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Tribal Council joins with Migizi EDC in planting hemp as an economic opportunity

JOSEPH SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

On June 17, Tribal Council voted unanimously approving a service agreement between the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and MAK Enterprises LLC to pursue entry into growing hemp for product development.

Tribal Councilman David Merrill Jr., sergeant-at-arms, offered his insight regarding the initiative, research and development opportunity.

“MAK Enterprises (and CEO Mike Klumpp) is based out of central Michigan who currently farms organically in the area,” Merrill stated in the Council motion. “MAK Enterprises will be partnering with the Tribe in growing three acres of hemp... MAK will provide educational opportunities to the Tribe as part of the project and will include Tribal Members, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, 7th Generation and Migizi EDC. MAK is going to provide the Tribe with all the finished industrial hemp products grown as part of this project.”

Migizi CEO Robert Juckniess said Tribal Council has generously sought to

engage in the hemp business with foresight.

“While the growth of hemp and the manufacture and distribution of proprietary hemp-based products is important, the others benefits associated with this project will be significant for the Tribe and its Members,” Juckniess said. “Tribal Council has negotiated educational opportunities for Tribal Members. In addition, the learnings developed through this phase of the project will provide the necessary expertise for future endeavors in marijuana once it becomes federally legal. The importance of self-branding Tribal products for use on and off the reservation should lead to a very successful economic endeavor.”

Tonia Kequom, property manager for Migizi, said MAK Enterprises is a separate business interest of Ag Marvels and Klumpp has been farming vacant agricultural lands the Tribe owns for the past six years managed by Migizi EDC.

“The Tribe has been looking into growing hemp for the past three years, and Mike (Klumpp) has been a willing broker to help us in this regard,” Kequom said. Klumpp said Ag Marvels is one of the largest hemp processing

facilities in the country. Klumpp and his team have more than 20 years of farming experience and hemp industry expertise.

“As a first mover and pioneer in the hemp industry in Michigan, we continue to believe in the life-enhancing power of the plant and the importance of paving the way for its future success and growth,” Klumpp said. “We are real, Michigan-based farmers and scientists with a passion for hard work and the hemp plant, and the drive to continue reaching higher.”

Klumpp has successfully navigated the industry waters and grown their knowledge over the years and they are extremely proud to have built one of the largest and thriving hemp processing operations in the United States that does business both nationally and internationally. MAK Enterprises and Ag Marvels are both owned by Mike and Jaime Klumpp.

“Through MAK Enterprises and Ag Marvels, we have the expertise, tools, scale, and equipment – the Tribe and Migizi EDC is looking for – to process



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Members of Tribal Council and MAK Enterprises CEO Mike Klumpp (far left) pose for a photo before hemp planting begins on June 17.

your materials into the highest quality extracts and conversions in the industry,” Klumpp said. “MAK is our farming operation and Ag Marvels is the hemp extraction and production company. MAK has teamed up with the tribe on the cultivation portion of the project and Ag Marvels is the extraction and finished product manufacturer for hemp and CBD.”

Tribal Council Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts was on site during the June 17 hemp planting and offered a prayer.

“I offered a prayer over the land, and our partnership with MAK Enterprises and healing of the (hemp) and production to be protected,” Ricketts said. “Simple prayers are the best to connect us with God in a humble way, and I, personally, am very excited about the potential and economic possibilities for our Tribe.”

Chris Bundy, land grant manager for SCTC, said Tribal College students have been working with hemp since 2021 at SCTC’s Farm Learning.

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Governor rejects proposed Muskegon off-reservation casino

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan would like to thank Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer for her June 15 decision to reject the proposal that would have established an off-reservation casino in Fruitport Township.

This proposal would have violated the tribal/state gaming compacts and the historical area of another tribe currently seeking federal recognition.

We believe the Governor’s decision protects the gaming compacts executed between the state and nearly all of Michigan’s tribes which place reasonable limitations on off-reservation casinos. This decision also honors the solemn obligation made by Gov. Whitmer to respect the historical and sovereign integrity of all Michigan tribes.

We know that this was a difficult decision. Our Tribe appreciates the integrity and thoughtfulness exhibited by Gov. Whitmer and her Administration during this process.



“WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR FUTURE”

Annual
**HOMECOMING
MEETING**

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Doors open at 9 a.m.

Meeting begins at 10 a.m. with Grand Entry

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall

*Open to all ages **Tribal ID required

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Diana Lee Kahgegab

April 23, 1946 - May 30, 2022

Diana Lee Kahgegab, age 76, of Mount Pleasant, Mich., passed away at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich. on May 30, 2022.

Diana was born to Nelson and Emily Kahgegab (Collins) on April 23, 1946, in Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

She was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. She worked for the Tribal Accounting office for more than 20 years.

She enjoyed bowling, collecting treasures from QVC, collecting old movies, traveling with her elders, and was very active in sending out prayer chains for her family and friends. She especially loved spending time with her grandchildren and family. She was generous, selfless and always talked about the Bible.

Diana is survived by her sons, John Trepanier, James Trepanier, Trent Trepanier (Dana Reyes) and Kurt Trepanier (April Reed); grandchildren, Trent II, Morgan, Grant, Aubrey, Elisiana, Israel, Danielle, Delilah, Jasper, Keanu, Nano, and Kai; great-grandchildren, Tyrell, Brooklyn, Bonnie, Bubz, Bentley, Enzo, Averille and Donnatello; brother Maynard Kahgegab and sister Lorna Kahgegab Call (John); and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Diana was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Yvonne Davis, Nelxine Francis, and Roxine Judson; brothers Melvin Kahgegab, Willard Kahgegab, Douglas Kahgegab and granddaughter Taylor Trepanier.

Funeral services were held at the Chippewa United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 4, at 2 p.m. with Greg Mandoka officiating. The family received friends at the church at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 2, 2022 until the time of service that Saturday. Burial took place in Denver Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



HEMP BRANDING LOGO CONTEST

Attention Tribal Members:

Migizi is looking for logo design submissions for branding of the new hemp project.

Open to all SCIT Members

Winner will receive:

\$200 gas card and choice of beaded hat/lanyard

Deadline:

Friday, July 15, 2022 by 5 p.m.

Submit designs to:

SCIT Public Relations

• Email: PublicRelations@sagchip.org

• Mail: Public Relations
7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Winning logo will be used for all hemp branding.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Partners with MAK Enterprises LLC:

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (SCIT) is excited to announce a partnership with MAK Enterprises LLC (MAK). MAK will be partnering with the SCIT in growing three acres of hemp on tribal lands. MAK will also provide educational opportunities to the SCIT as part of the project that will include Tribal Members, The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, and Migizi EDC. MAK will be providing SCIT with the finished industrial hemp products grown as part of this project.



16th Annual People's Traditional POWWOW

Save the Date!

Aug. 27 & 28, 2022

Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds

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

Dignitaries

TBD at a later date



38th Annual Saginaw Chippewa POWWOW RAFFLE

Drawing: Sunday, July 31, 2022

2 p.m. | Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Grounds

Raffle prizes: • \$400 Gas Card • \$200 Gift Card

Raffle tickets: • 1 for \$5 • 3 for \$10

50/50 drawing:

• 1 for \$5 • 3 for \$10 • Arm length for \$20

Contact powwow committee members for tickets:

Darcy Pilar, Lori Nahdee, Elizabeth Chivis, Courtney Kahgegab, Chloe Wemigwans, Elizabeth Smith, Noelle Wells, Jackie Mannie, Carla Bennett, Nodin Jackson, Dan Jackson or Barb Sprague.

*All proceeds will benefit the Annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow

For more information, email: Powwowcommittee@sagchip.org

Attention all 2022 High School Graduates

Please turn in a copy of your high school diploma, certificate or GED to the Tribal Clerk's Office for completion of the education requirement.

Tribal Clerk's Office hours:

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

• Phone: 989-775-4051

• Email: www.enrollment@sagchip.org



Support Team SCIT at the Michigan Indian Family Olympics!



Blackstone Grill package includes:

- Blackstone 4-Burner 36" Griddle Cooking Station with Side Shelves
- Blackstone 36" Soft Cover

Tickets on sale now!

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



Tickets also available from:

- Public Relations: 989.775.4059
- Nimkee Fitness: 989.775.4690

Drawing: Tuesday, July 19, 2022

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



June 13 - Aug. 12, 2022 Monday - Friday

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

Saginaw Chippewa Academy

7498 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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



Pleasant Hills Golf Club

4452 E. Millbrook Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

- Food will be provided during banquet
- Goodie bags and door prizes

Three-person scramble

Shotgun start: 9:30 a.m.

- Two players must be Tribal Members or descendants of any Tribe or employee of Tribal Ops/Migizi/SECR/SELG.
- Teams can be co-ed
- \$80 per person
- Skins \$30 per team



Youth division

Shotgun start: 9 a.m.

- Open to ages 17 and under
- \$15 per youth player (singles)
- 9 holes



For more information, please contact:

Alleux Leaux | 989.775.4121 | Alleaux@sagchip.org



"WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR FUTURE"

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

Regular Tribal Council Sessions

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

Regular Council Session Dates

- July 5 • Aug. 2 • Sept. 6

SCTC Board of Regents Vacancy

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College is currently considering applications to fill a vacancy on the Board of Regents.

Qualifications include:

- Enrollment as a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan or another federally-recognized tribe, band, or group.
- Attainment of at least 25 years of age.
- Significant education or work experience related to the process of higher education or vocational training or the administration of education or vocational training institutions and programs.
- Any specific requirements of organizations providing financial or other benefits or providing accreditation of SCTC programs. Except the President of SCTC, no person who is a member of the Board of Regents may also be an employee of SCTC.



Please mail letters of interest to:

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
Attention: Carla Sineway
2274 Enterprise Dr.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Or email to: csineway@sagchip.edu



FREEDOM WALK LIVING SOBER



Saturday, July 30, 2022 Eagles Nest Tribal Gym

- 7:00 a.m. – Doors Open and Registration
- 7:30 a.m. – Opening Prayer and Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. – Honoring People in Recovery
- 9:00 a.m. – Walk Begins
- Breakfast will be provided
- The Freedom Walkers will head south on Leaton Road, and then take a left turn on Tomah Road and proceed east until the walkers reach the Hill Campground (Powwow Grounds).

For more information, contact: Prevention@sagchip.org



September Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits

Deadline: Friday, Aug. 5, 2022 by 5 p.m.

Available starting: Tuesday, July 5, 2022

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

▶ Notarization is required

- Forms are available by mail, email and online at www.sagchip.org
- Post marked forms, email or faxed will not be accepted
- The Tribal Clerk's office must have the original form

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



34th Annual

Michigan Indian Family Olympics



Friday, July 22, 2022

CMU's Bennett Track & Field

Registration opens: May 9
www.sagchip.org/mifo/

*More information to come on the option to participate remotely in your community.

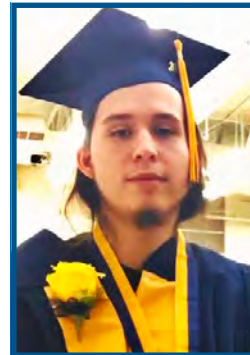
For more information, please contact:
Jaden Harman at 989.775.4694



Happy 18th Birthday

Miss Bella Benzinger

*We're so proud of the young woman you're becoming and wish you nothing but many beautiful blessings always
- Love, Mom and Dad*



Happy 18th Birthday

Hunter Letts!

*We're so proud of you!
July 14th*



Happy Birthday Margaret Ann

*July 31st.
Love, your Family.*

Happy Silver Anniversary my Love.



25 years of growing strong with my Best friend and Love of my Life. Praying for 25 more.



Tribal Education Advisory Board VACANCIES

Send letters/email of interest to:

- Mail: Tribal Education Administration
7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
- Email: csharp@sagchip.org

Letters/emails of interest deadline:
Sunday, July 17, 2022 at 5 p.m.

Requirements:

- 1) Must be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- 2) Must be at least 18 years old
- 3) Must not be employed by the Education Department



Homecoming POWWOW Sale



July 1 - 28, 2022

Ziibiwing Gift Shop hours:
Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

ZIIBIWING CENTER THE MIDWEST'S PREMIER AMERICAN INDIAN MUSEUM
6650 EAST BROADWAY, MT. PLEASANT, MICHIGAN 48858
989.775.4750 • WWW.SAGCHIP.ORG/ZIIBIWING

FOSTER CARE Packets Available

For anyone interested in becoming a foster care family or needing more information about fostering.

For questions and inquiries, please email:

ACFSPrevention@sagchip.org






Tribal Council

Chief
Theresa Jackson | District One

Sub-Chief
Jennifer L. Wassegijig | District One

Treasurer
Gayle Ruhl | District One

Secretary
Martha Wemigwans | District One

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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

Elders Advisory Board Vacancies

Accepting submissions from interested SCIT Elders

Must meet the following requirements:

- ▶ SCIT Elder
- ▶ Advocate for SCIT Elders
- ▶ Attend meetings regularly



If you meet these requirements and would like to submit a letter of interest, please mail a letter of interest with your name, address, and phone number to the following address, drop off or email to AnBuckner@sagchip.org

Andahwod CCC & ES
2910 S. Leaton Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Deadline:
July 15, 2022

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



Tribal Membership Rotation Positions

These positions will be rotated around the following departments:

- ▶ Bingo
- ▶ Finance
- ▶ Slots
- ▶ F & B
- ▶ Hotel
- ▶ Security
- ▶ Marketing
- ▶ Table Games
- ▶ EVS Facilities
- ▶ Guest Experience
- ▶ Inventory Control

Open to SCIT Tribal Members:

- Applications available at: www.sagchip.org/careers
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Four spots available for this pilot program.
- Learn line level skills in order to be a successful employee.
- Discover which department is the best fit.

For more information, please contact:
Human Resources 989.775.5600

The Seven Grandfather TEACHINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries

Mziniqanan Nda-daandim

"Book Sale"

July 25 – 27, 2022
1-6 p.m. | Eagles Nest Tribal Gym


- Please adhere to COVID protocols
- Donations of books in good condition will be accepted July 18 - 22, 2022.
- Drop off at Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Library
- Call the Tribal Library if you have any questions 989-775-4508

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



ZIIBIWING CENTER

of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways

The Ziibiwing Center will be open to the public during the following holidays:
Michigan Indian Day — Sept. 23, 2022

New Research Center Hours:
Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Nimkee Fitness

Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Yoga Class
Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.

For more information: Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690

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




TRIBAL YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

July 26 & 27, 2022

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saginaw Chippewa Police Department

- ▶ Optional ORV safety class: Thursday, July 28
- ▶ Open to Tribal community youth, 12-18 years of age

Activities include:

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

Registration required
Deadline: Wednesday, July 6

- Registration can be done at the Tribal Police Department
- A waiver and acknowledgment form must be signed
- Limited to 20 spots

For more information, please contact:

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

COVID-19 Vaccination Walk-In Clinics

Wednesday July 13 & 27, 2022
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Nimkee Public Health
• For ages 5 and older

Vaccines available:


- **Moderna for ages 12 and up:** First, second, third (for immunocompromised) and boosters
- **Pfizer for ages 12 and up:** First, second, third (for immunocompromised) and boosters
- **Pfizer 5 and up:** First and second doses and boosters

• **Please protect our community:** If you currently have COVID-19 (under quarantine) or are feeling ill please wait for your immunization until recovered.

- Please bring your vaccination and insurance cards.
- Watch for information on upcoming clinics.
- Bring reading glasses if needed for forms.

▶ **To look up your vaccine history or download vaccination proof, please visit the Michigan Immunization registry at:** <https://mdhhsmiimmsportal.state.mi.us/>

▶ **For updated information about vaccines, please see:** www.CDC.gov




Tuesdays • June 7 - Oct. 4
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Farmers Market Pavilion
Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads

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

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

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

Like us on Facebook!
For more information:
Jasmine Gonzalez, Market Master

- Phone: 989.775.4629
- Email: JaGonzalez@sagchip.org

Freedom Walk 2022 looking for submissions

Behavioral Health Prevention Services is seeking nominations to honor and celebrate our community members who are walking the Red Road of Recovery taking place during the Freedom Walk 2022.

Please submit a brief description of the person's journey on the Red Road and why you would like to honor them at this year's Freedom Walk. After we have walked to the campgrounds, each family will be given an opportunity to show their appreciation for their loved ones and their commitment to walk the Red Road.

Nominations can be emailed to:
Christina Osawabine at Prevention@sagchip.org or call 989-775-4818

- Please indicate the person's name (first and last) you wish to honor
- A brief description of their journey on the Red Road of Recovery
- List your name in honoring them

Public notice of unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members

The following is a list of unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members. Any person who has been court appointed as the member's Personal Representative of the Estate can contact the Per Capita Office to claim the funds. All monies must be claimed within two years from their date of death, or such monies will be forfeited and returned to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Per Capita Trust.

Tribal Member Name	Date of Death
Bailey, Robert Harold	01/13/2022
Bouck, William Gordon	01/27/2022
Chippeway, Ryan Douglas	07/05/2021
Coleman, Lisa Renee	01/30/2022
Conway, Mariah	10/10/2020
Cyr Sr., Norman Joseph	10/26/2021
Davis, Adelaide Darlene	10/17/2020
Davis, Gary Lee	02/11/2021
Davis, Terry Lynn	10/09/2021
Hall Jr. Foster Edward	11/21/2021
Hansen, Le Etta	09/05/2021
Holbrook, Tammie Carlene	12/24/2021
Hoon, Virginia Mae	11/07/2021
Jackson, Clara Elizabeth	02/01/2022
Kellogg, Laura Levone	03/06/2022
Lautner, Toby Joe	03/17/2021
Maki, Terry Lee	02/23/2022
Mcdonald, James Allan	10/08/2020
Moses Jr., Garland Roy	11/26/2021
Nahgahwon Jr. Lawrence	06/12/2021
Nelson, Phillip Louis	01/27/2022
Pamp, Matthew John	10/15/2021
Pamp, Shane Leonard	10/10/2021
Pamp Cooker, Betsy Lynn	11/24/2021
Perez, Nicki	01/10/2021
Romer, Doris Fay	08/14/2020
Rubin, Ann Margaret	12/07/2021
Rubin, Theresa Ann	01/09/2021
Rueckert Sr., Dolly Ann	12/02/2020
Seger, Beatrice	11/11/2020
Shambo, Jeannette Marie	04/21/2021
Smith, Jesse Davis	02/25/2022
Snowden, JD W	11/30/2021
Sprague, Jeffrey Charles	10/04/2020
Stevens, Paul Leroy	11/20/2020
Stone, Domic Ambose	01/04/2022
Verga Sr., Lawrence David	12/17/2021
Weaver, Laura Beth	12/13/2021
Witting, Anikka	12/09/2020



Community CULTURAL TEACHING at ezhibiigaadek asin

(Sanilac Petroglyphs - near Cass City, Mich.)

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

Saturday, July 16, 2022
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 8251 Germania Rd., Cass City, MI

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

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





For more information, please contact:
Marcella Hadden at MLHadden@sagchip.org or 989.775.4751



Community Elder Representative VACANCY

Seeking letters of interest from SCIT Members who are interested in helping the Data Governance Board (DGB) serve its mission.

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

Preferred qualities include:

- Interest in data and research
- Knowledge of Tribal programming (governmental and/or gaming sides)
- Ability to occasionally facilitate DGB meetings and take minutes

▶ Must commit to attendance at regular meetings, currently DGB meets virtually every other week.

▶ This is a Tribal Council appointed Board and there is one current vacancy for Community Elder Representative.

Letters of Interest can be sent to:
DataGovernanceBoard@sagchip.org



Planting

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“This new opportunity provides even more educational options for our students to learn traditional and modern farming techniques allowing students the opportunity to apply traditional ecological Anishinaabe knowledge and values to hemp production along with experimenting with modern farming techniques,” Bundy said. “SCTC students have been learning what it takes to plant, grow, test, and process hemp for many uses such as paper making and CBD production.”

Bundy continued, “This new connection will allow students to learn about types of equipment used in today’s farming along with available licensing and processing options.”

Bundy said there are many types of hemp which can be used not only for producing medicines but also manufacturing rope and cord products, along with paper products.

“Hemp is much more renewable than other types of plants and takes much less time to grow,” Bundy said.

Bundy said this initial crop which has been planted this year, on a commercial scale, offers additional learning opportunities



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The hemp is photographed before it is planted across three acres.

for students especially in the area of harvesting and processing.

“SCTC is always looking for additional student opportunities to expand their knowledge base and this venture into agribusiness for SCIT raises



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Tribal Council Secretary Martha Wemigwans (second from left) and Councilwoman Samantha Chippeway (far right) hop on the tractor with helpers to assist in planting hemp.

the awareness that ‘growing local’ is becoming more important in today’s climate challenged environment,” Bundy said. “Locally sourced

food and agricultural products are more sustainable and put less pressure on the environment with reduced packaging and shipping requirements.”

Saginaw Chippewa Academy 3rd grader wins statewide essay contest

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Saginaw Chippewa Academy 3rd grader Ziigwan Callaway is the winner of a statewide essay contest.

Each student was asked, “If you had \$100 what cause would you support and why?”

Ziigwan’s essay involved the idea to donate games to Andahwod because her great-grandmother lives there and she feels elders are important.

She was selected as a winner, and presented a \$100 check to give to Andahwod during a ceremony at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy on Friday, June 3.

The money will be used to fulfill her vision, with the \$100 benefiting the Andahwod elders.

If I Had \$100...
By Ziigwan Callaway, SCA 3rd grader

I would make Andahwod, a continued care facility, better!

I would buy them games and books. The games I would buy them are bingo, checkers, and I would buy them puzzle books and puzzles. Maybe flowers too!

In conclusion, with my \$100 dollars, I would help out our elders because my great-grandma lives in Andahwod.

Our Elders are very important to our community.

A framed copy of the essay will also be on display at the facility.

She will be featured in an upcoming issue of the Michigan Education Association’s Voice Magazine. The magazine will be viewable online at <https://mea.org/mea-voice-magazine/>



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SCA 3rd grader Ziigwan Callaway (right) poses with her teacher Karyn Spickerman (left) during a presentation at Saginaw Chippewa Academy on Friday, June 3. Callaway wins in a statewide essay contest.



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Ziibiwing Center receives \$16,353 grant from Mt. Pleasant Community Foundation

JOSEPH SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

On June 23, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe received a \$16,353 grant from the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation during its Summer Celebration. The grant went to the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways.

William Johnson, curator and office manager of the Ziibiwing Center, was honored to receive the award on behalf of Ziibiwing. The grant will be used to repair a walk-in decontamination unit and purchase another to preserve



historical indigenous artifacts.

“Charla Riley, SCIT strategic grant specialist, was instrumental in bringing us to the table to consider this grant opportunity,” Johnson said. “The actual work began in early February 2022 when we submitted our letter of interest in April and then we received notice to submit a full grant proposal a week later. It was a very exciting time for us and Charla kept us on task

and our grant application was submitted on May 4, 2022. I was thrilled to learn that we received the grant for the preservation of the Tribe’s most precious collections.”

Riley said the Office of Grants and Contracts works diligently together to identify Tribal needs and align them with similar grantors to fill the needs of the Tribe.

“This award... was a fantastic opportunity and through

communication with the MPACF, our team assisted in the request for Ziibiwing,” Riley said. “This project is the first received and is greatly appreciated...”

During its Summer Celebration, MPACF Director Amanda Schafer announced \$154,978.13 in competitive grants to organizations making an impact in Isabella County. More than 100 donors and community partners cheered as awards were read aloud at the microphone on the patio at Hunter’s Ale House during the event.

Johnson offered a sincere miigwetch to Tribal Council and Administration for supporting Ziibiwing’s efforts.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

William Johnson (right), curator and office manager of the Ziibiwing Center, receives a \$16,353 grant from the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation on behalf of Ziibiwing. Johnson is photographed with Tribal Member Karmen Fox, board member of the MPACF.

Summer smiles came early this year as hundreds attend the safety fair

JOSEPH SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

On June 11, summer smiles came early with excellent weather this year as hundreds came out to the corner of Leaton and Broadway to enjoy the Summer Safety Fair at the Tribal Public Safety Building.

The safety fair had 309 people who registered but many in attendance believe there was many more because of the traffic over the four hours. The event had 23 stations with 13 Tribal departments and 10 community based agencies participating.

Sue Sowmick, public health nurse for Nimkee, coordinated the event with the help of many first responders and Tribal departments.

“We had quite a good turnout from tiny babies to elders that came from Andahwod,” Sowmick said. “It was sponsored by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police and Fire

departments but we had participation from many departments and agencies from across the community.”

Tribal Police had their equipment out with education for families and provided giveaways.

Tribal Police Sgt. Craig Wilson shared the importance for police agencies to have positive interaction with the community.

“It is an opportunity for all involved to get to know each other in a laid-back, fun-centered environment without any added pressures of emergency incidents,” Wilson said. “Officers were able to converse with the public in general conversation as well as discussions about various summer safety tips, served lunch and gave away several items including bicycles, helmets, gift cards and waterpark passes. The event was a great success and a huge building block of the police

department’s relationship with the community.”

Tribal Fire had their equipment on display for inspection, education and lots of kids were getting their pictures taken by their families.

Tribal Fire Chief Fred Cantu Jr. said the event was “an opportunity to connect with our community to highlight public safety resources and equipment used during a given emergency, it also provides the community the opportunity to get to know the men and women that serve in these roles as first responders.”

“This year’s event was a hit as we had agencies from our neighboring community such as Shepherd Tri-Township Fire Department to highlight their equipment and get to know their personnel, Mount Pleasant Fire Department brought their ladder truck to be on display as well as the Smoke House to educate families in what to do during a fire in their homes,” Cantu said.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Tribal youth Autumn Ekdahl shares a happy moment with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police as she gives a thumbs up to the new bike she won at the Summer Safety Fair.

“Also, we had Mobile Medical Response (MMR) to show the community what is in an ambulance in case they have never seen the inside of one...”

Nimkee Clinic’s booth had a variety of health and safety handouts along with children’s safety information and giveaways. Karmen Fox, executive director of Nimkee, offered a tie dye station with white masks.

McLaren Health/Karmonos Cancer provided education about cancer and Nancy King, RN, regional director of cancer services, Karmanos Cancer Institute at McLaren Central Michigan, handed out eight colon cancer screening kits.

Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center offered information on health care with Dr. Barry Kissoondial and Nimkee Medical Director Dena Lewandowski at the helm.

“It was a great opportunity to get to know the community and introduce myself as the new director of medical at Nimkee,” Lewandowski said. “It seemed right from the start we had a steady stream of interested community members dropping by to say hello.”

Tribal Council was on hand to serve ice cream to the community. Tribal Police cooked hot dogs and was joined by Tribal Fire in serving food to the crowd.

Other participants offering services and information: Tribal Court, Family Healing to Wellness, Central Michigan District Health Department, My Michigan Healthcare, American Indian Health & Family Services, LifeCare Emergency Response, Andahwod Senior Center, Pleasant Optics, the Tribal Recreation Department, Isabella County Substance Abuse Coalition, Project AWARE, Peer 360 Recovery Alliance, Tribal Business office and Public Relations.

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Honoring, Healing and Remembering makes in-person return after two years

JOSEPH SOWMICK

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On June 6, Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways hosted its annual Honoring, Healing and Remembering ceremony at the Mission Creek Cemetery and the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School. It was the return of the in-person event since the pandemic began.

The morning started with the sunrise ceremony at Mission Creek with Lac Courte Oreilles Elder George Martin and SCIT Elder Steve Pego sharing prayers for the community with the sacred pipe, along with several other spiritual leaders from surrounding communities.

Marcella Hadden, event coordinator and tribal historic preservation officer, served as emcee along with William Johnson, curator and office manager of the Ziibiwing Center.

“The sunrise ceremony at the Mission Creek Cemetery was a very beautiful way to start the day. The pipe and water ceremonies were conducted with the utmost reverence and urgency,” Johnson said. “We honored the former students of the boarding school that are at rest within the cemetery including Saginaw Chippewa Chief Shaw-Shaw-Waw-Na-Beece. It was the largest turnout for the sunrise ceremony.”

A water ceremony and strawberry teaching was offered for those in attendance and the Anishnaabe Ogitchdaw from many tribes brought their eagle and healing staffs along with their tribal flags.

Honoring, Healing and Remembering at the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School grounds



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Veterans lead the June 6 grand entry during the Honoring, Healing and Remembering event, recognizing the anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School's closing.

started with a grand entry and a pipe ceremony, followed by remarks from Chief Theresa Jackson and a prayer from Tribal Council Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts.

Central Michigan University President Robert Davies and City of Mt. Pleasant Mayor Amy Perschbacher offered their words of continued support at the podium.

Hadden said “we never want the children who went missing and the ones who had to endure such a horrific time during their young lives to be forgotten.”

“I know their lingering spirits feel the winds from the jingle dress dancers, along with the rest of us, as we all attempt to heal from one of the darkest times in American history,” Hadden said. “We can't heal from what we don't acknowledge and not keeping the boarding school era a secret is just the beginning. I commend (U.S.) Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland for her initiative and work on behalf of all Natives in the U.S.”

A video teleconference held on C-SPAN on May 13, 2022 by Haaland and Assistant Secretary Bryan Newland was shared that focused on the

abuses the boarding school have done to Native children.

“... Haaland's American Indian Boarding School Initiative is long overdue,” Johnson said. “It is encouraging that she is leading the comprehensive review of the federal boarding school policies. The Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report released in May 2022 was very well written and illuminated difficult policies of past U.S. presidents...”

Keynote speakers were Rochelle Ettawageshik of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and Lacey Kinnart of the National Native American Healing Coalition.

“The Indian boarding school policies era were intentionally genocidal and assimilative in their theft of culture, teachings, ceremonies, and language,” Kinnart said. “For those that physically survived boarding school, those detrimental effects have been long lasting to today through intergenerational trauma. Due to that, we are experiencing alarming rates of substance abuse and addiction, poverty, health and mental health disparities, and the lack of economic development...”

Kinnart said “we have the human right to know where our relatives are and what they experienced.”

“So many individual Natives aren't educated on the topic of Indian Boarding Schools and how they affected not only their people, but their immediate family. With truth comes healing (for some),” Kinnart said. “Everyone's definition and pathway to healing is different but we can support them through ceremony, culture and language.”



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An “Every Child Matters” sign is held up during the grand entry.



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Chief Theresa Jackson

Keynote speaker Rochelle Ettawageshik focused how boarding schools are still affecting Michigan tribal families.

“The historical impact of boarding schools has caused generational trauma due to the abuse of Native children in their care. The generational trauma has caused the breakup of families by alcoholism, drug abuse and child abuse,” Ettawageshik said. “The public needs to hear that the generational trauma is current and not something from long ago. Organizations like the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalitions can bring awareness by way of newspaper articles, radio, television and social media.”

Ettawageshik mentions tribal leaders can advocate for the support through passing resolutions and forming partnerships with other governmental units regarding vandalism and desecration of boarding school properties.

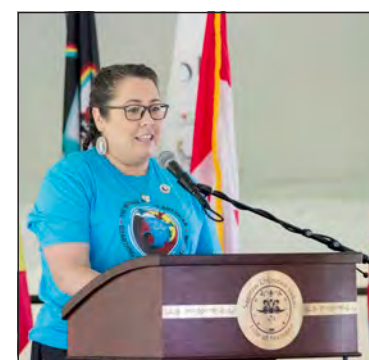
Nathaniel Lambertson, funding and development specialist for Ziibiwing, provided information on the event bringing in the more than \$6,000 for the event fundraising efforts.

“We were likewise blessed by artists and Tribal Members who contributed nicely to the event, as did our friends at (Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort



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Keynote speaker Rochelle Ettawageshik speaks about how boarding schools are still affecting Michigan tribal families.



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Lacey Kinnart of the National Native American Healing Coalition

and Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel), Housing, Grants and Contracts and numerous others,” Lambertson said. “... The funds raised here make a significant impact on how much we are able to protect the MIIBS site with proceeds being used to provide a small stipend to those that watch over it nights and weekends.”

On behalf of the MIIBS Committee, Hadden said chi-miigwetch to Tribal Council and Administration for their support.

“We also thank the culture bearers, drum group, jingle dress dancers, firekeepers, veterans, Youth Council, various departments and guest speakers for another HHR memorable event,” Hadden said.



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City of Mt. Pleasant Mayor Amy Perschbacher



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Central Michigan University President Robert O. Davies



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Grand entry participants carry the names of MIIBS students that perished at the school or were never found.



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Even on a rainy day, participants said they are happy to see the Honoring, Healing and Remembering return to an in-person event.



TRAIN RIDE TO GENOCIDE

Worldwide, Indian children had to take this fatal train ride to **Genocide.** "All Aboard!" was now known as a bloody, thirsty, battle cry. For you – see this is what was supposed to be a part of the new master plan to "Kill the Indian to save the Man." Now, this devious, malicious, hateful, shameful, plan is what we now know as cultural **Genocide.** Basically, the plan was to eliminate, eradicate, exterminate, terminate any trace of Indians as a part of the human race. Now, to incorporate this **Genocide** plan, the Government would hire Indian agents who were required to work hand-in-hand to address the government's gnawing need for greed by committing wrongful, heinous atrocities, against Indian children and against their families. Indian agents were hell-bent never quite content sent to travel relentlessly throughout Indian's ancestral lands. North, South, East, West Indian children who were rounded up were herded up like cattle. Then placed into these dark, dismal, dreary, suffocating box cars then to be shipped off like freight.

Regardless, though Indian parents, and Indian grandparents, who would valiantly try to conceal to protect their children in a new game called "Hide and Seek." Objective of this game would usually be the same not to be found and if found they would be bound to unreachable to unspeakable places. Now, at the train station – Indian agents would begin to commit their terrible sins. Indian agents who would assist Indian children who would resist by placing them one by one into these unwelcomed and unventilated boxcars. When, the last child was on board these Indian agents would be proud of their hoard. Slam! went the boxcar door with such force with no remorse from these Indian agents. Soon, they will never have their Mother's loving arms to protect their children from intentional harm. Soon, to be ruthless, brutal reality which would assist which would persist against Indian children forever by destroying and by eliminating their past. Abuse, against Indian children by

boarding school staff soon Indian children would feel their wrath. Abuse, now will be the norm now will be the general rule of how cruel of how unkind-mankind of those in power would use abuse to instill fear in order to control against defenseless Indian children Abuse, would consist of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, European diseases, lack of medical care, homesickness, water down ABC's, unloved, overworked, underfed, and sometimes three to a bed Abuse, against Indian children still fresh, still raw, still remain still cause upheaval, still cause despair, all against their trouble, restless souls, and spirits. Survivor's guilt would be the test to those who struggle to survive to thrive to remain alive to tell their stories of years and years of abuse to anyone who would listen and who would care. Recently, decades and decades of plight of abuse against Indian children has come to surface has come to the light. Abuse, against them would often steal their last breath in causing their premature deaths. Secrets, of their past abuse would accommodate the sealing of their coffin lids as they now forever resides

in numerous, unmarked graves. Reality would soon continue to grip as they would be stripped of their ancestral names, of their traditional wear, of their homemade moccasins, made from soften animal hides which were forcible, removed, trashed and discarded. Soon, traditional wear of theirs would be replaced of military attire for the males and dutiful wear for the females all identical despite of sizes or of ages. Traces, of any aspect of being an Indian for Indian children seem to slowly disappear seem to slowly dissipate. Indian children's long black, braided hair which was neatly worn will be no more as numerous strands of braids adorn dusty, dirty, wooden floors. Delousing, naked Indian children as if they were some loathsome slug or some other despicable, reprehensible bug. Indian Children intensively, intensely cried as part of themselves had died. Soon, they will never be able to speak their native tongue. Soon, they will never be able to honor their traditions or to attend their pow-wows. Soon,

they will never be able to feel the heartbeat – the heartbeat of their people's drum. Soon, they will never be able to roam free never again be able to go home. Dusk, abruptly appears, yet time goes slowly by soon the children will be out of sight. Now, anguished, tormented, wails, mournful children cries no emotions were contain to ease their tormented and agonized pain. as it caresses as it pierces their broken hearts. Despite, heart-rending pleading from these Indian families to the Indian agents to relinquish their children from their bondage from the box cars and their reply was to walk away. Reappearing, now the train's whistle it's sharp shrill fills the chill of the night's air. Slowly, now the train with its precious cargo embarks on its way down forlorn tracks. Everlastingly, forever through their existences for Indian families and Indian children throughout will never be the same. **Genocide.**
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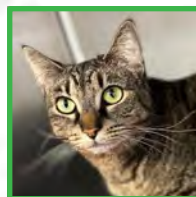


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Tribal Operations, Migizi employees awarded for years of service at banquet

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

A night of camaraderie and laughter celebrated longevity during Human Resources department's 2022 Employee Banquet for Tribal Operations and Migizi EDC. employees on Friday, June 3 from 7 to 11 p.m.

Held in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms, the banquet honored Tribal employees who have achieved five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service. This year celebrated the past two years as no celebration was held in 2020 or 2021 due to the pandemic.

Joe Kequom, former Tribal sub-chief and police officer, was honored for reaching 40 years of service to the Tribe. Kequom is currently a security officer at Andahwod.

Human Resources Director Louanna Bruner read speeches about some of the nominees and shared a bit about Kequom.

"Joe started his career with the Tribe in 1978 and he just isn't done yet," Bruner said to those in attendance. "In 2019, he was elected to Tribal Council and served as our sub-chief. Since then, he has returned to Andahwod to keep our elders protected during the trying times of COVID, he was often more of a companion than a security guard."

Bruner read a statement from Kequom's wife, Marge, that stated, "The repetitive compliments and endless amount of respect he is shown when we casually run into former officers, co-workers and community is a testament as to the kind of leader he is!"

Achieving 30 years of service to the Tribe are: Margaret Grewe, Leonard James, Carla Jeffrey-Hovey, Walt Kennedy, Chris Pego, Earl Pelcher and Jeremy Sawmick.

Margaret Grewe, dental/pharmacy billing clerk, originally came to the Tribe in 1989 as an intake counselor.

Working with Grewe for the last 20 years, Nesie Wilson, interim assistant health administrator for Nimkee, said: "She is very quick to help everyone. In fact, one day I had a question for her and kept going back to her office and couldn't find her. I thought to myself 'how long is her break' only to find out I had walked past her at least 10 times and didn't even notice she was at Dental front desk! We appreciate her being so flexible and willing to support her co-workers."

Nimkee Fitness' Jaden Harman said of honoree Public Health Director Walt Kennedy: "Walt, you've always brought great wisdom

to each situation. You've always provided encouragement and have been a person I can trust to talk to about anything. Thank you for your leadership and friendship in my life through the years. Congratulations boss man!"

Senior Human Resources Manager Carla Jeffrey-Hovey's daughter, Felicia, said of her mother:

"She has an unwavering commitment to excellence and can always be counted on to maintain performance standards. Her exceptional leadership skills (are) an attribute that I greatly admire, along with her relentless dedication to our Tribe... I aspire to be just like you one day with much love and gratitude."

Earl Pelcher, patient transport of Nimkee Public Health, was recognized by his fellow co-workers for making every day fun, being instrumental in helping patients receive their medication, being kind and generous and the father/grandfather of Nimkee Clinic.

Jeremy Sawmick, maintenance worker, was admired for being a loving, kind and hardworking man by his loved ones.

Sawmick's daughter, Justene, said: My dad has shown me what hard work and dedication looks like. No matter what may be going on in his life, he would be to work on time. Man, he makes life look so easy. My dad is funny and always joking. I think he has the best jokes... he is very humble as well as very giving."

The following employees received recognition for achieving 25 years of service: Nicole Aasved, Lisa Ayling, David Blaisdell, Gene Davidson, Theresa Gasco, Amy Gates, Craig Graveratte, Heather Haynes, Lynne Johnson, Marion Joseph, Therese Kennedy, Dennis Kequom, Stephanie Klakulak, Susan Landon, Philip Lerma, David Maki, Terry Mullin, Clinton Pelcher, Carolyn Reinking, Cathy Saylor, Chris Sineway, Sandra Smith, Joseph Sowmick, Susan Sowmick and Kenneth Sprague.

Twenty years of service recipients included: Tammy Allbee, Stephanie Burk, Frank Cloutier, Ryan Dennis, Fred Hignite, Robert Hooper, Daniel Jackson, Shara LeValley, Kay McGuire, Kari Noack, Tracy Pigeon, Linda Potter, Sean Reed, Tracy Reed, Troy Ridder, Jeannie Robinson, Terri Rueckert, Gayle Ruhl, Don Seal, Stan Sineway Jr., Nathan Smith and Gilbert Williams.

Receiving 15 years of service: Stacy Bauer, Annette Buckner, Clinton Cloutier, Mindy Durfee, Margaret Flamand, Christa Gomez,



Joe Kequom
40 years of service



Walt Kennedy
30 years of service



Margaret Grewe
30 years of service



Jeremy Sawmick
30 years of service



Earl Pelcher
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Kenneth Sprague
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Terry Mullin
25 years of service



Craig Graveratte
25 years of service



Susan Sowmick (left) and Joseph Sowmick (right)
25 years of service



Frank Cloutier
20 years of service

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Stephanie Sprague, Camille Sumpter, Mia Turnwald and Trent Wentworth.

Receiving 10 years of service: Kassandra Bageris, Carl Benz, Felicia Bross, Nadine Bruzewski, Aaron Chivis, David Feger, Lisa Grace, Jacqueline Graveratte, Kathy Hart, Kara Hotchkiss, Edward Howard, Michael Ireland, Susan Jeffrey, Susan Kollman, Michael McArthur, Dawn

Mena, Catherine Misky, Tim Nelson, Isabelle Osawamick, Chase Owl, Wesley Rich, Daniel Riehl, Christina Sharp, Luke Sprague, Jonas Wilcox, Sarah Winchell-Gurski and Quinn Yurack.

Throughout the evening, drawings for prizes were held, a DJ provided music and a meal was provided by the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Food & Beverage Department.

Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck



38th Annual Saginaw Chippewa

POW WOW

Mnadenmaadaa Gdo-demnaanik (*Let's Honor Our Clans*)

July 29, 30 & 31, 2022

Grand Entry

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

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

Master of Ceremonies: Vince Beyl

Master of Ceremonies: Jason Whitehouse

Arena Directors: RJ Smith & Walker Stonefish

Head Veteran: Raymond Cadotte

Drum Judge: Harvey Dreaver

Male Dance Judge: Joe Syrette

Female Dance Judge: Heather Syrette

Male Head Dancer: Wesley Cleland

Female Head Dancer: Lisa Hill

Host Drum: Smokey Town

Sound provided by: Hoka Sound

Dance Contests:

- **Adults (18+):**
\$1,100 | \$800 | \$600 | \$400
- **Teens (12-17):**
\$400 | \$300 | \$200 | \$125
- **Juniors (6-11):**
\$200 | \$150 | \$125 | \$100

Drum Contest:

\$8,000 | \$6,000 | \$5,000 | \$4,000 | \$3,000

Committee Specials:

TBA at Powwow

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



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UNDERSTANDING THE PATH

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

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

A QUICK GUIDE TO THE SIX MAIN OJIBWE DANCING STYLES

Women's Jingle

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

Men's Fancy

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

Fancy Shawl Dance

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

Men's Grass

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

Women's Traditional

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

Men's Traditional

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



Editorial: A thank you to all involved in the master rain gardener class, water celebration

MICHAEL P. MCCREERY
Natural Resources Specialist

Chi-miigwetch (thank you) to the many people who helped with the water celebration – Don Seal, community engineer, and Troy Techlin, environmental manager, for believing we could bring a good water and cultural message to the people.

Miigwetch to partners: Samantha Neilis and Julia Butch, Huron Pines; Meaghan Gass, Michigan Sea Grant; Rosalie Maloney, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Housing manager; Lee Ann Ruffino, Seventh Generation cultural manager.

Behind the scenes, Tribal Housing and Planning Department staff came together for much needed support and assistance with plants prior to the plant giveaway held.

Miigwetch to our community representatives who humbly shared their gifts with the

Saginaw Chippewa Academy and Master Rain Gardener graduates at the Water Celebration. It is with gratefulness for those who shared from their heart; each giving their gift from a balance of Anishinabe culture and best management practices, pipe and water ceremonies, song, poem and prayer, water/environmental protection, Master Rain Garden program and graduates, and education/learning sessions.

Special recognition goes to the SCA's 4th grade classes for completion of a turtle-shaped Rain Garden Project at Seventh Generation.

Tribal Council Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts offered prayer for the people and protection of the nbiish (water). Chief Theresa Jackson pointed out how the 4th graders transformed from worm diggers (as they dug in the dirt) to water protectors as they planted the perennials in the earth for the turtle.

Tribal Elder Joseph Sowmick gave a heartfelt message to the



Courtesy of Michael McCreery

Master Rain Garden student, Tribal Member Anne Crawford's garden is shown filtering water as it goes through the rain garden.



Courtesy of Michael McCreery

Fourth graders of Saginaw Chippewa Academy complete a turtle-shaped Rain Garden Project at Seventh Generation.

Water Celebration attendees and SCA students. Sowmick spoke of making healthy life choices for a balance between the Anishinabe culture and secular world.

Daisy Kostus, Beatrice Menase Kwe Jackson, and Judy Scheuffle of the Strong Women Singers played their drums and sang for the people in beautiful Anishinabemowin. "Nametan nibi" (pray for the water) was also performed in Lakota. They were very entertaining and included international water songs.

Tribal Elder Bonnie Ekdahl performed a water ceremony and offered those in attendance with the "why" they were there. She called upon the Anishinabe kwe from the SCA to help. They prayed a blessing over the water for all to share.

Ekdahl stated, "We all can pray over our water anytime or anywhere."

Tribal Elder Judy Pamp shared her poem and prayer. Pamp requested the 4th grade class assist with the reading of the prayer in Anishinabemowin.

Attendee Nicole Nedwash said, "It was so awesome to have our children reading Anishinabemowin so well and in front of everyone."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

SCA students receive awards for completing and assisting in the program.

Pamp's poem was touching as it highlighted how the water is alive, sacred, and is a spirit. The poem ended with a thought-provoking question, "What will you do to take care of the water?"

Korin Foss, water quality specialist, shared what she does for the health of the Tribe's water. Korin samples many different locations on the Chippewa River for water quality. She encouraged the youth to get involved with water. Rain gardens are one way of helping the water become healthy.

Susan Bryan, rain garden coordinator for Washtenaw County, teaches the county's residents how to build rain gardens and empowers them to be ambassadors to teach their neighbors how to build one. The result is a community full of

rain gardens that keep our water clean and bring people together to make a more beautiful world.

Michael P. McCreery, natural resources specialist, performs outreach efforts with respectful relationships within the Tribe, bringing people together, and gives them opportunities to shine. He wrote a grant to bring the Master Rain Gardener program to the Tribe.

"The water celebration was an inspirational act of beauty for the whole community," McCreery said. "I hope all were inspired to honor and pray for the water and think about building a rain garden of your own. Please contact Environmental Department to let us help you with building your own rain garden or participate in a future master rain garden class."

Saginaw Chippewa **POWOW** July 29, 30 & 31, 2022

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Dancer Payouts

Platinum Age (Women) 60+		Platinum Age (Men) 60+		Golden Age (Women) 50-59		Golden Age (Men) 50-59	
Place	Combined	Place	Combined	Place	Combined	Place	Combined
1st	\$1,100	1st	\$1,100	1st	\$1,100	1st	\$1,100
2nd	\$800	2nd	\$800	2nd	\$800	2nd	\$800
3rd	\$600	3rd	\$600	3rd	\$600	3rd	\$600
4th	\$400	4th	\$400	4th	\$400	4th	\$400

Committee Specials to be announced at Powwow

Approved Specials hosted by family
(more details available powwow weekend)

- Nangonhs Massey – MMIW
- Quincey Antone - Jackson Graduation – Grass Dance Special
- Lisa Hill Head Dancer Special – Fancy Dancer Showcase
- Shelby Bointy Graduation Special – Sponsored by Eagleman & Bointy Families
- Lil Elk Special (Honor of Eli Thomas) – Men's Traditional

For more information: 989.775.4000 or PowwowCommittee@Sagchip.org

Drum Contest				
Place	Combined			
1st	\$8,000			
2nd	\$6,000			
3rd	\$5,000			
4th	\$4,000			
5th	\$3,000			

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ENTERTAINMENT



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Saturday, July 2 | 7:00PM
Outdoor Event

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Outdoor Concert

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Saturday, July 16 | 8:00PM
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Thursday, July 21 | 7:00PM
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Saturday, July 30 | 8:00PM
Outdoor Concert

Ticket Prices:
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JOURNEY

Friday, August 5 | 8:00PM
Outdoor Concert

Ticket Prices:
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Saturday, August 13 | 8:00PM
Outdoor Concert

Ticket Prices:
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KID ROCK

with special guest
George Clinton & Parliament
Funkadelic

Saturday, September 3 | 2:00PM
Outdoor Concert

Ticket Prices:
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MONDAYS
4:00 A.M. - 11:59 P.M.

Earn a spin on our Big Foot Picnic kiosk game for every 1,000 points earned from 4:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m. and win Premium Play!



SUNDAYS, JULY 3, 10 & 17
2:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Earn 1 entry for every 50 points earned from 6:00 a.m. - 7:55 p.m. and you could win up to \$1,200 cash in our hourly drawings from 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



WEDNESDAYS
9:30 A.M. - 9:30 P.M.

Earn 1 entry for every 100 points earned and you could win up to \$1,000 cash in our hourly drawings from 9:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.



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Brandy Fitzpatrick
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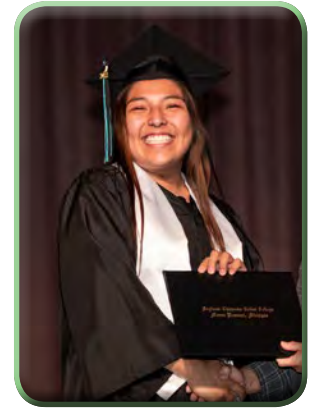
Elisa Grossman
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Jacquenette Mandoka
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Nicole Chippewa
Associate Degree in Liberal Arts



Shaylyn Sprague
Associate Degree in Liberal Arts



Joseph Fisher II
Associate Degree in Native American studies



Wayne Young
Associate Degree in Native American studies



Candice Valdez
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Zaltana Hinmon
Associate Degree in Science



Vanessa Escobar
Associate Degree in Science



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This year's Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College commencement honors 11 graduates

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

Moving on up in higher education. This year's Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College commencement ceremony recognized 11 graduates. The graduation ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 19 at 6 p.m. in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall.

The following students earned an associate degree in liberal arts: Nicole Chippewa, Deidre DeFeyter, Brandy Fitzpatrick, Elisa Grossman, Jacquenette Mandoka and Shaylyn Sprague.

The following students earned an associate degree in Native American studies: Joseph Fisher II and Wayne Young.

The following students



Courtesy of Miss Lily Photography
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College President Carla Sineway speaks during the college's May 19 commencement ceremony.

earned an associate degree in science: Zaltana Hinmon and Vanessa Escobar.

Candice Valdez earned an associate degree in business.



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Eleven Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College graduates are honored at the 2022 commencement ceremony on Wednesday, May 19 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall.

SCTC President Carla Sineway gave instructions to the students about turning the tassel.

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

The tassels were moved from the right to the left side and the students officially became alumni.

Anishinaabe Language Professor George Roy provided the invocation to begin the ceremony. Chief Theresa Jackson provided welcoming statements and Tribal Council member Luke Sprague addressed the graduates.

Jacquenette Mandoka received the Student of the Year Award.

The commencement concluded with an honor song by Onion Creek Drum and Sineway spoke the blessing of the graduates prior to the dinner.



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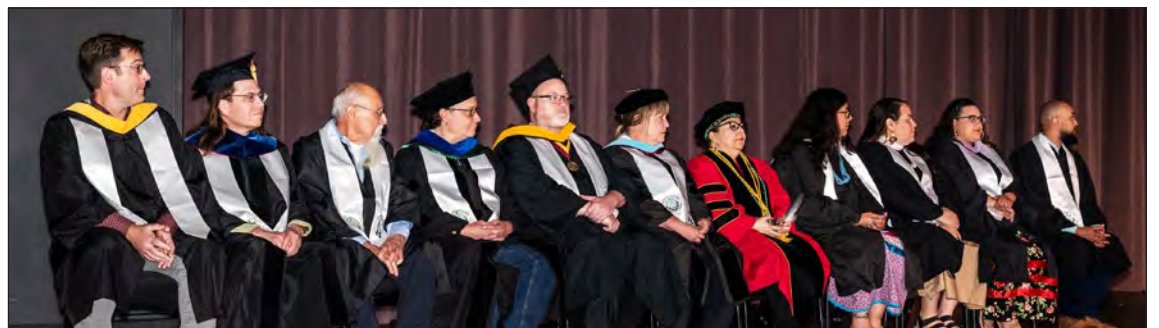
Cruz Perez leads the dancers during the event's grand entry.



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Chief Theresa Jackson provides welcoming statements.



Courtesy of Miss Lily Photography
Tribal Councilman Luke Sprague addresses the graduates during a keynote speech.



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The Board of Regents and SCTC faculty members are photographed on stage during the ceremony.



Comedy legends Steve Martin & Martin Short bring hilarious live show to Soaring Eagle

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Two well-known comedy legends Steve Martin and Martin Short brought their act, “You Won’t Believe What They Look Like Today!” to Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Friday, May 27. The comedic duo had the audience roaring throughout the two-hour show.

The two longtime friends mocked Hollywood and the fickle nature of celebrity, but not without roasting each other in a way that only three-decades-long friends could.

Before the two performers entered the stage, a video played for a few minutes on the big screens; highlighting some of the comedians’ best moments throughout their careers in both cinema and television. One of the clips included the 1986 film “Three Amigos,” in which the duo first worked together.

The comedians mentioned their latest project together, “Only Murders in the Building” on Hulu and the audience applauded in approval.

With endless digs at each other,” Short made



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Comedy legends Martin Short (left) and Steve Martin (right) bring their hilarious live show, “You Won’t Believe What They Look Like Today!” to Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Friday, May 27.

fun of Martin’s old age and “ghostly” paleness.

“You look like a coloring book page that hasn’t been colored yet,” Short said.

“You look fantastic,” Short said to Steve Martin. “I guess that’s the charm of looking 70 since you were 30.”

Short and Martin brought three male audience volunteers on stage to re-enact the “Three Amigos” “salute.” Donned with oversized sombreros, the three men

hilariously and passionately attempted the moves.

With a sit-down question-and-answer session from the two, endless stabs at each other persisted.

All jokes aside, Martin said he’s very thankful for his career and where he is today. Short asked him when the moment was that he realized he made it big in the entertainment industry.

“I think it was at the 40th anniversary special for



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Martin Short (right) causes laughter as Jeff Bapko (left), Short’s touring musical director and accompanist since 2002, plays the piano.

Saturday Night Live, and I was standing between Paul McCartney and Paul Simon, wondering how I got here,” Martin said.

Short presented his hilarious, wildly flamboyant, energetic act, which included him – at one point – laying across a grand piano. As Martin was more reserved – yet just as hilarious – he also showcased his incredible banjo skills.

One segment of the show featured bluegrass band Alison

Brown and the Fair Weather Friends as musical guests. They provided Steve a chance to join them on the banjo.

“Hanging out with Steve, is like the movie ‘Deliverance,’” Short said. “It’s all fun and games until the banjos come out.”

Steve Martin and Martin Short’s similar act “An Evening You Will Forget For the Rest of Your Life” from 2018 is now streaming on Netflix.

Bill Maher brings sharp, witty political commentary to the Soaring Eagle

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted the unapologetically sharp political commentary of comedian and television host Bill Maher on Saturday, June 18.

The polarizing figure brought his edgy stand-up routine to the Entertainment Hall. His monologue touched on many other timely topics including political correctness, the media, partisan politics and religion.

Maher has remained at the forefront of combining comedy and political talk on American television.

From 1993 to 2002, he served as the host of the late night talk show “Politically Incorrect with Bill Maher.”

Maher currently works as host and co-producer of the weekly HBO political talk show



Courtesy photo

“Real Time with Bill Maher.”

During the show’s 19 seasons, Maher has accommodated an abundance of notable guests including former President Barack Obama, President Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren.

Maher won his first Emmy in

2014 as executive producer for the HBO series, “VICE.”

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Michigan State University Indigenous community celebrates 2022 graduates

A. ELLIE MITCHELL

Contributing Writer

On April 27, people from several Indigenous communities gathered on Michigan State University's campus and via Zoom to celebrate the Indigenous graduates of MSU and the Lansing community.

Among the graduating class were several Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members. The commencement address was delivered by MSU alumna and Tribal Council Treasurer Gayle Ruhl.

The ceremony was opened with a prayer from Ellie Mitchell (Saginaw Chippewa), indigenous community outreach liaison, Center for Language Teaching Advancement. The MSU Land Acknowledgement was read by Dr. Emily Sorroche (Cuyaga), associate director, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

The commencement address was delivered by Ruhl, who congratulated all the graduates, particularly the four Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members.



Courtesy of Ellie Mitchell

The ceremony opens with a prayer from Ellie Mitchell (Saginaw Chippewa), indigenous community outreach liaison, Center for Language Teaching Advancement.

Gayle spoke about her struggles in her education, including attending college while parenting. She highlighted the importance of education in the future survival of tribal communities and touched upon the hardships that Native students must overcome to succeed in higher education.

Following that moving speech, faculty and staff read short biographies of each graduate and bestowed them with a gift. Graduates receiving undergraduate degrees were gifted a wool blanket. Graduates receiving master's degrees were gifted quillwork. College of Law graduates received eagle feathers from the native law faculty, in a separate ceremony. All graduates were gifted ziisibaakwad, semaa, and graduation stoles featuring Anishinaabe floral designs.

The MSU Indigenous faculty and staff have planned a dinner and honoring ceremony for graduates for several years. The annual event has evolved to include participants in the Indigenous Youth Empowerment Program of the Lansing School District, as well as MSU students who participate in the native student organizations, American Indian & Indigenous Studies certificate programs, and the Indigenous Law & Policy Center in the College of Law.

The 2021 graduation was the first to feature a commencement address, which was delivered to a virtual gathering by Whitney Gravelle, MSU alumna and executive president of the Bay Mills Indian Community.

The graduation ceremony marks the finale of the Indigenous community's academic calendar. Dr Sorroche



Courtesy of Ellie Mitchell

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Tribal Council Treasurer and MSU alumna Gayle Ruhl delivers the commencement address.

describes the event as “[o]ne of my favorite events to plan for, I’ve experienced the event as a participant in the ceremony and now on the side of facilitating/planning. I am fortunate to be a part of this important moment for all involved. I’ve learned this is my why, for our Indigenous students to be honored in this moment of their academic life – graduation. I work with each of my students to reach this moment, celebrated, recognized and honored.”

High school students and current college students interested in attending or transferring to MSU, should contact Lauren Kennedy (Oneida), admissions officer, Office of Undergraduate Admissions, at kenne361@msu.edu.

For questions about Anishinaabemowin and other resources at MSU, contact Ellie Mitchell at mitch489@msu.edu.

Anishinaabemowin glossary

- *Semaa* – tobacco
- *Ziisibaakwad* – sugar, maple sugar in this context

2022 Michigan State University Graduates

Lansing area high school graduates

- Alexis Fox- Kimewon (Wikwemikong First Nation)

Bachelor's degrees

- Gabriel J. Gurulé (Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa)
- Shayla Bell French (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians)
- Emily Spranger (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians)
- Sydnee Elizabeth Kopke (Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe)
- Dajia R. Shinos (Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe)

Master's degrees

- Madeline Nash (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians)
- Aleigha Reinsberg (Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe)
- Aimee Baier (Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians)
- Grant Gliniecki (Burt Lake Band)

Juris Doctorate

- Alyana L. Jimerson (Seneca Nation of Indians)
- Breanna J. Colwell (Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe)

July 2022

Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1) Scott Bettistea
Lester Chippeway Jr.
Kimberly Palmer | Jocelyn Perkins |
| 2) Joseph Sowmick
Sherry Bailey-Mason
Sherry Hileman | 10) Greg Falsetta
Barbara Link |
| 3) Janis Ash
Belinda Land
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Randall Bird
Lee Kerns
Kirsten Schaefer | 11) Diane Dege
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Nancy Nedwash
Lawrence Verga Jr. |
| 4) Catherine Wendling | 12) Eric Anderson
Kelly Buggs
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David Miller |
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William Kellogg
Trent Trepanier Sr. |
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Timothy Sedlow
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Juanita Rogers
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| 9) Christian Jackson
Mary Johnson
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| | 17) Larry Burnham |

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- 18) Marcus Peters
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- 19) Debra Smith
Randy James
Melissa Mowry
Brian Tabor
- 20) Carla Jeffrey-Hovey
Eric Sowmick
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- 21) Joe Brown
- 22) Melissa Owl
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Michael Neyome
David Russell
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John McDonald
Lisa Starkey
- 25) Guy Jackson
Michael Dalton
Robert Fallis III
- 26) Sheri Jackson
Douglas Ritter
Barbara Durga
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- 27) Elizabeth Mena
Donald Federico
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Donald Leaux Jr.
- 28) Judy Johnson
Thomasine MeShawboose
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Tribal Member runs 2022 Boston Marathon, qualifies for 2023 race

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Imagine running the world's largest annual marathon, competing alongside more than 25,000 runners. Imagine running 26.2 timed miles through eight different cities. Imagine all the high-fives and roars as 500,000 spectators cheer you on. Tim Nelson doesn't have to imagine, he knows the feeling as he completed the 126th Boston Marathon on April 18.

Not only did Tribal Member Tim Nelson, outreach services manager for the Saganing Tribal Center, race in his first Boston Marathon, but his finishing time of 3 hours and 19 minutes was fast enough to qualify for the 2023 Boston Marathon. His reservations have already been made for next year's marathon.

"The actual race was something far greater than

anything I have previously done," Nelson said. "The logistics of transferring 25,000 runners 26.2 miles west to the city of Hopkinton is vast. Busses begin leaving Boston more than three hours before the race starts to transport you to Athlete's Village where you wait until your wave time starts."

There are four waves of runners, each leaving 25 minutes apart.

"I was in the second wave," Nelson said. "At 10:25 (a.m.) my race started. Many runners try to just enjoy the experience of running their first Boston. I wanted to do that but I also wanted to give it my best effort."

To enter the Boston Marathon, racers must run a qualifying time at another marathon or fulfill a fundraising requirement for a participating charity.

"I set my sights on qualifying by time in 2016, so this race was a long time coming," Nelson said. "For myself and many others there, it was a reward for all that it took to get there."

Nelson mentioned "the awesome atmosphere" in Boston all week of the race.

"It is a celebration for all of the runners in town from around the country and world," he said.

"The Boston Athletic Association, the organizers of the race, hosts an incredible race expo," he said. "There are many running-related clinics and guest speakers in the days leading to the race. Many different businesses and organizations host events throughout the week for the runners in town."

Each year, a Boston Marathon jacket is available, which allows the racers the

privilege of wearing.

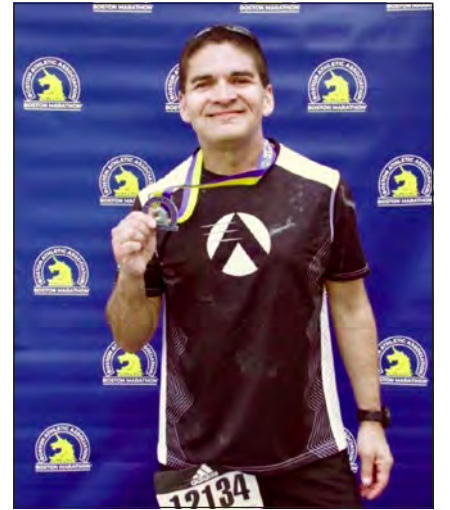
"I've never experienced a response from an item of clothing like I did this jacket," he said. "Conversations were struck up constantly regarding the race. Boston takes pride in the race and how they treat us runners."

Despite his racing success, Nelson humbly said he does not "consider himself a very gifted runner."

"In school, I was always one of the slower kids," he said. "I like to run for the friendships I have gained and the adventures made possible because of my hobby. Running is hard at first, but every runner I know has eventually reached the point where things became just a little easier and the reward was greater than the pain. How long this takes usually depends on how consistent one is."

Nelson shared advice for someone who may want to begin running but is unsure of where to start.

"Adding in one minute of running to a walk is all that it takes to get started," he said. "Over time, you can gradually increase the duration. Joining a running club is a great way to



Courtesy of Tim Nelson

Tribal Member Tim Nelson poses for a photo after completing the Boston Marathon.

get into it. Don't be intimidated. Everyone started somewhere and runners are some of the most supportive people I have ever met. They will help you."

Next up for Nelson is the Tridge to Bridge, a 240-mile run from Midland, Mich. to Mackinaw City (along Lake Huron) on Tuesday, July 19.

"I completed this unsupported, 240-mile race in 2020 over five days," he said. "This year I will be attempting to finish in four days."

Nelson was one of two finishers in the 2020 Tridge to Bridge. To follow live updates, join the Facebook group, #TridgetoBridge240.



At the 34th Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics

Thursday, July 21

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

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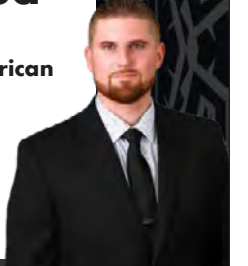
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Runners race through a heat advisory during the 30th annual Human Race

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

A heat advisory with heat index values up to 102 degrees did not stop the 30th annual Human Race or the dedicated runners from competing in the 30th annual event on Wednesday, June 15.

Nimkee Fitness and 7th Generation held the 5k run and one-mile fun run/walk. The starting line was on Remus Road in front of 7th Generation's Elijah Elk Cultural Center.

The race began at 6:30 p.m. Cooling and extra water stations were set up along the course. Seventh Generation provided a slip-and-slide and sprinklers near the finish line, and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Fire Department was present to provide aid – if needed – and also had fire hydrants along the course spraying water.

“We were able to take some extra precautions with the higher temperatures,” said Jaden Harman, event organizer and fitness coordinator at Nimkee Fitness. The 5k overall results were: for the females – Jennifer Ayers in first place with a time of 26:38, Rebecca Collins-Pfeiffer in second

place and Teresa Martin in third place. For the males – Glen Mars came in first place with a time of 19:44, Anthony Kraudelt came in second place and Brysen Chamberlain in third place.

The one-mile results were the following: for females – 1. Kendra Nienkerk 2. Jori Harman 3. Lily Roth, and for the males – 1. Jensen Harman 2. Bryson Roth 3. Miino Pelcher

Hand-crafted cedar eagle feather awards were presented to the top finishers.

“We really had a great turnout and would have probably had more (racers) if it wasn't so hot,” Harman said. “It was great to see families in our community come out to be active together, along with runners from around the mid-Michigan area.”

The event is still going strong during the 30th anniversary.

“Beaver Pelcher started the race 31 years ago; it's amazing to see the longevity of this community event,” Harman said. “Miigwetch to the 7th Generation staff for, once again, being a wonderful host.”

Seventh Generation provided a post-race dinner to all.

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 - KHager@sagchip.org or 989-775-4848
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COVID-19 Vaccination Walk-in Clinics

- July 13, 27 | 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Nimkee Public Health
 - SSowmick@sagchip.org or 989-775-4699

The Native Way of Life Camp

- July 5, 12, 19 & Aug. 2, 9
- **Registration required:** prevention@sagchip.org
 - Open to 5th to 8th graders
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 - 7/12: canoeing and kayaking at Buckley's
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- July 15 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- SCTC
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NativeFest Golf Fundraiser

- July 15 | 9 a.m. shotgun start
- Pleasant Hills Golf Club
 - 989-775-4750

Community Cultural Teachings

- July 16 | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Sanilac Petroglyphs (8251 Germania Rd., Cass City)
 - 989-775-4751

MIFO Golf Scramble

- July 21 | 10 a.m. shotgun start
- Pleasant Hills Golf Club
 - 989-775-4694
 - **Registration:** www.sagchip.org/MIFO

Michigan Indian Family Olympics

- July 22 | 9 a.m. opening ceremonies
- CMU Bennett Track & Field
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- July 27 | 6 - 9 p.m.
- Ziibiwing Center
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Annual Homecoming Meeting

- July 28 | 10 a.m., doors open at 9 a.m.
- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall

InterTribal Open Golf Tournament

- July 29 | Shotgun starts at 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
- Pleasant Hills Golf Club
 - 989-775-4121 or Alleaureaux@sagchip.org

Freedom Walk: Living Sober

- July 30 | 7:30 a.m. opening prayer and breakfast
- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 - prevention@sagchip.org
 - 9 a.m. Freedom Walk begins

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JULY 2022 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
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<p>11</p> <p>Recovery Drop In 1 p.m. B. Health</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Drop In Lacrosse 5:30 p.m. Tribal Gym or Box</p> <p>Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>Open Interviews 2-6 p.m. SECR</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m. B. Health Lodge</p> <p>Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>Acupuncture 4-6 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>Open Interviews 2-6 p.m. SECR</p> <p>Community Sewing Night 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Tribal Observer Deadline</p> <p>Peer 360 Recovery on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Peer 360 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>17</p>
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Tribal Operations

ACFS Director

Open to the public. Master's degree in social services, human services or related field. Full licensure required. Five years social services experience. Three years experience in a supervisory capacity.

Leadership Apprentice

Open to SCIT Members only. High school diploma or GED. Must have satisfactorily completed 12 credit hours. Must be a full-time college student.

Natural Resources Technician

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years old. Must be able to swim and use a canoe.

Prevention Specialist

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

Sexual Assault Therapist

Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Two years' experience in counseling.

Water Resource Technician

Open to the public. Associate degree, or actively pursuing a BS/BA in environmental science, biology, chemistry, geology, or natural science. Seasonal or internship experience in an environmental/conservation field, GPS equipment, water sampling methods, and/or data analysis. Must have reliable transportation.

AWARE SMHA Project Co-Coordinator

Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services, or related field. One year of experience in mental health services working with children and families of children with severe emotional disturbances. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple organizations and community systems.

Water Resource Technician

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Cultural experience, traditional cultural and spiritual way of life.

Tribal School Principal

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education field. Master's degree in education, administration, educational leadership or related field preferred. Five years teaching experience. Two years in a supervisory capacity preferred.

Clerical Pool

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

General Labor Pool

Open to SCIT Members only. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Waste Water Operator II

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field.

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.

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.

SCTC Supplemental Instructor

Open to the public. At least 60 completed credits towards a college degree with an overall 3.0 GPA or

above. Knowledge of the principles and practices of higher education.

SCTC Academic Skills Specialist - English

Open to the public. Master's degree in reading, writing, literacy, English or related field with an emphasis in reading and writing. Two years' experience teaching college courses in a multicultural higher education environment.

Registered Medical Assistant (Grant)

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Registered or Certified Medical Assistant License. One year experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting.

Case Worker

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social services or human services. Must be able to effectively communicate and have good computer skills.

Registered Medical Assistant

Open to the public. Registered or Certified Medical Assistant License. One year experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting.

Student Support Tutor

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. College level math. Experience working with youth preferred.

Faculty - Business Instructor

Open to the public. Master's degree required in identified discipline. Previous teaching experience preferred.

Faculty-English

Open to the public. Master's degree required in identified discipline. Previous teaching experience preferred.

Associate General Counsel

Juris Doctor from an ABA accredited law school. Experience as a practicing attorney, familiarity with federal Indian law preferred. Member of the Michigan State Bar Association and in good standing.

School Based

Consulting Clinician

Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services, or related field. Two years' experience in mental health services working with children and families of children with severe emotional disturbances. Experience with Native American traditions and culture preferred.

Soaring Eagle

Guest Relations Rep PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Experience in guest service, special events, promotions, and or cash handling.

Culinary Supervisor

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

Call Center Lead Agent

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

Call Center Agent FT

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

Call Center Agent PT

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

Massage Therapist PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Michigan massage certification with 600 total hours required for massage certification.

Poker Dealer PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to obtain certification from the SECR Table Games Department for each game associate deals.

Laundry Attendant FT

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

Laundry Attendant PT

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

Bartender PT

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

Laundry Mechanic Technician

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have at least five years' experience in a building maintenance position.

Transit Driver PT

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

Function Service Person FT

Open to the public. One year customer service experience and/or the ability to successfully pass in-house training.

Function Service Person PT

Open to the public. One year customer service experience and/or the ability to successfully pass in-house training.

Line Cook

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, or six months of internal culinary training.

Sous Chef

Open to the public. 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.

Cosmetologist PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. State of Michigan license in cosmetology.

Bartender - Summer Concerts

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

Concierge FT

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

Concierge PT

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

Front Desk Agent FT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One-year customer service experience and cash handling experience.

Steward

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

Front Desk Agent PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One-year customer service experience and cash handling experience.

Night Auditor

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

Accountant

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting. Proficient with Microsoft Office and accounting software. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Kitchen Equipment Technician

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

Grounds Maintenance Worker FT

Open to the public. One year experience in grounds maintenance perform-

ing resort level job duties in either lawn care or landscaping similar to those listed in the essential duties section.

F&B Custodial Worker

Open to the public. Must be able to attend annual ServSafe Food Handler training classes.

F&B Host/Hostess

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

Crowd Control - Summer Concerts

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. First Aid and CPR certification preferred.

Line Server FT

Open to the public. Must be able to work weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts.

Line Server PT

Open to the public. Must be able to work weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts.

Inventory Control Warehouse

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Experience with operating warehouse equipment including forklifts and riding cleaning machines.

Building Maintenance Worker

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year of experience in a building maintenance, technical, manufacturing or similar position.

Server Assistant

Open to the public. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements.

Waitstaff PT

Open to the public. Restaurant server experience preferred.

Finance Cashier FT

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

Guest Room Attendant FT

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

Guest Room Attendant PT

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

Keybooth Attendant PT

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

F&B Supervisor

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

Saganing

Slot Attendant

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

Police Officer - Saganing

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.

Laundry Attendant

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

Line Cook

Open to the public. Six months of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, or six months of internal Culinary training.

Count Team Associate

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED.

Sous Chef

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Culinary degree from an ACF accredited school preferred. Three

years kitchen experience in a quality operation specializing in food production.

F&B Attendant

Open to the public. Cash handling, banking, or accounting experience preferred.

Bartender

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

Beverage Waitstaff FT

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

Beverage Waitstaff PT

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

Waitstaff FT

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

Waitstaff PT

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

Security Officer PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must pass a typing test.

Technical Services Tech II

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field or three years IT support desk experience.

Water Operator II

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Three years of experience in water operations or related.

Food & Beverage Supervisor

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

Inventory Control Driver/Warehouse

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year experience in driving vehicles and rigs that require a CDL license.

Night Auditor

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year customer service experience and cash handling experience.

Guestroom Attendant FT

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

110 For Rent

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Two bedroom apartment, furnished or unfurnished, everything included except for utilities. Off M-20, close to 127 freeway, 1990 Airway Dr., Mt. Pleasant, \$600 a month, 989-289-0739.

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Two bedroom apartment, furnished or unfurnished, everything included except for utilities. Off M-20, close to 127 freeway, 1990 Airway Dr., Mt. Pleasant, \$750 a month, 989-289-0739.

115 For Sale

For Sale

2 or 7 acre single wide with add on brought up to stick built standards two car barn with stall for large animal. 500 N. Leaton Rd. Mt. Pleasant 989-289-0739.

For Sale

10 acres. Good building site also farmable. 8220 River Rd. 2 miles northeast of Casino. 989-289-0739.

For Sale

Home 1,000 sq. feet. Barn fenced for livestock. 2 or 7 acres. 1 mile of the Casino on Leaton Road. 989-289-0739.



Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow 2022 held June 25-26

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The 2022 Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow was held Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26.

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

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

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

Makayla Stevens served as head female dancer alongside Paul Walker as head male dancer.

Jason White House served as master of ceremonies, with Steven Oldman as arena director.

Southern Straights provided the host drum, with Painted Rock serving as co-host. Other invited drums included Spirit Bear and Nishinabe Nijii.

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Head female dancer Makayla Stevens (left) and head male dancer Paul Walker (right) lead the dancers in the arena during the Saturday, June 25 grand entry.



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Head veterans Ray Cadotte (far left) and Dave Merrill Jr. (far right) lead the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society and flag carriers during the Saturday grand entry.

