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THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE... "Working Together for Our Future"



Help STOP the spread of COVID-19:



The best prevention for viruses, such as influenza, the common cold or COVID-19 is to:

- If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19, call your health care provider. If you do not have a health care provider, call the nearest hospital.
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- If you are sick, stay home, and avoid contact with others.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others when in a public setting.

Patients with confirmed infection have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly.

The latest information is available at:
michigan.gov/Coronavirus

Tribe begins temporary closure April 4, will remain in effect through at least April 13

TIM J. DAVIS

Chief

Valued Tribal Governmental Associates, in support of the Executive Order issued by Michigan Governor Whitmer, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe will begin a "Temporary Closure" beginning April 4th, 2020.

While the amount of time we will be closed is unclear, we now know it will be at least through April 13, 2020. We continue to monitor COVID-19 updates from Mid-Michigan Center for Disease Control and the CDC

and continue to take measures to minimize its spread.

While maintaining essential services to the Tribal Membership there will be a need for "Necessary-onsite" and "Necessary-remote" personnel who will continue to provide services to the community. If you have not been identified in either of these two categories you will be classified under the "Temporary Closure" personnel.

After the initial two-week administrative closure that began on March 23, 2020 we will shift into the "Temporary Closure" on April 4, 2020. At this time we will no longer be able to continue salary and wage payments for "Temporary Closure" personnel. All "Temporary Closure"

personnel should refer to the information provided in this Tribal Observer edition for help in filing for unemployment assistance.

Your director/manger will be reaching out to discuss employment details as they pertain to your department.

Please understand that your leave is due to a "Temporary Closure" and you should expect to return to work within 120 days. Therefore, to avoid payment delays when filing for unemployment benefits, please choose the "Temporary Shutdown" option from the reasons listed for unemployment. Given the fluid nature of COVID-19 in Michigan and throughout the country, this situation is subject to change.

We will continue to provide healthcare benefits to all associates currently enrolled in our plan until you return to work or until May 31, 2020. We will also pay your healthcare benefits associate contributions during this time. Should you have questions about your medical benefits, please contact us by e-mail at benefitsteam@sagchip.org. All leave accruals will not be impacted and will be available to you upon your return to work.

Your health and safety is very important to your Tribal Leadership. We will continue to provide updates as we face these challenging times together.

Attention all Saginaw Chippewa Tribal employees claiming unemployment benefits

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

A claim for unemployment benefits begins the week it is filed; employees should file claims during the first week of unemployment.

Beginning March 30, Casino employees may file.

Beginning April 6, Tribal Operations employees may file.

Employees seeking their quarterly wages should contact HR at 989-775-5600.

For those employees who have a Gaming License which will be expiring, the Gaming Commission has advised they will offer a one-week extension from the time the properties reopen so that employees can get their renewals in. During that one-week extension period, Gaming

Commission will be onsite at the SECR HR Satellite Office to make it easier for employees to renew.

Please contact HR at 989-775-5600 for any questions. Please also see the information on <https://www.michigan.gov/leo/>

Answers to frequently asked questions can be found here: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/leo/COVID_FAQ_for_Employees_684470_7.pdf

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For information on how to claim unemployment benefits see page 5.



Carrie Lynn (Jackson) Naumes

April 12, 1973 – March 12, 2020

Carrie Lynn (Jackson) Naumes, age 46, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Thursday, March 12, 2020, at Woodland Hospice House.

Carrie was born April 12, 1973, in Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of Norma Jackson. She graduated from Clare High School with the class of 1992. Carrie worked for the Soaring Eagle Casino for several years.

She was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Mt. Pleasant Eagles #4463.

Carrie is survived by her former husband Dan Naumes; good friend Dave Switzer; daughter Danielle Trepanier; son Brandon Isham; granddaughter Isabella; Mother Norma Jean Jackson Rapp; sisters Marcy and Bobbie Jo Jackson; brothers Timothy Jackson, Joseph Jackson, Wayne Jackson, Danny Jackson, and Steve Jackson, all of Mt. Pleasant; and many nieces and nephews.

Carrie was preceded in death by her father George Francis; sister Connie Jackson; and brother Robert Jackson.

Funeral services took place at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 1 p.m. with Benjamin Evers officiating. Burial followed at Chippewa Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Phillip Edward Shenoskey

May 3, 1962 – March 9, 2020

Phillip Edward Shenoskey, 57, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Monday, March 9, 2020, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Phillip was born May 3, 1962, in Mt. Pleasant, son of Edward Joseph Shenoskey and Gloria Jeane Kahgegab. He married Della Gavrun on Oct. 3, 1989, in Grand Rapids.

He was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe where he worked as a dental assistant for seven years.

He was involved with Boy Scouts, was trained in CPR, and had attended tribal college.

Some of his favorite pastimes were fishing, camping, and cooking. He was very fond of his guitar collection.

Phillip is survived by his wife of 30 years, Della; seven children, Alisha (Luis) Velazco, Tyler (Mary) Shenoskey, Seth Shenoskey (Megan Frost), Taliitha Shenoskey, and Jonah Osawabine (Ceceilia Cooper) all of Mt. Pleasant, Matthew (K.C.) Springberg of Traverse City, and Anastasia Simmons of Cadillac; 19 grandchildren; his father, Edward Shenoskey of Harbor Springs; sister, Miranda Shenoskey of Mt. Pleasant; mother-in-law, Mary Gavrun of Hopkins; and special aunt, Gail George of Mt. Pleasant.

He was preceded in death by his infant son, Phillip Shenoskey Jr.; mother, Gloria Marshall; siblings, Gillian Jan Shenoskey Sr. and Edward Shenoskey Jr.; and father-in-law, John Gavrun Sr.

Phillip's funeral was held at noon on Thursday, March 12, at Charles R. Lux Family Funeral Home with pastor Vincent Baltierra officiating. Burial was held in Riverside Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Henry Ford Hospital.



Sean William Waweeb Sands

March 19, 2020

Sean William Waweeb Sands, a member of Walpole Island First Nation, passed away in Hamilton on March 19, 2020 at the age of 36.

Sean is the beloved son of William Alan Harris 'Bill' Sands (Charlotte Day) and the late Eileen Susanne (Young); loved brother of Ryan Sands (Crystal Wojtkowski) and uncle of Lucas Sands, Wahsahsenna Sands and Shkuhnodin Shognosh-Myers; grandson of Winona Soney Sands and the late Harrington Sands, Avis Young, Ivan Young and Lyle Riley. He will be missed by his many aunts uncles and cousins.

Sean was an artist and writer. He was a graduate of the University of Windsor, receiving his Bachelor of Arts in 2009. He loved to paint and travel so that he could experience new places and find inspiration for his paintings, novels and screen plays.

A private family service was held with burial in Highbanks Cemetery. A public celebration of Sean's life will be held at a later date.



LeRoy Donald Scharaswak

March 2, 2020

LeRoy Donald Scharaswak, age 71 of Greenville, Mich. passed away Monday, March 2, 2020.

He is survived by his daughter, Julie and Matthew Zuidema and his grandsons: Hunter and Hayden Zuidema. He is preceded in death by his son Donald Scharaswak.

LeRoy proudly served his country in the United States Navy as a SeaBee serving five tours of duty in Vietnam, he also served and retired from the Army National Guard.

He was employed at General Electric in Holland for many years and retired from Amway. LeRoy was an elder in the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. He was a board member of Michigan Bikers Helping Veterans.

Interment with military honors will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Mich. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Yntema Funeral Home.



In Loving Memory of
Mildred Nahgahgwon
October 1943 – April 2010

*A shining ray upon her face
Her smile as bright as the sun
Loving each and every
one in her embrace
She greets and would have
As cool as a spring day
Her generosity and strong will
She would remind us that everything will be okay
Her cooking and fun family night was a thrill*

*From the stars in the sky
To endless comforting space
Every time I remember our dinners and pies
I know you're in a wonderful place*

*We all remember her love, her personality, and her light touch
My grandma meme, I love you very much!*

- Tanner Williams

It has been 10 years since you walked on, and still we miss you every day,
Your family, near and far



Vivian Lorraine Jackson

March 24, 2020

Vivian Lorraine Jackson, age 88, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at McLaren Bay Region Hospital.

Vivian was born April 13, 1931, in Dowagiac, Mich., the daughter of Charles and Mary (Jackson) Collins. She married Paul Jackson Jr. on July 1, 1966.

Vivian worked as a punch press operator for Pridgeon & Clay for 20 years. She and Paul were evangelical missionaries who traveled throughout the United States for many years.

She was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Vivian loved crocheting, beading, weaving baskets, and macramé.

Vivian is survived by her husband Paul Jackson Jr. of Mt. Pleasant; four children Barbara (Simon) Arzola of Mt. Pleasant, Vincent Gallegos of Grand Rapids, Gail (Rory) Smith of Sparta, Shelly Rickert of Grand Rapids; 20 grandchildren Lisa (Juan), Rachel, Andy, Simon, Sheilah, Stephanie, Robert, Frank, Soniqua (Josh), Eric, Phillip (Jen), Michele, Lori, Kari (Ben), James (Theresa), Sarah, Jonathan, David (Tabitha), Rebekah, and Elizabeth (Chris); 53 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren; brothers Steve Collins of Bradley, Ronald Collins of Six Lakes, Lyle (Franceau) Collins of Idaho; and sister Doris (Ardean) Romer of Weidman.

Vivian was preceded in death by her parents; son Frank Gallegos Jr.; daughter Sheilah Gallegos; great-grandson Simon Chippewa; brother Charles Collins; and sister Joyce Hart.

Private burial took place at Woodland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Public Notice

Unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members

The following is a list of unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members. Any person who has been court appointed as the member's Personal Representative of the Estate can contact the Per Capita Office to claim the funds.

All monies must be claimed within 2 years from their date of death, or such monies will be forfeited and returned to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Per Capita Trust.

Tribal Member Name	Date of Death
Bailey Sr., Fredrick	12/8/2019
Bills Jr., John	10/8/2018
Bordeau, Tina	7/10/2018
Cantu, Bonnie	1/22/2019
Chippewa Jr., Donald	4/7/2019
Collins, Larry	11/25/2018
David, Paul	8/26/2019
Falsetta, Stella	3/23/2019
Fender, Mary	1/12/2019
Garlick, Joseph	10/16/2019
Henry, Philip	1/6/2019
Hodges, Janet	7/31/2019
Jackson, Earlene	8/22/2018
Jackson, Ronald	9/20/2019
Martinez, Lou Ella	2/24/2019
Marshall, Gloria	7/22/2019
Mcdonald, Eva	6/9/2018
Moore, Steven	10/8/2019
Peters Sr., Phillip	12/8/2018
Quayle, Dennis	7/21/2018
Sandell, Joyce	4/5/2019
Stempek, Lena	9/17/2019
Stewart, Lynne	11/6/2019
Stigger, Mark	5/29/2019
Ziehmer, Ida	7/24/2018



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SCIT GOLF

Membership

Memberships on sale now:

- 100 memberships available
- Open to Tribal Members, employees and their families
- Includes Green fees and discounts on apparel, range, food and drink at participating courses

Memberships cost \$250 each

- 10 percent discount for first 20 memberships purchased and paid in full. (*Only 1 early membership can be purchased per person per ID*)
- Memberships and cart raffle tickets available for purchase by contacting Erik Rodriquez at 989.775.4059
- Payment plans available (*Discounts do not apply to payment plans*)

Participating courses:

Pleasant Hills Golf Club, The Pines Golf Course, Maple Creek Golf Club, Waabooz Run Golf Course and Pohlcot Golf Course.

Cart Membership Raffle (optional) Drawing on Friday, April 10 in the Black Elk HR Lounge at 3 p.m.

- Win a cart at your favorite course (*Limit may only win once*)
- One cart membership available at each course
- Tickets: one for \$5 or five for \$20

Segwen Mariah Traver

Oct. 31, 1980 – March 9, 2020

Segwen Mariah Traver, age 39, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Monday, March 9, 2020, at Bluewater Health in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada.

Segwen was born Oct. 31, 1980, in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, the daughter of Rocky Lunham and Elaine (Pego) Shawnoo. She was a proud member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Segwen graduated from Mt. Pleasant Public Schools and worked for the Soaring Eagle Casino for several years.

Segwen is survived by her husband, John Melvin Traver; children Oojaun Potter, William Potter, Zaagidiwin Traver, Shad Traver, and Gimiwan Traver, all of Mt. Pleasant; grandchildren Ava, Ameliana, and Giiwedini; father "Rocky" Lunham and Dad Kevin Shawnoo, both of Kettle Point, Ontario, Canada; sisters Shawana Chippeway, Mary (Lorenzo) Waboose Claudio, and Sunshine Rose Shawnoo, all of Mt. Pleasant; and many other extended family members.

Segwen was preceded in death by her mother; grandparents James and Grace Pego, and Gladys and Melvin Lunham.

Funeral services took place at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Friday, March 13, 2020 at 1 p.m. with Rev. Robert Pego officiating. Burial followed at Woodland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.





Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings

The Regular Tribal Council Sessions occur at 9 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers in the Black Elk Government Complex, in accordance to the Tribal Constitution.

Meetings are open to Tribal Members.

Administration will announce ahead of time if meeting date or time changes for possible weather or emergencies. However, it is rare the times change.

Administration's administrative assistant III compiles and prepares the agenda.

Approximately two weeks prior to the meeting, an email is sent to Tribal Operations employees to remind them of the meeting and request any submissions for the agenda.

Any SCIT Tribal Member or other individual/department must submit a written request if they wish to be placed on the Regular Council Session agenda. Anyone wanting to be added can call (989) 775-4003.

Regular Council Session Dates

- April 14
- May 5
- June 2

The Tribal Clerk's Office WILL BE CLOSED March 23 – April 3, 2020

You are urged to send all Annual Reports, Tribal Children Welfare Affidavits, Address Change Forms and Loan Applications by U.S. Mail.

- **NOTARIZATION OF FORMS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED AT THIS TIME** to lessen the person to person contact amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
- As usual all Clerk forms are available online at: <http://www.sagchip.org/tribalclerk/forms>

Any questions, please contact any of the following:

Tribal Clerk Staff

- Joseph Fisher II | 989-775-4051 | jfisherii@sagchip.org
- Kevin Skutt | 989-775-4055 | kskutt@sagchip.org
- Shawn Sawmick | 989-775-4054 | ssawmick@sagchip.org

Enrollment Staff

- Mindy Durfee | 989-775-4072 | midurfee@sagchip.org
- Aimee Lehmkuhle | 989-775-4053 | alehmkuhle@sagchip.org

Miigwetch for your understanding and stay safe.

Tribal events cancelled, postponed throughout last month for health precautions

With Tribal community events being cancelled or postponed throughout March and beyond, as mentioned in the letter below from the Public Relations department, the Tribal Observer presents a shorter edition this month.

For more updates, stay tuned to the Tribal Facebook page, Membership page and incoming emails.

The following text was released by Public Relations Manager Erik Rodriguez:

"The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has decided to postpone all community events through the end of March 2020 as we take the necessary next steps in protecting our community. Although we currently do not have any confirmed cases in

close proximity it is in the best interest of our community that we error on the side of caution.

As we continue to monitor the ongoing situation, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe will continue to work with public health recommendations provided by our local, state and federal partners.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe will continue to post public health information as it relates to COVID-19 and continue to recommend that both best practices and precautions are being taken to mitigate the risk.

We appreciate your understanding and please reach out to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe if you should have any questions."

Behavioral Health Groups

Out of consideration for community safety and health, Behavioral Health is cancelling ALL Groups at least through April 13.

We will continue to closely monitor the situation.

This includes:

- Drop in groups (AA/NA)
- Living in Balance Group
- Saganing Talking Circle
- RTC/SLP Face to Face Family Visitations
- IOP
- CBT

Any questions please call: (989) 775-4850

Other Virtual/Online Resources Available:
(Not affiliated with SCIT or Behavioral Health)

- White Bison: www.intherooms.com/home/
- AA: <http://aa-intergroup.org/directory.php>
- Smart Recovery: www.smartrecovery.org/community/

Tribal Business Regulations

The Tribal Business Regulations & Tax office is temporarily closed until further notice and is OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

For exemptions, license plates, tab renewals or other inquiries please contact: Tribal Business Regulations & Tax Director Chris Sineway for assistance via email at cdsineway@sagchip.org



How are you practicing Social Distancing?

In an effort to promote wellness and safety, tell us how are you practicing social distancing. What activities are you doing at home to keep busy at this time?

Send the Tribal Observer your photo that showcases the practicing of social distancing.

- Email Observer@sagchip.org your photo and name.
- Deadline: Wednesday, April 15, 2020
- Your photo will be featured in the May edition.

SCIT Departmental Switchboard Numbers

- Accounting: 775-4040
- ALRD (Language/Sasiwaans): 775-4470
- Andahwod: 775-4300
- At Large/Member Services: 775-4944
- Behavioral Health: 775-4850
- Box Office: 775-5808
- Business Regulations: 775-4175
- Campground (Hill): 772-2285
- Cardinal Pharmacy: 317-3700
- Eagle Bay Marina: 846-6065
- Economic Development: 775-4091
- Education: 775-4506
- Enrollment: 775-4051
- Gaming Commission: 775-5712
- Grants: 775-4001
- Higher Education: 775-4071
- Housing: 775-4595
- Human Resources: 775-5600
- Information Technology: 775-0100
- Legal: 775-4027
- Library (Gym): 317-4789
- Mailroom: 775-0114
- Migizi: 775-4223
- Nimkee: 775-4600
- Nimkee Dental: 775-4657
- Nimkee Fitness: 775-4693
- Nimkee Medical: 775-4936
- Nimkee Optical: 775-4675
- Nimkee PRC (Contract Health): 775-4634
- Nimkee Pharmacy: 775-4608
- Nimkee Public Health: 775-4695
- Office of Administrative Hearings: 775-5740
- Payroll: 775-5252
- Per Capita: 775-4139
- Planning: 775-4014
- Public Relations: 775-4096
- Prosecutor: 775-4808
- Purchasing: 775-4190
- Recreation: 775-4149
- RV Park: 817-4803
- Sagamok (Mt. Pleasant): 775-5800
- Sagamok (Saganing): 846-6703
- Saganing Outreach: 775-5820
- SCA (Academy): 775-4453
- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort: 775-5777
- Saganing Eagles Landing Casino: 888-732-4537
- Seventh Generation: 775-4780
- Slot Palace: 775-0160
- Social Services/ACFS: 775-4901
- Treasury: 775-4141
- Tribal Clerk: 775-4051
- Tribal Council: 775-4200
- Tribal Court: 775-4800
- Tribal College: 317-4760
- Tribal Fire: 775-4866
- Tribal Observer: 775-4010
- Tribal Police: 775-4700
- Utilities: 775-5231
- Vehicle Maintenance: 775-4890
- Veterans: 775-4521
- Soaring Eagle Waterpark: 817-4800
- Ziibiwing: 775-4750



Tribal Council

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Council Member

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Attention SCIT Tribal Members: Notice of Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing held on **Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 9 a.m. in the Tribal Council Chambers in the Black Elk Building, 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858.**

Due to the COVID-19 virus, this hearing may be held in a different format. Please check sagchip.org for updates prior to the hearing.

This hearing will address the liquor license application presented to Tribal Council by Marc Forrest, Director of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Food & Beverage Department or his designated staff. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing requests as follows:

Renewal of Retail On-Premise General Liquor License for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort located at 6800 Soaring Eagle Boulevard. Such license, if approved would cover all indoor and outdoor Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's premises, Main Casino Floor including Main Floor Bar #1, 2, 3, 4, Isabella's,

Water Lily, Room Service, Banquet Spaces, Portable Bars #1-#13, Aurora Buffet, Legends Diner, Siniikaung, Entertainment Hall, Prime Rib Cart, Hotel Pool and Spa areas, Miijim C-Store, Casino Retail Gift Shop, Slot Palace Retail Gift Shop, Quick Service Cart Services, Casino Beverage Cart Services, The Native Grind, Slice Pizza, Central Deli (FKA The Sub Shop), SECR Room Service Operations, SECR Outdoor Concert Venue, SECR Concession Trailer, SECR Slot Palace Bingo Hall, Slot Palace Gaming Spaces in Rooms 'A', 'B', and 'C', Slot Palace Pub, Little Eagle Café, Ascend Sports Bar, any indoor service on premises under the auspices of the SECR, and any outdoor service on premises under the auspices of the SECR.

This License, if issued, will be for the duration of one full year from May 24, 2020 to May 24, 2021, with hours of alcohol service consistent with section 10 of the Gaming Compact of August 20, 1993, and specifically including hours of service for Sunday alcohol sales.

Nimkee staff wear blue on March 6 to promote Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Nimkee Memorial Wellness staff pose for a photo on Friday, March 6 for Colorectal Cancer Awareness.

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center staff promote "Dress Blue Day" for Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month on Friday, March 6.

"If you are between the ages of 45 and 75 years or at high risk due to a family history or other medical concern, please call your doctor's office to discuss screening recommendations," said Margaret Steslicki, director of the Nimkee Medical Clinic.

"Together We Can Save Lives....Early Detection is the Best Prevention."

The Seven Grandfather TEACHINGS

Nbookaawin – Wisdom

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

Zaagidowin – Love

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

Minaadendamooing – Respect

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

Zoongide'ewin – Bravery

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

Gwekwadiziwin – Honesty

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

Dibaadendiziwin – Humility

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

Debwewin – Truth

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

Tribal Observer

Boozhu! The Tribal Observer, a monthly newspaper, is published on the first of each month. To contact Tribal Observer staff, please call 989-775-4010 or email observer@sagchip.org. To change your mailing address, please contact the Tribal Clerk's office at 989-775-4055. Community advertisements will not be accepted over the phone.



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

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

Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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

Tribal Observer Advertising

If you would like to advertise your business, please contact the Tribal Observer at **989-775-4010 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 \$500. Political ads may include, but are not limited to, any opinion or advertisement that is political in nature and/or any Letter to the Editor that does not conform to guidelines.

Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Please mail form to:

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

Contact Information:

Phone: 989-775-4010
Email: Observer@Sagchip.org
www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver



Claiming unemployment benefits in Michigan: COVID-19 guide

(Editor's note: The following information is provided www.michigan.gov.)

If you become unemployed, you may qualify for unemployment insurance benefits. These benefits are intended to provide temporary income as you seek new employment or have been laid off during the COVID-19 crisis.

Filing for and receiving benefits

A claim for unemployment benefits begins the week it is filed. Therefore, you should file your claim during your first week of unemployment.

There are two ways to file a new claim or re-open an existing claim:

- **Fastest and preferred method:** Online- visit www.michigan.gov/uia and sign into MILogin to access or create an account on the Michigan Web Account Manager (MiWAM).
- **Telephone** - Call 1-866-500-0017. If you are hearing impaired, TTY service is available at 1-866-366-0004.

Information needed to file a claim:

- Social security card
- State issued driver's license or ID card number for your MARVIN PIN (if you have one.)
- The names and addresses of employers you worked for during the past 18 months along with your quarterly gross earnings.
- The first/last date of employment with each employer
- Your most recent employer's Federal Employer ID number (FEIN) and Employer Account Number (EAN). **(Call HR for information.)** Depending on your situation, knowing the account number may speed up the processing of your claim.
- If you are not a U.S. citizen or national, you will need your Alien Registration Card and the expiration date of your work authorization.

Register for work and work search

- Register for work and work search are not required at this time.

Two ways to receive benefits, choose either:

- Debit card or
- Direct deposit to your bank account

Bi-weekly certifications

You must certify your eligibility every two weeks to receive payment. The preferred method of certifying is online, although phone certification is also available.

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Behavioral Health Program's community information regarding COVID-19

(Editor's note: The following information was released on March 19 by Behavioral Health.)

Behavioral Health's Leadership Team takes the health and safety of our associates and our clients very seriously. We are working proactively to keep essential services open to the community, while also following the CDC's recommendations for social distancing.

The Behavioral Health Leadership Team is continually monitoring the rapidly changing situation regarding COVID-19, and will adapt our service methods if necessary to comply with the guidelines and recommendations.

Behavioral Health is committed to providing mental health

services, modified from our regular operating procedures to be in compliance with the CDC guidelines. This is the current status of our operating guidelines under the current conditions. If there are future changes, these will be posted on SCIT websites and social media outlets.

Behavioral Health overall:

- Daily screening of COVID-19 risk for all who enter the building
- Frequent cleaning of high traffic/high touch areas
- Handwashing and hand sanitizer stations
- Cancelled all groups (i.e. IOP, Women Supporting Women, Acupuncture, etc.)

Residential Treatment Center (RTC):

- No off-site support group

meetings or visitors; working to facilitate engagement with support groups/families through technology

- On-site meetings restricted to current clients only
- No off-site activities where large crowds are gather
- Using social distancing within the confines of the treatment center –sitting further apart, using the lodge with fresh air for groups when possible

Supportive Living Program (SLP):

- Currently not admitting new residents
- Since residents are in and out of the center and in the community, extra vigilance on assessing/screening is being conducted
- No outside visitors or outside meetings

- Established protocols for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case – designated quarantine location

Outpatient Services:

- Triaging existing clients; those in higher risk categories, transitioning to individualized services + tele-health supports
- Telephone well checks with clients
- If you are not an existing client, but need mental health (including substance abuse) services, the following is the protocol to be assigned a therapist who can provide tele-health supports
 - After hours
 - Call Tribal Dispatch at (989) 775-4700
- Only your first name and phone number need to be given to Tribal Dispatch

- A BH on-call worker will return your call

Crisis and On-call Services:

- Available 24 hours a day by calling Tribal Dispatch at (989) 775-4700 and asking for the BH on-call.
 - Only your first name and phone number need to be given to Tribal Dispatch
 - A BH on-call worker will return your call
- Not limited to those in a crisis, anyone who needs mental health assistance can call and speak to a BH on-call worker
- Prevention Services (including Zaagaatee' Mentoring Program):
 - All youth and community activities, trainings, and groups have been canceled, except those being provided to RTC.

Casino properties close until further notice amid COVID-19 measures

MIKE BEAN

CEO

(Editor's note: The following information was released on March 16, 2020)

In an effort to help protect the health and safety of Michigan communities including loyal guests and team members as we face the spread of the Coronavirus, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Saganing

Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel and The Slot Palace & Bingo Hall will be closing effective March 16 at 5:00 p.m. until further notice. We will continue to monitor updates and recommendations from the Mid-Michigan Center for Disease Control.

During the closure, all reservations for meetings, events, overnight stays, scheduled performances, promotions and Eagle ACCESS Loyalty

offers have been cancelled or postponed.

Stay up to date with the status of the closure by downloading our Eagle ACCESS Mobile app, following us on social media or visiting our websites: SoaringEagleCasino.com and/ or Saganing-eagleslanding.com.

Please join us in helping to minimize the spread of COVID-19 by following CDC best practices for sanitation and safety.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

On March 16, all casino properties close until further notice due to COVID-19.



Local teens provided with dating violence awareness presentations

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

February was Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, and in recognition of the occasion, Nami Migizi Nangwihgan presented the “Everyone Deserves a Healthy Relationship” community learning event on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

The evening event, held from 6 to 8 p.m. at Mid Michigan College, featured two speakers from Uniting Three Fires Against Violence.

Hali McKelvie, community outreach specialist, and Heather Syrette, project coordinator for the Division of Victim Services (DVS), presented information on the mission of Uniting Three Fires Against Violence, and spoke about teen dating safety, domestic violence and sexual assault.

McKelvie is an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She has experience presenting to local tribal communities on various topics; discussing social change, domestic violence, and sexual assault in Indian Country.

Along with providing education for the Tribal membership and advocating for community members, McKelvie also advocated for the passing of the



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AGAINST VIOLENCE**

Violence Against Women Act (2013) at the national level.

Syrette is an enrolled member of Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa in Harbor Springs, Mich., and Oneida First Nation of Ontario, Canada. Syrette has experience working with Native families in child welfare, domestic violence and substance abuse.

The Wednesday evening occasion was one of many for McKelvie and Syrette; the surrounding days, they traveled to local schools to speak with students during a week-long initiative.

According to Shuna Stevens, prevention coordinator for Behavioral Health, they had 14 different sessions at five different schools. Their message reached 917 students. The presentations were held at the Mt. Pleasant High School, Mt. Pleasant Middle School, Shepherd High, Odyssey and Beal City.

“Our mission is to support all Michigan Tribes in promoting

the social change necessary to address the disproportionate rates of violence impacting our communities,” McKelvie said. “We envision empowered Native American survivors with access to essential and culturally appropriate services throughout the State of Michigan, tribal communities that have access to the resources necessary to provide the identified services, and Tribal, State and Federal responses guided by culturally appropriate and trauma-informed practices.”

Cleopatra Kleppert, victim advocate with the Tribal Prosecutor’s Office, is also a board member for Uniting Three Fires Against Violence.

United Three Fires provides education and training, on providing information on sexual assault and domestic violence that enables professionals to improve their response to victims/survivors as it relates to their role in the system.

“Signs of a teen dating violence victim,” Syrette said,



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Uniting Three Fires Against Violence representatives Heather Syrette (left) and Hali McKelvie (right) deliver a Feb. 26 teen dating violence presentation at Mid Michigan College from 6 to 8 p.m.

includes: “fear or concern about upsetting their partner; excusing of their partner’s behavior; isolating from peers, spending a lot or all of their time with partner; loss of personal identity; receives an excessive amount of calls, messages, texts from partner; sudden loss of personal interests, negative grades; and unexplained bruising, injuries or markings.”

Syrette said during her time working for Child Protective Services in the past, “a lot of the mothers who were former victims previously showed those same signs that their children were currently showing;” it’s an unfortunate cycle.

If a teen is a victim, McKelvie said: “Listen to them and tell them you believe them. Understand it may be difficult for the teen to speak about this and may not want to open up about their relationship. Make

appropriate referrals to better assist the teen in securing physical safety and emotional wellness. Allow the teen to make their own decisions about their situation, yet remind them of the risks and benefits to their decision. If electronics have been used in their victimization, assist them with disabling certain feature, blocking their perpetrator, deleting certain apps, etc.”

For tribal communities, Srette suggested teen dating violence prevention outreach ideas could include: community awareness walks, at powwows, teen conference, teen dances, sports competitions (basketball tournaments, 5k races), lock-ins, talking circles and/or ceremonies.

Prior to the start of the event, Tribal elder Judy Pamp provided a blessing for the food. Domino’s Pizza donated salad and an abundance of pizzas.



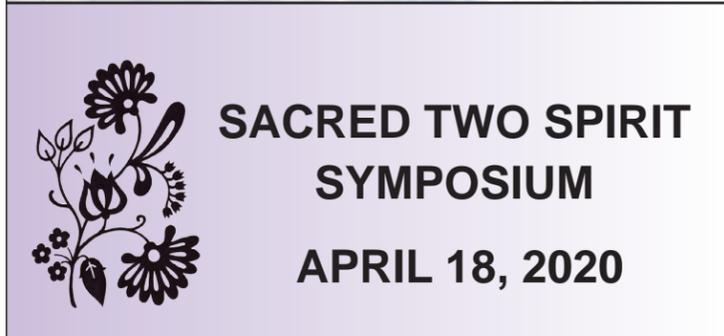
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Soaring Eagle's Food & Beverage Department provides meals for local shelter

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

For the second year in a row, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Food and Beverage Department provides one meal a week – hot dinners and breakfast foods for the following morning – to the Isabella County Restoration House Shelter for the duration of the winter.

The meal locations are in rotation through the local churches.

“We started in November and will continue for the balance of the season,” said Marc Forrest, director of SECR Food & Beverage. “We are also working to help encourage other businesses to sponsor meals for the ICRH and their mission to protect those homeless families most vulnerable in the brutal Michigan winters.”

Forrest received a mailed thank-you note from Debra Tworek, a congregant at the Mount Pleasant Community Church.

The letter reads:

*Dear Marc,
Thank you for your generous meal and breakfast*

goodies for the rotating shelter – while we – Mount Pleasant Community Church hosted them.

We were so blessed by your contribution. I pray that you & your staff are blessed also.

Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

*In His Love,
Deb Tworek
Mt. Pleasant Community Church*

Forrest scanned the letter and emailed it to his staff and those that aided in cooking the meals or making the act of kindness feasible.

“I was moved that she took the time to frame our contribution in such a touching manner and I give you my thanks for your help and support of this program,” Forrest said, in the email sent to those who assisted.

Betty Riddle, chef for the SECR Banquet Department, said the department provides enough food for at least 40 people, as well as stocking up on nonperishable breakfast items.

“I use a four-week rotating menu with items such as barbecued ribs, grilled chicken breast, beef tips and

other home-style items,” Riddle said. “We provide two entrees, a starch and a vegetable, rolls and butter. We also always have a fresh garden salad and a selection of desserts from our pastry department.”

Riddle said, “In the event that we provide a meal on a holiday, we provide a little extra, especially for any children that may be served. Last year we were able to do Easter baskets on Easter and some stockings for the Christmas meal.”

Forrest said the Public Relations Department was instrumental in helping Food & Beverage seek Tribal Council approval to send out the meals.

“The Tribe has a far reach and has historically been very generous when it comes to the needs of our greater community,” said Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier.

Forrest said he sent the letter along to his staff for them to see to that their “efforts are not only making a difference with the guests of ICRH but also helping grow an awareness of the support the Tribe provides the community.”

“Often, the homeless are marginalized; pigeonholed by

various stereotypes,” Forrest said. “As we have come to witness, however, with so many living paycheck to paycheck, the homeless can be our co-workers, friends, and

family. The small contribution we make to the ICRH effort is helping families – many with young children – find their way through unimaginably tough times.”

Andahwod Elder Highlight



Courtesy of Marion Williams

Early last month, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police officers took a break to check in with the Andahwod elders and show a little friendly competition with a card game.

Tribe takes ownership of United Methodist Church in Standish, Mich.

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has recently taken ownership of the United Methodist Church on the Saganing Satellite Reservation in Standish, Mich.

The church, located at 5450 Sturman Rd., is across from the Saganing Tribal Center.

This community church, once owned by the Hall family in 1874, became the house of worship for the Native American ministries on behalf of the United Methodist Church.

“We have come a very long way in bringing our

community church back to its community. We will work with the community and our property assets team to assess and build future programming for the church and its physical care,” said Tribal Councilman Ron Nelson, District Two representative.

A ‘gratification exchange’ ceremony was held on Feb. 28 at noon inside the Saganing community church, with Tribal leadership and clergy from the United Methodist Church in attendance.

“I am saddened that the long history of this church has come to an end. I am very pleased, however, that this property, which has such

special significance, will continue to be used for the wellbeing of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe,” said Bishop David A. Bard.

At the ceremony, Tribal Council Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts provided the opening invocation. Sub-Chief Joe Kequom and Nelson provided remarks.

William Johnson, a THPO representative, was gifted 12 bundles of tobacco by Rev. Todd Williamson.

According to Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier, the Tribe intends to reach out to Tribal Membership for feedback about the church’s usage.



Courtesy photo

After the Tribe takes ownership of the Saganing community church, Tribal leaders and clergy from the United Methodist Church pose for a photo during a Feb. 28 ‘gratification exchange’ ceremony inside the church, located across from the Saganing Tribal Center.

April 2020 Tribal Elder Birthdays

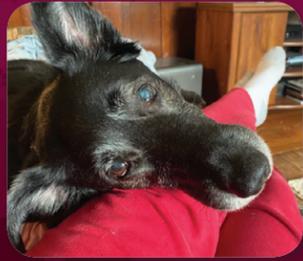
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Rez Pets: It's Raining Cats and Dogs!



Owner: Hannah Nobis
Name: Hank
Age: 2
Breed: Saint Bernard



Owner: Jessica Gelvin
Name: Daisy
Age: 10
Breed: Lab mix



Owner: Mary Roberts
Name: Butterscotch
Age: 8
Breed: Cockapoo



Owner: Kate McCormick
Names: Klunk, Sadie & Sissy
Ages: 2, 2 & 2
Breeds: Hound Mixes



Owner: Christopher Brown
Name: Murphy Brown
Age: 2
Breed: German Shepherd/Shar Pei mix



Owner: Nicole Aasved
Name: Jagger
Age: 2
Breed: Chocolate Lab



Owner: Aimee Lehmkuhle
Name: Milez
Age: 5
Breed: American Staffordshire Terrier



Owners: Jeff and Twila Schrot
Names: Papi & Gracie
Age: 11 & 12
Breed: Jack Russell & Chihuahua



Owner: Devon Durfee
Name: Cesar
Age: 12
Breed: Shih Tzu



Owner: Tainelle Bailey
Name: Brutus
Age: 2
Breed: Chihuahua/Pug mix



Owner: Chyann Haas
Name: Brin
Age: 11
Breed: Boxer/Pit Bull mix



Owner: Roland Jackson
Name: Aspen Stevenson Jackson
Age: 3
Breed: Chihuahua



Owners: Nick & Wendi Bovear
Names: Maggz, Cabby & Zoey
Ages: 11, 10 & 10
Breeds: Shih Tzus



Owner: Nettie White
Names: Murphie (12 years) & Esther Vom Rotholtz (1 year)
Breeds: Wire Haired Vizsla & Deutsch Langhaar



Owner: Kinomaage Kwe Spickerman
Name: Pete
Age: 11
Breed: Pit Bull



Owner: Margie Wehner
Name: Fiona
Age: 8
Breed: Yorkiepo



Owners: Jason, Candace & Bella Benzinger
Name: Sadie **Age:** 2
Breed: Olde English Bulldog



Owner: KenaDee Foco
Name: Indy
Age: 5 months
Breed: German Shepherd



Owner: Hector Colon-Agosto
Name: Wendy
Age: 7
Breed: Chihuahua



Owner: Brandon Hart
Name: Journey
Age: 11
Breed: Tortoiseshell Calico



Owner: Demmie Jackson
Names: Tiny & Cash
Ages: 5 & 8
Breeds: Chihuahua & Domestic medium hair cat



Owner: David Blaisdell
Name: Ellie
Age: 19 weeks
Breed: German Shepherd



Owner: Kayla Compau
Name: Tala
Age: 12 weeks
Breed: German Shepherd



Owners: Rich & Barb McEnhill
Names: McCoy & Murray
Ages: 2 & 3
Breed: Beagles



Owner: Catherine Laquiere
Name: Jewelz
Age: 10
Breed: Jack Russell terrier



Bonnie Sprague recognized as 2019's Outstanding Citizen of the Year

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Tribal Member Bonnie Sprague was recognized and honored as 2019's Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

Sprague was announced the winner during the Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce's 63rd annual awards banquet on Feb. 29. at Comfort Inn Conference Center.

Throughout the past year, she volunteered for several events within the Tribal community including: Michigan Indian Family Olympics, Run on the Rez, the Human Race, and as a bingo caller for the Ziibiwing Center's car bingo during Native Fest and for the Andahwod elders in August.



Courtesy photo

Bonnie Sprague accepts the 2019 Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award during the Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce's 63rd annual awards on Feb. 29 as her family shows their support.

Sprague is the general manager of the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel. In that role, she and the Waterpark staff have held numerous fundraisers to collect donations for several charities including: the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen, the Humane Animal Treatment

Society, and for Andahwod and its elders, and much more.

Sprague has also made charitable contributions during Anishnaabeg Child & Family Service's Christmas Bazaar where she made and sold more than 200 cookies and had all the donated proceeds go to ACFS.

She has also previously used the funds made during the Christmas Bazaar to help a family who lost their 4-year-old in a car accident. She is also an active foster parent through the ACFS Foster Care Program; oftentimes, fostering more than one child at once.

A large group of family and friends entered the room and surprised Sprague as she accepted her award onstage. Sprague received a standing ovation from all in attendance.

"I love volunteering my time and being able to contribute back to nonprofit organizations and community events," Sprague said. "It gives me joy to be able to help people who are less fortunate, provide assistance to those who need help, or supporting a good cause. It also gives me the opportunity to work with like-minded people. Our mother taught us at an early age to give back whether it was with kindness, compassion, donating, or volunteering. I thank my mother for instilling this quality into our family and I thank my family and work family for their support. I couldn't have done it without them."

Her husband Bernard Sprague attended the event with her.

"I would have to say it is her caring heart that I admire the most; she responds to people

in need when she is called on," Bernard Sprague said of his wife. "She doesn't turn her back, she will help individuals and families whenever and however she can."

Her husband also said, "Together, we have helped numerous families during hard times and sad times – she is always ready to cook or give emotional support to those that ask. Bonnie is a spiritual woman; she prays for everyone of the Tribe and the community. If she knows you have a special need, she will pray for you individually, as well."

Her daughter Mary Quigno also agreed Sprague has gone out of her way to help those in need.

"Growing up my mom was always working," Quigno said. "I never understood why she always had to work, and I didn't really ask why. Now that I am a mother of two boys, I finally understand why she dedicated so much time to working hard for what she has. She didn't have to tell me anything, I learned by watching...I can only hope to one day achieve half as much as she has; I'm just thankful she has paved the way and made it look so easy."

Arnold J. Sowmick was the last Tribal Member to receive Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 1988.

Owner: Norman Cyr Jr.
Name: Dalilah
Age: 3
Breed: Pit Bull

Owners: Troy & Michelle Turner
Names: Loki, Thor & Jayling
Ages: 5, 4 & 12
Breeds: Pomeranian, Boxer/ Bull Dog & Apple head Siamese

Owner: Elijah & Isaiah Otto-Powers
Name: Petey **Age:** 1
Breed: Pit Bull mix

Owner: Karen Roy
Name: Buddy
Age: 18
Breed: Tabby

Owner: Kim Howe
Names: Sir Alexander Chippendale "Chipi" & Deuce
Ages: 2 & 11
Breeds: lack Lab & Chesapeake Bay Retriever

Owner: Darlene Chippewa
Name: Sparkle & Murray
Age: 13 & 10
Breed: Boxer mix & Terrier mix

Owner: Gene Davidson
Names: Ayven, Sofi & Khasy
Age: 3, 7 & 12
Breeds: Unknown, Ring Neck Dove & Chihuahua

Owners: Craig & Marlene Wayne
Name: Lucy
Age: 9
Breed: Golden Retriever

Owner: Shawn Sawmick
Name: Apollo
Age: 1
Breed: German Shepherd

Owner: Lee Johnson
Names: Ted & Tilda
Ages: 10 & 8
Breeds: Chocolate Lab & Yellow Lab mix

Owners: Maia, Buck, Hazen, Dajia, Brayden
Name: Maui
Age: 3 months
Breed: English Bulldog

Owners: Cheryl & Lupe Gonzalez
Name: Hank **Age:** 2.5
Breed: Rat Terrier

Owner: Natalie Shattuck
Name: Hendrix **Age:** 1
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Order Establishing Spring Wild Turkey Season 2020

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B), the 2020 Spring Wild Turkey Season begins Wednesday, April 1, 2020, and will close on Monday, June 15, 2020, unless ordered otherwise. The 2020 Spring Wild Turkey Season will allow for the harvest of two male turkeys.

Harvest tags will be available starting March 31, 2020 at the Tribal Planning Department office. Only two tags are allowed

"Other Indians" may not hunt on Tribal Trust or Tribal owned Fee Land.
* Other Indians as defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 52.

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

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



Theresa Caputo of TLC's "Long Island Medium" brings two live shows to Soaring Eagle

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Theresa Caputo, star of TLC's "Long Island Medium," brought her live show to Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall on March 6 and 7.

The Saturday evening show was originally the sole show scheduled, but tickets sold out so fast that another live experience was added for Friday evening. The same thing happened during her last visit in March 2018: one show sold out so quickly, another was added.

Both 2020 shows began at 8 p.m. with an announcer asking the audience to please rise for the National Anthem. An audio recording of the "Star Spangled Banner" was played over the sound system in the Entertainment Hall.

A video montage then played on the three large screens at the front of the Hall. The clips showcased both sentimental and funny clips from "Long Island Medium" and provided some information about Caputo's ability to receive messages from spirits.

Caputo was then introduced by the announcer. She walked

on stage with greetings consisting of hollers and applause from the audience.

Caputo sported a short, sparkly dress, high stilettos, teased hair, a sharp New York accent, and lots of sass.

During the live experience, Caputo gave an introduction on stage before she walked out onto the floor, "letting spirit guide her through the audience" to interact with audience members. Caputo shared personal stories about her life and explained how her gift works.

"Spirit is here to give you what you need to hear or maybe witness, not what you want," Caputo said.

Caputo explained that she was about to deliver healing messages to audience members and give people comfort knowing that their loved ones, who passed, are still with them, just in a different way.

"So, I am the first one to say what I do is crazy," Caputo said. "There is no way that someone can communicate with someone that has died, 'she is absolutely crazy.' And there are going to be a lot of things that spirit might refer to that are common. It is not my fault, nor spirits' fault, that there are common ways that people die

and common burdens or guilts that we carry."

Caputo continued, "So, with every healing message that spirit has me deliver here tonight, they have to validate something unique to the person that spirit is speaking to. So, it may be something that happened years ago... Then your loved ones might bring up something that has happened since they've died to validate for you that, through every breath you've taken, every milestone you've achieved, they are with you in spirit, they are not missing out."

"(Spirits) are not waiting for you at the cemetery; I did not bring them here with me tonight. I have my own dead people and my own problems," Caputo said. "Your loved ones are with you. The number one thing spirit has me say to someone is 'please let them know that I heard them say goodbye, nothing was left unsaid.' Very easy for me to say that to somebody, so that's why your loved ones might validate with something you have not shared with anyone else here in the physical world."

When Caputo walked around in the audience, cameras followed her. She and whoever she spoke with were provided microphones and the video live streamed on the screens in the Entertainment Hall so audience members could see what was happening at all times.

On Friday evening, one of the first audience members Caputo stopped to talk to was a female. Caputo said she "wants to talk about the daughter who departed." The female confirmed her daughter died just four months ago after a 16-year battle with cancer.

Caputo asked her if she asked "God to take her instead" and the female confirmed yes.

The evening was filled with sentimental moments, Caputo delivered messages – sometimes vague, sometimes unique – to audience members, and oftentimes the audience member said they never told anyone what Caputo had just said.

Caputo said "the spirits make her feel how they died." Throughout the show, she said she felt labored breathing, blood in her mouth, pains in her head and chest, and even started gagging at one point.

Caputo also approached a young female who she felt was struggling. She said she felt the young female "lost everything." Caputo asked her if she even tried to end her life. Caputo said she kept trying to walk away and talk to the next audience member, but spirits kept bringing her back to the young lady and asked to "save her" and remind her she "has a live worth living for."

With lots of audience tears shed, Caputo found moments to keep the atmosphere light and deliver jokes at the right time.

"I used to eat people's food and drink their drinks," Caputo said. "... I would have had a few sips of beer by now, but not now with the corona (virus)!"

Tribal Member Heaven Wemigwans attended the Friday show and said the experience was "very intense."

"I couldn't see the entire audience's (reactions), but the upfront area where me, my sister and sister-in-law were, seemed



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Theresa Caputo (right) from TLC's show "Long Island Medium" poses for a backstage meet and greet photo with Heaven Wemigwans before the Friday, March 6 live experience, held in the Soaring Eagle Entertainment Hall.

very interested in what she was saying," Wemigwans said. "The ladies that Theresa talked to about their mothers seemed as if they had gained closure. I enjoyed the show very much and hope to see her in the future."

A standout moment on Saturday evening was when Caputo asked a young female audience member if she had a daughter. The female replied, "I'm pregnant but we don't know the gender." The audience replied with awkward laughter and stunned reactions, as if Caputo just announced a big secret.

Stirring audience applause and hollers, Caputo announced that a new season of her show will return in the fall.

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Rescheduled Concert Dates

- **Chris Tucker** - Aug. 8, 2020
- **Dustin Lynch/Travis Denning** - July, 5, 2020
- **Sebastian Maniscalco** - July 11, 2020
- **Ron White** - Aug. 8, 2020

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- 2.) Must be at least 18 years of age
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Meetings are held once a month and a stipend is given for each meeting attended (if eligible). Requires Tribal Council approval.

Deadline: May 31, 2020

If you have any questions, please call Michelle at 989.775.4602

If interested:

Write a short letter stating why you feel you would make a good Health Board Member.

Mail or bring to the Nimkee Clinic:

Attention: Michelle George
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oshkaya'aa	new
amajise	come awake
baashkaabigwanii	blossom
zhawendaagozi	blessed
gitigaazh	plant
ozhaawashkwaabiigizi	green
mashkosiw	grass
iskigamizigan	sugarbush
aninaatig	maple
ningide	thaw
waaseyaa	sunny
zaagibagaa	leaves bud
maajiigan	start to grow
nibii wakamigaa	wet ground
mitig	tree
dakaayaa	cool weather
wadiswan	nest
azhashkiiwizide	muddy
opichi	robin

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Word Bank

- gzin-jiin
- gzin-jii-daa
- pane gzin-jiin
- gzii'aa-bi-de-wan
- gziing-kwe-wan
- gzi-biik-zhen
- gzi-biing-de-ben
- nzi-kwe-wan

Down

- Let's wash our hands
- Wash your hands
- Wash your hair
- Always wash your hands

Across

- Brush your hair
- Brush your teeth
- Take a bath
- Wash your face

Down

2. nzi-kwe-wan (wash your hair)
4. gzii'aa-bi-de-wan (brush your teeth)

6. gzi-biik-zhen (take a bath)
7. gziing-kwe-wan (wash your face)

Across

1. gzin-jii-daa (let's wash our hands)
3. gzin-jiin (wash your hands)

4. gzi-biing-de-ben (wash your hair)
5. pane gzin-jiin (always wash your hands)



The Saginaw Chippewa Academy, Sasiwaans Immersion School and the Tribal Libraries will be closed until April 14, 2020, as of Tribal Observer press time.

Education director thanks those who aided with free breakfasts, lunches

MELISSA ISAAC

Education Director

(Editor's note: The following message was sent out on March 17, 2020.)

On behalf of the Education Department, I would like to say Chi-Miigwetch

to everybody that helped feed more than 60 youth in our community ESPECIALLY the grown-ups that took time out of their day to pick up and provide meals for the young people in their lives.

We were able to provide a week's worth of free lunches and breakfasts

for our children and some adults.

We would also like to give a shout out to the "anonymous donor" who generously paid for 25 adults as well.

While the SCA location will NO LONGER be providing meals, please take part in any of the following options:

Pick up meals: Mt. Pleasant High School or Ganiard Elementary

Last and certainly not least, Chi-miigwetch to the dedicated Education Department staff that did not have to be there but insisted on helping our students and their families. I appreciate you all so much.

Saginaw Chippewa Academy honors January, February Students of the Month

NIKI HENRY

Curriculum Instructional Coordinator

On the morning of Friday, Feb. 28, parents, friends and family members gathered in the Saginaw Chippewa Academy cafeteria to honor the student selected as Student of the Month in January and February.

The event began with a welcome by Michelle Klingensmith, Project Aware school counselor, followed by a welcome song by Mino Ode Drum.



Courtesy of Niki Henry



Courtesy of Niki Henry

January and February Students of the Month are honored during a Feb. 28 celebration in the Saginaw Chippewa Academy cafeteria. Parents, guardians, school faculty members, family members and friends gather to celebrate the students.

The following students were honored for the month of January: Aubree

Rueckert (Kindergarten), Ziegwan Callaway (first grade), Brayden

Chivis (second grade), Rayis Rose-Perez (third grade), Keldan Hill (fourth grade), and Joseph Jackson (fifth grade).

The following students were honored for the month of February: Erich Lehman (kindergarten), Billie Jo Peterson (first grade), Shanelle Perez (second grade), Trinity Jackson (third grade), Jaycee Sheahan-Kahgegab (fourth grade), and Honey-Jo Snyder, (fifth grade).

The awards ceremony wrapped up with an honor song, prayer and a pancake breakfast.

Fifth grade learning celebration teaches 'how the beaver got his tail'

NIKI HENRY

Curriculum Instructional Coordinator

At the end of the school day on Friday, Feb. 21, Saginaw Chippewa Academy staff and students gathered together to watch fifth grade students celebrate

learning by adapting the story of 'how the beaver got his tail' into performance art.

"The 5th Grade Learning Celebration built off some of the well-done scripted presentations done by previous classrooms and added a cultural component to reflect what we are trying to do here at

SCA," said Michael Ireland, fifth grade academic teacher.

Ireland explained that the fifth grade teaching team comprised of himself, teacher's aide Jose Garcia and AB instructor Wesley Hale worked together to guide students through the project. He said they helped students "draft, revise, rehearse, and

present a modern adaptation of the story that kept true to the teachings involved."

The performance was informative, entertaining and well-received by students and staff alike.

"I want to thank the students who stepped outside of their comfort zones to present this to our body," Ireland said.

SCA students enthusiastically celebrate National Reading Month

NIKI HENRY

Curriculum Instructional Coordinator

The month of March is National Reading Month, and the Saginaw Chippewa Academy students and staff celebrate it each year with enthusiasm.

This year, plans for the month included a Scholastic book fair, read-alouds from visitors such as Isabella County Prosecuting Attorney David Barberi; reading buddies; a spirit week centered around books; and morning reading-related

trivia and announcements provided by Shara LeValley, SCA's reading interventionist/literacy coach.

Although several of the activities and events were cancelled or postponed due to the school's closure in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, students were able to participate in many activities and events during the first two weeks of the month, and the school was able to meet its goal of \$1500 in book fair sales in less than a week.

SCA Principal Kara Hotchkiss said, "After we closed school on Friday, March 13, we were short about \$120 to meet our goal. Due to the closure, we

were missing out on another week of sales. Once staff heard we were potentially falling short of our fair goal, they bought more books out of their own pocket to ensure we met our goal. This means our students will get the Buy One, Get One free Book Fair in May."

Hotchkiss noted, that the community also helped the school meet its goal. "There was approximately \$300 from donations in the collection box at Sagamok," she said.

The BOGO book fair the academy earned through meeting the goal is currently set to begin Monday, May 4,

and Hotchkiss noted that the Family Reading Night originally planned for Tuesday, March 17 has been postponed but not cancelled.

"Even though March is Reading Month, SCA students are encouraged to love reading all year round," Hotchkiss said. "So, we plan to reschedule our Reading Night Event when school resumes and we are able to hold events."

LeValley agreed with Hotchkiss. "We want to celebrate reading every day, not just during Reading Month," she said.

Vowles

The following students earned perfect attendance for February: William Ingram, Da'Vea Jackson and Aliana Lerma.

Shepherd

The following elementary students earned perfect attendance for February: Sam Cloud, Johnathan Cogswell, Declan DeFeyter, Liam DeFeyter, Eyhana Feliciano, Abigail Farrell, Akiiwaande Howard, Jayla Kequom, Waasey a Lambertson, Ellery Lawson, Andreas Ramirez, Koda Rueckert, Braylee Trepanier, Johnny Vertz, Kiarah Vertz, Lakiah Vertz, Levi Wakemup. **Middle school:** Johnathan Bailey, Talan Bailey, Sadie Cogswell, Anjelica Hinmon, Kyleigh Scarlott, Madalyn Sineway, Jayla Trepanier, T'yannah Trepanier, LaAnna Trudeau and Kerra Whitepigeon. **High school:** Foster Crampton, Hunter Johnson, Olivia Lawson, Andee Raphael, Jacob Sineway, Matt Smith, Makayla Stevens and Emma VanHorn. **Odyssey:** Akiveo Gon.-Hawkins. **Morey:** Lauren Lindstrom and Wasson Howard.

Renaissance

The following students earned perfect attendance for February: Alyssa Flores, Jaxon Rodriguez, Amiah Cox, Eli Harris, Coen Helms, Ayden Jackson-McDonald, Kenisynn Shaw, Gracie Flores, Bryson Roth, Jacob Wilson, Donovan Harris, Jadrian Jackson, David McClain, Troy Richardson, Emma Henry, Isaiah Otto-Powers, Kyla Henry, Tyler Snyder, Neveah Badger and Sarah Osawabine.

Pullen

The following students earned perfect attendance for February: Maddison Darnell, McKenzie Darnell, Shanee Garcia, Natalie Mejia, Evan Patterson, Isaiah Rantenen, Daniel Shananaquet, Noah Sprague, Richard Willis, Ayannah Bennett, Danielle Hernandez, Benjamin McCormack, Ashlynn Merrill, Avryl Willis, Addison Begay, Lukas Chapa, Leah Garber, Daveigha Issa, NaMiah Jackson and Aakodewin Prout.



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SCTC classes will not resume until the fall semester. Classes will be held online for this semester's remainder.

Student contest decides title for SCTC's new Native writers' series

AMEE SCHMIDT

SCTC English Faculty

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's English department, in conjunction with the Extension Program, has launched a new writers' series to bring professional Indigenous writers to SCTC's campus and the greater community.

We needed a unique title, so we held a contest during which students submitted title ideas and then voted for their favorites.

Elisa Grossman, a first-year liberal arts major from



Kent City, took home the grand prize—an SCTC backpack chock-full of goodies—for her title "Walk in My Mocs Writers Series."

James Chippewa, who is graduating in May, came in

second place and received a gift card.

Walk in My Mocs Writers Series held its first event on March 30, welcoming M. Carmen Lane, two-spirit African-American and Haudenosaunee (Mohawk/Tuscarora) writer and visual artist.

Lane participated in a Lunch and Learn, gave a reading and talk to two SCTC classes, and led a Two-Spirit Talking Circle.

Our next visiting writer will be Gordon Henry Jr., who will visit campus and the greater community on April 14. We hope to bring in two writers per semester in the coming years.



Courtesy of Amee Schmidt

SCTC's English department launched a new writers series. Students entered a contest to name the event. The winner of the contest was Elisa Grossman (right) with her title "Walk in My Mocs Writers Series." James Chippewa (left), was the runner up.

Tribal College math instructor examines excellence

LINDSAY DRUMM

SCTC Academic Specialist, English

On Friday, Feb. 14, Earle Crosswait (SCTC academic specialist – math) participated in a panel discussion during the Excellence in Teaching and Learning Committee's Winter Conference at Central Michigan University's Park Library.

The 10th annual conference, sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS), with assistance from the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Support, explores a different theme each year. This year's focus was "The ETLC Responds to President Davies' Priorities: Rigor, Relevance & Excellence."

Crosswait, along with three other participants – Marita



Courtesy of Lindsay Drumm

"Perspectives on Excellence: A Panel Discussion" participants (Left to right: Lynn Sweeney, Marita Hattem-Schiffman, Debra Poole, Earle Crosswait, Sarah Learman, and Christopher Davoli).

Hattem-Schiffman, Sarah Learman and Debra Poole – discussed what excellence means to him, how it might look for his students, and how he cultivates a culture of excellence in his classroom.

The moderators were especially interested in Crosswait's embodied integration of the Seven Grandfather Teachings.

Adapted from the Carnegie Math Pathways Program, Crosswait's students create a

"Cultural Contract" using the Teachings as touchstones for enhanced behaviors and mindsets. The posters they create remain on the classroom walls all semester as daily reminders of the commitments made to each other and themselves.

"It goes back to the idea of making things explicit and present for the students," Crosswait said in a pre-panel email thread. "Or they fall back into the old learning patterns and behaviors, which may or may not be productive."

Christopher Davoli and Lynn Sweeney co-organized the excellence panel and served as moderators during the event. Although they proposed a majority of the panel prompts, they encouraged audience participation.

One such question involved balancing student accommodations with rigor and how much help is too much. Hattem-Schiffman, president of MidMichigan Health – Central Region, raised an important point. She asserted that when we find ourselves more invested in someone's success than they are, it is time to step back and let them own their success (or failure).

Poole (who has 40 years of teaching experience) offered a contrasting viewpoint. She claimed that we shouldn't be asking what excellence means because, from a psychology standpoint, a subject's behavior inherently changes when he/she is aware of being observed.

Additionally, Poole explained, it confines the concept of excellence to a single definition. Instead, she believes we should go about our day-to-day business of educating and see what works and what does not.

Because the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Support helped fund this conference, Learman (Teaching & Learning Consultant for CIS) stressed the services

available through her office. She explained that they exist to enhance the teaching and learning experience at CMU and they can assist instructors with implementing new classroom strategies.

This free, one-day conference will return in Spring 2021 with a fresh theme. Check <https://www.cmich.edu/colleges/class/About/ETLC/events/pages/default.aspx> for updates.

COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR

Tuesday, June 23, 2020
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, East Building

Morning session
• 10 – 11 a.m.
Visit college and career representatives

Afternoon session
• 1 – 2 p.m.
Visit college and career representatives
• 2 – 3 p.m.
Informational session

- Geared toward high school students and transfer opportunities
- Four-year Universities
- Internship opportunities
- Scholarship opportunities
- Career opportunities

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College STEAM Student Organization

SPRING STEAM RAFFLE Fundraiser

Drawing: Tuesday, April 28
1 p.m. | Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College

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

Raffle prizes:

- 1st prize:** Feast bundle includes wooden plate, bowl, silverware, copper cup, and a cooper water bottle. (Donated by STEAM Student Organization)
- 2nd prize:** Overnight stay at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, including waterpark passes and a \$50 food voucher. (Donated by SEWPH)
- 3rd prize:** Beaded medallion (Donated by SCTC student Jeannie Snyder)
- 4th prize:** A painted picture (Donated by STEAM Student Organization)

***Proceeds help fund activities, events, travel, and donations.**

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For more information, please contact:
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APRIL 2020 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Attention

The following events are updated as of Tribal Observer press time, though they could be rescheduled or cancelled. Please stay tuned to the Tribal Facebook page, Tribal website, Tribal Membership Facebook page and personnel emails in regards to event's rescheduled dates.

Youth Council Meetings

April 14, 21, 28 | 5 - 6 p.m.
 • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym Youth Lounge
 • youthcouncil2@sagchip.org

Drums Out: Singing for Fun

April 15, 22, 29 | 6 - 8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation Blue House
 • **To order: 989.775.4780**
 • Come together, for sharing of knowledge around the drum.

Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

April 16, 23, 30 | 4 - 6 p.m.
 • Behavioral Health
 • 989.775.4895

Anishinaabemowin Sacred Fire Lunch

April 23 | 12 - 1 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation

Summer Safety Fair

May 16 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 • Public Safety Building

Honoring our Water: Tradition and Science

May 28 | 5:30 - 8 p.m.
 • Island Park Gazebo (Mt. Pleasant, Mich.)
 • 989.775.4065 or 989.775.4780

Statewide Tribal Opioid Summit

June 9 & 10
 • Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort

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Monday Nights

Starting May 18 (12 weeks)

Location: PohlCat Golf Course

Tee Times begin at 4:40 p.m.

Team Information

- Co-ed (can be any mix)
- Players must be ages 18+

Two person teams are required with one player being one of the following:

- SCIT Tribal Member
- Tribal Employee (SECR, Migizi, Tribal Ops, SELC)
- SCIT descendant
- Member of another Tribe

Registration deadline: May 11

League Fees: \$100

Cart fees:
 SCIT Golf Members: \$120
 Non Members: \$260

APRIL 2020 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling ● Waste Collection* <small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small>	1	2	3	4
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13	14	15	16	17	18
Tribal Operations Closed - Easter	Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m. Performance Circle Ziibwing 4:30 p.m.	Tribal Observer April Deadline Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 - 9 p.m.	12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m. Lunch Break Census Celebration Tribal Library 11 a.m.	Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. Active Parenting Now ACFS 10:30 a.m.	19 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 5 p.m.
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27	28	29	30	<p>As an extra precaution to our customers and staff, we are currently serving through the drive-thru only.</p> <p>THANK YOU</p>	
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Human Resources will be closed until Tuesday, April 14

We will still continue to be collecting applications online over the duration of our closure. Normal business hours will tentatively resume on Tuesday, April 14 at 8 a.m.

If your matter is urgent, please email: HRRecruitment@sagchip.org and someone will assist you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

100 Employment

Tribal Operations

General Labor Pool

Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be physically fit and able to perform manual labor.

ACFS Director

Open to the public. Master's degree in social services, human services or related field. Five years' social services experience. Two years' experience in a supervisory capacity. Experience working with tribal communities and outside social services. Ex-

perience with budget administration, operation, reports, contract management and development. Certified social worker and/or licensed clinical social worker preferred. Obtain HIPAA certification within five business days of hire. Under the supervision of Tribal Administration, direct, establish, plan and coordinate all activities and segments included within Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services (ACFS).

Police Officer

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Associate degree preferred.

per experience with budget administration, operation, reports, contract management and development. Certified social worker and/or licensed clinical social worker preferred. Obtain HIPAA certification within five business days of hire. Under the supervision of Tribal Administration, direct, establish, plan and coordinate all activities and segments included within Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services (ACFS).

Dentist

Open to the public. DDS/DMD degree from an accredited school. Licensed dentist. Two years working dentist experience preferred. DEA Controlled Substance License or ability to obtain upon hire. Under the supervision of Chief Dental Officer, provide general dentistry services to patients served at the facility assigned, or to any other facility or program where the Tribe provides services. Provide clinical diagnosis, evaluation, studies, and treatment services of professionally acceptable quantity and quality, in accordance with privileges granted.

Water Operator Intern

SCIT Members only. First Shift Monday-Friday 8 a.m - 5 p.m. Open March 19 - April 17, 2020. High school diploma or GED. Must be at

least 18 years of age. Education and experience in advance mathematics, basic chemistry, laboratory and computer skills preferred. A math test will be required and administered prior to interview. Mechanical skills, not limited to automotive, such as pumps, or shaft driven equipment preferred. Must possess good communication and diagnostic skills.

Clerical Pool

Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Clerical experience is preferred.

Saganing

Guestroom Attendant FT

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

Guestroom Attendant PT

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

Beverage Waitstaff FT

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

Beverage Waitstaff PT

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

Cashier PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cashiering and/or hosting experience. Must be able to operate a POS.

Inventory Control Driver-Warehouse

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be 18 years of age. One year receiving or warehouse

experience. One year experience in driving vehicles and rigs that require a chauffeur license. Experience with operating warehouse equipment including forklifts. Experience on stand up or sit-down fork lifts or ability to be certified within 90 days of hire/transfer. Must obtain Fork Lift certification within 90 days of hire/transfer.

Night Auditor PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. One year customer service experience and cash handling experience. Front office operations experience preferred. Must be able to pass a typing test of at least 30 words per minute.

Security Officer PT

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

F&B Custodial Worker FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Kitchen cleaning experience preferred. Must have an organized and thorough work ethic and a strong desire to provide service.

Front Desk Agent FT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. One year customer service experience and cash handling experience. Front office operations experience preferred.

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Maintenance Worker PT
In house only, only SCIT Members and SELC/SECR employees may apply. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year custodial and maintenance experience. Experience with plumbing and carpentry.

Finance Cashier PT
Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. Six months cash handling or cashiering experience. Must have basic math skills with the ability to pass a written math test with 80 percent accuracy and ability to handle large amounts of currency.

Youth Council Vacancies

One Advisor (male or female)

- If interested, please submit a letter of interest to: YouthCouncil2@sagchip.org

One Youth Council Seat

- If interested, please attend a Youth Council meeting.
- Meetings are held on Tuesdays from 5 - 6 p.m. in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym Lounge.

For more information:

- Email: YouthCouncil2@sagchip.org
- www.sagchip.org/youthcouncil

Michigan Indian Leadership Program at Michigan State University

JULY 19-24, 2020

- FREE Program for Native Youth
- Space is Limited
- Apply Early
- Application Deadline: April 17, 2020. Late applications will be considered on a space available basis or placed on the waiting list.

Call or email for more information or to request an application
Contact Information:
 Stephanie Chau
 Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Citizen and MILP Director
 (517) 355-0234
chaus@msu.edu



- Program Dates are: JULY 19-24, 2020
- Native American Students Entering 8-12 Grades in Fall 2020
- Application Deadline: April 17, 2020
- Learn about College, Admissions and Financial Aid
- Prepare for College and Your Future
- SAT Prep
- Cultural Activities
- Leadership Development
- Native American Staff/Mentors/College Students
- Explore College Majors and Career Opportunities
- You can download the application on our website: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/milp>

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Helping Empower Youth

Crew Leaders and Summer Youth Workers Needed

Applications: Available in April at www.sagchip.org

Crew Leaders:

- ▶ Must be SCIT Member
- ▶ Must be 18-24 years old
- ▶ Application deadline: April 30, 2020

Youth Workers:

- ▶ Must be SCIT Member
- ▶ Must be 14-18 years old
- ▶ Application deadline: May 29, 2020



For more information, please contact: Lou Bruner at 989.775.0053

With all the fitness centers closing during this tough time Nimkee Fitness has developed an incentive program to encourage you to stay active!

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Program Details:

Complete 3 out of the 5 components of the program over the next 3 weeks and be placed in a drawing for prizes!

1. Share this post with others through social media
2. Take two pictures of yourself exercising and post them on social media #stillactive (or send to jharman@sagchip.org)
3. Log a minimum of 20 minutes for 3 days in a week at www.surveymonkey.com/r/6VRF3SH
4. Utilize Nimkee Fitness's "LIFE log" for workouts of the day and log in and comment in the page provided at: www.sagchip.org/news.aspx?DepartmentName=L.I.F.E+log
5. Make a Wellness Coaching phone appointment by contacting Jayme Green at jgreen@sagchip.org or call 989.775.4696

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