Elder Birthdays

- 1) David Bird
Karen Bond
Asuncion Castaneda
Carolyn Harris
Robert Neyome Jr.
Martin Steele
- 2) Kevin Phillips
Donna Moore
Tammy Nowicki
Amy Shawboose
Leona Castaneda
- 3) Patricia Kequom
Loretta Castaneda
Robert McDonald
- 4) Kayle Crampton
- 5) David Beaulieu
Troy Kendall
Dawn Shaw
- 6) Bethel Merrill
Roberta Starkey

- Tammi Craig
- 7) Connie Sprague
Mark Jackson
- 8) Kimberly Otto McCoy
Vanyork Shawboose
Anita Henry
Eugene Jackson
- 9) Gary Bird
Lillian Corbiere
Lisa Kennedy
Kelli Buback
Eldon Davis
Morgan Pope
Shane Slater
- 10) Robin Peters
Amy Westcott
Christina Taylor
- 11) Douglas Gage
Kelly Garlick
Roger Stevens

- 12) Charleen Sasse
- 13) Daniel Burnham
Anthony Dutton
Harold Isaac Jr.
Elizabeth Kosla
Connie Rosenthal
Eliza Peters
- 14) Betty Ashmun
Jeanette Leareaux
Gregory Mandoka
Jodie Brown
Kristie Clemons
Richard Cloutier
Patricia Harris
John Quayle
- 15) Gloria Loveland
Earl Pelcher Sr.
Alvin Zygmunt
Lillian Steele
John David
- 16) Lawrence Faber
Ernest Nahgahgwon
Geraldine Phillips
- 18) Jill Meir

- Connie Truett
Linnette Weber
- 19) Charel Stevens
- 20) Michael Childers
Lori Fuller
John Hart
Richard Russell
Diedra Wilson
- 21) Cheryl Dixon
Vaughn Schoen
- 22) Penny Elliott
Daniel Rossbach
- 23) Dawn Jacobs-Marcoux
George Mandoka
Diana Robinson
Marlin Strong
- 24) Christopher Moses
William Netmop III
- 25) Dennis Bailey
Shelly Reihl
Annette Saboo-Rogers
Rhonda Severeid
Laura Shawboose

- 26) Craig Benz
Sharon Blevins
George Slater Jr.
- 27) Tabitha Jones
Marla Pelcher
Richard Trepanier Sr.
Lorraine Bergevin
Deborah Hull
Scott Donovan
- 28) Vivian Carpenter
Rose Greenwald
Ronald Stockel II
Angela Tabor
- 29) Robert Riekema
Mac Schoen
Gaylene Urban
Tish Sanchez
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The deadline to object to Endo's sale is July 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time).**

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

On August 16, 2022, Endo International plc and certain of its affiliates filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. Certain Endo affiliates manufactured and/or sold, among other things, branded opioid medications (including but not limited to OPANA® (oxymorphone hydrochloride), OPANA® ER (oxymorphone hydrochloride extended release), and PERCOCET® (oxycodone and acetaminophen tablets)), generic opioid medications, generic ranitidine medications, and transvaginal mesh. **This notice is intended to inform you of your rights in this bankruptcy regarding the bar date and proof of claim process and Endo's proposed sale of substantially all of its assets.**

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WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE BAR DATE AND PROOF OF CLAIM PROCESS?

The deadline to submit your proof of claim is called a bar date. The bar date, or the deadline to submit your proof of claim, is July 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time). If you do not submit a proof of claim by the deadline, you will lose any rights you may have had to seek payment or compensation. You must file a proof of claim form so that it is actually received by the bar date. A proof of claim form can be filed by you, a legal guardian, survivors, or relatives of people who have died or are disabled. You do not need an attorney to file a proof of claim for you.

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Nimkee Fitness hosts Community Health & Fitness Day on May 24

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Community Health & Fitness Day was held the Nimkee Fitness outdoor Fit Park on Wednesday, May 24. The event was a collaboration between Nimkee Fitness and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.

Participants scored points for a variety of fitness activities and challenges. This included kettlebell carries, step-ups, a corn hole run, climbing Mt. Nimkee, lacrosse shots and more.

Those who participated in a minimum of two activities received a Nimkee Strong blender bottle.

A raffle drawing was held for a number of prizes including Apple air pods, Ninja blender, gas cards, a Soaring Eagle Waterpark package and Soaring Eagle Spa package.

Wooden trophies were given for “fittest family” and “fittest department.”



Observer photos by Matthew Wright

Fittest family results:

- Team Quigno (254 points)
- Team Nedwash (235 points)
- Team Ekdahl (224 points)

Fittest department results:

- Education (438 points)
- SECR Marketing (428 points)
- Tribal College (426 points)



Build to Health: Movement is medicine

JADEN HARMAN

Fitness Coordinator

This month’s Build to Health foundation is movement. One of the greatest things you can do for your health is move!

Health benefits of 30 minutes: We don’t have to follow an intense fitness program to see health benefits.

Walking 30 minutes a day can reap great results. It has been shown that as doing this can decrease your chances of rates of arthritis by 47 percent, decrease progress of dementia and Alzheimer’s by 50

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Steps challenge: Tracking your steps has also shown equal benefits and can be a fun daily challenge. The 10,000 steps per day has been widely promoted, but 7,500 is sufficient.

Immediate benefits: We often encourage folks, rather

than focusing on weight loss, or other aesthetic results, tune into the immediate benefits of exercise such as how it will increase your energy, improve your productivity, give you a sense of accomplishment, improve your sleep, and how it, overall, makes you happy. Don’t all of these sound nice? It’s amazing how much better you will feel!

Hours: You have 24 hours in your day. Can you find 30 minutes to exercise or simply move? Schedule it in your day, take movement breaks, find a walking buddy, summer is here, get outside and get to move’n!



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

“Build to Health” 7 Foundations

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

Prizes

- Each month two \$50 gift will be drawn from the finishers. Choose from Dicks, Amazon or Mobile
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June 1, 2 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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June 3 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Public Safety Building (corner of Leaton and Broadway roads)
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- Featuring: Fire equipment and smoke house, police dog and safety information, car seat inspections, free fire and carbon monoxide detectors, Sacred Bundle Project, free helmets and bicycle giveaway for kids and elders, recovery information and meeting at noon, police and rescue vehicles, jaws of life demo, door prizes, bouncy house, kids and adult activities, dog and ORV registration and picture opportunities, and much more.
- Environmental, fall, water, safety, health information and more
- Free and open to the public
- Free lunch and ice cream

Higher Education and High School Graduation Banquet

June 6 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Ballroom
- 989-775-4071 or DSmith@sagchip.org

Honoring, Healing & Remembering

June 6 | 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School (1400 W. Pickard, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858)
- 989-775-4751 or MLHadden@sagchip.org
- Sunrise ceremony: 7 a.m. at Mission Creek Cemetary
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- Silent auction donations welcome, please contact: 989-775-4756 or NaLambertson@sagchip.org

Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow

June 10 & 11 | Grand Entry: 1 p.m. both days

- Saganing Powwow Grounds (2750 Worth Rd., Standish MI)
- powwowcommittee@sagchip.org
- Dancer/drum registration: 12-12:45 p.m.
- Breakfast: June 11 from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the Saganing Tribal Center
- Admission: \$3 daily, \$5 weekend, \$1 children

Youth Council Bingo Fundraiser

June 13 | 6 - 9 p.m.

- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- 989-775-4780

Human Race

June 14 | Registration: 5:30 p.m., race: 6:30 p.m.

- Seventh Generation (7957 E. Remus Rd., Mt. Pleasant)
- 989-775-4694 or JHarman@sagchip.org
- 5K run and one-mile fun run/walk
- Registration: www.sagchip.org/sevengen/events.htm

Summer Solstice Plant Giveaways

June 21 | 9 a.m. (until gone)

- Housing (2451 Nish Na Be Anong Rd.)
- 989-775-4467 or MMCreery@sagchip.org
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Teachings & Sweat Lodge with Traditional Healer Joe Syrette

June 29 | 1 p.m.

- Behavioral Health
- 989-775-4850 or DePeterson@sagchip.org
- Teachings in lodge: 1-3 p.m.
- Light fire for rocks: 3 p.m.
- Arrive for sweat: 4 p.m.
- Sweat begins: 5 p.m.
- Offered as prevention, an alternative to or for healing from opioid use disorder.

CRUISE IN

CAR & BIKE SHOW

Second Friday each month

▶ June 9 ▶ July 14 ▶ Aug. 11

5-7 p.m. | Andahwod CCC & ES

- Free and open to the public
- No registration required
- Music
- Water and pop will available for donation
- Mask required to use the inside restroom
- Event will be cancelled if raining

For more information, please contact:

Denise Pelcher | 989-775-4339 | depelcher@sagchip.org

JUNE 2023 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling 			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 1 Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m. 7th Gen Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Sewing Night 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen Euchre Night 5:30-7:30 p.m. Andahwod </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 2 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 3 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health 4 </div>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 5 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 6 Language Bingo 1 p.m. Andahwod Regular Council Session 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Sewing Club 3:30-6 p.m. Andahwod </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 7 Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m. B. Health Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 8 Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Sewing Night 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen Euchre Night 5:30-7:30 p.m. Andahwod </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 9 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 10 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Birthday Bingo & Potluck 12-3 p.m. Andahwod 11 Powwow Breakfast 9-11 a.m. Saganing </div>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 12 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health Name that Tune 2:30-3:30 p.m. Andahwod </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 13 Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Sewing Club 3:30-6 p.m. Andahwod Bingo with Friends 10:30 a.m. Andahwod </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 14 Elders Breakfast 9-10 a.m. Andahwod Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m. B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 15 Tribal Observer Deadline Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m. 7th Gen Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Sewing Night 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 16 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 17 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health 18 </div>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 19 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 20 Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Sewing Club 3:30-6 p.m. Andahwod </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 21 Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m. B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Summer Feast 6 p.m. 7th Gen </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 22 Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Sewing Night 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen Euchre Night 5:30-7:30 p.m. Andahwod </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 23 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 24 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Elders Bingo & Potluck 12-3 p.m. Andahwod 25 </div>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 26 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 27 Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Sewing Club 3:30-6 p.m. Andahwod </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 28 Elders Breakfast 9-10 a.m. Andahwod Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m. B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 29 Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Sewing Night 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen Euchre Night 5:30-7:30 p.m. Andahwod Summer Potluck 12-1 p.m. Saganing </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.7em;"> 30 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health </div>	



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

Apply to job postings online at www.sagchip.org. * Job postings are subject to change daily.

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Tribal Operations

Powwow Worker Temp Crew
Tribal Members only. Posting June 1-July 1. \$100 a day for eight hours worked. Must be able to work all six days. First preference: Non-employed Tribal Members & part-time employed Tribal Members.

Physician

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

Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant

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

Waste Water Operator II

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

Waste Water Operator III

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

Water Operator II

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

in advance mathematics, basic chemistry, laboratory and computer skills.

Water Operator III

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Five years of water operator or related experience. A math test will be required and administered prior to interview. Training in hydraulics, physics, biology, science, or related field will help in learning this field. Must have mechanical skills, not limited to automotive, such as pumps, or shaft driven equipment.

Certified Nursing Assistant

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

Social Services Specialist

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social services or human services. Must be able to effectively communicate and have good computer skills. Desired qualifications: Two years social services, families first worker, or family preservation experience. Full Licensure (LBSW) or Limited licensed individuals (LLBSW) must obtain licensure within two years from date of hire. Experience working with tribal communities and outside social services.

Grants and Contracts Compliance Coordinator

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting. Five years' experience in governmental fund accounting and grants and contracts management, including desk audit preparation, financial management and assistance with oversight of grants from beginning through closing review.

Strategic Grant Specialist

Open to the public. Grant funded position. Grant funding released yearly on Oct. 1. Bachelor's degree in business administration, communications, economics or related field. Three years' experience in grant writing and grant administration. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered.

Clinical Therapist - ITC

Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain licensure within two years for date of hire. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple disciplines, organizations, community systems, and a diverse population.

Case Manager

Open to the public. Grant funded position. Grant funding ends on Dec. 31, 2023. Bachelors degree

in social work, psychology or human services related field. Desired qualifications: One-year experience working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. Experience with federal grant reporting, tracking, and evaluation.

Case Manager

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

Elementary Counselor AWARE

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

Accountant

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting. Must have completed and passed a governmental accounting class as part of college curriculum. One year of experience in general accounting, grants and contracts.

Residential Support Technician

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Desired qualifications: Previous experience in the substance abuse field. Experience in a residential treatment center. Experience with Native American traditions and culture.

Pharmacy Technician

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Pharmacy technician license. Basic computer skills and typing experience. One year experience working in a pharmacy desired.

Journeyman Lineman

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. State of Michigan Journeyman Electrician License. Proficient computer skills required. Desired qualifications: State of Michigan Journeyman Lineman License. Two years lineman experience. Backhoe operation experience.

General Labor Pool

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

Clerical Pool

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

Registered Medical Assistant

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Registered or certified medical assistant license. One-year experience in long term care or clinic setting desired.

Administrative Assistant II

Grant funded position. Funding yearly by HUD. In-house: current SCIT Tribal Operations employees, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort employees, Saganing Eagle's Landing Casino employees, and all SCIT Tribal Members are eligible to apply. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED.

Maintenance Worker

Grant funded position. Grant funding yearly by HUD. Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. One year experience with basic maintenance and grounds keeping.

Soaring Eagle

Central Plant Operator

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of experience in a central plant, mechanical equipment environment, or licensed HVAC. Must be able to obtain a Certified Pool Operator license. Must have a valid State of Michigan Driver's License, with the proper designation required for the vehicle utilized to perform the job duties, and qualify for coverage by SCIT auto liability insurance carrier.

Line Cook

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

F&B Cashier PT

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

Line Server PT

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

Call Center Lead Agent

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year reservation experience with a hotel, casino, car rental, airline, cruise ships, or travel agency. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered.

Sous Chef-Pastry

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

Journeyman Electrician

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

Saganing

Line Cook

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

Police Officer

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

Laundry Attendant PT

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

Count Team Associate

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Desired qualifications: Six months cash handling experience. Gaming, banking, or customer service experience.

Beverage Waitstaff PT

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

Beverage Waitstaff FT

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

Waitstaff PT

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

Summons and Complaint Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MASON RAY JACKSON:

Case No.: 23-PC-0013. The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800. The estate of Mason Ray Jackson. Date of Birth: June 1, 1989. The decedent, Mason Ray Jackson, who lived at 4075 S. Isabella #BBII, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, died March 4, 2023. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Michael Jackson, personal representative, or to both the probate court 4075 S. Isabella, #CC5, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 and the personal representative within four months after the date of the publication of this notice.



June 12 – Aug. 4, 2023

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Library

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

Contact information:

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HONORING SAGANING TRADITIONAL POWWOW

June 10 & 11, 2023

Powwow Grounds — 2750 Worth Rd. Standish, MI

Next to the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel, and the Saganing Tribal Center

Admission:

- \$3 Daily/\$5 Weekend
- \$1 for Children

**Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult*

Saturday, June 10

- **Dancer/Drum Registration:** 12-12:45 p.m.
- **Grand Entry:** 1 p.m.
- **Retiring of Flags**

Sunday, June 11

- **Dancer/Drum Registration:** 12-12:45 p.m.
- **Grand Entry:** 1 p.m.
- **Hand Drum Contest**
- **Retiring of Flags**

** All subject to change*

Master of Ceremonies: Joe Medicine

Arena Director: Leroy Shenosky

Head Veteran: Dave Merrill II

Head Dancers: Selected each session

Host Drum: Kchi Mukwa Singers

Co-Host Drum: Look Out Hill

Invited Drums: Southern Straight
& Sturgeon Bay Singers



Questions and special requests, please contact: Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Committee

Phone: 989.775.4000 | **Email:** powwowcommittee@sagchip.org

Drug & Alcohol Free Event — No Pets Allowed (Service Pets Only) — Volunteers Needed and Appreciated



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