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Ceremony held for Tribal College's relocation, renovation project

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

If there was one positive thing that came from the pandemic, it was the realization that the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College needed an expansion, and more important, when that need came to fruition.

According to SCTC President Carla Sineway, during COVID, the college had to stop classes because of the limited space. Enrollment had to be reduced in half because there wasn't enough space in the buildings to follow the social distancing protocols.

Soon there will be.

On April 5, a 10 a.m. 'ground-breaking' ceremony was held for the expansion of the college and the relocation at 5805 Pickard St. in Mount Pleasant, Mich. – the 56,000 sq. ft. building which previously housed the Mid Michigan College.

Sineway said SCTC worked with the federal government for approval of the estimated \$3 to \$4 million project.

It's been a long, challenging and bittersweet process, Sineway said, and "students are passionately working" with SCTC as the transition is made.

SCTC seeks to engage in a more "educationally and

culturally relevant learning environment" with the anticipation that the renovated campus will "increase the student enrollment to at least double within the first few years of occupancy" of the three-story building.

The renovated building will include: multiple academic classrooms, computer and science labs, a student library, a GED teaching/testing space, culturally-inspired common areas, multiple meeting rooms and community space, study areas, and faculty and administrative offices.

Tribal Councilman Luke Sprague discussed the college's new, convenient location and said the building is monumental in Mount Pleasant.

"The Tribal College will no longer be hidden on some back road that nobody drives by," Sprague said. "It will no longer be behind a sign that says 'plaza.' You drive by (the current location) and you can't even tell it's the Tribal College... it wasn't (the college's) home. This place is their home now."

Sprague, currently nearing completion of his master's degree from Central Michigan University, said he wouldn't be where he is today without the Tribal College.

"Tribal colleges are pretty unique, not a mainstream society," Sprague said. "Non-traditional students know our barriers; we've got families at home, a lot of us come from



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The official 'groundbreaking' ceremony for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College renovation project and relocation takes place on April 5 with Tribal Council, SCTC faculty and board members, and members of the construction and architect team.

trauma..., broken homes even. A lot of us have full-time jobs. A place like the Tribal College – they don't see those barriers. It's an opportunity to embrace those challenges to help people like us learn."

Brian Keeler, executive vice president of preconstruction services of the Saginaw-based firm Spence Brothers, was in attendance and said it was more than a year ago when he first walked through the new SCTC site.

Keeler said the possibility of this project was immediately a "no-brainer."

"This (building) is solid. The bones are good," Keeler said. "The mechanical and electrical systems were really well built. Mid (Michigan College) did a great job; they spared no expense, so this is a good investment."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

(Left to right) SCTC Board of Regents Chair Jordan Fallis, Tribal Council Secretary Martha Wemigwans, Board of Regents member Colleen Green and Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson participate in the groundbreaking ceremony.

WTA Architects Project Manager Paul Haselhuhn expressed his excitement of the design of this building and said he is looking forward to this project.

Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson wished to thank those that made the upgrade possible, including the SCTC staff.

"When I attended the Tribal College, it was truly a joy," Jackson said. "I enjoyed coming to class every day, I enjoyed the fellowship..., the curriculum and what they taught our students."

Jackson said the next generation of higher education graduates will be running and protecting the Tribal businesses.

SCTC Board of Regents Chair Jordan Fallis said the revamp will help "enrich the community, build our students up, create an environment that's going to last a long time."

SCTC plans to be moved into the new location for this upcoming fall semester.

In attendance were Tribal Council members; SCTC faculty, staff and students; Tribal employees and community members.

SCTC student Wesley Hale shared a migizi honor song on his shaker.

Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez served as emcee and Tribal Council member Diana Quigno-Grundahl commenced the ceremony by providing the invocation.

Transition from a leased space to an owned space is projected to save SCTC annual costs.

Built in 1984 and purchased by Mid Michigan College in 1993, the building served as the college's main campus in Mount Pleasant for more than 20 years.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

(Left to right) WTA Architects Project Manager Paul Haselhuhn, Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson, SCTC President Carla Sineway and Brian Keeler, executive vice president of preconstruction services for Spence Brothers, pose for a photo at the ceremony.

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Morgan Ruth Mena

December 6, 1989 - April 5th, 2023

Morgan Ruth Mena (Oboodaashquanishii, "Dragonfly"), age 33, of Mount Pleasant, Mich., passed away Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at McLaren Bay Region Hospital in Bay City, Mich.

Morgan was born Dec. 6, 1989, in Alma, Mich., the daughter of Patrick Mena and Marion Williams. She was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Morgan had a heart of gold and her great sense of humor brought laughter to many. She loved her daughters very much and she held a very strong sense of family. She and Joe Genia, her very beloved man, shared a very strong bond. Her family meant everything to her.

Morgan is survived by her significant other, Joe Genia; her two beautiful daughters, Myleyah Hunter, Nickilah Hunter; step-daughter Analeigha Gibbs; mother Marion Williams; brother Lucas (Angelica) Martinez; nieces Aaliyah Mena, Nevaeh Bustina, Emiliana Martinez; nephew Antonio Bustinza; and many aunts, uncles, cousins on both maternal and paternal sides of her family.

Morgan was preceded in death by her father, Patrick Mena; brother Nicholas Mena; grandparents John Williams, Marilyn Sprague, Richard Sprague; very beloved aunt Meghann Williams; and uncle Robert Williams.

Funeral services were held at Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Gym on Friday, April 14, 2023, at 1 p.m. with Fred and Denise Cantu officiating. A luncheon was held immediately following at the Tribal Gym. The family received friends on Friday beginning at 11 a.m. until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Morgan was a donor to the Gift of Life program.



Joseph Edmund Hudson

March 20, 1965 - October 15, 2022

Joseph "Joe" Hudson, age 57, passed away after acute medical complications at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, Mich.

Joseph was a lifelong Citizen of Bay Mills Indian Community, coming from the Teeple family; and was a longtime community member of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, where he worked in multiple departments throughout his over 25 years of service.

Joe started as a Tribal police officer, graduating in Class #59 of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center's U.S. Indian Police Academy. Later in his time with Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police, he facilitated much of the community engagement for the department, and attained the rank of lieutenant before leaving police work.

He instead became a federal employee with the Transportation Security Administration as a security screening supervisor at Gerald R. Ford International Airport in Grand Rapids, Mich. After several years with the Department of Homeland Security, he ultimately returned to his meaningful work within the Saginaw Chippewa community. He worked in the Gaming Commission, and later transferred to Tribal Court where he worked as community sentencing coordinator. His final few years with SCIT were spent at ACFs, supervising the family center.

2021 was a life changing year for Joseph. In August, he became a proud grandfather, known lovingly as "Papa Muffin." In Fall 2021, Joe moved to the Upper Peninsula, and worked as a foster care worker for Bay Mills Indian Community. After living his whole life away from Bay Mills, he was able to move home and be welcomed back into community before his untimely passing.

Joseph is preceded in death by all of his grandparents, aunts: Kitty (Catherine) Teeple and Linda Orman; uncles: Gary Teeple, Leonard Teeple, Wilbur Hudson, Earl Hudson; and close cousins Gary and Lenny Teeple.

Joseph is survived by his sons Joshua and Jeffrey Hudson, granddaughter Jezebell, sister Julie (Mike) Craven, and his parents Julius and Regina (Teeple) Hudson; close nephews: Christopher, Jonathan, and Chance Craven; and uncles: John Hudson, Eugene Teeple, Bobby Hudson, Mike Teeple and Freddy Hudson.



Happy Heavenly Mother's Day



Happy Heavenly Mother's Day to the best mom in the world, I love and miss you!
Alexis Pelcher

Joseph Victor Butcher

March 28, 1969 - April 17, 2023

Joseph Butcher, 54, of Mount Pleasant passed away on Monday, April 17, 2023, at McLaren Medical Center in Flint.

Joseph was born on March 28, 1969, in Mt. Pleasant, son of Shirley Earl and the late John Truhlar.

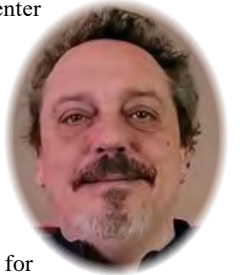
He was a big Star Wars fan and enjoyed watching the history channel. He loved playing with his dog Bailey and canoeing down the Chippewa River.

Joseph worked for Alma Products for over 12 years and then the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in food service for more than 10 years. His coworkers were always happy to work with him.

Joseph is survived by his wife, Robin; mother, Shirley (Roger) Rice; father, William Butcher; children, Brandon (Elon Brissette) Schafer, Joshua Schafer, Jeremy (Lacy) Schafer, and Paige (Jaide Cotter) Sowmick; siblings, Chad Butcher of Grand Rapids, Troy Butcher, Kim McCausey and Billy Butcher all of Alma.

He is preceded in death by his father, John Truhlar; grandmother, Lillian Truhler; and Aunt, Carol Truhler.

Per Joseph's wishes, cremation has taken place and there are no services scheduled at this time.



Tiffany Ann Campbell

February 12, 1979 - April 8, 2023

Tiffany Ann Campbell, age 44, of Mount Pleasant, Mich., passed away Saturday, April 8, 2023, at Covenant Healthcare in Saginaw.

Tiffany was born Feb. 12, 1979, in Grand Rapids, Mich. She was adopted by her parents, Ward and Sharon Wasson.

Tiffany was a member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. She loved nothing more than to be surrounded by her children. Tiffany enjoyed drawing and painting, shopping, cooking, and traveling whenever she could.

Tiffany is survived by her daughter Sadie Campbell, son Marcus Campbell, both of Mt. Pleasant; brother Neal (Marie) Wasson; sisters Lola Quillen, Barbara Jean Heights; and father of her children and former partner, Marcus Campbell.

Tiffany was preceded in death by her parents, Ward and Sharon Wasson; and daughter Mya Neyome Campbell.

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at 12 p.m. at Clark Family Funeral Chapel. A luncheon was held immediately following in the Reflections Reception Center.

Memorial contributions may be made to her family.



Roger Wayne High

September 17, 1964 - April 16, 2023

My name is Roger Wayne High, I was born on Thursday, Sept. 17, 1964 in Grand Rapids, Mich. I passed away on April 16, 2023 to be with the creator and with my mother Ella Ashquab and my father Gilbert High.

In early the 2000s I followed the powwow trail selling my art. Along the way I made many friends from all over the state and U.S.

My great joy in life was storytelling, I enjoyed talking about customs and traditions and what some of my art was used for back when our ancestors walked the earth.

In 2009, I moved from Grand Rapids to Mount Pleasant at Andahwod Assisted Living where I was able to share my talents with some of the residents there. Also, I started a traditional healing group for those who suffer with drug and alcohol abuse.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents Ella and Gilbert High, his sister Robin High, his uncles Thomas and Sherman Ashquab, grandparents Evelyn and Harold Ashquab, nephew Houston Gilbert High, his aunts Leona Ashquab, Harriet Ashquab Castaneda and Sandra A. Parney, his cousins Vincent A. Castaneda, Tabitha Kendall and Leona June Parney.

He will be missed by his great niece Ciarra Ashquab Parney, cousins Loretta, Chawn, Leona and Evelyn Castaneda, nieces Camie Castaneda, Michelle Parney and Cheyenne Newmoon, nephews Ben Wilkins, Jeff H. Kendall, Lee Hawk and Cruz Newmoon, family and many friends.

Roger is Bear Clan and was a federally-recognized Tribal Member of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe.

His feast was held Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 6 p.m. at the NHBP Community Center, 311 State St., Grand Rapids, MI 49503. The burial took place Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at noon at Resurrection Cemetery.



Samuel Lee Sharon

July 26, 1955 - April 19, 2023

Samuel Lee Sharon, of Burton, age 67, died Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at his residence.

Funeral services were held at 1 P.M. Saturday, April 29, 2023 at the Plumb-Smith Funeral Home with Pastor Sarah LaRose-Nettelle officiating. Cremation followed. Visitation was held at the Plumb-Smith Funeral Home, G-1208 North Ballenger Highway, Flint Township, where friends visited 10 A.M. to 8 P.M. that Friday, April 28, and 10 A.M. until the time of service that Saturday.



Reservation Household CLEAN UP

Saturday, May 20, 2023

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

- In case of rainout, event will be held May 21
- Accepting normal household items that do not pose a threat to Mother Earth.
- Items not accepted: Tires, refrigerators/freezers, microwave ovens, computers/screens, televisions, oil, paint, chemicals, batteries, cell phones, fluorescent light bulbs, pesticides/herbicides.
- Tribal Members only, Tribal ID required
- Drug take back for unwanted, expired or unused medication offered by Tribal Police



For more information, contact: Housing at 989.775.4595

2023 Annual Reports are now being accepted

Deadline: Thursday, May 4, 2023 by 5 p.m.

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

Notarization is required

- Forms available by mail, email and at www.sagchip.org
- No postdated forms, emails or faxes accepted

Your 2023 Annual Report MUST be filed before with submitting a Tribal Loan Application.

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



ZIIBIWING CENTER
of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways

Collections Committee Vacancies

Attention Tribal Members

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

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

Interested members need to:

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

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

William Johnson, Curator/Operations Manager

• Email: WJohnson@sagchip.org

• Mail: ZC Collections Committee
c/o William Johnson
6650 E. Broadway
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

• Phone: 989.775.4730

March 2023 Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits

Deadline: Friday, May 5, 2023 by 5 p.m.

Forms accepted beginning Monday, April 3, 2023

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



"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

- May 2
- June 6
- July 11



CIRCLE OF Indigenous Arts Market & Juried Competition

June 16-17, 2023 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Awards and Prizes

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

Come support local Anishinabek artists

For more information, please contact:

Glenna Halliwill at 989-775-4744
or GHalliwill@sagchip.org



SCIT Powwow Committee

RAFFLE Summer Patio Package

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

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

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

Please contact Powwow Committee members

for tickets: Darcy Pilar, Courtney Kahgegab, Chloe Wemigwans, Elizabeth Smith, Noelle Wells, Jackie Mannie, Carla Bennett, Barb Sprague, Dabian Sprague or Niibin Sprague.

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

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

Attention SCIT Tribal Members: Notice of Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Tribal Council Chambers in the Black Elk Building, 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. This hearing will address the liquor license application presented to Tribal Council by Christopher Nadobny, director of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Food & Beverage Department or his designated staff. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing requests as follows:

Renewal of Retail On-Premise General License for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort located at 6800 Soaring Eagle Boulevard. Such license, if approved would cover Casino Beverage Main Floor Bar #1,2,3,4, High stakes VIP lounge, SECR Casino beverage cart services, Room Service, Banquet Spaces, Portable Bars #1-#13, Legends Diner, Siniikaung, Entertainment Hall, Hotel Pool and Spa areas, Mijjim C-Store, Quick Service Cart Services, SECR Outdoor Concert Venue, SECR Concession Trailer, SECR Slot Palace Bingo Hall, Slot Palace Gaming Spaces in Rooms 'A', 'B', and 'C', Slot Palace Pub, Little Eagle Cafe, Ascend Sports Bar, SECR Casino Gift Shop, SECR Slot Palace Gift Shop, any indoor service on premises under the auspices of the SECR, and any outdoor service on premises under the auspices of the SECR.

This License, if issued, will be for the duration of one full year from May 24, 2023 to May 23, 2024, with hours of alcohol service consistent with section 10 of the Gaming Compact of Aug. 20, 1993, and specifically including hours of service for 7 a.m. Sunday alcohol sales and sales on Christmas Eve until 11:59 p.m., Christmas Day at noon and New Year's Day until 4 a.m.



CRUISE IN CAR & BIKE SHOW

Second Friday each month

- ▶ May 12
- ▶ June 9
- ▶ July 14
- ▶ Aug. 11

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

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



For more information, please contact:

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



Tribal Observer

Graduate Photos

Please submit information to
Observer@sagchip.org

College

- Graduate's name
- School
- Field of Study

High School

- Graduate's name
- School

Deadline: May 15, 2023

Election Timeline 2023 Primary & General Elections

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

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

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

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

Sept. 13 | Final Candidate List Posted

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

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

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

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

Oct. 11 | Primary Election Results and Candidates List Posted

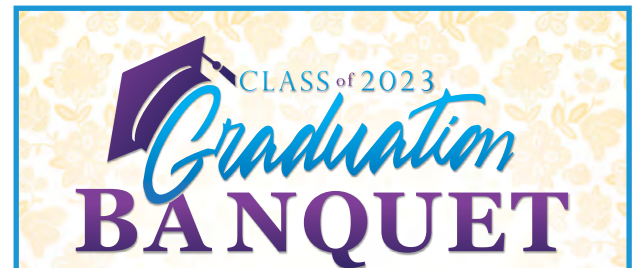
Oct. 17 | Absentee Ballots for General Election available in the office and mailed

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

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

Nov. 8 | General Election Results Posted

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



Higher Education & High School Graduates

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Ballroom

- Each graduate will receive invitations in May and will be able to bring four guests.
- Please call or email by May 24 with names of guests.

For more information, contact:

- **Deb Smith**
989.775.4071 | DSmith@sagchip.org
- **Olivia Manitowabi-McCullough**
989.775.4505 | OManitowabi@sagchip.org



Hazardous Tree Removal PROGRAM

Purpose: Provide financial assistance to members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe to mitigate dangers or threats to their primary residence posed by hazard trees.

Requirements:

- Must be a SCIT Member
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must be the homeowner residing at the affected property



Applications and guidelines are available online at:

- ▶ <http://www.sagchip.org/pdf/forms/Housing/Hazard-Tree-Application-10.13.22.pdf>
- ▶ www.sagchip.org/forms.aspx

For more information, please contact:
Housing at 989-775-4595




Tribal Council

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Alice Jo Ricketts | District One

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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



HUMAN RACE

31st Annual
Seventh Generation 2023

Wednesday, June 14
Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center
7957 E. Remus Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

5K Run & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk
Registration: 5:30 p.m. | Race begins: 6:30 p.m.

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

Full course post-race dinner served!

Individual Fees:
• \$15 post marked by June 9 • \$20 after June 9

Family Rate: (Three or more immediate family members)
• \$40 post marked by June 9 • \$45 after June 9

Hand-crafted Cedar Eagle Feather Awards for:

- Top three male and female finishers in 13 different age classifications in the 5K Run.
- Top three one-mile fun run/walk finishers.

Human Race T-shirts:
For first 125 registrants

For more information, contact:
Jaden Harman | 989.775.4694 | JHarman@sagchip.org





NIIBING Program 2022

June 19 - July 27, 2023

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

Registration packets/invoices:
Available at the Education Administration Office

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

The Seven Grandfather TEACHINGS

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

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

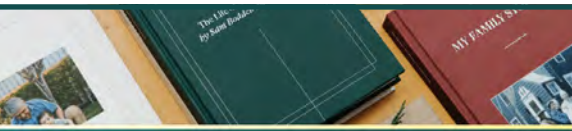
Minaadendamooing – Respect
To live with respect is to give mutual consideration for shared and differing ideas as well as for the world around us.

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

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

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

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



Storyworth Books

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


Open to all SCIT Elders

How to participate:

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

<https://welcome.storyworth.com>

For more information, please contact:
Andahwod at 989.775.4300




Community Health & Fitness Day

Wednesday, May 24
At Nimkee's Fit Park

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

Take the opportunity to participate in these four health building opportunities:

- **Health & Self Care:** (Walk two laps, energy healing, yoga at 5:15 p.m., enjoy healthy snacks!)
- **Strengthening for Every Day Living:** (step-ups, suspension trainer, grocery KB carry, sled push)
- **Have Fun through Hobbies and Adventure:** (basketball shot, corn hole run, climb Mt. Nimkee, traditional lacrosse)
- **Strengthen and Stretch at your Desk:** (squats, wrist, lower back, and hip stretches)



Employee Department Challenge:
Trophy for department champions (Five person min per team/10 max per team)

SCIT Community Family Challenge:
Trophy to the family with most points (three person min per team/eight max per team)





Choose what you could win!
Participate to earn raffle tickets.

- ▶ Fit Bit Versa
- ▶ Apple Air Pods
- ▶ Ninja Blender
- ▶ \$50 gas cards
- ▶ Night stay at SEWPH
- ▶ SECR spa package

Participation Gift!
Participate in at least four activities and receive a Nimkee Strong blender bottle.

For more information, contact:
Jaden Harman: 989.775.4694 | JHarman@sagchip.org


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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

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Saturday, June 10

- Dancer/Drum Registration: 12-12:45 p.m.
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Crew Leaders and Summer Youth Workers Needed

- **New six-week program:** Starts the week of June 19 - July 28
*Summer youth worker employees adhere to Tribal Operations policies and holidays.
- **New summer youth portal:** The summer youth calendar, interview scheduling, program policies, workshop sign-ups with the option to bring a friend, program news and reminders, a call-in option, and other important documents will all be posted and updated regularly on the new summer youth portal at www.sagchip.org/summeryouth
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- **Application deadline:** May 29, 2023

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Betsey Alonzo, Tribal Development Coordinator
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Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College

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‘What did I do that was so bad that I had to go there’: Tribal elder recounts experience at Harbor Springs boarding school, Part 1

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

(Content warning: The following story contains material that might be disturbing to some readers, including, but not limited to, child abuse, sexual abuse, physical abuse, spiritual abuse, racism and childhood trauma.)

For years, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Elder Sharon Skutt couldn’t speak about it. For years, she didn’t cry or show her emotions. For years, she kept her memories and stories to herself.

Until now.

Skutt is ready to talk about her experience at the Holy Childhood of Jesus Catholic boarding school in Harbor Springs, Mich.

She wants others to be made aware that not all Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members were sent to the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School, but some – including Skutt and her siblings – were sent to Harbor Springs. Skutt was sent by her mother.

Thousands of Native American children were forced to attend the boarding school from 1829 until its closing in 1983.

Native American boarding schools were run by religious organizations. It was in the late 1800s the federal government took over and took control with the motto “kill the Indian, save the man.”

Skutt, then 11-year-old Sharon Walker, attended the boarding school for three years beginning in 1967.

“I haven’t really been able to talk about it for a long time,” Skutt said, adding last summer she attended the annual Honoring, Healing and Remembering event which celebrates the anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School’s closing on June 6.

When a speaker at the HHR event mentioned he used to lie in bed at night

and cry at the boarding school, Skutt had to leave. Memories came flooding back how she, too, would lie in bed at night and cry.

“But I always had to crawl under the covers and stick my head under the pillow because (the nuns in charge of the school often said), ‘We don’t have crybabies here.’ And I would cry and I would be calling for my dad. If my dad knew how horrible it was, he would come and get us,” Skutt recalled through her tears.

Several traumatic memories of Skutt’s involve the nun whom was head of her dormitory. Let’s call her ‘Sister N.’

Skutt recounts the abuse from Sister N.

When Skutt’s 6-year-old sister was making “too much noise” from her patent leather shoes squeaking while she walked across a hardwood floor, Sister N grabbed her by the throat and threw her across the floor.

“I just stood there, terrified, because I just couldn’t believe what I was seeing, and there wasn’t anything I could do,” Skutt said. “I lived with that guilt for the rest of my life.”

Skutt also recalls Sister N saying to the children, “You should get on your hands and knees and thank God for the white man.”

Skutt said her and her siblings used to inform their mom about the bad things occurring with several of the nuns.

“I think she didn’t believe us because, they’re nuns!” Skutt said, adding how preposterous it seems that the children were unsafe around the sisters. “I think part of the problem was those nuns were there for a long time without any training on children and what children need. None that took care of us had absolutely no mothering instincts whatsoever.”

If a child was homesick, they were told, “Too bad. Go play.” If a child was

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injured, they were told, “Go wash it off.” If they were ill, “Go to bed.” There was no empathy, warmth, kindness, or proper care, Skutt recalls.

“They were supposed to be there to do God’s work and they were doing the work of the devil,” Skutt said of the nuns.

Skutt said boys were the main target of sexual abuse by nuns, and any child could, at any moment, experience physical, mental or spiritual abuse.

“The nuns that took care of the boys; they sexually abused them, they made boys beat each other. They had sex with these boys. It’s just awful,” she said.

Skutt said she recalls feeling sickened and repulsed when she’d heard one of the nuns had gotten pregnant by one of the boys.

The nun that got pregnant, Skutt said, went on sabbatical for a year.

“Then what happened to the baby?” Skutt wonders. “Did she have the baby? Did she put it up for adoption? What happened?”

The dormitories were split up between the little girls, big girls, little boys and big boys. The survivors will only ever know what happened within their own dormitory.

“We knew the boys had it bad on the boy’s side, but we had no idea what was really going on over there,” Skutt said.

Rarely allowed to just be children themselves; the older children were often responsible for taking care of the younger kids.

Skutt, being one of the older girls, had to help get the little kids ready for bed. The girls had to wear their hair in rollers every night but Fridays.

“And I couldn’t wait for Friday night,” Skutt said, adding the rollers were painful and uncomfortable to sleep in.

During Skutt’s very first night at the boarding school, she remembers Sister N shoving her at another girl.

“She said, ‘Get some rollers in this girl’s hair before I chop it off with an axe.’ And that’s when I started crying and she said, ‘We don’t have crybabies here.’ And I didn’t cry. I would cry at night but after I left the boarding school, I didn’t cry for years; until I was in my late 20s or early 30s.”

Skutt’s favorite day of the school year was the day her mom would pick her and her siblings up for the summer and she got to go home. Even though she knew she would return the next year, after Labor Day.

“I used to think, ‘What did I do that was so bad that I had to go there?’ And if I didn’t have to go there, I promised I would be good,” Skutt said, adding she never said that out loud to her mother but that was her mentality – she was convinced she was sent to the school as punishment.



Courtesy photo

Tribal Elder Sharon Skutt, survivor of the Holy Childhood of Jesus Catholic boarding school, receives a “You Survived Genocide” care package from the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition.

In June 2022, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland advocated for a Truth and Healing Commission to address the generations-long fallout from the federal government erasing Indigenous culture through a process of forced assimilation. Around the time of the initiation of this commission, it was then Skutt realized it was time to tell her story.

“I’m 65 years old; if we (survivors) don’t start telling people what happened there, nobody’s going to know,” Skutt said. “And yeah, it’s hard to talk about it. We don’t want to talk about it. But we know we need to talk about it, because in the talking about it comes healing.”

Her story is just beginning.

Stay tuned for Part 2 of Skutt’s story in the June Tribal Observer.

“I used to think, ‘What did I do that was so bad that I had to go there?’”



Courtesy photo

The Holy Childhood of Jesus Catholic boarding school in Harbor Springs, Mich. operated from 1829 until its closing in 1983.



Courtesy photo

A 1967 school photo of 11-year-old Sharon Walker



WNBA standout Kristin Haynie named as new CMU women's basketball coach

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Public Relations Manager

On April 20, Central Michigan University announced Kristin Haynie as the new women's basketball head coach. The announcement came in front of a packed crowd at the Chippewas' Champions Center on the Mount Pleasant campus.

Coach Haynie served as assistant coach for CMU women's basketball in 2014-2019. Haynie is a former Michigan State women's basketball star and was their assistant coach in 2019-2023. Haynie was also a standout guard for the WNBA Sacramento Monarchs.

Haynie took to the podium and brought the crowd to their feet with an enthusiastic "Fire Up Chips" as the fight song played.

"We are going to be holding up several number ones in the next decade," Haynie said. "This is truly a dream come true. You will learn I'm less about words and more about action. I had the privilege of coaching under Sue G. at CMU and it feels great to be back on campus."

CMU President Bob Davies joined Athletic Director Amy Folan in welcoming Coach Haynie back "home."

"We are delighted to welcome Coach Haynie back to CMU," Davies said. "In our conversations, it was immediately clear that she shares our commitment to helping our student-athletes achieve a degree on one hand and a championship ring on the other. I know she will push our amazing team to excel on the court, in the classroom, and in the community."

Davies said Haynie embraces integrity and sportsmanship.

"We expect our teams to win more often and we expect them to win with class. Coach Haynie brings that commitment with her," Davies said. "We know our teams are representing the university, the City of Mt. Pleasant and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in everything that they do."

Folan said Haynie cares for the student athletes on and off the court.

"She puts the student athletes and their wellbeing first; on the court and beyond," Folan said. "I'm excited to see her lead our women on the court and in life which she emulates through her accomplishments and daily efforts."

Folan said Haynie "embodies what women basketball players aspire to be."



"She's a home town Michigan girl who grew up in Mason, who started playing basketball because she wanted to hang out with her older brother in the backyard," Folan said. "It's true that basketball is her passion and has been so for a long time."

Haynie said she has fond memories of Mt. Pleasant and all the good eats – green eggs and ham at Max and Emily's, alfredo pizza at Hunter's Ale House and peanut butter ice cream at Doozies.

"I am so excited of the challenge of carrying on the past success this program has achieved," Haynie said. "I'm new to being a head coach but I'm not new to winning. To the players: it was my game to scout you guys last year, and I see you and your talent. I'm excited to work with you and to get to know you all."

Haynie thanked the community and fans and said they are some of the best fans in



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Central Michigan University's Athletic Director Amy Folan (left) and President Robert Davies (right) offer a CMU jersey to new women's basketball coach Kristin Haynie (center).

the Mid-American Conference and in the nation.

"My staff and I look forward to work hard and to put a product out on the floor that you guys will be proud of," Haynie said. "To the alumni and donors, your involvement and contributions are critical for us to continue to build championships. Thank you so much for your continued generosity."

Felisha Legette-Jack, women's basketball coach for Syracuse University, shared via Twitter, "Kristin Haynie: So incredibly proud of you lady! Go forward knowing you

are ready and you are enough!"

Haynie's parents (Debbie and Larry) and her grandparents (Judy and Dwayne) were present along with two women's basketball coaching legends (former CMU Coach Sue Guevara and former MSU Coach Suzy Merchant). Her wife and two kids also enjoyed sharing the special day.

Haynie was inducted into the Michigan State University Hall of Fame in 2017 and the Greater Lansing Sports Hall of Fame in 2016. She is currently the 13th CMU women's basketball coach in school history.

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Tribal Logo Rich With Tradition *By Julius Simon Peters*

This logo not only represents the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, but it symbolizes two very important people that had a major impact on my life.

The middle of the logo symbolizes the headdress worn by my Grandfather, Simon Peters. Simon Peters was a traditional man with old Indian values.

My Grandfather's headdress was made of Eagle and Pheasant feathers. The Eagle is a sacred bird of the Indians. He chose the Pheasant because it was a beautiful bird to him.

The top of the logo symbolizes the yolk my Grandmother, Annie Peters, wore upon her chest. She once told me the floral design meant beauty and love.

The acorns upon the logo were worn by both my Grandfather and Grandmother. They considered the acorns to be a symbol of the Indian people.

My Grandparents had once stated to me, "The acorns are like the Indian people. Once small and new to the world, but with time, love and care, they will stand tall, beautiful and mighty."

In a sense, the words they spoke to me are coming to pass. The once small Tribe that I knew, is growing and prospering.

Celebrate your Tribal history!



Tribal Police Officer Quinn Yurack receives Dan Denslow Advocate of the Year award

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

The Isabella County Child Advocacy Center held its Child Abuse Prevention Luncheon on April 4 where Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Officer Quinn Yurack received the Dan Denslow Advocate of the Year award.

ICCAC President Britnee Neitzke said the award is named after the late Isabella County Sheriff Sgt. Denslow who was a strong supporter of child advocacy.

“Each year the ICCAC recognizes the contributions of others who work to protect children

in our community and embodies the attributes that were greatly admired of Detective Sgt. Denslow,” Neitzke said. “We congratulate Officer Yurack on this achievement and we extend our sincere gratitude for her tireless efforts to help child abuse victims.”

The ICCAC provides a vast variety of services to the children of Isabella County aside from the forensic interviews by law enforcement officials of child victims and/or witnesses that are paramount to abuse prevention.

Yurack said receiving the award was “such a surprise and honor.”

“I will continue to advocate for the children of our community,” Yurack said. “I take every case seriously, regardless of severity, and help provide a safe environment for our children’s voices to be heard. I may only work with a child and their family for a short blip in their timeline of life, but I strive for that time to be the best possible given the situation.”

Yurack is honored to see firsthand the important work the ICCAC does in the community.

“I cannot say enough good things about the Isabella County Child Advocacy Center and their staff. They have a facility that is comforting to the child victim and/or witness and their families, resources for their healing journey and their staff is friendly and passionate about their work,” Yurack said. “My personal experiences with the ICCAC have been wonderful. I’ve scheduled countless interviews, even some in the early morning hours where I’ve called and woke them up and we all came together and got the hard stuff done.”

Yurack said the best part about being a Tribal police officer is the ability to become familiar with members of the community.

“I know a few of our Tribal



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal Police Officer Quinn Yurack (front) receives the Dan Denslow award with support from the Isabella County Child Advocacy Center staff (left to right: Katy Sherwood, Laura Schafer, Britnee Neitzke, Alicia Crow, Chelsey Zammarron and Yurack).

youth’s favorite snacks and have an open invitation for them to stop by and visit me at the PD,” Yurack said. “My favorite work memories are when I’m at a community event or the Sagamok and one of our kidos recognizes me, remembers my name, or feels comfortable enough to wave or say hi.”

Chief of Police Harry Ambts said over the past 12 years of Yurack’s career, he has witnessed the care and compassion she has for the youth within the community.

“Her unwavering dedication to advocate for our children every single day is something I

have acknowledged and greatly appreciated for years now,” Ambts said. “This is why this award is so important, and it shows Officer Yurack’s drive to go above and beyond to ensure our victim children are heard is also witnessed and acknowledged by others within the community as well.”

Ambts continued, “We are truly blessed to have Officer Yurack here as a Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Officer and I look forward to seeing all the great accomplishments and impacts she will have within our community in the years to come.”

Homeowners Assistance Funds program (HAF)

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

Need assistance keeping your home?

- If the total household income is below 150 percent of the Area Median Income
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Applications are available:

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- **In person:** Call (989) 775-4538 to make appointment
- **The SCIT Housing Office located at:** 2451 NishNaBeAnong Drive, Mt. Pleasant, MI Monday – Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



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

Pinwheels promote Child Abuse Prevention Month

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Public Relations Manager

ACFS reminds the community that “all children deserve great childhoods because our children are our future.”

ACFS Director Alexandria Mayo states that April is recognized as National Child Abuse Prevention Month across the country.

“In an effort to promote child abuse prevention in our community, ACFS distributed pinwheels and plants to all community members who wore blue on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. Both pinwheels and the color blue are national symbols for child abuse



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Anishinaabeg Child and Family Services staff offer “pinwheels for prevention” in an effort to promote National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

prevention, as the blue pinwheel is reflective of the bright future all children deserve,” Mayo said. “There was a great turnout

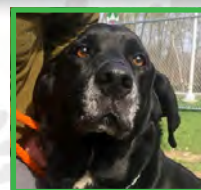
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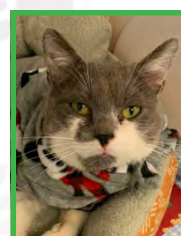
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Humane Animal Treatment Society

1105 S. Isabella Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Hatsweb.org
 Phone: 989.775.0830 Email: hats.publicrelations@gmail.com

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Seventh Generation offers Sheshegwun Traditional Shaker workshop

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

On April 5, the Seventh Generation Program offered a workshop on how to make a sheshegwun or traditional shaker at the Elijah Elk Cultural Center.

Eric Sowmick, cultural representative for Seventh Generation, offered a smudge ceremony before the teaching and the sacred fire was lit in the lodge for participants to offer their asemma (tobacco) prayers.

“With the sheshegwuns, I like to use the elk skins because that’s the teachings I received from my elders and shown how to make. Others have used buffalo along with elk and deer,” Sowmick said. “The sheshegwun is mentioned as the first sound heard in the Ojibwe Creation Story and where we learned how to communicate with nature. We learn how to

do that with the sheshegwun, the drum, the flute and the eagle whistle.”

Along with some of the traditional history relating to the sheshegwun shakers, there is one instrument that is always found in indigenous cultures.

“We lend our own voices to the songs and chants we do and that oral tradition is as important as the instruments we use in ceremonies,” Sowmick said.

The significance of sheshegwun shakers is found in how they are used in a way that fosters good medicine teachings. The time honored symbol of the sheshegwun shakers is a cherished tool for storytelling and ceremonies and is considered in assisting in the purification of the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual connections of the medicine wheel.

The personalized instruction and teaching regarding the

teachings were limited to 10 community members and Michael McCreery, natural resource specialist, attended with his mother (Carole Tally), sister (Kelly Willis) and nephew (Noah Sprague).

“I enjoyed the peace while I worked the needle with sinew through the elk hide as I visited with the others in attendance,” McCreery said. “I appreciated all the different kinds of shakers Eric taught about and passing those examples around for all of us to see, touch and hear. It was a double blessing to share this moment of making something traditional with my family. I always find that connection



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick
Cultural Representative Eric Sowmick (left) gives Tribal Member Carla Bennett (right) instructions on lacing a shaker bulb.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick
Tribal youth Noah Sprague proudly displays a shaker made with deer, copper, leather, sumac and sinew.

whenever I come to an event at Seventh Generation.”

Elder Carole Tally, member of the Elders Advisory Board, said she appreciated the family connection of the workshop.

“I enjoy taking my great-grandson to these activities so that he can learn his culture and identity,” Tally said. “He is like a sponge and absorbs all these teachings that Seventh Gen offers. This is important for our family.”

Tribal Member Carla Bennett also attended the workshop and said her shaker means a lot to her because it carries the rocks that her son gathered from his travels.

“I recently lost my son, so when I heard they were doing a shaker making class I knew I had to make one for his

rocks,” Bennett said. “Now every time I use this shaker, I will be remembering him in a good way. Miigwetch to Eric Sowmick for the teaching, it was greatly appreciated.” Many other indigenous cultures suggest shakers were made to represent the three nations (mineral, animal and plant kingdoms).

The wood handle of the shaker represented the plant kingdom, the animal skin or shell represented the animal kingdom, and the rocks or corn inside represented the mineral kingdom. The belief suggests that together, the three kingdoms can make beautiful music and live in harmony.



Friday, May 19, 2023

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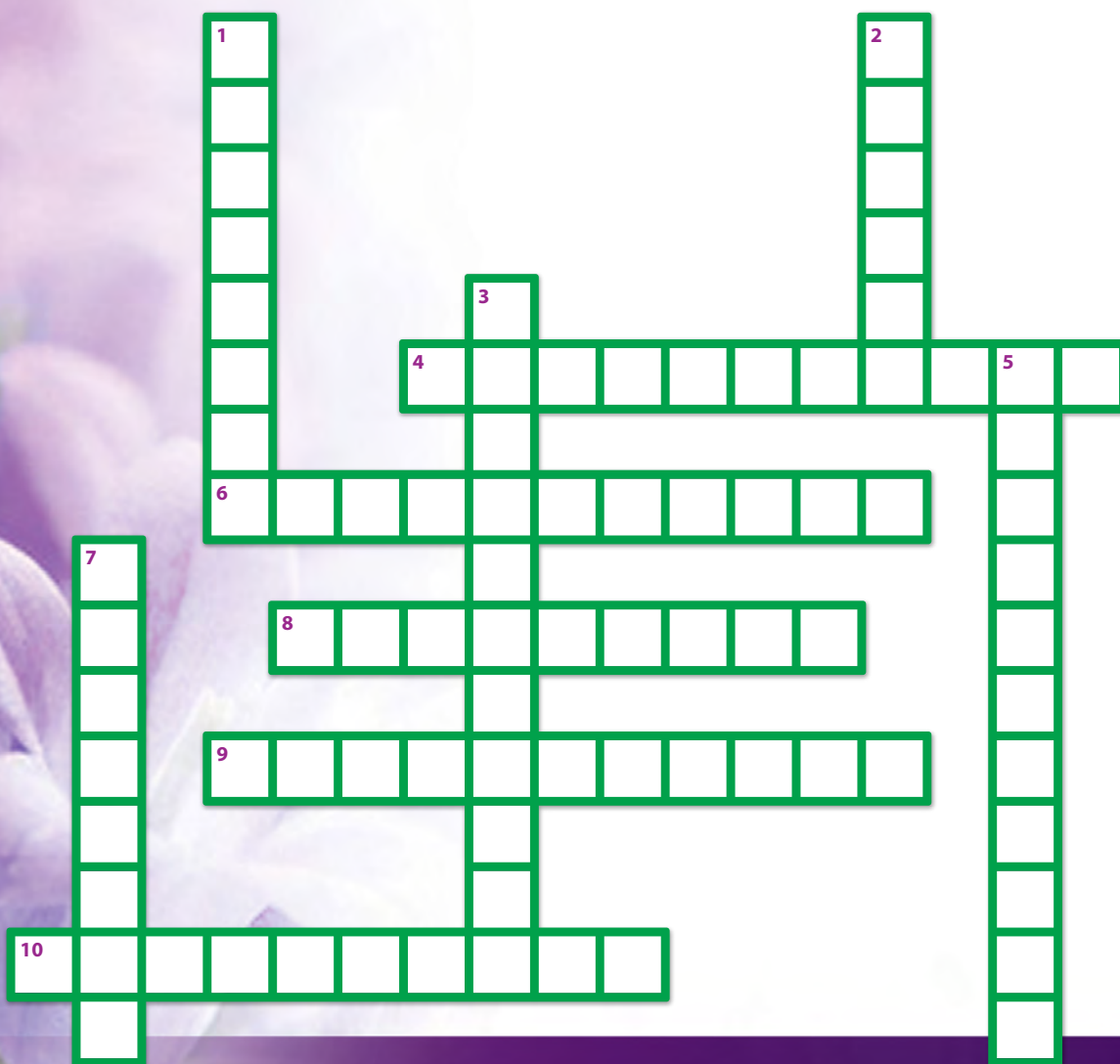
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For more information, contact:
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- Gaa-mji'en
- Da-baa-mo-shin
- Eni-gen-dek

Across

- 4:** It's cheap
- 6:** Two dollars
- 8:** Price
- 9:** It's expensive
- 10:** I am broke

Down

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- 2:** I have enough
- 3:** One dollar
- 5:** Pay me
- 7:** Three dollars

Zhoonyaa Kidwinan
(Money Vocabulary)

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- Down**
- 1. I will treat you (gaamjien)
 - 2. I have enough (ndepse)
 - 3. One dollar (bezhigwabik)
 - 5. Pay me (dabaamoshin)
 - 7. Three dollars (nso'waa-bik)
- Across**
- 4. It's cheap (wenpangende)
 - 6. Two dollars (niizhwaa-bik)
 - 8. Price (shpaangkide)
 - 9. It's expensive (nbookshkaa)
 - 10. I am broke (eni-gendek)

Answers

ENTERTAINMENT



Chicago
 Friday, May 5
 8:00 p.m.
 Entertainment Hall
SOLD OUT!



Jelly Roll and Willie Nelson & Family
 Saturday, May 27
 7:00 p.m.
 Outdoor Concert
SOLD OUT!



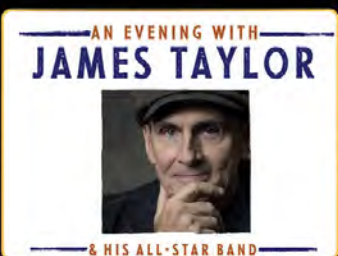
Bobby Pulido with Gary Hobbs
 Saturday, May 6
 8:00 p.m.
 Entertainment Hall
 Tickets: \$20, \$35, \$55



Brooks & Dunn with Scotty McCreery
 Thursday, June 15
 8:00 p.m.
 Outdoor Concert
 Tickets: \$41, \$116, \$138, \$152



Tacos & Tequila
 Saturday, May 13
 7:30 p.m.
 Entertainment Hall
 Tickets: \$75 General Admission



An Evening with James Taylor
 Friday, June 24
 8:00 p.m.
 Outdoor Concert
 Tickets: \$36, \$81, \$98, \$114



Godsmack with Bullet for My Valentine & Bad Wolves
 Friday, May 26
 7:00 p.m.
 Outdoor Concert
 Tickets: \$28, \$48, \$72, \$83



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

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

BINGO

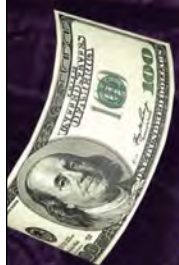
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Back-to-back smooth grooves performed during Maxwell's April 14 concert

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Soulful singer Maxwell brought his Night – The Trilogy Show tour to Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Friday, April 14.

Maxwell is known for his soulful voice, smooth grooves and R&B/progressive soul style of music.

Dressed in a suit and tie, braids and sunglasses, Maxwell joined his band onstage after letting them riff for a couple moments shortly after 8 p.m.

The show kicked off with “Sumthin’ Sumthin,” “Dancewitme,” “Lifetime” and

“Fortunate.” His falsetto vocals were unfaltering.

Maxwell kept it lighthearted with messages of peace, love and music “with everything going on in the world.”

The performances continued with: “Bad Habits,” “Stop the World,” “Always and Forever” and “Off.”

Next, Maxwell performed his Grammy-award winning song, “Pretty Wings,” for Best Male R&B Vocal Performance. It was also nominated at the 52nd Grammy Awards for Song of the Year and Best R&B Song.

“Fistful of Tears” and “Get to Know Ya” were also

performed, along with “Lake by the Ocean,” which earned him his third Grammy Award; winning in Best R&B Song.

Maxwell released his debut album “Maxwell’s Urban Hang Suite” in April 1996. The album earned Grammy nominations, double platinum status and RIAA gold for the single, “Ascension (Don’t Ever Wonder),” which he performed at Soaring Eagle.

The show ended with an encore of “Whenever Wherever Whatever.”

Maxwell will return to Michigan on Friday, July 28 to perform at the Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre in Detroit.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

R&B/soul singer Maxwell performs “Sumthin’ Sumthin” as part of his Night – The Trilogy Show tour stop at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Friday, April 14.

Jordan Davis delivers his country pop songs during April 7 concert

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Country pop music fans were in for a treat on Friday, April 7 at the Jordan Davis concert at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

The country pop artist performed an 80-minute show that began shortly after 8 p.m.

The lights dimmed and on came “Crawl” by Kings of Leon blasting through the speakers. Sporting a backwards trucker hat, jeans and a black sleeveless shirt under a plaid button up, Jordan Davis appeared on stage.

Davis got the evening started by performing “What My World Spins Around,” “Singles You Up” and “Damn Good Time.”

“Singles You Up” was his first hit song, he said. He also introduced himself during this song, in case fans didn’t know whose concert they were at.

When speaking of “Slow Dancing in a Parking Lot,” Davis said it is “one of my favorite songs I’ve ever been a part and it (talks about) dancing in a Walmart parking lot.”

Other performances that evening included “One Beer In Front of the Other,” “Next Thing You Know,” “Lose

You,” “Almost Maybes,” “Detours/Fix You,” “A Good Beer is a Cold One,” “Wreck Me,” “Part of It,” “Need to Not,” “Take it From Me” and more.

“Of all of the states – and I’m not just saying that cause I’m here in Michigan – we have some of the best fans in this state,” Davis said.

Davis ended his show with “Buy Dirt,” his 2021 duet with Luke Bryan. The single reached No. 1 on the Hot Country Songs chart and was one of the Top Five most streamed country songs in both 2021 and 2022 (jordandavisofficial.com).



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Country/pop artist Jordan Davis makes his first appearance on the Soaring Eagle stage on Friday, April 7.

REO Speedwagon brings massive dose of ‘80s arena rock nostalgia to SECR

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted one of the biggest arena rock bands of the ‘80s for an unforgettable, sold-out show on Saturday, March 25. REO Speedwagon took to the Entertainment Hall stage, playing all of their beloved songs to a captivated audience.

Throughout the course of over four decades of music and touring, REO Speedwagon has gained an immense following. The enthusiasm of the Soaring Eagle crowd proved once again that their music is still as popular as ever.

To kick off the night, REO Speedwagon played the hit songs “Don’t Let Him Go” and “Music Man.”

The excitement continued with “Take It on the Run,” “Keep Pushin’” and “Live Every Moment.”

Other hit songs performed that night included “That Ain’t Love,” “Tough Guys” and “Keep the Fire Burnin’.”

Fans sang along to the lyrics of the sentimental ballad, “Can’t Fight This Feeling.” The song topped out at No. 1 the Billboard Hot 100 chart

after its release in 1984.

The song was followed by “Son of a Poor Man,” “Building the Bridge” and “Time for Me to Fly.”

The hits kept coming with spirited performances of “Back on the Road Again” and “Ridin’ the Storm Out.”

To close out the night, REO

Speedwagon performed a two-piece encore, starting with their No. 1 hit single “Keep On Loving You” followed by “Roll With the Changes.”

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



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Members of REO Speedwagon come together at center stage during a performance of “Take It on the Run” during the March 25 concert at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. (Front row, left to right: Bassist Bruce Hall, guitarist Dave Amato and lead singer/guitarist Kevin Cronin. Back row: drummer Bryan Hitt.)

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Saginaw Chippewa Academy first graders write persuasive essays

(Editor's note: The following short persuasive essays are from Saginaw Chippewa Academy first graders written in Bambi Howard's first grade class last month.)

Courtesy photos



Amelia Phillips

Kids should be allowed to bring a toy to class. Kids get bored at school. A toy can help people feel better when they are sad. In "Children's Only Profession: Playing with Toys" at nih.gov it says that toys help kids learn. That is why I think kids should be allowed to bring toys to class.



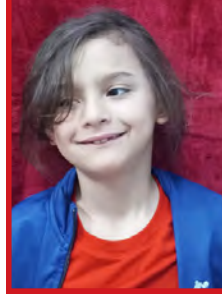
Valarae Isaac

Nobody should litter. Littering is bad for the earth. It is bad for the animals. In "What are The Effects of Non-biodegradable Waste" at sciencing.com, it says that waste harms sea animals. That is why I think nobody should litter.



Osiris Diaz

Smoking should be banned. Smoking is bad for you. It will kill you. In "What Happens to Your Lungs From Smoking? 3 Things to Know" at mdanderson.org it says, "Smoking causes damage to lungs over time – and it's permanent." I think smoking should be banned.



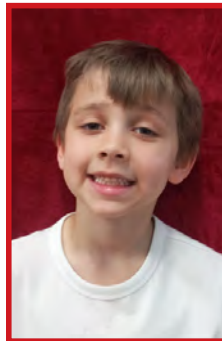
Gunner Stevens

I should be allowed to use my cellphone in school. Students should be able to use their phones in school. One reason is so I can take pictures of the day. I can also use my phone to check the weather. "In the Impact of Cell Phone Use in School" at imeglobal.org, it says you can text teachers when there is trouble. This is why we should be allowed to use cellphones in school.



Garner Shomin

Smoking should be banned. Smoke will make you die. Smoke is bad for your lungs. "In More Than 100 Reasons to Quit Tobacco" at paho.org it says, "Tobacco causes 8 million deaths every year." I think smoking should be banned.



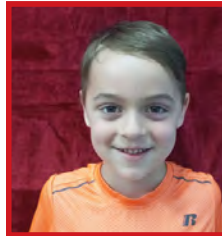
Kenny Pope

Why should we be allowed to have cellphones in school? Students should be able to use their phones in class. Cell phones can be helpful during emergencies in order to call your parents. They also provide an additional tool for learning. In "Cell Phones in School: 11 Reasons Why They Should Be Allowed" at student-tutor.com, it says "Cellphones in school increase flexibility, convenience, and organization." This is why students should be allowed to have their phones at school.



Honesty Jack

I should be allowed to use my cellphone at school. Students should be able to use their cellphones in school. One reason we should is because they are fun. I could also use my phone to take pictures with my friends. In the "Role of Cell Phones in School" at WXYZ-TV it says if there is an emergency, you can call your parents. I think I should be allowed to have my cell phone at school.



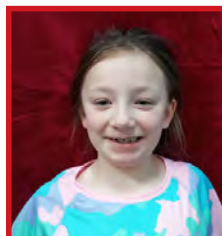
Lyric Arbogast

Everyone should exercise every day. It makes you strong. You could fight robbers if you are strong. In "Physical Activity Facts" at CDC.gov, it says that exercise helps prevent diabetes. That is why I think everyone should exercise every day.



Mia Velazco

You should stop smoking. Smoking changes your voice. It can make you get sick and die. In "Health Effects" at cdc.gov it says, "More than 16 million Americans are living with a disease caused by smoking." I think smoking is bad.



Makiyah Wagner

We should have longer recesses. I get bored. It is a good work out. In "10 Reasons Kids Should Have Longer Recess at School" at recessguardians.org, it says that exercise helps you enjoy school. That is why I think we should have longer recesses.

May 2023 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1) Leo Bennett Sr.
Steven Pego | David Cyr
Kathryn Shanks |
| 2) Robin Francis
Marc Magnell
Gerald Ice | Charles Slater Jr.
Debbie Phillips |
| 3) Federico Cantu Jr.
Jacqueline Wemigwans
Melvin Ehas Jr. | 7) Carol Shanks
Frances Gonzales
Marie Wicks |
| 4) Brian Chippeway
William Federico
Frederick Leksche
Michael Waynee
William Cloutier | 8) Susan Brooks
Marjorie Wehner |
| 5) Danny Wing Jr. | 9) Steven Godbey
Carol Slater |
| 6) Tony Starkey | 10) Julie Allred
Bonnie Klatt
Harvey Wright
Susan Yamry |

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| 11) Samuel DeFoy
Diane Pego
Kimberly James
Troy Hart
Warren Pelcher | Deborah Krupiczewicz
Ella Powers
George Russell
Kay Wert | 25) Steven Martin
Shirley Houle
Murdock Raslich
Jonathan Smith
James Sprague
Carolyn Stolz
Johnny Walker |
| 12) Craig Graveratte | 20) Robert Bennett Jr.
Rachel Francis
Gregory Miller | 26) Amy Braley
Toni Leaux
Noel Peters
Jennifer Fuller
Judy Youmans |
| 13) Duane Pelcher Sr.
Gary Henry
Mary Reis
Frank Romer
Rose Henry | 21) April Borton
Damian Fisher
Angel Jackson
Rita Romer
Rose Wassegijig
Julie Whitepigeon
Charles Wright
Bobbie Brown | 27) Frank Davis
Norma Jackson |
| 14) Leroy Hall II | 22) James Walker
Yvonne Dyer | 28) James Smith |
| 15) Deborah Grills
Sybil Hunter | 23) Larry Pelcher
Richard Smith Sr.
Claudia Spalding
Linda Staples
Michael David Jr. | 29) Patricia Peters
Robert Fallis
Warren Gionet |
| 16) Joseph Fisher
Orville Jackson
Bobby Starkey
Linda Cook
Carolyn Estill
David Jackson
Allan Slater Jr.
Sheila Villarreal
Paula Quigno | 24) David Rhodes | 30) Paul Schramm Jr.
31) Kristine Gonsorchik
Karen Siminski |
| 17) David Flamand
John Quigno
Vincent Cleveland
Paulette Pashenee
Cheryl Pontiac
Gary Schneider
Stacey Scott | | |
| 18) Nathaniel George
Travis Kahgegab | | |
| 19) Judith Banister
Hans Hansen
Helen Peters
Terrence Frank | | |

Public Hearing Announcement

The NEMCSA – Region 9 Area Agency on Aging will conduct a public hearing on its proposed Annual Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year 2024. The plan will outline the use of funds and provision of services under the Older Americans Act, for the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon.

The hearing is scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2023 at 1 p.m. at NEMCSA, 2569 US-23 South, Alpena, MI. To register, please contact Connie at 989-358-4661 or mcquarrie@nemcsa.org

A summary of the plan will be available upon request, 15 days prior to the public hearing. Copies may be obtained by calling 989-358-4661 or online at www.nemcsa.org. Written testimony or email will be accepted through June 9, 2023.



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Build to Health Progam: The importance of strength training

JADEN HARMAN

Fitness Coordinator

This month's Build to Health foundation is strength training. This is one foundation that should be emphasized but shouldn't be made complicated.

Strength training is extremely important when it comes to maintaining muscle mass, maintaining weight, and preventing injuries. Before we look at the importance more in depth, let's acknowledge some misconceptions that are thought to be true.

Three misconceptions

- If you lift weights you will get "bulky." For most, it takes months and years to "get bulky." For women who are concerned, it's even more

difficult due to the lack of testosterone (a main hormone that contributes to muscle growth). Plus, as it is shared below there is much more to weight lifting than getting "bigger" and "bulky."

- "I stepped on the scales and gained weight. Must be muscle gain because I started a weight routine." In the best situations we can gain a ¼ to ½ of muscle per week, which is roughly 2 lbs of muscle per month. And even then there are plateaus. In short, it takes time to gain weight through muscle and short term weight gain is more than likely resulted from fluid retention.

- "Can you help me find an exercise to lose 'this?'" When people make this request, they're usually referring to areas where they want to lose

fat. A common one is doing ab exercises to lose belly fat. The excess fat can't be worked off through a strength training exercise like ab crunches. While doing exercises such as this you are mainly strengthening the muscles and the fat will only be lost when you burn more calories and control your calorie intake through your diet. In this case, a common saying is "abs are made in the kitchen."

The importance:

- Performing activities of daily life. Having strong and healthy muscles to perform our daily activities can help us be functionally strong through our daily task. As we age, we can appreciate this more and more.

- Maintaining muscle mass as we age. After the age of 30,

we lose approximately 3-8 percent of muscle mass every decade. This can be slowed through a consistent resistance routine!

- Burning calories and weight maintenance. For every pound of muscle, you burn 6 calories per hour. The more muscle you have, the more your body burns to maintain it! These maintenance calories can really add up as you increase your muscle mass and can help you lose weight if needed.

- Injury prevention. Performing exercises that strengthen some common areas that have a tendency to get injured such as low backs, knees, hips, and shoulders is important to focus on to live a life free of pain.

shelves, getting off the floor or pulling your body weight up, and carrying or pushing objects, these are all ways we can implement into a strengthen routine.

- Minimal frequency required. Eight exercises two times per week can be sufficient to assist in maintaining your muscle mass. If you want to have greater results consider doing multiple days a week and various ways to mix up muscles groups to help you gain muscles mass.

- Consider rest. Properly resting your muscles can help you also build muscles. If you don't allow for rest days between muscle groups you could hinder the building and growth process.

- Reach out to our Nimkee Fitness staff for guidance! Getting a personal trainer who can help develop a program according to your personal needs, abilities and goals can be very beneficial! Reach out to us today at 989-775-4690.

Developing a routine:

- Consider your daily movements and activities. Sitting to standing, picking objects up, putting away things into

"Give Kids A Smile" event sees 20 children

LISA WAKEFIELD

Dental Assistant

Thank you to all of those that made the "Give Kids A Smile" event on Feb. 17, 2023. Whether you worked behind the scenes, helped spread the word, or provided care, you were a big part of the team.

Nimkee Dental team saw a total of 20 children between the age 2 and 17. We were able to provide exams, X-rays, cleanings, sealants, fluoride and fillings; according to each patient's needs.

In addition to the clinic care, we were delighted to be able to provide educational materials to 293 children in three area schools. As a special bonus, each child received a stuffed goodie bag to take home.

Thank you once again for the part you played in helping make the event a success. We look forward to serving the community at next year's Give Kids A Smile day.



ADA American Dental Association



Purpose: To help you be intentional about implementing some key foundations to your health in your daily life.

Outlook: For the next seven months you will have the opportunity to plug into "Build to Health." Each month you will get a fresh start to pursue key foundations in your health.

Program Details:

- Choose as many foundations as you want per month. Obtain one or all seven of the foundation in the month! Make your own goal! We encourage you to try to pick habits that that you aren't already doing.
- Fulfill the requirements of your chosen goal for three out four weeks in the month. Inquire with Jaden about personalizing your goal for any of the "health foundations."
- If you participate two months or more. You must pick at least one new "health foundation."
- Log sheets – Each month a new log sheet will be sent out. Turn your log sheet into Nimkee Fitness prior to the Wednesday of the next calendar month.

"Build to Health" 7 Foundations

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

Prizes

- Each month two \$50 gift will be drawn from the finishers. Choose from Dicks, Amazon or Mobile
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Jaden Harman at 989-775-4694 or JHarman@sagchip.org

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MAY 2023 | Tribal Community Event Planner

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- May 2 | 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- Nimkee Fitness yoga room
 - JaGonzalez@sagchip.org or 989-775-4629
 - Connect with families with infants and young children

Nenaandawe'iwijig Traditional Healing with Joe Syrette

- May 3, 4 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Behavioral Health
 - Schedule an appointment: 989-775-4850 or DePeterson@sagchip.org

Nimkee Fitness Taco Fundraiser

- May 5 | 11 a.m. (until sold out)
- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 - 989-775-4690
 - Taco dinners: \$10
 - Includes: three taco, rice, beans and water
 - Proceeds will go towards new leg press hack squat machine and hip thrust machine

Auricular Acupuncture

- May 4, 11, 18, 25 | 4 - 6 p.m.
- Behavioral Health
 - 989-775-4850

Spirit Bear Meeting AA Talking Circle

- May 6, 13, 20, 27 | 3:30 - 6 p.m.
- Andahwod South Birch Lodge
 - 989-775-4300

SCA Kindergarten Registration

- May 9 | 4 - 6 p.m.
- Saginaw Chippewa Academy
 - 989.775.4453 or Elmalkowski@sagchip.org
 - Parents/guardians can register their incoming kindergartener for the 2023-2024 school year

Elders Breakfast

- May 10, 24 | 9 - 10 a.m.
- Andahwod
 - 989-775-4300

Cruise In Car & Bike Show

- May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11 | 5 - 7 p.m.
- Andahwod
 - 989-775-4339 or depelcher@sagchip.org

ACFS Cook-Off and Silent Auction

- May 16 | 6 - 8 p.m.
- Broadway Park (Mt. Pleasant, Mich.)
 - 989-775-4991 or CHeron@sagchip.org
 - Foster Care Awareness Month
 - Cook your favorite family recipes
 - Prize awarded to winner of cook-off
 - Featuring kickball, raffles and find the joker game
 - Silent auction donations accepted from community
 - Items include ribbon skirts, beadwork and donations from the Ziibiwing Center, SEWPH and SECR.

Free Tree Giveaway

- May 17 | 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. (or until trees gone)
- Housing (2451 Nish Na Be Anong Rd.)
 - 989-775-4014

Senior Prom

- May 19 | 7 - 10 p.m.
- Andahwod
 - 989-775-4300
 - Tickets: \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door
 - Dress attire: semi-formal/formal
 - All Tribal elders, ages 50 and older are welcome (One Tribal elder and non Tribal guest)
 - Featuring: DJ Joe Sowmick, dancing, senior prom pictures, mocktails (available for donation), King and Queen crowning and 50/50 drawing.

Reservation Household Clean Up

- May 20 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Saginaw Chippewa Academy parking lot
 - 989-775-4595
 - Accepting normal household items that do not pose a threat to Mother Earth
 - For Tribal Memers only, Tribal ID required

ACFS Bingo Night

- May 23 | 6 - 8 p.m.
- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 - 989-775-4991 or CHeron@sagchip.org
 - Packets: \$10 for nine games
 - Hot dogs, popcorn and pop for sale
 - 50/50 raffle

Language Bingo

- May 23 | 1 - 3 p.m.
- Andahwod
 - 989-775-4300



Community Health & Fitness Day

- May 24 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 4 - 6 p.m.
- Nimkee's Fit Park
 - 989-775-4694 or JHarman@sagchip.org
 - Participate to earn raffle tickets for prizes
 - Prizes include: Fit Bit Versa, Apple Air Pods, Ninja blender, \$50 gas cards, one night stay at SEWPH and SECR spa package.
 - Employee department and family challenges

Summer Solstice Plant Giveaways

- June 20 | 12 - 2 p.m.
- Saganing Tribal Center
- June 21 | 9 a.m. (until gone)
- Housing (2451 Nish Na Be Anong Rd.)
 - 989-775-4467
 - Plants include sun, partial-shade or shade

MAY 2023 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
1 Summer Youth Crew Leader Application Deadline Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health	2 Regular Council Session 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Sewing Club 3:30-6 p.m. Andahwod	3 Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m. B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	4 Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m. 7th Gen Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Sewing Night 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen Euchre Night 5:30-7:30 p.m. Andahwod	5 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health	6 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health 7
8 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health	9 Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Sewing Club 3:30-6 p.m. Andahwod Birch Bark Earring Workshop 10 .m. - 2 p.m. 7th Gen	10 Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m. B. Health Birch Bark Earring Workshop 10 .m. - 2 p.m. 7th Gen Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	11 Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Sewing Night 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen Euchre Night 5:30-7:30 p.m. Andahwod	12 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health	13 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Birthday Bingo & Potluck 12 - 3 p.m. Andahwod 14
15 Tribal Observer Deadline Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health Name that Tune 2:30-3:30 p.m. Andahwod	16 Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Sewing Club 3:30-6 p.m. Andahwod	17 Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m. B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	18 Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m. 7th Gen Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Sewing Night 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen Euchre Night 5:30-7:30 p.m. Andahwod	19 People's Powwow Fundraiser 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. 7th Gen Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health	20 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health 21
22 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health	23 Language Bingo 1-3 p.m. Andahwod Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Sewing Club 3:30-6 p.m. Andahwod	24 Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m. B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	25 Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Sewing Night 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen Euchre Night 5:30-7:30 p.m. Andahwod	26 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health	27 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health 28
29 Tribal Ops Closed Memorial Day Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health Summer Youth Worker Application Deadline	30 Bingo with Friends 1 p.m. Andahwod Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Sewing Club 3:30-6 p.m. Andahwod Gardening Workshop 5 p.m. 7th Gen	31 Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m. B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px;">  <p>New restaurant opening: Ruth's Chris Steak House 6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, MI Submit application online at: www.RuthsChris.com Or scan QR code ▶</p> <p>BECOME A PART OF OUR TEAM 989-422-8222</p> </div>	



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

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

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Tribal Operations

Water Operator II

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

Water Operator III

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

Waste Water Operator II

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

Waste Water Operator III

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

water treatment mechanical equipment and be skilled in the operation, repair and maintenance of mechanical, lab equipment and electrical equipment.

Victims of Crime Senior Advocate

Grant funded position. Bachelor's degree in counseling, social work, sociology, psychology, law enforcement criminal justice, law or related field. Counseling experience within Native American communities, including victims of crime counseling programs, or social work. One year of experience in crisis support, social work, or victim advocacy.

Police Officer

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Must not have criminal history that would prevent applicant from acquiring any certification or qualification required. Must be able to pass drug screening.

Certified Nursing Assistant

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

Registered Medical Assistant

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

Water Resource Tech

Open to the public. Associates degree, or actively pursuing a BS/BA in environmental science, biology, chemistry, geology, or natural science. Must have reliable transportation.

Grants and Contracts Compliance Coordinator

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting. Five years' experience in governmental fund accounting and grants and contracts management, including desk audit

preparation, financial management and assistance with oversight of grants from beginning through closing review.

Strategic Grant Specialist

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business administration, communications, economics, or related field. Three years' experience in grant writing and grant administration.

Tribal Library National Leadership Grant

Open to the public. Grant funded position through Feb. 29, 2024. High school diploma or GED. Knowledge in Anishinaabe culture. Familiar with library organization systems. Experience in group facilitation. Desired qualifications: Proficient in speaking the Ojibwe language.

Journeyman Lineman

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

Elementary Counselor AWARE

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

General Labor Pool

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

Clerical Pool

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

Security Guard

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

Accountant

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting. Must have completed

and passed a governmental accounting class as part of college curriculum. One year of experience in general accounting, grants and contracts.

Resident Care Manager

Open to the public. Registered Nurse. Bachelor's degree in nursing preferred. Three years long term care experience. One year in a supervisory capacity. Experience and knowledge of services to assisted living services, adult foster care services and homes for the elderly.

Soaring Eagle

Culinary Supervisor

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of restaurant or banquet cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility. Must be able comprehend house training and pass standardized written culinary competency test by at least 60 percent.

Line Cook

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

Guest Room Attendant

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

F&B Supervisor

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years food and beverage experience. Two years of supervisory experience in the hospitality field desired.

Journeyman Electrician

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

Waitstaff

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

F&B Cashier PT

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

Pastry Sous Chef

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

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Maintenance Worker

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

Players Club Representative PT

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

Police Officer - Standish

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be a US citizen and at least 21 years of age. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation.

Slot Attendant

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

F&B Attendant

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

Line Cook

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

F&B Supervisor

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

Beverage Waitstaff PT

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

Waitstaff

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

Bartender

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

Summons and Complaint Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF AKIWAANDE SHEAHAN

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800. The estate of Akwiiwaande Makwa Z. Sheahan. Date of Birth: Feb. 28, 2004. The decedent, Akwiiwaande Makwa Z. Sheahan, who lived at 7630 E. Broadway #18, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, died Feb. 18, 2023. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Carla Bennett, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 6954 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 and the personal representative within four months after the date of the publication of this notice.

NOTICE OF HEARING TO EMILY KAHGEGAB; ROBBIE ETTINGER; CARSON CONLEY

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court Children's Division. Publication of Hearing. Case No. 19-JCW-0105. To: Emily Kahgegab; Robbie Ettinger; Carson Conley. In the Matter of: Five Minor Children Dates of Birth: March 5, 2007; March 18, 2008; Dec. 22, 2009; Sept. 25, 2016 and Sept. 11, 2018. The Court has taken jurisdiction of the minors in reference to the case number listed above. A hearing for Petition to Terminate Parental Rights will be conducted by the court on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 9 a.m. in the courtroom at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 East Broadway Road, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858 before the honorable Michelle Horn. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Emily Kahgegab, Robbie Ettinger and Carson Conley personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Court continuing its jurisdiction over the minors and the eventual termination of parental rights. Rights of parties as to counsel is set forth in Title II of the Children's Code, Chapter 2.3, Section 2.313(a).

Tribal Member
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Development

Available through Human Resources
Any Tribal Members needing assistance in creating or updating their resume are encouraged to contact Betsey Alonzo to set up an appointment at the following:
Betsey M. Alonzo, Tribal Development Coordinator
Email: Balonzo@sagchip.org | Phone: 989-775-5643

Honoring, Healing & Remembering

Join us on the 89th anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School closing. We recognize the suffering, strength and resilience of the children through a day of memoriam and fellowship.

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

- ▶ Student Roll Call
- ▶ Guest speakers
- ▶ Sunrise ceremony
- ▶ Breakfast and lunch provided

Seeking silent auction donations
Drop off at Ziibiwing Center front lobby
(8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday)

For more information, please contact:

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

Logos for Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Ziibiwing Center, and Central Michigan University.

MAY PROMOTIONS



You could win a share of over \$164,000 in Prizes & Premium Play!

Saturdays in May

Hourly drawings from **7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** for \$1,500 in Premium Play! At **11:00 p.m.** one winner will win a 2023 Harley-Davidson Street Glider Motorcycle!

On **Saturday, May 27 at 11:00 p.m.** we are giving away a Limited Edition 120th Anniversary Harley-Davidson Fat Boy® package!

ACCESS Club members will receive one (1) entry for every 300 points earned on their ACCESS Club card from 12:00 a.m. April 29th, 2023 until 10:55 p.m. on May 27th, 2023.



TUESDAYS, MAY 2, 16 & 23
9:00 A.M. - 11:59 P.M.

Earn 800 points using your ACCESS Card while playing slots and you'll be awarded \$10 in Premium Play! Get an additional \$10 in Premium Play for every 800 points earned. A maximum of \$60 in Premium Play can be earned for each promotional day.



FRIDAYS, MAY 5 & 12
5:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Two winners drawn each hour will toss Sombreros and could win up to \$1,500 in Premium Play! One entry for every 300 points earned on your ACCESS card from 12:00 a.m. May 1 - 10:55 p.m. on May 12.



FRIDAY, MAY 19
5:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Five winners drawn each hour to participate in a Devil's Food Cake eating contest to win Premium Play! One entry for every 300 points earned on your ACCESS card from 11:00 p.m. May 12 - 10:55 p.m. on May 19.



FRIDAY, MAY 26
5:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Two winners drawn each hour will make & toss a paper airplane and could win up to \$1,500 in Premium Play! One entry for every 300 points earned on your ACCESS card from 11:00 p.m. May 19 - 10:55 p.m. on May 26.



You could win up to \$100,000 in Premium Play & Cash Prizes!

Fridays & Saturdays in May

Hourly drawings from **11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.** for your chance to play "Pyramid of Cash". Select squares for cash prizes and take or risk it all by moving up the pyramid. Make it to the top of the pyramid and you'll win \$100,000!

ACCESS Club members will receive one (1) entry for every 200 points earned on their ACCESS Club card from April 30th at 12:00 a.m. - May 27th, 2023 at 9:55 p.m. Earn 10x entries on Mondays. Additional restrictions may apply.



SUNDAYS
12:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Two winners drawn each hour to play our Game of Gnomes and roll dice to win over \$1,000 in Cash & Premium Play prizes! Earn one entry for every 200 points earned playing slots with your ACCESS club card.



TUESDAYS, MAY 2, 9 & 16
8:00 A.M. - 11:59 P.M.

ACCESS Cardholders who qualify will receive bonus Premium Play on the dates above from 8:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m. Premium Play issued is based on tier level.



TUESDAYS, MAY 23 & 30
10:00 A.M. - 11:59 P.M.

Qualified ACCESS Club members may claim a Exxon Mobil gas card on the dates above from 10:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m. Gas card amount issued is based on tier level.



MONDAY, MAY 15
7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

Did you win a jackpot at Saganing in April? Join us for cash drawings. If you won a jackpot at another casino in April, bring your W-2G to the ACCESS Club and you'll also qualify for the drawings!

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