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Tribal Operations and related departments will be closed on Fridays

Effective May 22, 2023 - Sept. 3, 2023

Behavioral Health grant helps place emergency overdose boxes throughout the Reservation

SARAH WINCHELL

RTC Coordinator

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Behavioral Health staff is currently working diligently on placing more than 20 emergency overdose boxes throughout the Reservation with free Naloxone (narcan) available, day or night.

Naloxone (brand name narcan) is a life-saving medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids including heroin, fentanyl, and prescription opioid medications. It will NOT harm someone who does not have opioids in their system.

Behavioral Health is a sub-awardee for a two-year Statewide Opioid Response (SOR) grant. The granting agency is SAMHSA and MDHHS is the awardee who is granting Behavioral Health the award to utilize in the Tribal community.

Each emergency box placed around the community holds eight doses of naloxone and are

refilled as necessary by SOR staff. The boxes are not locked and can be accessed by anyone who is in need. Naloxone and fentanyl test strips are available at Behavioral Health, free of charge, as well.

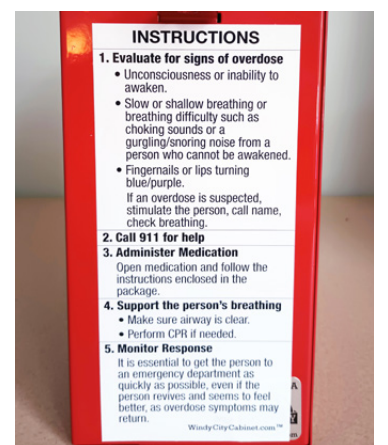
Currently the boxes are located at Behavioral Health, Black Elk building, and Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services (ACFS).

More boxes will be placed at Nimkee Clinic, Tribal Police and Migizi properties including: Soaring Eagle Waterpark, Soaring Eagle Hideaway and RV Park, The Retreat, The Hill, Isabella Sagamok, Standish Sagamok, Cardinal Pharmacy, Migizi main office, and Migizi HR office.

Per the Notice of Award: "The purpose of this program is to address the opioid overdose crisis by providing resources to states and territories for increasing access to FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder and for supporting the continuum of prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support services for opioid use disorder and other concurrent substance abuse disorders. The SOR program also supports the continuum of care for stimulant misuse and use disorders including cocaine and methamphetamine. The SOR program aims to help reduce unmet treatment needs



Courtesy photos



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Emergency overdose boxes containing narcan are available throughout the Reservation, made possible by a grant Behavioral Health received.

and opioid-related overdose deaths across America."

According to SAMHSA, the granting agency, "Harm

reduction is an evidence-based approach that is critical to

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Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College now offering liberal arts degree in education concentration

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Beginning this fall, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College will offer a new degree concentration – an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts with an education concentration.

According to Amanda Flaugh, Ph.D., dean of students for the Tribal College, this degree track is "designed to prepare students for a '2+' Central Michigan University Partnership Program for teacher education."

The SCTC courses plus the Central Michigan University off-campus program offers an opportunity to earn pre-K to 6th grade teacher certification, Flaugh said.

SCTC graduates who have earned an associate degree in Liberal Arts-Education from the Tribal College may transfer all credits specified in the CMU Teacher Education Transfer Credit Guide towards a Bachelor of Science in education, standard certificate (early childhood and elementary education), and major in teaching grades pre-K through

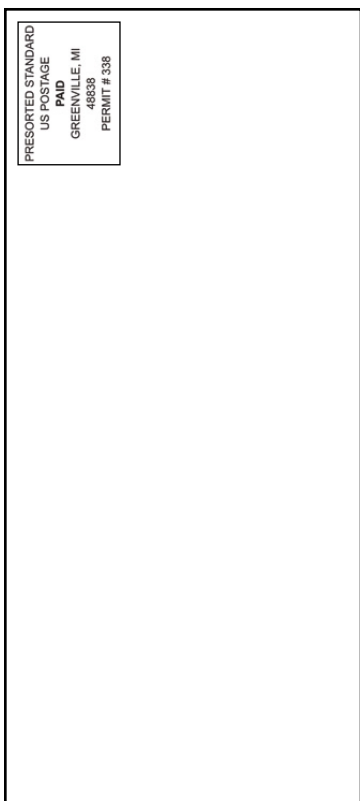
6th at CMU without duplicative study.

According to SCTC, "the mission of the Liberal Arts Program is to prepare students in demonstrating competency in coursework across disciplines and ready them to transfer to a four-year degree program, acquire the necessary skills to enter the 21st century workforce and/or assist him or her in becoming socially responsible citizens."

The Associate of Arts: Liberal Arts in education concentration requires 63 to 65 credit hours – 31 credit hours in



general education requirements and 32-34 credit hours in liberal arts education concentration.



Powwow week coverage

The August Tribal Observer was sent to press before the events leading up to the 39th annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow. Look for coverage in the upcoming September issue.



Christopher Wade Albers-Smith

May 28, 1976 – July 5, 2023

Christopher Wade Albers-Smith went to Heaven July 5, 2023.

Christopher was born May 28, 1976, and graduated from Everett High School. He worked for Meijer and was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

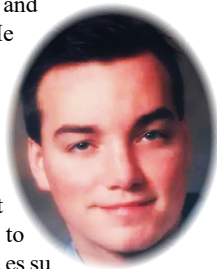
Anyone who knew Chris enjoyed his infectious smile, wit and laughter. His capacity to love and forgive knew no bounds. Chris was always there to help out his friends and family; by sharing his home to help anyone get back on their feet. "Mi casa es su casa" was not just a saying to Chris; he lived by it.

Christopher was a gifted guitarist; music was a passion. He also loved football and the Michigan Wolverines much to his father's chagrin who is a Spartan fan. He also enjoyed four wheeling with his "pops" on the northern trails along with our boating excursions.

True to his generosity of spirit, Christopher was a donor to the Gift of Life. Because of this, a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Christopher was welcomed home by both sets of grandparents, his brother Jerold Mitchell, Uncle Rick, Aunt Jere Sue and cousin baby Travis Storm. Many paternal aunts and uncles Harold, Daniel, Abraham, Samuel, Timothy, David, Dolores, Ruth.

He is survived by his parents Joseph, Kim and brothers Joe, Jon and James. Chris loved spending time and shared a close bond with his favorite cousin Matt. He loved his numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.



Cinda Nicole Pelcher-Gomez

January 29, 1976 – July 2, 2023

Cinda Nicole Pelcher-Gomez, age 47, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Sunday, July 2, 2023, at her home.

Cinda was born Jan. 29, 1976, the daughter of Clinton and Anita (Altman) Pelcher. She graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School with the Class of 1994.

Cinda worked for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College for the past few years. She loved spending time with her family, playing games on her phone, and going to bingo.

Cinda is survived by her son Manuel "Nico" Gomez; her father Clinton (Honi) Pelcher; brothers, Raymond (Teri) Pelcher, Warren Pelcher, Clinton (Herminia) Pelcher, III; sisters, Krystal Pelcher, Sheridan (Ken Gregg) Pelcher, Valerie (Ben Hinmon Jr.) Pelcher-Moore, Rancee (Ricky) Compo, Theresa (Billy) Marshall, Christina (John Meshiguad) Pelcher; special sister-in-law Sara Blackwood Sowe; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cinda was preceded in death by her mother Anita Pelcher; sister Alexis Pelcher; nephews Joshua Pelcher, Brandon Pelcher, Eli Sprague; and niece Ayrdial Holt.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. on Friday, July 7, 2023, at Clark Family Funeral Chapel with Benjamin Evers officiating. Interment followed at Denver Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Kevin Lee Bird

August 6, 1956 – July 11, 2023

The Phil Bird family is saddened to announce the sudden passing of Kevin Bird on July 11th, 2023.

He will be greatly missed by his siblings; Valerie (Bob), Karen Ann, David, Gary, Phil Jr., Paul (Saundra). He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Kevin was predeceased by his parents Phil and Mary Jean Bird and his brother Byron.

He was an avid fan of the Detroit Tigers and was at the 1968 World Series with his mom and dad. He enjoyed going to the casino and was a likeable guy and well-known in the downtown area.

Cremation has taken place. Visitation was held beginning at 10 a.m. and followed by a memorial service at the D.J. Robb Funeral Home & Cremation Centre, 102 N. Victoria St., N7T 5W9 on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 11 a.m. Private interment of Kevin's ashes will be held at Aamjiwnaang Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial gifts made in Kevin's memory to the Inn of the Good Shepherd would be appreciated by the family.



Naomi Irene Compo

August 4, 2000 – July 15, 2023

Naomi Irene Compo, age 22, of Mount Pleasant, Mich. passed away Saturday, July 15, 2023.

Naomi was born Aug. 4, 2000, in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., the daughter of Peter Compo Jr. and Nina Francis.

She was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Naomi loved doing many things including swimming, cooking, road trips, Torch cruises, playing Xbox, listening to classic R&B, and riding roller coasters. She had the best sense of humor, always telling jokes and making people laugh.

Naomi was a great mom; she adored her son Ezro. She loved spending time with her close family and friends, especially her nieces and nephews.

Naomi is survived by her son Ezro Pete Comp-Kinney; mother Nina Francis; siblings Isaac Francis, Jena Compo, Zheesheeb Compo, Anthony, Monica Compo; nephew Calvin; niece Anavey; aunts LeAna Sams, Reba Navejar; uncle Mike Jackson; close cousins Nelxine Navejar, Rebecca Jackson, Whitney Francis; best friend Joseph "Joey" Shanks; and several other aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Naomi was preceded in death by her father Pete Anthony Compo Jr.; aunt Michelle Jackson; uncle Martin Francis; and grandparents Catherine Jackson, Nelxine Avis Francis and Peter Compo Sr.

Funeral services took place at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Friday, July 21, 2023, at 1 p.m. Burial immediately followed at Denver Township Cemetery. Following the graveside services, a luncheon took place at Reflections Reception Center. The family received friends on Thursday, July 20 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Vaughn "Butch" Schoen

June 21, 1947 – May 17, 2023

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

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

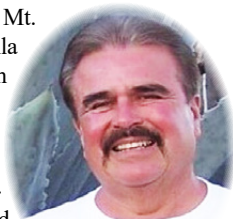
Butch graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in 1965 and after, the family moved to Big Rapids. He was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe and a hard worker his entire life.

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

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

A celebration of Butch's life took place on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Big Rapids Eagles, 18361 16 Mile Road, Big Rapids, MI 49307.

Share a memory or condolence with the family at www.daggettfuneralhome.com Arrangements entrusted to the Daggett Gilbert Funeral Home in Big Rapids.



Susan M. Smielewski

November 6, 1938 – July 11, 2023

Susan Smielewski, age 84, passed away on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, with her loving family by her side.

She was born on Nov. 6, 1938, to the late Raymond and Lillian (Silas) Dombkowski in Bay City, Mich.

Susan was retired from GM Powertrain and an elder of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe. She was married to the love of her life, Richard Smielewski on Feb. 11, 1972, and was married for 51 years.

Susan is survived by her loving husband Richard, son Ricky Rybkowski, daughter Renee (Dale) Rahn, son Robby (Rhonda) Rybkowski, and daughters, Kathie (Randy) Bridgewater, and Marie (Billy) Cook, 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

She is preceded in death by her parents Raymond and Lillian Dombkowski, brothers Jack and Jimmy, sister Nanette. Her daughter Roxane and son Philip.

A funeral service was held at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 14, 2023, at the Rivertown Funeral Chapel, Kawkawlin, Mich., with Dr. Nanette Myers presiding. The family greeted family and friends from 3 p.m. until the time of service on July 14 at Rivertown Funeral Chapel.

With sadness and heavy hearts, we have said the long goodbye to our beautiful, strong and loving mother. She has been the rock of this family and will be greatly missed by all that loved her. Time to rest, Mom, you're finally home. We love you and we will see you again.



Patricia Anne "Piidaabin" Peters

May 29, 1946 – July 24, 2023

Peters, Patricia, Anne "Piidaabin", age 77, of the Isabella Indian Reservation, passed away peacefully Monday, July 24, 2023, at her home.

Per Patricia's wishes, cremation has taken place and a memorial service will take place at Seventh Generation on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 3 p.m. Burial will immediately follow at Woodland Cemetery. Following the graveside service, a luncheon will take place at Seventh Generation. Memorial contributions may be made to her daughter, Summer, or to St. Jude's.

Patricia was born May 29, 1946, in Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of the late Wilfred Leo Peters and Julia Elizabeth (Otto) Peters. She is a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Patricia received her Bachelors of Arts in Business Administration from Central Michigan University. She worked for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe as a Genealogical Researcher for 20 years and was a powerful justice warrior for her people. Patricia enjoyed taking trips to the casino and the Grand Tetons, watching the news, sewing dolls, and doing beadwork. Most of all she loved spending time with her family, friends and beloved munchkin kittens, Mercei and Smokey.

Patricia is survived by her daughter, Summer Peters; grandchildren, Memigwaans Begay, Sean Begay, Waabigwan Peters, all of the Isabella Indian Reservation; many beloved and cherished nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, Wilfred Sr. and Julia; siblings, Wilfred Peters Jr., Julius Peters, Nicki Perez, Betty Otto, and twin sister Anne Patricia Peters; beloved niece and nephew, Denise Peters and Andre Peters; beloved pets, Nimoosh Kwe, Spikey Boy and grandpup, Snoopi.



Cammi Rita Lynn Salazar

May 14, 1984 – July 12, 2023

Cammi Rita Lynn Salazar, age 39, of Twin Lake, passed away Wednesday, July 12, 2023, in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Cammi was born on May 14, 1984, in Traverse City, Mich., the daughter of James and Jolene (Trepanier) Wilson. She was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Cammi graduated from Reeths-Puffer High School with the Class of 2002, where she played basketball and softball. She attended Twin Lake Community Church.

Cammi loved getting together for family gatherings, hanging out with her kids, taking walks, and taking pictures of sunsets or being at the beach. She could go anywhere and make a friend because everyone loved her.

Cammi is survived by her children Stephen Salazar III, Chloe Salazar, Cylee Salazar; father of her children Stephen Salazar II, all of Muskegon, Mich.; her father James Wilson of Twin Lake; siblings, Trina (George) McClellan of Traverse City, James Trepanier of Mt. Pleasant, Jamianna (John) Underwood of Twin Lake, Leisha Wilson of Twin Lake, Chas Wilson of Muskegon; nieces and nephews, Tayla (Garrett), Isaac, Luke, George III, Jacob, T'yannah, Jayla, Braylee, Jacoby, Kaisun, John II, Evelyn, Makayla, Mila, Maci; lifelong friends: Ricki, Amber and Lindsey and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Cammi was preceded in death by her mother Jolene Wilson; brother Jordon Wilson; grandma and grandpa Trepanier; and cousin Donald Miller III.

Funeral services took place at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Gym on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 1 p.m. with Sam McClellan officiating. Burial followed at Woodland Cemetery. A luncheon took place after the burial back at the Tribal Gym. The family greeted friends on that Wednesday from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Clark Family Funeral Chapel, and on that Thursday beginning one hour prior to the funeral service at the Tribal Gym.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Vivian June (Fisher) Meredith

December 18, 1932 - July 19, 2023

Vivian passed away peacefully with her daughter by her side after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at Genesis Fox Hill AFCH in Sterling Heights, Mich., at the age of 90.

Vivian was born to the late Marvin and Pauline (Collins) Fisher on Dec. 18, 1932 in Rosebush, Mich. She was a former member of Thoburn United Methodist Church and was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Vivian had such a kind, funny and loving personality. She loved dancing and was an excellent photographer. She was a brilliant artist who loved painting. She loved her animals, Broadway shows and traveled extensively. She was an avid reader and loved a good mystery and was a big sci-fi fan. Vivian is happy to be reunited with her family in Heaven.

Vivian is survived by her daughter, Dawn Meredith; nieces and nephews, Wendy McGregor, Sandra (James) Chappel, Kevin Fisher and Darrell Fisher; sister-in-law, Marilyn Garlinghouse; many great nieces and nephews, and extended family including the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Edwin Fisher and Marvin Fisher Jr; sister, Shirley Fisher and nephew, Darren Fisher.

The family would like to extend a very special thank you to the staff at Genesis Fox Hill AFCH and the staff at Choice Hospice for their compassion and care throughout this process.

A memorial service will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023 at 11 a.m. at the Gephart Funeral Home with inurnment to follow at Floral Gardens Cemetery. The family will receive visitors at the funeral home on Monday, July 31, 2023 from 4 to 6 p.m. and on Tuesday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, please make all donations towards the Alzheimer's Association or Seth Rogan's Hilarity for Charity.





"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

- Aug. 1 • Sept. 5 • Oct. 3



Fourth Annual Statewide Tribal OPIOID SUMMIT

"Healing Our Families and Communities Together"

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

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall

For questions or more information, contact:

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

Submissions needed

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



Submissions will be featured on a memorial board

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

Vendors needed

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

Vendor spaces are free for all Native crafters and artists



Check out the
Tribal Observer
ONLINE

www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver

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

September Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits

Deadline: Friday, Aug. 4, 2023 by 5 p.m.

Tribal Clerk's Office hours:

Monday - Thursday, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
and Friday, Aug. 4, 2023 (day of deadline)

▶ 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



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

Attention all Tribal Members:

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

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

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

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's inaugural



Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023

Registration/packet pick-up: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Race starts: 9 a.m.

Fee: FREE

Location: 5805 Pickard St., Mt. Pleasant
Course: Grass trails on the old Waabooz Run Golf Course

Awards/gifts: Overall male and female awards, participant keychain, custom T-shirt to first 150 participants

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

For more information, contact:

Jayme Green
989.317.4760 ext. 241
jagreen@sagchip.edu



SCAN TO REGISTER



Homeowners Assistance Funds program (HAF)

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

Need assistance keeping your home?

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

SCIT-SCHD Housing can help with:

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



Applications are available:

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

SCAN FOR APPLICATION



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




Tribal Council

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

MEET UP and EAT UP

June 12 - Aug. 18, 2023
Monday - Friday

Come in and have a seat and eat:

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

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

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

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

Sixth Annual Community



Wewebanaabiiwin Youth Fishing Tournament

Friday, Aug. 18, 2023
Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Registration start at 8 a.m.

Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park
5514 E. Airport Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

- Open to the Tribal community and RV Park patrons
- Age groups: 5 to 9, 10-13, and 14 to 17
- Canoes are limited to a first-come, first-serve basis
- Adult must be in the canoe with any youth 13 & under
- Hot dogs
- Trophies will be awarded for the first three places
- Many raffle giveaways (must be a participant to enter)
- Music by DJ Lupe

For more information, please contact:
Kevin Ricketts | 989.944.0495 | KeRicketts@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.





Ziibiwing Center Community Digital Archive ASSISTANCE NEEDED

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

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

For more information, please contact:

- Email: ZiibiwingQuestions@sagchip.org
- Phone: 989-775-4733 or 989-775-4748

STAY UPDATED!

Kindly update your email with Nimkee Registration.

At Nimkee Clinic, we offer a range of helpful services that rely on email communication. As a patient, you can easily keep track of your recent visits and activate your Patient Portal by adding a working email. Plus, with appointment reminders sent straight to your inbox, you won't have to worry about missing any important appointments. Thank you for your cooperation during this time - it's greatly appreciated!



1. Call Nimkee Registration at (989)775-4670.
2. Verify your information.
3. Update your email address on file.

TRIBAL OBSERVER

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

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

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

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



Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

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

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

Contact Information:

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



NATIVE CUP

Michigan Tribes vs Ontario Tribes

Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023

Riverwood Golf Course

1313 E. Broomfield Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Shotgun start: 10 a.m. sharp

• Scramble format • 18 holes

Costs per player: \$125

• This covers: green/cart fees, sack lunch, skins and cash payout
• No refunds after the first hole is played

Team information:

• Two person teams
• All players must be Native American or employees
• 40 players (20 two person teams) per nation

50/50 raffle: 6 tickets for \$5

Proximities (optional): \$10

• Longest drive, closest to the pin, longest putt

Divisions:

• Men's 59 & under • Coed all ages
• Senior 60 & over • Ladies all ages

For more information:

▶ **Bernard Sprague**

989.775.5309 or BSprague@sagchip.org

▶ **Lucas Sprague**

989.775.4200 or LucSprague@sagchip.org



Tuesdays • June 6 - Oct. 3

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Farmers Market Pavilion

Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads

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

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

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

Now featuring:

Produce grown on SCTC's Food Sovereignty Garden

Mshkikiikaan
(The Place of Medicine)



Like us on Facebook!

For more information, contact:

Jasmine Gonzalez, Market Master
989.775.4629 | JaGonzalez@sagchip.org



24/7 ACCESS

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

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

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

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

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

Yoga Class | Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

For more information, please contact:
Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690



NEW HOURS

Effective May 22 – Sept. 3, 2023

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

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

Teledoc is available
"General Medicine Only"

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



Teladoc prescriptions

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

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



Kinoomaagegaamik enji-dibendaagoziyiing
(School: The Place Where We Belong)

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023
4 - 6 p.m. | Saginaw Chippewa Academy

7498 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Activities: Punch card for raffle prizes, meet the staff, visit classrooms and bus tours

2024 Annual Reports are now being accepted

Deadline: Friday, May 3, 2024 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 2024 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



The Saginaw Chippewa Housing Department is offering rental assistance to Native American college students that meet the following criteria:

- 18 years old or older and financially independent of their parents
- Must be a duly enrolled member of any Native Tribe that has been identified on the most current Federal Register listing of "Indian Entities Recognized by and Eligible to Receive Services from the U.S. BIA (86 FR 7554 (Jan. 29, 2021))"
- Household is low-income as determined by HUD's definition: <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html>
- Enrolled in an accredited post-secondary college or university pursuing a 2 year (or higher) degree or certificate
- The university or college and the rental unit must be located within the Lower Peninsula of the state of Michigan

▶ **All rental assistance is paid directly to the landlord**

▶ **Applications and more information can be found at:** <http://www.sagchip.org/housing/>

For more information, please contact:
Housing at 989-775-4538



Labor Day Family Picnic

Friday, Sept. 1, 2023
4-7 p.m. | The Hill Campground

Games and prizes

- Family bingo
- Door prizes
- Side attractions
- Bag & sack race
- Egg toss
- Musical chairs

Food served at 4 p.m.

Prize for the best dessert/treats
*Judged competition.



For more information, please contact:
Recreation staff at Recreation@sagchip.org



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engaging with people who use drugs and equipping them with life-saving tools and information to create positive change in their lives and potentially save their lives. Harm reduction is a key pillar in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services'

Overdose Prevention Strategy."

Behavioral Health has been able to hire Case Manager Stacy Johnson, and Administrative Assistant II Millie Thomas, to complete the activities of this grant.

In year two, there will be approximately 20 more boxes placed throughout the community.

As fentanyl use and overdoses have increased dramatically, fentanyl test strips are also being provided to the public as part of this program. Staff will be present at various community activities and events to provide the naloxone and fentanyl test strips as well as educating the public on opioid use disorder and harm reduction.

Other activities/events that are being provided by funding from the SOR grant include: monthly traditional healer lodge teaching and sweat lodge, community education and support via Dr. Cara Poland (Medicated Assisted Treatment consultant), assistance with transportation to and from medical and behavioral health appointments (including treatment), strategic

messaging campaign, bus wrap on iRide, and ongoing expansion of substance use services.

SOR staff have done a presentation with the summer youth workers, had a booth at the Honoring, Healing and Remembering event, Safety Fair, the Community Meeting and Saginaw Chippewa Powwow to provide resources and free naloxone and fentanyl test strips.

Tribal officer sworn in



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

New Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Officer Kahl Smith (center) is sworn in by Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson (right) with support from Sub-Chief Jennifer L. Wassegijig (left) on Tuesday, July 11 in the Tribal Council chambers.

SCIT Woodshop creates Freedom Walk 2023 red cedar feather honoring Roger High

A special ceremony was slated to take place where Saginaw Chippewa Elder Roger High was recognized posthumously at the July 29, 2023 Freedom Walk.

Woodshop Carpenter Ernest "Ernie" Fletcher has worked for the Tribe for almost 21 years, and designed the project with coordination of Carpenter Supervisor Dan Ryckman and Carpenter David Salibury. Fletcher has done numerous laser engraving specialty items for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and enjoys doing SCIT projects in the Woodshop involving red cedar.

The cedar feather reads: "On behalf of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Freedom Walk Committee, we honor the memory of Elder Roger High for his lifelong dedication and contribution to recovery on the reservation."



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Ernie Fletcher

17TH ANNUAL
People's Traditional POWWOW

Aug. 26 & 27, 2023

Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds

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

Grand Entries

Saturday 8/26: 1 & 7 p.m.

- Feast Saturday for all participants
- Cake celebrating the 50th logo of the Tribe

Sunday 8/27: 1 p.m.

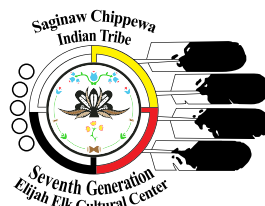
Vendors: First come, first serve basis. Set up Friday, Aug. 25 at 12 p.m.

Hand Drum Contest: Sponsored by the Jackson Family

Bike giveaways: Sponsored by Chief Peters-Jackson and family



Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the SCIT logo



ZIIBIWING CENTER

USDA NIFA

Dignitaries

- **Head Veteran:** Ray Cadotte
- **Emcee:** RJ Smith
- **Arena Director:** Joe Syrette

- **Host Drum:** Crazy Boy
- **Co-Host Drum:** Mission Hill
- **Invited Drums:** Brave Scout, Southern Straight & Onion Creek

Open to the Public • Free Admission

For more information, please contact: Tonya Jackson at 989-775-4780 or TJackson@sagchip.org



Editorial: My path to achieving trust status today (part one)

MICHELLE COLWELL
Contributing Writer

In September 1993, when I started working at only 23 years old, I was a newbie to the politics and issues facing Indian Country. My political experience and exposure were limited to voting in the 1988 and 1992 presidential elections and the recession's effects on my life. I quickly and steadily learned from my tribal work exposure, conversations with co-workers, and sitting through too-many-to-count Council meetings.

The tribal atmosphere was so different back then. Many employees were Native; whether members or descendants of this Tribe or elsewhere. The Council members had other jobs and attended meetings at night for only stipends. The Tribe had a small casino (now known as the Slot Palace) and a much smaller government but all of that was about to grow in leaps and bounds. The Tribe had only installed our first slot machines in our card room, negotiated our gaming compact with the State of Michigan, and opened our first casino all in a relatively small span of time.

The Native attitude of deviance while remaining on a path of tribal sovereignty was abundant and, although at different

levels, could be found in every employee regardless of race or tribal affiliation... it was an all for one, one for all environment with a common goal of success.

That determination frame of mind in regards to tribal sovereignty has stuck with me through the decades. Perhaps I was born with it or the early years of my tribal employment taught me; either way, it has flourished with time and age.

Today, I can't help but to put a sovereignty spin onto many, if not all, aspects of my work and home life. One point, and most people that know me can confirm, as I approached 40 years of age, I talked frequently of applying for Fee-To-Trust status on my home/residential property.

Thinking junior elder status would assist me in my endeavor and hoping this not-so-crazy idea, realistically, wasn't crazy at all. I was still relatively young in today's standards and while scanning old documents at work, I found a Tribal resolution dating back to the early 1980s. It was a resolution passed by the seated Council for support for an elderly couple to place their acquired marital land into Trust status. And because of their advanced ages, it also asked that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) place priority on their application. I thought,

if they could do it back then, why can't I now?

I started a long adventure of asking, researching, and learning as I went. Taking notes and thinking of more questions than I had gotten answers for as I continued.

I spoke with the former Tribal attorney from that era asking about the couple's property and the resolution itself. I spoke with representatives at the BIA. I learned and completed title searches of my own. I learned how to read a property description in order to find its location within a county and how to trace its evolution through time. I found my property is part of the original 80 acres allotted/issued to Jacob Wain Daw Be Tung on May 27, 1871.

As stated originally, my plan was to pay off my mortgage, reach junior elder status (40), and apply since my husband and I were landless per Indian Country definitions: we didn't have ownership in trust property. It didn't quite work out the way I had planned.

First was the death of my mother-in-law, meaning my husband would no longer be landless as he would inherit a percentage of her fractionalized ownership shares of two trust parcels through the Federal Probate Court process. Then, a few years later my husband died and our two children inherited his fractionalized ownership shares of those two trust parcels which he inherited through his mother, again through the Federal Probate Court process. Then a couple years later, my father died and I thought I would inherit a percentage of his fractionalized ownership but I didn't.

Prior to any Probate Court hearings, I researched the process of inheritance to find out that because my father passed away without a will and because his fractionalized ownership share was too small to divide in accordance to the Indian Land Consolidation Act amendments passed into Federal law, my older sibling would be the sole inheritor.

So I remained landless at 51 years old, and I decided it was time to pursue Fee-to-Trust status before I get any older to protect my family homestead where my children were raised, we celebrated their milestones and grieved the losses of their father and grandmother.

So on March 4, 2022, I gathered my letter of application, the supporting documentation, and went to the post office to send it off by certified mail. After, all I had to do was wait.

Today is July 20, 2023. There has been a pretty steady exchange of correspondence between the BIA Office in Sault Ste. Marie and myself but I'm nearing the finish line.

In simple terms, the BIA describes it as a 16-step process, because some steps overlap or occur concurrently, I'm at about Step 9 – "Clearance of PTO Objections before Notice of Decision (NOD)". In comparison and as I understand it, Step 15 is the "Final Title Opinion and County Recordation", this is when the approved trust status would be recorded within the County and Step 16 is the finish line of "Completed Application Packet".

I have to admit, it's been a HUGE learning experience. I am certainly not an attorney, nor do

I have a legal background and believe me, I have had my fill of reading what I call "legal-ese" but I expected that going into this.

I did expect it to be more difficult, yet it's been relatively easy albeit at times confusing but at moments of discouragement I have the support of those around me both professionally and personally. Including the BIA who has been extremely helpful and encouraging in the few times I called for clarification.

I'm sure the BIA wants to see more individual Indians navigate and succeed in this Fee-to-Trust process as, according to one long-term employee, I am the first individual Indian to have made it this far in the process that they are aware of. Sadly, they have never worked on a Michigan individual Indian application in their career.

So what happens now? I continue to wait for my application to proceed through the process. Finish my two remaining "tasks" and wait for notification of the completion of Steps 15 & 16.

So keep your fingers crossed... I may be the first successful individual Indian applicant in the past 40 years, but hopefully I won't be the last and it won't take another 40 years for the next!

To be continued...

Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee Currently Two Vacancies

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

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

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

dseal@sagchip.org

Letters of interests accepted until all vacancies are filled.



Working Together To
Protect Our Environment

Looking for a new career?

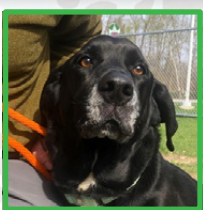
Financial aid provided: tuition & fees, mileage, internet reimbursement, books/materials, exam fees, hourly stipend

Check out our online & in-person program options by scanning here:



WOCTEP is funded by the US Department of Education through the NACTEP program. Federal funds contribute to 92% of funding (\$500,666) and tribal support of 8% (\$42,339) for project year 1 (2022)

Adopt a Pet



Gerald

Gerald is a 6-year-old Basset Hound/Labrador Retriever mix. Gerald thinks everything is fun, interesting and meant for play! Anything you do, he'll want to do too, but he also has a chill side and would love to cuddle on the couch. He is a great house guest and loves sniffing outside too. He has lived with cats, is housetrained, and could live with most dogs and older kids pending a meet and greet.



Judith

Judith is a stunning 9-year-old longhair tabby cat. She is as sweet as she is big and fluffy. Judith was adopted out a few months ago, but she wasn't the biggest fan of the other cat in the home, so she was returned. Judith is an older gal and she worries that her age will cause potential adopters to look over her, but that shouldn't be the case. She is healthy, active and doesn't act like a senior feline at all.

Humane Animal Treatment Society

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

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



Request for Intent to Bid FF&E Procurement

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Housing Department (SCHD) is requesting Intent to Bid Statements from Native American owned firms interested and qualified to provide FF&E for the tribe's Supportive Housing Project in accordance with 24 CFR 1000.48 and 1000.52 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act. Preferences in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned economic enterprises.

The SCHD is constructing a sixteen-unit residential apartment building on the Isabella reservation at 6870 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI known as the Permanent Supportive Housing project (PSH). All 16 apartments will be furnished, public use areas, and office spaces as well.

The SCHD seeks to execute this procurement during the final quarter of 2023 (October-December). Interested Native Owned firms may obtain more information and qualification forms from:

Rosalie Maloney, Housing Manager
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Housing Department
2451 NishNaBeAnong Drive
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Phone: (989) 775-4581 E-mail: romaloney@sagchip.org





Migizi update: Job positions available, renovations and upgrades

FREDRICK KUHLMAN
Migizi Marketing
Manager

Migizi Economic Development Company continues to experience the need to fill positions throughout all businesses. Kevin Humphreys, Ginger Bradley, and Dawn Morrow work daily with each area of the Tribe's Human Resource department to match Tribal Members and applicants to available jobs.

Almost all non-tipped positions come with a starting wage of \$15 per hour, making Migizi one of the more attractive places to begin a career, re-enter the workforce, or supplement elder income.

Each year, the businesses of Migizi offer Tribal youth workers the opportunity to explore different career paths. Many of the youth workers continue employment at the conclusion of the summer program and return to Tribal work once completing their education at Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Central Michigan University, Mid-Michigan College, or other area schools.

Everyone has worked towards the goal of making finding a job with Migizi as easy and convenient as possible. All available jobs are posted in the employment section at MigiziEDC.com, or Tribal Members can stop by the Migizi Human Resource office in the Sowmick Plaza.

With renovations and upgrades nearing completion at The Hill Campground, the Tribal Council and Powwow Committee directed Migizi to upgrade the 25,000-square-foot dance ring and existing structures at the powwow grounds.

Before the arrival of members and guests to this year's homecoming, the grass of the dance ring was removed, and new sod was installed to improve the arena's safety for dancers. In past years, the uneven surface of the dance arena caused hazards for dancers.

Tribal Council and the Powwow Committee wanted to provide an improved experience for everyone who



MIGIZI

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CO.

participated and attended this year's homecoming event. The structures around the arena were treated with new stain and paint and given other attention as needed. Migizi EDC worked closely with Tribal Council, the Migizi Board of Directors, and the Powwow Committee to ensure The Hill and the Powwow grounds were in outstanding condition as this year's guests and dancers visited from around the country.

On Monday, Aug. 21, Member Monday will return to both Mount Pleasant and Saganing Sagamok stores. Whether you are fueling up or stopping by for your favorite snacks and drinks, Saginaw Chippewa members can come into either store for a free fountain pop or a bag of popcorn. This promotion has served the members since June and continues this month as an exclusive benefit for those in Mount Pleasant or Saganing.

August 2023 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1) Eroc Zocher
Jeffrey Braley
Mary Cargill
William Stevens | Veronica Bos
Victoria Carini
Dawn Jackson |
| 2) Jason Casner
Janet Chamberlain
Victoria Fisher
Patrick McClain | 8) Fabian Cantu
Pamela Floyd |
| 3) Carl Benz
Kelly Willis-Benally
David Bailey
Gary Harris
Laurie Newton | 9) Kevin Chamberlain
Sandra Stevens
Michael Hart
Cecelia Wieland |
| 4) Kenneth Douglas
Joseph Anderson
Danny Russell
Toni Swalley
Jean Flamand | 11) Debra DeFrens
Phillip Mena
Dorothy Shawano
Theresa White
Diane Jones |
| 5) Carla Bennett
Brenda McMillin
Rosalie Stevens | 12) Rosalie Maloney
Michelle Otto
Ronald Nelson
Bruno Wemiwans
Edward Cross
Margaret Jackson
Kenneth Kendall
Beverly Morse |
| 6) Trisha Trasky
Kevin Bird
Marcella Hadden
Ricky Snyder
William Thibult
William Zocher | 13) Mark Bailey
James Falcon
Carol Brame
John Henry
Christina Keshick
Kelly Merrill
Tonya Rosa |
| 7) Michael Floyd Sr.
David Otto | |

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| 14) Varen Cleveland
Todd Darby
Eric Voorheis | 15) Joni Heiss | 16) Marilyn Bailey
Sandra McCreery
Brian Quigno
Sharmaine Brooks | 17) Kevin Fisher
Stephen Raslich | 18) Brenda Nolan
Michelle Pena | 19) Benjamin Willis Sr.
Ralph Ambs
Diane Garrett
Charles Sharon | 20) Theresa Jackson
Kimberly Crandall
Anthony Hart | 22) Jacqueline Daniels
Michael Abraham
Ronald Collins Sr.
Carrie Wemigwans | 23) Roger Jackson
Maynard Kehgegab Sr. | Janice Dennis
Lisa Gregurek-Clemens
Glenna Sehs | 26) Rachel Mandoka
Sarah Silas
Bessie Velasquez
Scott Warren | 27) Colleen Wagner
Michael Schramm | 28) Mary Jackson
Gregory Dean
Brian Stevens
Teresa Van Alstine | 29) Anita Shawboose
John Velasquez
Kenneth Francis
Rhona Mays | 30) Thomas Bonnau
Luanna Finney
Constance Pashenee | 31) Tracy Fallis
Jamey Garlick
Sherry Nickells
Sharon Skutt
William Snowden Jr.
Marc Williams |
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IRS impersonators have been around for a while. But as more people learn their tricks, they're switching it up. So instead of contacting you about tax debt and threatening to get you to pay up, scammers may text you about a "tax rebate" or some other tax refund or benefit. Here's what to know about the new twist.

The text messages may look legit and mention a "tax rebate" or "refund payment." But no matter what the text says, it's a scammer phishing for your information. And if you click on the link to claim "your refund," you're exposing yourself to identity theft or malware that the scammer could install on your phone.

Michigan Indian Legal Services

The IRS won't text you about your refund. It's a scam.

Let us know:
ReportFraud.ftc.gov

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

A tax rebate of \$268.48 has been issued to you for an over-payment in year 2021-2022. Click the link to continue.
<https://irsdown...>

SCAM

If someone contacts you about a tax rebate or refund:
Never click on links in unexpected texts. Don't share personal information with anyone who contacts you out of the blue. Always use a website or phone number you know is real.

They'll always start by sending you a letter. If you want to confirm, call the IRS directly at 800-829-1040. Find the status of any pending refund on the IRS official website. Visit Where's My Refund.

Report unsolicited texts or emails claiming to be the IRS. Forward a screenshot or the email as an attachment to phishing@irs.gov. If you clicked a link in one of these texts or emails and shared personal information, file a report at IdentityTheft.gov to get a customized recovery plan based on what information you shared.

Even if you didn't lose money to an IRS scam, tell us about it at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

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

The SCIT Housing Program's households whose income falls within these limits, are eligible for HUD assisted rental units.

For more information, please contact:
Miranda Pelcher-Miley
Admissions & Occupancy Specialist
• Phone: 989-775-4532
• Email: MiPelcher@sagchip.org

FY 2023 Income Limits Summary								
FY 2023 Income Limit Category	Persons in Family							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$)	26,500	30,300	34,100	37,850	40,900	43,950	46,950	50,000
Extremely Low Income Limits (\$)	15,900	19,720	24,860	30,000	35,140	40,280	45,420	50,000
Low (80%) Income Limits (\$)	42,400	48,450	54,500	60,550	65,400	70,250	75,100	79,950

Median Family Income	
Isabella County: \$74,900	Arenac County: \$69,900





SCIT elders enjoy three-day trip in Michigan's Upper Peninsula

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

There's nothing that beats going on vacation with friends and a group of our SCIT elders are working with Beyond Horizons Tour & Travel of Mount Pleasant on some upcoming trips.

Recently, some of the elders to go on the trip – Sue Durfee, Alfreda Jenkins, Ruth Moses and Barb Sprague – met with the Tribal Observer to inform how much they enjoyed their recent trip to Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

The group is not tribally sponsored but wanted to inform other elders if they would like to join them.

“On June 7-9, a group of us SCIT elders came together and enjoyed a three-day trip to Island Resort & Casino in Harris, Mich,” Durfee said. “The trip in included a visit to the

Kewadin Casino in St. Ignace and Manistique before arriving at the Island Resort & Casino for a two-night stay. The more that we thought about it, we would like to invite other SCIT elders to join us for additional trips that have been preplanned.”

The group provided a list of things that elders should know if they would like to take part of the upcoming trips.

- This is not tribal affiliated.
- Elders only, plus one guest
- You are responsible for all trip costs.
- Arrangements are made through a local motorcoach tour and travel company.

Beyond Horizons Tour & Travel of Mt. Pleasant is located at 588 West Pickard Street and can be reached at 989-770-7077.



Courtesy photo

An entourage of SCIT elders enjoy some Upper Peninsula hospitality at the Hannahville Potawatomi's Island Casino in Wilson, Mich.

Upcoming possible in-state excursions include Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek and Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo.

If interested or for more information, please contact Barb Sprague 989-824-1285 or Marie Kequom 989-954-0787.

Master Rain Gardener course taught by Planning Department

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Five sessions were held for the Master Rain Gardener “train the trainer” courses. The courses taught participants how to use rain water flowing from the roof to downspout into the rain garden.

The five courses were held in May and June at the Housing Department's conference room from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

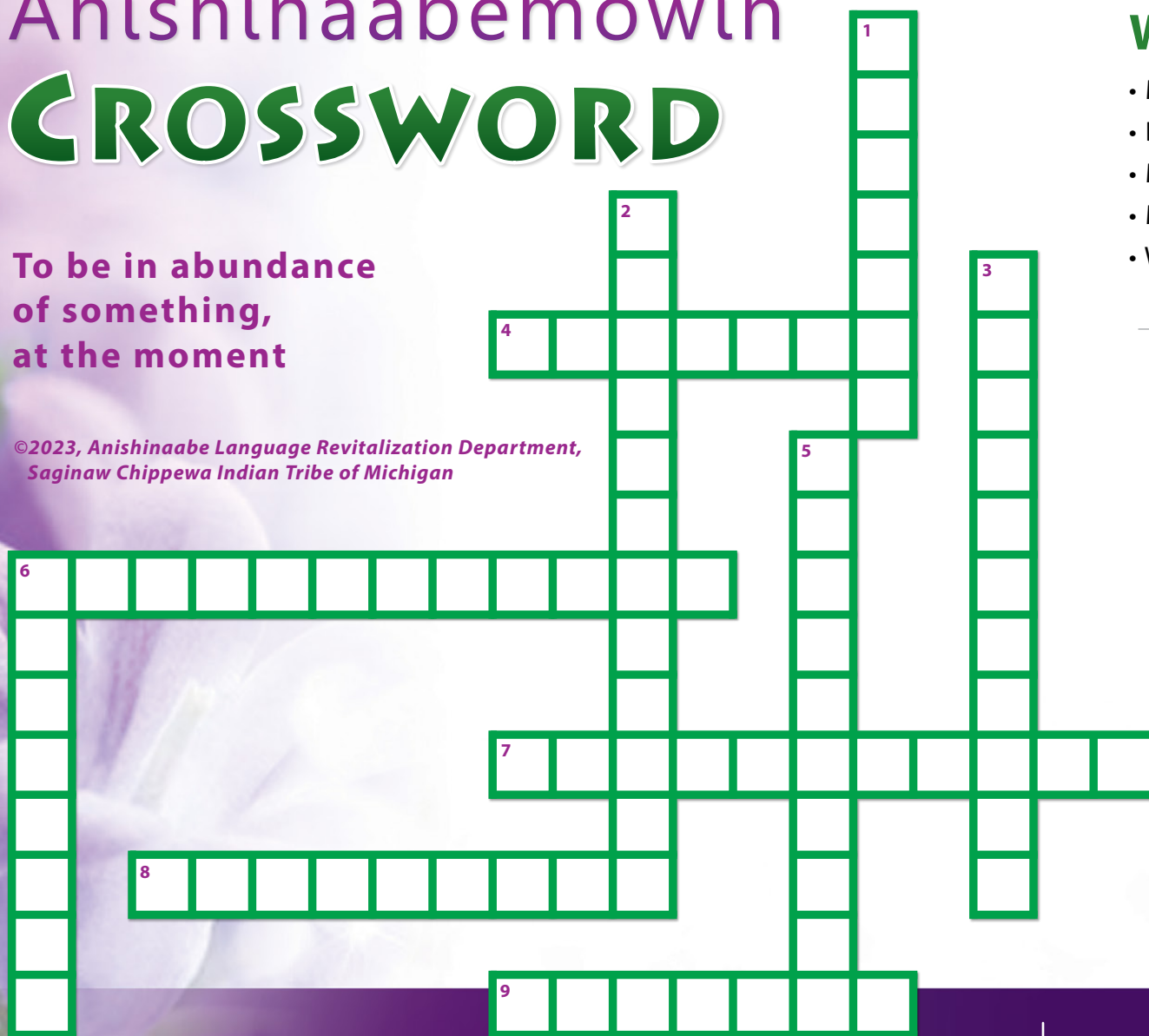
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To be in abundance
of something,
at the moment

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Word Bank

- Mskominikaa
- Dehminkaa
- Miinkaa
- Mshiiminikaa
- Wiingaashkaa
- Giigoonhkaa
- Nbiikaa
- Goonkaa
- Mtigwaakaa
- Mkoomiikaa

Across

- 4: There is a lot of water
- 6: There are lots of apples
- 7: There are lots of raspberries
- 8: There are lots of strawberries
- 9: There are lots of blueberries

Down

- 1: There is lots of snow
- 2: There is lots of sweetgrass
- 3: There is lots of fish
- 5: It's icy
- 6: There are many trees

3. There is lots of fish (giigoonhkaa)
5. It's icy (mkoomiikaa)
6. There are many trees (mtigwaakaa)

1. There is lots of snow (goonkaa)
2. There is lots of sweetgrass (wiingaashkaa)

4. There is a lot of water (nbiikaa)
6. There are lots of apples (mshiiminikaa)
7. There are lots of raspberries (mskominikaa)
8. There are lots of strawberries (dehminkaa)
9. There are lots of blueberries (miinkaa)

Answers



SCIT brings home the gold at 35th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

It was a day for Michigan tribes to come together and show off their athletic capabilities. The 35th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics were held Friday, July 21. While previously held at Central Michigan University, this year it was held at the Shepherd High School track.

Once again this year, Team Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe took home the gold medal. SCIT came in first place with 636 points. SCIT Members received 55 gold medals, 71 silver medals and 74 bronze.

In second place was Gun Lake Tribe of Pottawatomi Indians with 526 points, and in third was Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians with 351 points.

The Michigan Indian Family Olympics' opening ceremonies began at 9 a.m. with a welcome song by Onion Creek Drum, grand entry – with flag carriers and families walking a half lap around the track – and a flag song.

Competing Michigan tribes/communities along with SCIT, Gun Lake and Grand Traverse included: American Indian Health and Family Services,



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, and Pokagon Band of Potawatomi.

Tribal Elder Bernie Sprague provided a prayer, and Tribal Elder Joseph Sowmick performed the national anthem during the opening ceremonies.

U.S. Olympian Avione Allgood (Cree/Choctaw) was onsite for support and to provide a few words. Allgood placed third in women's javelin throw in the U.S. Olympic team trials. In 2022, she became no. 6 all time in the U.S. history in women's javelin throw.

In 2019, Allgood was a Team USA representative for the match in Belarus. She was also a 2019 representative for the U.S. Army at the Military World Games in Wuhan, China.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Veterans and flag carriers lead the Friday, July 21 grand entry to begin the 35th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics held at the Shepherd High School track.

The competitions kicked off at 9:30 a.m. Participants competed in their age group brackets. Several competitions were held including: track events, long jump, basketball shots, fitness circuits, archery, lacrosse, softball throws, bean bag toss, baby crawl, tug-of-war, and much more.

As the results came in, Erik Rodriguez and Joseph Sowmick of the Public Relations Department, made announcements heard throughout the track. The Information Technology Department updated the scores online on the sagchip.org website.

Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to the top three finishers in

different age classifications in various competitions.

The MIFO golf scramble was held on Thursday, July 20 at 10 a.m. at Pleasant Hills in Mount Pleasant.

Thursday afternoon pickle ball, cornhole and traditional lacrosse tournaments were held at Island Park in Mount Pleasant.

“Last (month’s) Michigan Indian Family Olympics was simply amazing,” said Jadan Harman, MIFO head coordinator. “I would personally mark it down as the best year yet! The healthy competition shared by all the tribes is always a beautiful scene. And seeing the laughter, joy, and each participant giving their best efforts tops it off. Not to mention this year’s weather was perfect.

“Chi-miigwetch to all the volunteers. This grand event



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

U.S. Olympian Avione Allgood (left) poses for a photo with Public Relations Manager Joseph Sowmick (right).

couldn't be done without you. It truly takes an army of a community to put this on. The Family Olympics Committee greatly appreciates all your efforts in making this event run smooth.”

Individual and team results are posted on www.sagchip.org/mifo

For more information on the event, the 2023 booklet is also available online at www.sagchip.org/mifo



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Competitors take off from the starting line during the one mile run.

2023 Team Results

First Place:

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe 636 points

2nd: Gun Lake Tribe of Pottawatomi Indians 526 points

3rd: Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa 351 points

4th: Nottawaseppi Huron Band Potawatomi 223 points

5th: Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians 123 points

6th: Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 82 points

7th: Pokagon Potawatomi 62 points

8th: American Indian Health and Family Services 8 points

Other tribes: Walpole Island, Bay Mills Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe, Chickhane, Hannahville Indian Community, Grand River, Muscogee and American Indian Services.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Onion Creek drummers perform a welcome song during the grand entry.



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Members of the Team SCIT tug-of-war team.





2023 Michigan Indian Family Olympics SCIT results

10 Meter Tot Trot

- 1-2, Male: Shomin-Hall, Josiah (Silver)
- 1-2, Female: Gibbs, Merci (Silver)

20 Meter Tot Trot

- 3-4, Male: Schocko, Ace (Gold)
- Kingbird, Kolton (Silver)
- Redstar Jr., Rashaun (Bronze)

Baby Crawl

- Female: Garcia-Pelcher, Lina (Gold)

50 Meter Run

- 7-9, Male: Chamberlain, Kruz (Gold)
- 10-12, Male: Quigno, Gabriel (Bronze)
- 55-64, Male: Leksche, William (Bronze)
- 65+, Male: Flory, Merton (Bronze)
- 5-6, Female: Pinnecoose, Azhanae (Gold)
- Kingbird, Kyla (Bronze)
- 7-9, Female: Jordan, Nayeli (Gold)
- 10-12, Female: Saboo, Isabella (Gold)

100 Meter Walk

- 41-54, Male: Chamberlain, Nikcoma (Bronze)
- 65+, Male: Flory, Merton (Gold)
- 55-64, Female: Pelcher, Sheridan (Silver)

100 Meter Run

- 13-15, Male: Robinson, James (Silver)
- 16-18, Male: Underwood, John (Silver)
- 19-24, Male: Chamberlain, Brysen (Silver)
- 25-32, Male: Ready, Kyle (Gold)
- 33-40, Male: Koons, Brandon (Silver)
- Bennett, Daniel (Bronze)
- 41-54, Male: Chamberlain, Nikcoma (Gold)
- 19-24, Female: Stevens, Makayla (Gold)
- 33-40, Female: Otto, Christina (Gold)

400 Meter Run

- 13-15, Male: Robinson, James (Bronze)
- 16-18, Male: Quigno-Grundahl, Christian (Gold)
- 25-32, Male: Ready, Kyle (Silver)
- 41-54, male: Chamberlain, Nikcoma (Gold)
- 55-64, Female: Leksche, William (Silver)
- 65+, Male: Flory, Merton (Silver)
- 13-15, Female: Rose, Kaya (Gold)
- Wohlscheid, Sierra (Silver)
- 19-24, Female: Stevens, Makayla (Silver)
- 33-40, Female: Otto, Christina (Silver)
- 55-64, Female: Pelcher, Sheridan (Bronze)

1 Mile Run

- 5-6, Male: Nedwash, Jacob (Gold)
- 7-9, Male: Saboo, Thomas (Bronze)
- 10-12, Male: Prout, Aakodewin (Gold)
- Roth, Bryson (Bronze)
- 13-15, Male: Steele, Greg (Bronze)
- 16-18, Male: Quigno-Grundahl, Christian (Silver)

- 19-24, Male: Chamberlain, Brysen (Silver)
- 25-32, Male: Ready, Kyle (Silver)
- 33-40, Male: Sprague, Luke (Silver)
- 41-54, Male: Chamberlain, Nikcoma (Gold)
- Saboo, Steve (Bronze)
- 55-64, Male: Leksche, William (Gold)
- 7-9, Female: Haight, Amaris (Silver)
- 10-12, Female: Saboo, Isabella (Silver)
- 13-15, Female: Rose, Kaya (Gold)
- Wohlscheid, Sierra (Silver)
- Davis-Hernandez, Waasnodeh (Bronze)
- 33-40, Female: Otto, Christina (Silver)

Archery

- 16-18, Male: Rose, Kadenn (Gold)
- 19-24, Male: Flory, Julian (Silver)
- 33-40, Male: Hittle, Robert (Gold)
- Bennett, Daniel (Silver)
- Sprague, Luke (Bronze)
- 65+, Male: Sprague, Kenny (Silver)
- 33-40, Female: Denhof, Leah (Silver)
- Wemigwans, Jacqueline (Bronze)
- 55-64, Female: Spencer, Robin (Silver)

Bean Bag Toss

- 1-2, Male: Redstar, Bentley (Bronze)
- 3-4, Male: Kingbird, Kolton (Gold)
- Wemigwans, Makoo (Silver*)
- Redstar Jr., Rashaun (Silver*)
- 65+, Male: Sprague, Kenny (Gold*)
- Pego, Steven (Silver)
- Flory, Merton (Bronze*)
- 1-2, Female: Wemigwans, Wassaybiya (Gold)
- Gibbs, Merci (Silver)
- Wemigwans-Hart, Mikka (Bronze)
- 3-4, Female: Ekdahl, Autumn (Gold)
- Ekdahl, Alvia (Silver)
- 55-64, Female: Flory, Loreen (Bronze*)
- Spencer, Robin (Bronze*)

Lacrosse Speed Shot

- 7-9, Male: Haight, Isaiah (Gold)
- Haight, Jeremiah (Bronze)
- 10-12, Male: Prout, Aakodewin (Gold)
- 16-18, Male: Rose, Kadenn (Gold)
- 19-24, Male: Davis, Niijzhik (Gold*)
- Quigno, Simon (Silver)
- Quigno-Grundahl, Milan (Bronze)
- 33-40, Male: Koons, Brandon (Bronze)
- 41-54, Male: McCreery, Michael (Bronze*)
- 7-9, Female: Flory, Melika (Silver)
- Spencer-Whiteside, Sakarah (Bronze)
- 10-12, Female: Bennett, Dannie (Gold)
- 13-15, Female: Wohlscheid, Sierra (Silver)
- 16-18, Female: Hyde, Makayla (Silver)
- 55-64, Female: Spencer, Robin (Silver)

Basketball Shot

- 10-12, Male: Meshkowzii, Shad (Gold)
- Prout, Aakodewin (Silver*)
- Flory, Sean-Jacob (Silver*)
- 13-15, Male: Jackson, David (Gold*)
- Leaureaux, Angelo (Silver*)
- Booker, Omari (Bronze*)
- Wemigwans, John (Bronze*)

- 16-18, Male: Underwood, John (Gold)
- Booker, Xavier (Bronze)
- 19-24, Male: Flory, Julian (Bronze)
- 25-32, Male: Merrill Jr, David (Gold*)
- Ready, Kyle (Bronze*)
- 33-40, Male: Montalvo, Mike (Gold)
- Owl, Chase (Silver)
- Sprague, Luke (Bronze*)
- Bennett, Daniel (Bronze*)
- 41-54, Male: Robinson, Henry (Silver)
- Pollard, Rolondo (Bronze*)
- Chamberlain, Nikcoma (Bronze*)
- 65+, Male: Sprague, Kenny (Bronze)
- 10-12, Female: Owl, Kaya (Silver*)
- Saboo, Isabella (Silver*)
- 13-15, Female: Underwood, Makayla (Gold*)
- Meshkowzii, Zaagidiwin (Silver*)
- Rose, Kaya (Bronze*)
- Wohlscheid, Sierra (Bronze*)
- Underwood, Evelyn (Bronze*)
- 16-18, Female: Henry, Jodie (Silver)
- Flory, Nevaeh (Bronze*)
- Hyde, Makayla (Bronze*)

- 19-24, Female: Jackson, Sydney (Silver)
- 25-32, Female: Reinsberg, Aleigha (Silver*)
- Trepanier, Morgan (Bronze*)
- 33-40, Female: Wemigwans, Jacqueline (Gold)
- Chippeway, Samantha (Silver*)
- Denhof, Leah (Silver*)
- Otto, Christina (Bronze*)
- Flory, Jessica (Bronze*)
- 41-54, Female: Otto, Felicia (Silver)
- 55-64, Female: Johnson, Marilyn (Silver)
- Spencer, Robin (Bronze*)
- Bruner, Louanna (Bronze*)
- 65+, Female: Kequom, Patty (Bronze*)

Long Jump

- 5-6, Male: Kingbird, Keaton (Bronze)
- 7-9, Male: Chamberlain, Kruz (Silver)
- Owl, Paxton (Bronze*)
- Haight, Jeremiah (Bronze*)
- 10-12, Male: Roth, Bryson (Silver)
- 13-15, Male: Robinson, James (Bronze)
- 16-18, Male: Highley, Frederick (Silver)
- Rose, Kadenn (Bronze)
- 25-32, Male: Sowmick II, Eric (Silver*)
- Ready, Kyle (Silver*)
- 33-40, Male: Owl, Chase (Silver)
- Montalvo, Mike (Bronze)
- 41-54, Male: Chamberlain, Nikcoma (Bronze*)
- 65+, Male: Flory, Merton (Silver)
- 5-6, Female: Roth, Layla (Gold)
- Pinnecoose, Azhanae (Bronze)
- 7-9, Female: Roth, Lily (Gold)
- Haight, Amaris (Bronze)

Golf

- Youth: Angelo Leaureaux/Evelyn Bennett (Gold)
- Coed: Sheila Leaureaux/Brad Bennett (Gold), Milan Quigno/Diana Quigno-Grundahl (Bronze)
- Ladies: Paula Quigno/Gayle Ruhl (Gold), Consuelo Gonzalez/Rhonda Quigno (Silver), Melanie Scott/Melinda Coffin (Bronze)
- Open: Lawrence/Foster Faber (Gold), Vinnie Kequom/Kelly Chamberlain (Silver*)
- Seniors: Bernard/Bean Sprague (Silver), Ken Sprague/Leo Bennett (Bronze)

- 13-15, Female: Rose, Kaya (Gold)
- Wohlscheid, Sierra (Silver)
- 16-18, Female: Flory, Nevaeh (Bronze)
- 19-24, Female: Stevens, Makayla (Silver*)
- 33-40, Female: Otto, Christina (Gold)
- Gonzalez, Monica (Bronze)

Fitness Circuit

- 5-6, Male: Jordan, Mekhi, (Bronze*)
- Saboo, Alex (Bronze*)
- 7-9, Male: Haight, Isaiah (Silver)
- 10-12, Male: Haight, Ezekiel (Gold)
- 5-6, Female: Kingbird, Kyla (Silver), Pinnecoose, Azhanae (Bronze)
- 7-9, Female: Roth, Lily (Gold)
- Haight, Amaris (Silver)
- 10-12, Female: Quigno-Vaughn Tru (Silver)
- Saboo, Isabella (Bronze)
- 13-15, Female: Underwood, Makayla (Bronze*)

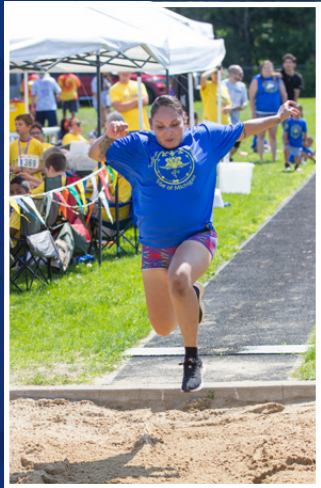
Softball Throws

- 5-6, Male: Jordan, Mekhi (Silver)
- 10-12, Male: Prout, Aakodewin (Bronze)
- 13-15, Male: Leheureaux, Angelo (Gold)
- 16-18, Male: Highley, Frederick (Gold)
- Rose, Kadenn (Bronze)
- 19-24, Male: Flory, Julian (Gold)
- 25-32, Male: Ready, Kyle (Gold)
- 33-40, Male: Owl, Chase (Gold)
- Montalvo, Mike (Bronze)
- 41-54, Male: Chamberlain, Nikcoma (Gold)
- 65+, Male: Jackson, Al (Silver)
- 5-6, Female: Kingbird, Kyla (Silver)
- 7-9, Female: Nedwash, Noah (Gold)
- Rueckert, Aubree (Bronze)
- 10-12, Female: Saboo, Leela (Bronze)
- 13-15, Female: Rose, Kaya (Gold)
- Wohlscheid, Sierra (Bronze)
- 16-18, Female: Benzinger, Izabella (Gold)
- Hyde, Makayla (Bronze)
- 25-35, Female: Reinsberg, Aleigha (Gold)
- 33-40, Female: Gonzalez, Monica (Silver)

Obstacle Course

- 5-6, Male: Bennett, Daymien (Silver)
- 7-9, Male: Chamberlain, Kruz (Silver)
- Haight, Jeremiah (Bronze)
- 10-12, Male: Haight, Ezekiel (Silver)
- 7-9, Female: Roth, Lily (Gold)
- Haight, Amaris (Silver)
- 10-12, Female: Saboo, Isabella (Gold)

* Denotes a tied medal





Holiday weekend kicks off at SECR with Monster Truck Madness 9, fireworks

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort welcomed the speed, destruction and spectacle of Monster Truck Madness 9 on Saturday, July 1.

A pit party took place prior to the event. Fans were able to see the trucks up close, and even

take a ride in a specially built monster truck. The drivers were also available for photos and autographs.

The truck lineup featured many fan favorites including Crushstation, Tailgator, Reckless Drivin, Dirt Crew, Lumberjack, Toxic, Sinistar, Maximus and more.

A free fireworks show followed the event at dusk.



Observer photos by Matthew Wright



Lil Jon turns concert into party, Pitbull doesn't make it, reschedules

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

While the evening definitely didn't turn out as planned, one thing's for certain – rapper Lil Jon gave it his all to entertain the audience after he was informed he was no longer the opening act, but the night's headliner for the Sunday, July 9 outdoor show at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

A DJ had been spinning tracks and getting the audience pumped up for the show. While the concert was scheduled to begin at 8 p.m., Lil Jon didn't appear on stage until almost 9 p.m.

Jonathan H. Smith, aka Lil Jon, is a rapper, producer, and former front man of the rap group Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz. He also proved to the audience that evening that he is one heck of a DJ.

Lil Jon was also a radio personality and a DJ on an Atlanta radio station, and he previously had a DJ residency for more than five years in Las Vegas.

Lil Jon kept the audience up on their feet and dancing by performing a huge DJ set; intermingling his hits with



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Rapper Lil Jon performs outdoors at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Sunday, July 9.

other well-known songs by numerous artists.

He would DJ at the tables on stage then when it was time to perform his own songs, he began center stage and worked the crowd. His songs he performed that evening included "Snap Yo Fingers," "Shake That Monkey," "Salt Shaker," "Get Low," "Yeah!," "Lovers and Friends," "Turn Down for What," "Shots" and much more.

Lil Jon mixed a variety of well-known hits in all different genres including: DMX's "Party Up," Bon Jovi's "Livin' on a Prayer," Trick Daddy's "Let's Go," Queen's "We

Will Rock You," Shop Boyz's "Party Like a Rockstar," The Killers' "Mr. Brightside," Blink 182's "All the Small Things," DJ Khaled's "All I Do is Win," and even some Taylor Swift.

After Lil Jon performed for over an hour, the Soaring Eagle team announced Pitbull would not be making it to the show due to his plane malfunctioning.

"We were notified at 6:45 p.m., one hour and 15 minutes prior to the start of the show, that Pitbull's private jet was grounded in Minneapolis, Minnesota on a scheduled stop," wrote Tanya Bardy, advertising/public relations manager for Soaring Eagle, in a statement. "Immediately, Pitbull's team and our team starting making calls to private jet companies to find him another way of getting here. We worked on this diligently until 8:45 p.m. when all contacts and ideas were exhausted. To no avail, we were unable to get him here in a timely manner to perform for our show."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Lil Jon performs a huge DJ set; intermingling his hits with several other well-known songs by various artists.

Bardy continued, "Our intentions were to notify everyone in the crowd in between the break of the DJ and Lil Jon's performance. However, Lil Jon's production team sent him out with no break after the DJ's performance."

Pitbull's show has been rescheduled for Saturday, Aug. 19.

All guests' tickets are good for the rescheduled date. Guests that are unable to make the rescheduled date were able to get a refund beginning that following day through 10 p.m. on Monday, July 17.

Pitbull sent the Soaring Eagle team a video to be shared on the large screens at the show explaining his issues and apologizing.

Lil Jon recorded a video one hour prior to the show, and it was posted on his social media accounts a couple days after.

"My brother Pitbull's plane has some technical difficulties and he's not gonna make it tonight, so that makes it where we can go on a little later, 30 minutes later," Lil

Jon said in the video. "But, but it's also like yeah, do I play some Pitbull records? I'm like no, cause I don't want them looking at me like, 'Why is he playing Pitbull?' and then they get mad at me, and they wanna, you know, get mad at me for him not being here."

"So I'm just going to get out here, do my set, rock my set. I might go a little over, cause I can, and try to give them a great, good time. Cause I create experiences, I create moments where they can be like, 'Man, I remember that time Lil Jon came and it was, it was just such a party; and I didn't know what to expect but he created a party.' So that's what I'm going to give them, a great party, they going to have a good time. They going to be mad that Pitbull ain't here, but they're not going to be as mad because they did have a good time with me."

As of Tribal Observer press time, there will be no opening act for Pitbull during his rescheduled Aug. 19 show and it will begin at 8 p.m.

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Pitbull

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8:00 p.m.
Outdoor Concert
Tickets: \$37, \$89, \$105, \$130



Bourbon & Bacon Dine & Drink Series Event

Saturday, September 23
7:30 p.m.
Entertainment Hall
Tickets: \$50 General Admission



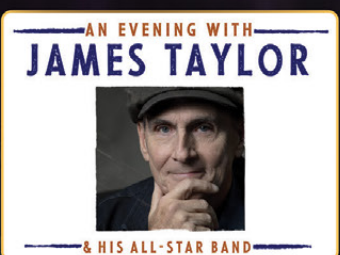
Carrie Underwood with Colbie Caillat

Thursday, August 24
8:00 p.m.
Outdoor Concert
Tickets: \$54, \$141, \$173, \$204



Patti LaBelle & Gladys Knight

Friday, October 13
8:00 p.m.
Entertainment Hall
Tickets: \$69, \$89, \$102, \$109



An Evening with James Taylor

Saturday, August 26
8:00 p.m.
Outdoor Concert
Tickets: \$36, \$81, \$98, \$114



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Friday, October 27
7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. shows
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Tickets: \$59, \$72, \$85, \$92 per show time

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Five Finger Death Punc, I Prevail combine for massive, dynamic Soaring Eagle concert

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The aggression, energy and spectacle of modern heavy metal was on full display at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Sunday, July 23. Five Finger Death Punch and I Prevail brought all the hits to the outdoor concert stage.

Five Finger Death Punch lead singer Ivan Moody's powerful vocals and the riffing of guitarists Zoltan Bathory and Andy James combined with onstage pyro effects to create an electric atmosphere.

The band began with the hit songs "Lift Me Up," "Trouble" and "Wash It All Away."

Next up were the heavy, driving riffs of "Jekyll and Hyde" followed by the memorable chorus of "Sham Pain."

The band performed a heavy metal-infused cover of Bad Company's classic hit "Bad Company." This was followed by "Never Enough" and "IOU."

Five Finger performed the slow, melodic hit "Wrong Side of Heaven" before changing up the pace with the raucous hits "Burn MF," "Welcome to the Circus" and "Inside Out."

A two-piece encore of "Under and Over It" and "The Bleeding" close out the night.

Opening for Five Finger Death Punch was the Southfield, Mich.-based rock band, I Prevail.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Five Finger Death Punch lead singer Ivan Moody performs during the July 23 concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

The Grammy nominated group has released three studio albums, including their most recent "True Power" which released in 2022.

Vocalists Eric Vanlerberghe and Brian Burkheiser combined for a powerful performance. The dynamic vocal duo effortlessly alternated between melodic singing and aggressive screaming.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Five Finger Death Punch bassist Chris Kael (left) points out to the crowd alongside guitarist Andy James (right).

I Prevail began with a trio of fan favorites in "Bow Down," "Body Bag" and "Self-Destruction."

The hits continued with "Bad Things," "Come and Get It" and "FWYTYK."

Mental illness was at the forefront of the next song "Breaking Down." The song gave audience members an inside look into depression.

This was followed by the lively choruses of the hits "Hurricane," "There's Fear in Letting Go" and "Deep End."

I Prevail upped the pace, and came back swinging with the fast, brutal songs "Judgment Day" and "Choke."

The set ended with the catchy chorus hook of "Scars" and the frenzied tempo of "Gasoline."



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

I Prevail vocalist Eric Vanlerberghe



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I Prevail guitarist Dylan Bowman (left) and vocalist Brian Burkheiser (right) perform the hit song "Self-Destruction."

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 Amber Aitson Saturday 2 p.m.	 Fred Cantu Jr Saturday 7 p.m.
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Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries welcome community to Touch-a-Truck summer event

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

First responders and heavy equipment operators converged at the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym parking lot as Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries welcomed the community to the Touch-a-Truck summer event.

Tribal Librarian Anne Heidemann said the Tribal Libraries are grateful for the partners to be able to host a program like this.

“Without the cooperation with the folks from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works Department, and Tribal Operations Maintenance Department, it wouldn’t be possible,” Heidemann said. “It’s also wonderful to see such a great turnout from the community – the Tribal Libraries are here to serve you all and we hope to see everyone sign up for Summer Reading Program!”

The Tribal Police, Fire and Public Works departments brought in several emergency vehicles and heavy equipment for families to explore.

Tribal Library Assistant Lee Ann Disel said this is the second Touch-a-Truck event.

“We had such a great turnout for our first Touch-a-Truck event, back in 2019, that we thought we’d do it again to celebrate the return of our Summer Reading Program which we’ve

not been able to do since COVID,” Disel said. “Our goal is to bring more people to the Tribal Library and to be able to interact with the community.”

Tribal Library Assistant Kimberly Condon estimates the event saw more than 140 students and families come through during the two-hour event.

“I think this event was important because, while emergency vehicles and heavy equipment are usually observed from a distance, it’s nice for kids (and adults) to get up close and personal with them at events like this,” Condon said. “Everyone enjoyed having the interaction with all our first responders. It’s great to see the kids are fascinated to see how the vehicles work and that this event gives them opportunity to touch them.”

Chief of Police Harry Ambs said the following police vehicles were on site: Ford E450 transport bus, Ford F-150 police responder, Ford Police interceptor utility and Can-Am police utility vehicle.

Tribal Fire Chief Fred Cantu Jr. said this event gives the community the opportunity to see the department’s equipment up close.

“The Tribal Fire Department had our Aerial Truck and Rescue 4, set up on display with two of our paid, on-call staff Bob Evan and Dale Haney. We also had our two summer youth workers Brandan



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Bullock Creek student Patrick Schrock (back) of Midland, Mich. gets a helping hand from Tribal Fire to see what it’s like to be transported by ambulance in a stretcher.



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Beal City Elementary student Caylee Chippewa (left) gets ready for an emergency deployment with the help of Tribal Fire summer youth worker Brandan Chippewa (right).



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Niigaanii (left) and Aubree Rueckert (right) are all smiles as they get an opportunity to check out heavy equipment used by the SCIT Public Works Department.

Chippewa and Sam Cloud on hand, assisting with handouts and equipment,” Cantu said. “These events allow the community to see the function and operation of the various equipment that is used with in our Tribal community.”

Tribal Police’s Joe Maxey, school resource officer, said his department welcomes opportunities like this event where education and fun comes together.

“It was a great time visiting with the kids and their families,” Maxey said. “Loved seeing the kids’ faces when they were interacting with us and climbing in the vehicles. Looking forward to school starting so I can visit with them daily.”

Public Works’ Omero Vasquez said having the opportunity for youth to experience heavy equipment in a safe manner is important.

“Safety is the key when working with heavy equipment and I’m glad to hear it was a great turnout,” Vasquez said. “We are happy we could help with getting our tractor and backhoe out there for the kids to explore.”

Maintenance worker Dave Anderson worked the grill and cooked the hot dogs for the event as library staff served and shared refreshments.

Environmental Team hosts plant giveaway



Courtesy of Michael McCreery

The SCIT Environmental Team hosts summer solstice plant giveaways on June 21 at the Broadway Park and in Saganing on June 20 at the Tribal Center.

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AUGUST 2023 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Native Farmers Market

- Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 • Farmers Market Pavilion
 • 989.775.4629 or JaGonzalez@sagchip.org

Elders' Aquatics Exercise Class

- Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 2 p.m.
 • Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel pool
 • 989-775-4694 or JHarman@sagchip.org

Wednesday Warriors

- Aug. 2, 9, 16
 • **Registration: Recreation@sagchip.org**
 • Registration required for each event
 • Open to all Native youth, grades 6 and up

Auricular Acupuncture

- Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 4 - 6 p.m.
 • Behavioral Health
 • 989-775-4850

Eagles Basketball Camp

- Aug. 4, 5, 6
 • **Registration: Recreation@sagchip.org**
 • Age groups: 7 and under, 8-12, 13-15
 • Open to all Tribal youth boys and girls, including youth from other tribes
 • Basketball fundamentals, strength training and nutrition will be covered
 • Film study and guest speakers
 • Registration required

Isabella Back to School Event

- Aug. 8 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 • The Hill Campground
 • 989-775-4071 or dsmith@sagchip.org
 • School supplies
 • Open to DK-12 Services/Tribal Members

Saganing Back to School Event

- Aug. 10 | 12 - 2 p.m.
 • Saganing Tribal Center
 • 989-775-4071 or dsmith@sagchip.org
 • School supplies

Elders Breakfast

- Aug. 9, 23 | 9 - 10 a.m.
 • Andahwod

Andahwod Community Garage Sale

- Aug. 10 | 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
 • Andahwod CGA
 • 989-775-4339 or depelcher@sagchip.org
 • \$10 for first table, \$5 for each additional table
 • Open to all community members
 • Tables are limited, please come to Andahwod to reserve yours

SCTC Mshiikeh 5K Run/Walk

- Aug. 12 | Race starts at 9 a.m.
 • 5805 Pickark St., Mt. Pleasant, MI
 • 989-317-4760 ext. 241 or jagreen@sagchip.org
 • Registration/packet pick-up: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
 • Free event

SCA Back to School Open House

- Aug. 16 | 4 - 6 p.m.
 • Saginaw Chippewa Academy
 • 989-775-4453 or Elmalkowski@sagchip.org
 • Raffle prizes, meet the staff and visit classrooms

Wewebanaabiwin Youth Fishing Tournament

- Aug. 18 | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 • Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park
 • 989-944-0495 or KeRicketts@sagchip.org
 • Open to the Tribal community and RV Park patrons
 • Age groups: 5 to 9, 10-13, and 14 to 17

Traditional Healing with Joe Syrette

- Aug. 21, 22 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 • Behavioral Health
 • 989-775-4850 or DePeterson@sagchip.org

Shepherd 5th Annual Bluejay Bash

- Aug. 22 | 6 - 8 p.m.
 • Shepherd High School
 • School supplies, free food, bouncy houses, outdoor games, face painting, community resources and more.

Soaring Eagle Hospitality Challenge

- Aug. 23 | 10 a.m.
 • Pleasant Hills Golf Club (Mt. Pleasant, Mich.)
 • **Registration: guestexperience@sagchip.org**
 • Two player scramble (any mix)
 • \$40 per player

People's Traditional Powwow

- Aug. 26 | Grand Entries at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
 Aug. 27 | Grand Entry at 1 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds
 • 989.775.4780 or TJackson@sagchip.org


Teachings & Sweat Lodge with Traditional Healer Joe Syrette

- Aug. 31, 2023 | 1 p.m.
 • Behavioral Health
 • 989-775-4850 or DePeterson@sagchip.org
 • Teachings in lodge: 1-3 p.m.
 • Sweat begins: 5 p.m.
 • Offered as prevention, an alternative to or for healing from opioid use disorder.

Labor Day Picnic

- Sept. 1 | 4-7 p.m.
 • The Hill Campground
 • Recreation@sagchip.org

AUGUST 2023 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
	1 Regular Council Session 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom	2 Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m. B. Health Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	3 Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Euchre Night 5-8 p.m. Andahwod Sewing Night 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen	4 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health TCWP Affidavits Due by 5 p.m.	5 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health 6
7 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health Name That Tune 2:30 p.m. Andahwod	8 Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Bingo with Friends 10:30 a.m. Saganing	9 Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m. B. Health Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	10 Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m. 7th Gen Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Euchre Night 5:30-7:30 p.m. Andahwod Euchre Night 5-8 p.m. Andahwod	11 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health	12 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health 13
14 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health Bingo with Friends 1 p.m. Andahwod	15 Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Language Class 10:30 a.m. Saganing	16 Tribal Observer deadline Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m. B. Health Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	17 Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Euchre Night 5:30-7:30 p.m. Andahwod Sewing Night 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen	18 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health	19 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Elder Birthday Bingo 12-3 p.m. Andahwod 20
21 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health	22 Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Language Bingo 1 p.m. Andahwod	23 Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m. B. Health Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	24 Elders Breakfast 10-11 a.m. Saganing Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m. 7th Gen Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Euchre tNight 5:30-7:30 p.m. Andahwod Sewing Night 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen	25 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health Rez Jam/Lacrosse Night 6 p.m. 7th Generation	26 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health 27
28 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health	29 Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom	30 Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m. B. Health Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	31 Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Euchre Night 5:30-7:30 p.m. Andahwod Sewing Night 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen Overdose Awareness Day 6-8 p.m. Housing Pavilion	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling 	



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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 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.

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Social Services Specialist

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

Two years social services, Families First worker, or family preservation experience. Full Licensure (LBSW) or Limited licensed individuals (LLBSW) must obtain licensure within two years from date of hire. Experience working with tribal communities and outside social services.

Psychiatrist

Open to the public. Medical degree. Licensed psychiatrist with a license in the State of Michigan and board certified. Three years' experience as a director of psychiatric services. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple organizations and community systems. Excellent communication and computer skills. Must be available on-call for emergencies.

Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant

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

Special Education Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in special education, education or related field. Teaching certificate with special education endorsement. Experience with current assessment requirements and state standards. Desired qualifications: Master's degree. Special education teaching experience. Proficiency in speaking Ojibwe Language. Experience working with native students and communities.

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Clinical Therapist - ITC

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Clerical Pool

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Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting. One year of experience in general accounting. Desired qualifications: Completed and passed a governmental accounting class as part of college curriculum. Tribal government accounting experience.

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Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Registered or certified medical assistant license. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position. One-year experience in long term care or clinic setting desired.

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Open to the public. 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.

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Culinary Supervisor

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Three years of restaurant or banquet cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility. Desired qualifications: Culinary degree from an American Culinary Federation (ACF) accredited school. One year supervisory experience.

Line Cook

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

F&B Cashier PT

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

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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.

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Police Officer - Standish

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. 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. Must not have

criminal history that would prevent applicant from acquiring any certification or qualification required. Must be able to pass drug screening.

Maintenance Worker

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

Food & Beverage Attendant PT

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

Inventory Control Driver Warehouse

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year experience in driving vehicles and rigs that require a CDL license. Experience with operating warehouse equipment including forklifts and riding cleaning machines.

Guestroom Attendant

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

Count Team Associate

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

F&B Custodial Worker

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

Waitstaff FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Serving 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. Must be able to pass ServSafe Certification.

Bartender FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to work all shifts.

Beverage Waitstaff PT

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

Waitstaff PT

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

Security Officer

In-house, only SCIT Members or current SECR/SELC employees may apply. Must be at least 18 years of age. Security or surveillance experience desired. Must be able to obtain and maintain First Aid and CPR certification.

Summons and Complaint Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMIE LEE FRANCIS:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800. The estate of Jamie Lee Francis: The decedent, Jamie Lee Francis, who lived at 109 S. Lincoln St., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. Date of Death: April 25, 2023. Personal representative: Taylyn Francis, 1108 Broadway Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI. Notice to Creditors: Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800. The estate of Christopher Wade Albers-Smith. Date of Birth: May 25, 1976. The decedent, Christopher Wade Albers-Smith, who lived at 12318 West Short Drive, Houghton Lake, MI, died July 5, 2023. Personal representative: Joseph M. Smith, 12318 West Shore Drive, Houghton Lake, MI. Notice to Creditors: Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice.



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