



December 2020 | Volume 31 | Issue 12
Mnidoog-Giizisoon (Little Spirit Moon)

TRIBAL OBSERVER

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

Script from Tribal Council's video of updates for the Membership

(Editor's note: The following is the script from the video Tribal Council released to the Membership on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020. Please view the video in its entirety on the Tribal Members section of sagchip.org.)

Welcome

Chief Tim J. Davis: "Boozhu and hello to all of our Tribal Members that are viewing this. As we continue to navigate through these unprecedented times, we hope you and your families are staying safe and doing well.

Today, Tribal Council would like to provide an update to you and we would like to share information about a few key areas that affect us all as Tribal Members."

Regular Session update

Treasurer Maia Spotted Tail: "We are looking at early Spring 2021 in hopes of switching the monthly Regular Session meetings from Tuesday mornings to the evenings at 6 p.m. It is our hope that our members can attend and be a part of the updates and business we discuss during these meetings. As we navigate through the

ongoing pandemic, these meetings are available for viewing on sagchip.org. Please contact the Public Relations team if you have any questions on how to sign in and view these meetings."

(Treasurer Maia Spotted Tail spoke about items the Tribal Observer is omitting, not for public knowledge.)

(Gayle Ruhl spoke about items the Tribal Observer is omitting, not for public knowledge.)

Tribal Recreation and School ground blessing/ groundbreaking

Ron Ekdahl: "Our hopes were to have a ground blessing and groundbreaking ceremony (on Nov. 19 for the new Tribal School and Recreation site), but after careful consideration and discussion, we felt it was best to postpone this opportunity and revisit when the time is right.

We are very excited to see this project move forward and you may notice that the road has been completed and we hope to break ground on the project in the near future. This project is an important milestone for our Tribe and an investment in the future of our youth.

Once we reevaluate the current state of our nation we will be sure to update and invite all of those who would like to join us for this event."

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Hotel update

Background

Ron Nelson: "In March 2020, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Hotel and The Slot Palace and Bingo Hall voluntarily closed for an initial two-week period following Governor Whitmer's "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Order. Thereafter, the casinos voluntarily remained closed for an extended period, consistent with the governor's follow-on Orders until May 28, 2020; reopening at a time many other casinos across the country were reopening. This decision was made in the best interest of our Members, patrons and associates to slow the spread of COVID-19 and save lives."

What we have done

Carmen Otto: "During the casino closures, the casino management team spent time learning about the Coronavirus and implementing a Health and Sanitation Plan to responsibly reopen. This Plan includes the requirement that all guests and team members wear masks, something now known to be the single most significant safety measure.

The casinos hired "Clean Teams" dedicated to the continuous cleaning of slot machines and other high-touch surfaces.

Every other slot machine has been turned off to achieve social distancing with social distancing markers installed in appropriate places throughout the facility. Acrylic dividers have been installed at close interaction areas, including at all table games. Additional hand sanitation stations and

sanitization wipe stations have been installed.

All guests and team members have temperature checks before entering the casinos."

The results

Theresa Jackson: "Today, we have a track record of success. Our experience with Coronavirus transmission has been that the safety protocols are effective, particularly the requirement that all team members and guests wear masks.

Contact tracing of team members who have tested positive for the Coronavirus typically result in learning that Coronavirus transmission occurred outside of work in an environment where masks may not have been worn and other protocols may not have been followed.

Typically, a team member who is isolated and tested for Coronavirus after having had (CDC defined) close contact at work with another team member who tested positive for Coronavirus results in a negative test. We believe this is due to our mask wearing requirement and other safety protocols."

Next steps

Gayle Ruhl: "For these reasons, we do not believe closing Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Hotel, and The Slot Palace and Bingo Hall will adversely impact efforts to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus. Should new information emerge that indicates otherwise, we will revisit this decision.

We will continue to review protocols in all areas of

Features

- 2 Public Notices
- 11 Fun and Games
- 12 Health
- 14 Calendar
- 15 Classifieds

Copyright © 2020 Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan
All rights reserved.

operation and make adjustments as deemed appropriate."

Tribal Operations

Government update

Sergeant-at-Arms Martha Wemigwans: "Tribal Council met with Administration on Nov. 12, 2020 to discuss proactive opportunities to increase our safety guidelines in response to the ever-growing challenges of the current pandemic for our Tribal Government. Several things were discussed that Tribal Council would like to detail for you in the face of the increased COVID numbers.

Providing essential services

Chip Neyome: "Remote work opportunities, social distancing and wearing a mask are the most impactful deterrents in preventing the spread of the virus.

We are asking that our employees are sure to lessen their access to the facility as much as possible while ensuring they continue to maintain services to our Membership. Virtual meetings such as teams, Lifesize and Zoom are a valuable tool and can be utilized as much as possible.

Tribal Council | 7

PRESORTED STANDARD
US POSTAGE
PAID
GREENSBORO, NC
PERMIT # 338

Reminder to turn in stimulus application:

Tribal Council, through Resolution 20-116, authorized the establishment of the Saginaw Chippewa COVID-19 Emergency Relief Program to provide financial assistance to the Membership during this COVID-19 public health emergency.

One of the requirements for the program was to fill out and return the application that accompanied your check as receipt of payment. To date, we have more than 100 Tribal Members who have yet to fill the application

out and return it; this includes adults and children.

If you are unsure if yours was received, please reach out to the Tribal Clerk's Office at (989) 775-4054.

Additionally, you may retrieve the application from the Tribal Member website. You can scan the signed form to Enrollment@sagchip.org or fax it to (989) 775-4075.

It is imperative you complete the application and return it via the aforementioned options ASAP.



Beatrice Seger

Oct. 2, 1935 – Nov. 11, 2020

Beatrice Seger passed away peacefully with family by her side on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020, age 85 years.

Beatrice was born Oct. 2, 1935 in West Branch, Mich. to Simon and Mable Stevens. Beatrice married Laurence Seger in 1960 and he preceded her on July 13, 1977. She enjoyed traveling, yard sales, thrift shopping and collecting her bird feeders.

Beatrice loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren, her Native American heritage and going to powwows.

Surviving is a son, Matthew Jay Seger Sr.; grandchildren, Matthew Jay "Echo" (Jessica) Seger Jr. and Shasta LaLonde; eight great-grandchildren; three great-great-granddaughters; sister, Wanda Schmitter; brothers, Theodore (Dianna) Stevens Sr. and John Mackety, and many nieces and nephews.

The family received visitors at the Kendall Funeral Home on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020 from 4 to 8 p.m. Private funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 20, 2020 with burial in Riverside Cemetery.

Marlene A. Sova

May 2, 1933 – Oct. 26, 2020

Marlene A. Sova, Saginaw Township, Mich. Loving mother, grandma, great-grandma (GG), sister and aunt passed away Oct. 26, 2020 at her home after an admirable fight with cancer.

Daughter of the late Alex and Louise (Prast) Squanda, Marlene was born May 2, 1933 in Saginaw, Mich. She was a 1950 graduate of Saginaw High School. Marlene was married to Ralph G. Sova on Aug. 27, 1955. He predeceased her Dec. 11, 1993.

Marlene was first employed by Morley Brothers where she formed lifelong friendships with several ladies with whom she met regularly for card games and conversation. She was employed at Bielski Real Estate, as well as Goldie's Bridal Shoppe where she shared her extraordinary talents as a seamstress.

Together with her husband, Ralph, she was the co-owner of RAMAR Construction (RA-Ralph, MAR-Marlene). After selling the construction company, Marlene donated her time volunteering at Covenant HealthCare. Marlene was a faithful member of St. John Paul II Parish in Carrollton.

She was also a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Saginaw Culture Club, Knights of Columbus Council #4232 Ladies Auxiliary, Saginaw Children's Zoo, Castle Museum, Saginaw Library and the League of Catholic Women.

Surviving to treasure her memory are two sons and their spouses, Randy (Jackie) Sova, Dennis (Kim) Sova; two daughters, Sandra Sova and Denise VanderHaar; 10 grandchildren, Jennifer Whyte (Marylou Walburn), Rachael (Matthew) Christianson, Randy Sova II, Ashley Sova, Kaylee (Brandon) Shorter, Dylan (Stephanie) Sova, Allyson (Josh) Steinley, Travis VanderHaar, Erica VanderHaar, Nathan VanderHaar; four great-grandchildren, Brielle, Brynlee and Roderick Shorter, and Emory Christianson; one sister, Mary Lou Brickel; brothers and sisters-in-law, Billie Squanda, Pat Sova, Gene (Barb) Sova, Harvey (Barb) Sova, Jim (Joan) Sova, Judy Sova, Karen Sova; and her uncle, Nelson "Notch" Prast.

Marlene was preceded in death by her brothers, Clarence (Louise) Squanda and Robert Squanda; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack Brickel, Frank (Reva) Sova, Doris (Lloyd) VanSlembrouck, Lorraine (Eddie) Piotrowski, Gloria Sova, Jack Sova, Jacqueline (Dale) Waybrant, Steve (Carol) Sova, Marvin Sova and Howard Sova.

Marlene was very proud of her family and enjoyed being in their company. She was a loving wife, mother, grandma, great-grandma (GG), sister and aunt who will be dearly missed.

Funeral liturgy took place at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 30, 2020 at St. John Paul II Parish, St. Josaphat Catholic Church, 469 Shattuck Rd., Saginaw, Mich. Rev. Fr. Andrew S. LaFramboise officiated with burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to St. John Paul II Parish or American Cancer Society.



Jenna K. House 12/24/2016

Every day, every hour and every minute missing you baby girl!

Love you, Mom

*Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.*

- Robert Frost



Myron Francis Cloutier

July 27, 1939 – Nov. 6, 2020

Myron Francis Cloutier, 81, of Richmond, Mich., passed away Friday, Nov. 6, 2020.

Myron was born in Pinconning, Mich. on July 27, 1939 to Frank and Ethel (James) Cloutier, the eldest of 18 children. He attended and graduated from St. Michael's High School in Pinconning in 1957. He immediately enlisted in the U.S. Army and made it his career.

After serving in various stateside and overseas areas, Myron retired in 1983 with the rank of SGM and 26 years of active duty. Prior to his second retirement in January 1999, he worked for the Department of Defense as an item manager and director of Housing at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

While in service, Myron pursued his higher education and earned his associate degree in Industrial Engineering, a BBA with a major in Accounting and a minor in Economics, MBA and an MS in Contract Management.

Through the years, Myron has served his Tribe (Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe) as a personnel commissioner, a member of the Cultural Enrichment Committee, Benefits Board, Region III representative, Tribal Education Board and the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program.

He was also a founder and member of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran and Warrior Society and served as that organizations first Okima (War Chief) from July 1999 through October 2000.

Myron was an active and a life member of the VFW, NCOA, American Legion, The Sergeant Majors Association of Lake County Florida and the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He is a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Leesburg, Fla. and St. Augustine Catholic Church in Richmond, Mich.

Myron married the former Patricia Horrox on March 7, 1959 in Ringtown, Penn. He is survived by three children, Laurie (Jimmy) Lee of Richmond, Michal Cloutier of New Baltimore and G. Paul (Jessica) Cloutier of Kansas City, Mo., seven grandchildren, Jason and Jared Sanders, Christie (Matthew) Maceri, Joshua (Robyn) and Brandon Cloutier, Garrick and Ainsley Cloutier, five great grandchildren, Jase, Cassandra and Jax Sanders, Julia and Isabelle Maceri.

Preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Pam Cloutier. Memorial donations may be made to St. Augustine Catholic Church or St. Joseph's Indian School, 1301 N Main St, Chamberlain, SD 57325.

The funeral mass was private.

James Allan McDonald

Feb. 19, 1951 – Oct. 8, 2020

James A. McDonald, age 69, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family on Oct. 8, 2020 in Muskegon.

James loved – or better said: lived – the color red. He loved big red trucks, eagles, and Christmas. One of his favorite ways to spend his time was seeing his grandchildren and great grandchildren, by whom he was affectionately known by Bepop and Papa.

James was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, and those who knew him knew he had a saying: "If that's what you like."

James is survived and remembered by his children, Shannon Jager, Stephanie McDonald and George McDonald; grandchildren, Destiny, Zach, Serenity, Brent, Sadie and Shane; great grandchildren, Zander, Zoey and Zatan; and siblings, Lorna, Colleen, Joanie and John.

A funeral service was held at Ever Rest Funeral Home on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020 at 1 p.m.; visitation with the family will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. James will be buried at Sunrise Memorial Gardens following the service.

Memorial contributions in James' name may be made to the Muskegon Humane Society.



In loving memory of Richard Earl Davis

In loving memory of Richard Earl Davis (Snooks) who went away nine years ago on Dec. 20, 2011.

We find it hard to believe you are gone and sadly missed. We felt so saddened when you left us. We hold you tightly within our hearts and there you will remain. Life goes on without you but will never be the same. The holidays are not the same, especially my birthday since you left the day after my birthday. Someday we will all see you again. Love and miss you.

Love, Connie, your children Buzz and Conni, Casey and Lil Man; grandchildren Brandy, David, Jonathan, Jasmine, Miles, Lil Richard, Clayton, Christopher, Dominac, Bella and Emma; and great-granddaughter Oskya.



Bernadine Virginia Gross

March 13, 1933 – Nov. 11, 2020

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother on Nov. 11, 2020, age 87 years.

Bernadine was born on March 13, 1933, in Beal City, Mich., to the late Frank and Elizabeth (Smith) Gross. She started her life in healthcare at Hoyt Nursing Home. She then worked for several years as nurse at St. Mary's and worked in home healthcare as well.

Bernadine was a devout Catholic and had a strong faith which she passed on to her family. She often prayed the rosary, more so recently for her friends and family suffering from COVID-19.

Bernadine enjoyed reading, puzzles, traveling, shopping, music, especially jazz and Motown, and watching her westerns which she called "shoot 'em ups." Above all else, she loved spending time with her family; holidays, BBQs in the summer, anytime that her family was all together.

Surviving are five children, Gonzalo Ramirez Jr., Yolanda (Daniel) Gonzalez, Frances (Juan) Gonzales, Jodi Friend (Gonzales), and Tish (Damian) Sanchez; 16 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, a lifelong friend Josie Flores, as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family.

She is predeceased by her parents, her step-father Ralph Muniz, daughter Jacqueline Ramirez, grandson Raymond Cuellar Jr., great-grandson Patrick, and two sisters, Frances Mena and Rena Frederico.

Funeral liturgy was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Anthony of Padua Church, 3680 S Washington Rd, Saginaw, MI. Rev. Fr. Gerry Pehler officiated with burial following at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Paul L. Stevens

Dec. 27, 1938 – Nov. 20, 2020

Paul Stevens, age 81, of St. Charles passed away on Friday, Nov. 20, 2020 at Covenant Cooper in Saginaw.

Paul was born on Dec. 27, 1938 to Joseph Stevens and Dorothy Louchart in St. Charles. Paul served his country in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1959. He married Evonna Minkina on June 18, 1960; they celebrated 60 years of marriage this year.

Paul worked for Saginaw Steering Gear Plant 2 for 35 years, retiring in 1994.

He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in St. Charles.

Paul is survived by his wife, Evonna; two daughters and one son, Donna Stevens, Darlene (Rich) Yurgens, and Paul E. Stevens; and his beloved grandchildren, Rachel and Rebecca Yurgens, and David and Elizabeth Stevens.

A private family service was held and burial took place at Swan Creek Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Hope Lutheran Church or St. Charles Athletic Association.



SCTC Update

Per Gov. Whitmer's order, all SCTC classes will be delivered remotely for the remainder of the semester. Beginning Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020, the campus will be closed to the public (locking doors). Business will be conducted by appointment only until Dec. 8, 2020. Updates will be sent out as the situation changes.



ATTENTION HUNTERS: Display Your Hunting Trophy!

Submit your photos to Observer@sagechip.org to display your buck in the January 2021 Tribal Observer's Buck Pole.

Deadline: Dec. 15, 2020



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.

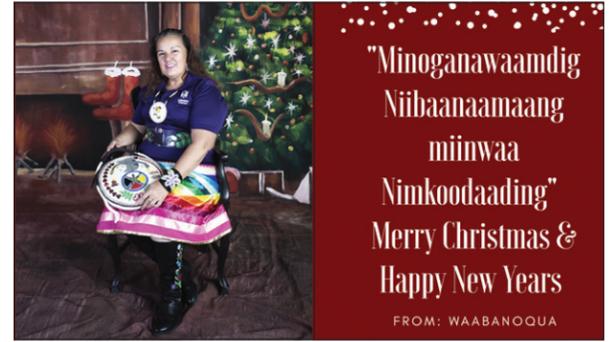
Administration's administrative assistant III compiles and prepares the agenda.

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

• Dec. 1 • Jan. 5 • Feb. 2



Tribal Center HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The Tribal Center will be **Closed Thursday, Dec. 24** for holiday closure, and will **Reopen Monday, Jan. 4, 2020**

Nangonhs Gianna Massey

July 30, 1999 – Nov. 16, 2020

Nangonhs Gianna Massey, 21 years old, of Mount Pleasant, Mich., died on Nov. 16, 2020 at the Mid-Michigan Medical Center hospital in Midland.

Nangonhs was born on July 30, 1999 in Petoskey, Mich., the daughter of Miengun and Melissa Pamp. Nangonhs grew up in Petoskey, and Mount Pleasant, Mich. She attended school at Mount Pleasant High School.

Nangonhs was a mother to 2-year-old son, Miigwan Ezra Sprague, who was Nangonhs' entire world. She loved Miigwan dearly and was an excellent mother.

Nangonhs was a member of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, also a descendent of Grand Traverse Band and Burt Lake Band. She was involved in her Native American culture and danced at many powwows. She was a friend and relative to hundreds throughout Michigan's Native American communities. Nangonhs had a special love for the care of Mother Earth. She was a Water Protector and dedicated to the preservation of life-giving water and the care of Michigan's natural water sources.

Nangonhs was very artistic, loved listening to music, and creating music and sharing her music online. She was a true and faithful friend to many, a good listener and counselor. Nangonhs was lighthearted, very humorous and loved to make people laugh.

Nangonhs is survived by her son Miigwan Ezra Sprague; parents Miengun and Melissa Pamp (Massey); sisters Mnookmi Massey and Waaskonye Pamp; brothers Miengun, Wahsnoday and Niigik Pamp, and Archie Kiogima IV; father Travis Stuebing; grandparents David Massey Sr., Rita and Chico Gonzalez, Kathryn Genereaux, and Lori McSawby; uncles David Massey Jr., Cory Meyer, Azhuwauk 'Che' Pamp; aunts Nicole Massey, Rebecca Meyer, Elizabeth Munson, Gitche Wabanimee-Krogel; cousins Aaliyah Welham, Tristan Bourrie, Micaela LeeAnn, Meagan Sherman, Darren Robinson, Riley Robinson, Zaelyn Meyer, Chayton Massey, Taylin Massey, Mia Pamp, Ogitchida Pamp, Lizzy Pamp, Azhanee Ailing; and special friend bazigim Andrew Shomin.

A traditional fire was lit and visitation was held on Saturday, Nov. 21 beginning at noon. Shannon Martin officiated a grave-side traditional ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 11 a.m. at the St. Mary's Catholic Church, 3192 Indian Road, Brutus, Michigan.



Tribal Operations entry is currently by Appointment Only

Tribal Operations buildings are still on "lock down" mode, anyone coming in must make an appointment.

If making an appointment, you must:

- **Wear a mask** or be given one by the department they have an appointment with
- **Prescreen question:** You will be asking if you have a cough or shortness of breath. If the answer is "yes," you will have to reschedule at a later date.
- **Temperature check:** Community members will be met at the door by a Tribal employee.
 - **Temperature of 100.4 or below:** you may enter.
 - **100.4 or above:** you must reschedule and cannot enter the building.

Black Elk Building Drop Box



Courtesy of Michelle Colwell

A Black Elk Building drop box has been installed and is located at the main entrance (HR entrance). The drop box is for the 24-hour convenience of the Membership and community to correspond with any governmental department/program.

The drop box is to utilize immediately. The mailroom staff will be checking it twice daily at approximately 8:30 a.m. before their rounds and 3:30 p.m.

The Membership should utilize envelopes to protect their privacy and address the envelopes appropriately to alleviate any confusion or undirected mail.

Attention Tribal Members:

As of Oct. 1, Tribal Members (under the age of 50) will need to purchase a \$30 annual subscription if they wish to continue receiving the mailed copy of the Tribal Observer.

The monthly Tribal Observer will continue to be available online on the sagchip.org website, however any Tribal Member household (where an elder does not reside) wishing to continue receiving the mailed copy, must opt-in with a \$30 annual fee to cover the cost of postage and printing.

Head of household Tribal Elders will continue to receive the mailed paper. Elders do not need to make any updates; it will continue to be mailed directly to you.

The Tribal Observer will be working with the IT Department in the near future to make the online Tribal Observer more user-friendly and visually appealing for its audience.

For those Members under 50 who wish to keep receiving the mailed Tribal Observer, please send

a \$30 check or money order to: Tribal Observer 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. We unfortunately cannot take credit card information at this time.

Please be aware, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, mailing your payment will be most convenient for you. In order to enter the Black Elk Building, you must schedule an appointment and have your temperature checked before entering the building, in an effort to keep the community's health and safety in mind.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. This is in effect to help save costs for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, due to departmental budget reductions and trying times COVID-19 has brought upon us all.

Victims of Crime Program Update

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Victims of Crime Program takes the health and safety of its associates and clients very seriously. The Victim Advocate Office will remain open and continue to provide services, working remotely.



The Victim Advocate Office can be reached by phone or email. We can also be reached by contacting Tribal Court or Tribal PD directly.

Should you or someone you know encounter an emergency, please contact 911, Central Dispatch (989)773-1000 or Tribal Police (989) 775-4700.

Feel free to reach out to the Victim Advocate Office at any time with questions, comments or concerns. We will continue to monitor the rapidly changing situation regarding COVID-19. Stay health and stay safe!

ACFS Update

Due to the high rise of COVID-19 cases in the area, Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services (ACFS) will move the majority of contact with the community, current clients, Tribal departments and other agencies, to virtual telecommunication.



There will be circumstances when in-person contact is required, so ACFS will follow the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations for social distancing and sanitation procedures during these times.

Before visiting ACFS, please call 989-775-4901 to set up an appointment, and at that time, we will let you know if your meeting is virtual/phone or if your visit will require an in person meeting.

In cases of an emergency, when you arrive at ACFS, call 989-775-4901 and the intake worker will be available to meet with you.

For reports of child abuse and neglect the following can be utilized:

- Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., call 989-775-4901 and request to speak with the intake worker.
- Monday through Friday after 5 p.m. and on the weekends call Tribal PD at 989-775-4700 and request a callback from the ACFS on call worker.
- Email your report of child abuse and neglect to CPS@sagchip.org and this is available 24 hours a day

As of Oct. 1, 2020, the Tribal Observer and the Public Relations Department have consolidated.

Sandy McCreery is now serving as administrative assistant II for both departments. For any Tribal Observer inquiries, Sandy may be reached at 989-775-4096, SMCcreery@sagchip.org or Observer@sagchip.org. The Tribal Observer's main line is now 989-775-4096.



Tribal Council

Chief

Tim J. Davis | District One

Sub-Chief

Joe Kequom | District Three

Treasurer

Maia Spotted Tail | District One

Secretary

Jennifer L. Wassegijig | District One

Sergeant-at-Arms

Martha Wemigwans | District One

Chaplain

Alice Jo Ricketts | District One

Council Member

Ronald F. Ekdahl | District One

Council Member

Theresa Jackson | District One

Council Member

Chip Neyome | District One

Council Member

Carmen Otto | District One

Council Member

Gayle Ruhl | District One

Council Member

Ron Nelson | District Two

Attention SCIT Tribal Members: Notice of Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing held on **Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Tribal Council Chambers at the Black Elk Building, 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858.** This hearing will address the liquor license application presented to Tribal Council by Robert Juckniess, CEO of the Migizi Economic Development Company. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing is as follows:

Renewal of Retail Off-Premise General Liquor License. Such License, if renewed,

would cover selling of packaged liquor, beer and wine to be consumed by buyers off premise. The License, if renewed, would cover the Isabella Sagamok, located at 2428 S. Leaton Rd, Mt Pleasant, Michigan 48858.

This License, if renewed, will be for the duration of one full year from Jan. 27, 2021 to Jan. 26, 2022, with hours of alcohol service consistent with section 10 of the Gaming Compact of Aug. 20, 1993, and specifically including hours of service for Sunday alcohol sales.

Behavioral Health Community Information

Behavioral Health Programs

2800 S. Shepherd Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Phone: (989) 775-4850 • Fax (989) 775-4851

Behavioral Health's Leadership Team takes the health and safety of our associates and our clients very seriously. We are continuing to work proactively to keep essential services, such as Residential Treatment and mental health services, open to the community, while also following the CDC's recommendations for social distancing and sanitation practices.



Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases and the changes within other programs through the county, the Behavioral Health Leadership Team has made the following changes to our current operational plan. We are 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 overall:

- Behavioral Health doors will be closed and locked; public entry for any purpose will be by appointment only, except for crisis situations.
 - Use the Telecom system at the main entrance, or call the front desk at (989) 775-4850, or the direct line if you know who you are trying to contact, to set up an appointment.
 - For crisis calls/walk ins, use the above to make contact with the front desk. Telehealth will be encouraged but a face-to-face appointment may be made if telehealth is not an option. No crisis situation will be turned away.
- All open to the public on site groups remain cancelled until further notice, some are offered virtually (check website for more information)
- Telework will be done as much as feasible to ensure minimum basic operations of services

Residential Treatment Center (RTC) / Supportive Living Program (SLP):

- New RTC/SLP admittance is suspended until at least Nov. 23, 2020
- If someone needs admittance to RTC, please call and we can coordinate other care options: During business hours Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call BH at (989) 775-4850, who will assist you with the process.
- No off-site activities, support group meetings, etc. (except where medically necessary), technology will be used where feasible
- No on-site visitations, technology will be used to meet this need
- On-site meetings restricted to current residents only

Outpatient Services, Crisis, and

On-call Services:

- Out-patient therapy appointments will be scheduled via telehealth as appropriate starting immediately
- Psychiatry appointments will be scheduled via telehealth as appropriate starting immediately. Medication refills continue as normal
- For crisis calls/walk ins use the telecom system at the main entrance, or call the front desk at (989) 775-4850. Telehealth will be encouraged but a face-to-face appointment may be made if telehealth is not an option. No crisis situation will be turned away.
- If you are not an existing client, but need mental health (including substance abuse) services call:
 - During business hours Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., call the BH at (989) 775-4850
 - Non-business hours, call BH at (989) 775-4850 and follow the prompts to be connected to the BH on call worker

Prevention (including Zaagaate'), Native Connections, Traditional Healing, and other complimentary services:

- On-site or face to face meetings/appointments will be suspended and telework platforms should be used where feasible for these services

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



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

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

Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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

Tribal Observer Advertising

If you would like 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 \$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
7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Contact Information:

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



Tribal Clerk/ Enrollment Office

As a precautionary measure to do our part in keeping the COVID-19 cases down and ensure there are no interruptions in member services, the Tribal Clerk/ Enrollment Office will consist of a skeleton crew in combination with working remotely. The Clerk/ Enrollment Office will be only accepting appointments for services that cannot be done by mail; email, fax and drop box pick up at the front entrance.

Hours: Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed: 12 - 1 p.m.

In office by appointment only
 Call 989-775-4051

Adopt an Andahwod Resident

Add special cheer to an elders holiday!

- To sign up for a resident, please contact Sandra at 989-775-4300 or SaPelcher@sagchip.org
- Buy a gift for the resident (*Healthy choices for snacks*)
- Drop off the gift at Andahwod by Dec. 18, 2020, no later than 5 p.m.
- To drop off your gift this year, please stay in your vehicle and somebody will come out and get it.

Andahwod Prescription Pick-up

Andahwod Elder Services would like to assist local tribal elders with prescription pick-up from Nimkee Pharmacy.

Elders Services can deliver prescriptions Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Elders must call in own prescription/refills. Elder Services will not pick up any controlled substances and/or narcotic medications.

If you need your prescriptions picked up please call:

- Andahwod Front Office: 989-775-4300
- Elders Advocate: 989-775-4307
- For more information, please call: 989-775-4300



Behavioral Health (except RTC) will be closed Dec. 24, 2020 – Jan. 4, 2021

An on-call worker will be available 24/7 and can be reached at (989) 775-4850

Follow the prompt to be connected to the Crisis On-Call Worker.

Seventh Generation Update

Due to the high rise in the COVID pandemic; Elijah Elk Cultural center will be working remotely, until further notice. Please be advised that staff will still be available for your cultural needs. Medicines may be picked up by appointment only.

Cultural representatives will be available via email or phone. Sacred fire on Thursday's will still be offered (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

Per the CDC guidelines; social distancing and masks are required.



Higher Education Update

The Higher Education office will be open by appointment only. Please call Deb Smith at (989) 775-4071 if you need to set up an appointment.

For any Higher Education questions, you may also email or call Deb at 989-775-4071 or email dsmith@sagchip.org. Or call Olivia Manitowabi-McCullough at (989)775-4505 or email OManitowabi-McCullough@sagchip.org.

All winter schedules and fall grade reports can be emailed to Olivia or Deb.



Holiday Hours

Nimkee will be closed Dec. 28, 29 & 30, 2020

For medical and dental appointments, fitness and optical.

Pharmacy will be open

Dec. 28, 29 & 30, 2020
 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

A provider will be on call at 989-317-2088

Per Capita services are available by:

- **Phone or appointment:** call (989) 775-4040
- **Fax:** (989) 775-4075
- **Email:** percapita@sagchip.org (*please include an approved email when filing your Annual Report*)

• **Mail:** Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
 Attn: Per Capita Department
 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd
 Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

• **Hotline:** (989) 775-4037
(to keep up to date on announcements)

Per Capita Forms can be found at:
www.sagchip.org

Click on Government\Per Capita Department\Frequently Requested Forms links.

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
Chippeway Sr, Lester	2/7/2020
Collins, Steve	5/20/2020
David, Paul	8/26/2019
Douglas, Francis	6/2/2020
Falsetta, Stella	3/23/2019
Fender, Mary	1/12/2019
Garlick, Joseph	10/16/2019
Henry, Phillip	1/6/2019
Hunt II, Bert	5/21/2020
Jackson, Matthew	9/19/2020
Jackson, Ronald	9/20/2019
Leaureaux Sr, Donald	6/13/2020
Leaureaux, Oliver	1/17/2020
Martinez, Lou Ella	2/24/2019
Miller, Ryan	2/3/2020
Moore, Steven	10/8/2019
Peters Sr, Phillip	12/8/2018
Romer, Doris	8/14/2020
Sands, Sean	3/19/2020
Scharaswak, Leroy	3/2/2020
Sowmick, Kyle	5/27/2020
Squanda, Clarence	6/13/2020
Stempek, Lena	9/17/2019

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Fire Department seeking paid on-call firefighters

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Fire Department is looking for interested men and women that are seeking to serve their community by becoming a paid on-call firefighter. Being a firefighter can be physically demanding and may require firefighters to work under hazardous and stressful conditions.

Physical Demands:

- Frequent use of hands, wrists, fingers associated with computer equipment
- Required to stand, sit and walk for extended periods of time
- Work is often performed in emergency situations
- Walking, running, lifting and climbing during efforts to suppress fire
- Must possess sufficient stamina to work under all types of weather conditions including extreme heat/cold, and to lift, carry, push, or pull a variety of tools, equipment and materials
- Position must regularly lift and/or move up to 50 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move up to 150 pounds

Minimum Qualifications:

- High school diploma or GED
- Must be 18 years of age
- Must have a valid State of Michigan Driver's License
- Must be able to pass pre-employment firefighter assessment test
- Attend and completion of the Michigan Firefighters Training Council Firefighter I & II
- Must be able to obtain MFR Certification within two years from date or hire
- Must be a resident of Isabella County
- Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.



Individuals interested in joining as a paid on-call firefighter for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Fire Department, please contact Fire Chief Fred Cantu Jr. at 989-775-4866 or stop by the Fire Department and pick up an application.



Tribe distributes \$2.3 million in requests during Fall 2020 2 percent

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On Monday, Nov. 23, on behalf of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, the Public Relations Department announced the fall 2020 2 percent revenue sharing for Isabella, Arenac and Northern Bay counties.

The Tribe provided more than \$2 million dedicated for assistance in projects to benefit the entire region throughout local schools and governments. The current pandemic has created additional needs and access to resources in the local communities and these funds help alleviate stress in many of those areas, according to the release from the Public Relations Department.

The Tribe distributed a grand total of \$2,309,748.68 during this fall 2020 2 percent allocation.

Breaking down the grand total, Isabella received a total of \$1,528,862.48 – the government side received \$1,070,203.74, and the schools received \$458,658.74.

Arenac and Northern Bay area received a total of \$780,886.20 – the Arenac and Northern Bay County government was granted \$546,620.34, and the schools obtained \$234,265.86.

Chief Tim J. Davis said the Tribe has provided more than \$200 million during these 2 percent semi-annual distributions since 1994.

“To date since May of 1994, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has provided 2 percent grants to local units of government and public education districts in excess of 263,197,742 dollars,” said Chief Davis. “These contributions showcase a strong commitment to our local communities and speak to our collaborative efforts in the region.”

Chief Davis continued, “On behalf of Tribal Council, we wish each one of you a joyful holiday season and best wishes for a prosperous and happy new year as you continue to stay healthy and safe.”

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this is the first time in history that the 2 percent payments have been mailed to the recipients to avoid any in-person proceedings and to follow proper health and safety precautions.

According to the Public Relations Department, “With the recent epidemic order and, in the best interest of everyone involved, it was decided to cancel any in-person opportunity to ensure everyone’s safety.

Fall 2020 | 2 Percent Distribution

Saganing Government

- Arenac County \$226,997.36
- City of Au Gres \$15,815
- City of Omer \$21,095
- City of Standish \$40,000
- Arenac Township \$16,000
- Au Gres Township \$18,800
- Deep River Township \$20,988.08
- Lincoln Township \$1,000
- Mason Township \$36,000
- Pinconning Township \$1,000
- Pinconning Fraser Fire Dept. \$65,000
- Sims Township \$1,000
- Standish Township \$11,000
- Standish Area Fire Authority \$48,924.90
- Turner Township \$7,000
- Village of Twining \$15,000
- Whitney Township \$1,000

Total Government: \$546,620.34

Saganing Education

- Au Gres-Sims School District \$58,566.47
- Pinconning School District \$58,566.46
- Standish-Sterling School District \$117,132.93

Total Schools: \$234,265.86

Saganing Total: \$780,886.20

Isabella Government

- Isabella County \$224,282
- City of Mt. Pleasant \$352,400
- Chippewa Township \$10,000
- Deerfield Township \$65,507.07
- Denver Township \$10,000
- Isabella Township \$10,000
- Nottawa Township \$241,118.25
- Union Township \$50,000
- Wise Township \$106,896.42

Total Government: \$1,070,203.74

Isabella Education

- Beal City Public Schools \$16,590.94
- Chippewa Hills Public Schools \$15,000
- Mount Pleasant Public Schools \$122,812.38
- Shepherd Public Schools \$107,861.60
- Renaissance Public Schools \$131,500
- Gratiot/Isabella RESD STEM \$64,893.82

Total Schools: \$458,658.74

Isabella Total: \$1,528,862.48

Grand Total: \$2,309,748.68

Native Americans not “Something Else,” call for CNN to apologize

CAUCUSES OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL PARTY

INDIAN COUNTRY Nov. 9, 2020 – Caucuses of the Democratic National Party call for a formal apology from CNN for a dismissive poll board that discounted the impact of the Native American vote and,

more importantly, dehumanized the Native community.

The Native American vote’s impact in critical states around the country are well-documented by relevant organizations on the ground and leaders within the community.

Battleground states like Nevada, Arizona and Michigan have been decided by critical margins. Community engagement by tribal leadership, organizers,

and volunteers produced historic General Election results.

The Navajo Times reported that the success of turning Arizona blue is credited with the Native American vote, (<https://navajotimes.com/rezpolitics/election-2020/arizona-flips-navajos-contribute-to-historic-shift/>).

Michigan, which also flipped blue, has the highest population of Native Americans east of the Mississippi. More than 100,000 Native Americans were called to vote, and understood that sovereignty was on the ballot.

States across the country (Arizona, Michigan, Nevada, etc.) have prominent Native communities and are engaging in a critical fight for support and recognition of circumstance.

Native Americans have been insulted by non-Natives on their own ancestral land for hundreds of years. Many elders alive today were subject to the United States’ first parent-child separation policy, otherwise known as Indian boarding schools. The constitutional documented rights of Native peoples have been constantly disrespected and ignored.

Narratives perpetuated by the media contribute to the continued erasure of our peoples and the invisibility of our communities.

CNN’s dismissive reference of the Native American vote as “Something Else” is not a small injury. It continues the abuse of the Native American identity. It is akin to Trump referring



Courtesy photo

to the Michigan’s governor as “that woman.”

CNN is called to make a public apology and to engage in critical conversations that identify the unique experiences of Native American peoples and their contributions to the 2020 General Election.

Native American cultures are something all Americans can be proud of, even though only Native Americans can claim them as their own.

Editorial: The power of “Something Else”

MAKAYLA STEVENS

Throughout the ages, Native Americans have been called so many derogatory words, the most recent word, “Something Else.”

For many Native Americans, things have just begun to change in a positive way: six Native Americans were elected to congress, two of these Natives were women.

The recent changes in the Native communities with COVID-19 have begun to disrupt our day-to-day lives and, most importantly, our ceremonies and

powwows. But, the recent voter polls have begun to bring us together in a trying time, but how did a presidential election bring us together?

All magnority races were named in the presidential polls “White, Latino, Black, Asian and Something Else.” Native Americans voters are the 6 percent of “Something Else.” This left Native Americans with no choice but to take a positive spin on a negative connotation, now Native Americans across the country are creating a worldwide positive meme “Proud To Be Something Else.”

Native Americans are known for their humor and resilience in the past; this proves that Native Americans still have humor, positivity, and most importantly, resilience. So why is this so important? Because this is a start to a positive change throughout Native country. This is a start of something new and hopefully in the future rewarding for the next generation to come.

The laughter from the Native community will hopefully lead to Native Americans being named in the next presidential election.

Throwback PHOTO of the MONTH



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Glizis

This photo featured in a past Tribal Observer was taken in December 2011.

Volunteers from the SCIT Angel Tree Program traveled to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota to gift Christmas presents to Oglala Lakota Head Start students. A caravan of five vehicles transported volunteers and the gifts to complete the 484 wish lists received from children. This photo shows a child’s visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus and elves on the Pine Ridge Reservation.



Soaring Eagle plans to commence sports betting mid-January

SECR PUBLIC RELATIONS



Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort announced today its plan to commence sports betting in mid-January at its Ascend Sports Book Bar & Lounge in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

Soaring Eagle will add sports betting to its existing offerings, which include slots, table games, bingo, entertainment and numerous restaurants and bars.

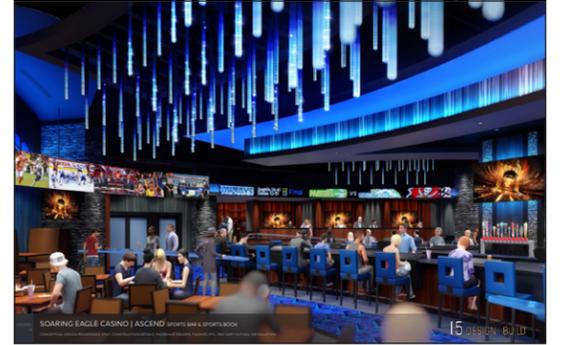
Soaring Eagle will leverage its well-known and well-regarded brand, its strong customer relationships and its bricks and mortar amenities to attract and reward sports bettors.

“We will be upgrading Ascend, an already great venue, to accommodate sports

betting,” said CEO Mike Bean. “Changes will include more televisions, betting kiosks, a betting window and a ticker tape. The improvements will be in phases, initially starting with kiosk betting until the betting window modifications are complete.”

Similarly, sports betting will be offered at sister property Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Hotel in Standish, Mich., at its Creekside Lounge, and at The Slot Palace and Bingo Hall in Mount Pleasant.

Bean said they would be announcing their sports betting technology partner in the near future.



Photos courtesy of SECR Public Relations

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort will be adding sports betting to its existing offerings in mid-January. Updates will be made to the Ascend Sports Book & Lounge soon.

Tribal Council

continued from front page

If there is a need to come into the building, all in-person appointments need to be scheduled and proper protocols such as health questions, thermal checks must always

be adhered to. Be sure that masks are always being worn and be sure to maintain six feet of social distance.”

Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts: “These are trying times and we need to be mindful of one

another and we will continue to use best practices to get through this together.”

Closing Secretary Jennifer L. Wassegijig: “Chi-miigwetch for taking the time to be a part of this virtual update.

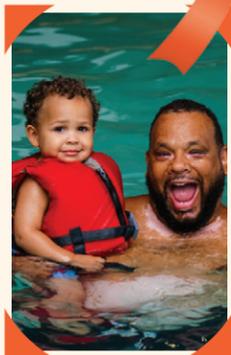
As Tribal Council, we are committed to communicating with our Membership.

As we move forward, we will be posting bi-monthly virtual updates, more as needed to help you understand what is taking place in our community.

On behalf of Tribal Council, we wish each and every one of you and your families a joyful holiday season and prosperous and happy new year.

Continued prayers for the health and safety for all, and please remember to check on your loved ones.”

Give the Gift of Family Fun!



call to order
1.877.2EAGLE2

soaringeaglewaterpark.com
5665 E. Pickard Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

holiday pricing



\$55

loon nika

May be redeemed at dollar value OR exchanged for:

4 Day Passes

(after 4 pm)

Day passes based upon availability. Reservations recommended.



\$95

otter n'gic

May be redeemed at dollar value OR exchanged for:

4 All Day Passes

Day passes based upon availability. Reservations recommended.



\$140

beaver amik

May be redeemed at dollar value OR exchanged for:

1 Standard Room

(Mon-Thurs)

Up to 4 guests with Waterpark access.



\$225

turtle miishiikenn

May be redeemed at dollar value OR exchanged for:

1 Standard Room

(Fri-Sun)

Up to 4 guests with Waterpark access.



\$240

fish giigoonh

May be redeemed at dollar value OR exchanged for:

1 Themed Room

(Mon-Thurs)

Up to 2 guests with Waterpark access.



\$325

eagle migizi

May be redeemed at dollar value OR exchanged for:

1 Themed Room

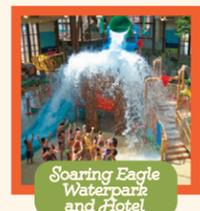
(Fri-Sun)

Up to 2 guests with Waterpark access.

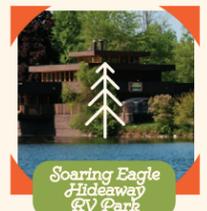
▶ or choose a value! ◀



Nbakade Family Restaurant



Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel



Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park



New Tribal Division for Victims of Crime speaks to needs of Tribal Nations

STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

Tribal Nations have long advocated for amending the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) to allow tribes to access VOCA funding on a direct government-to-government basis. In recent years, the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) held listening sessions with tribal leaders, representatives, and advocates to discuss victim needs for crime victims' services in Indian Country.

These consultation and listening sessions resulted in several recommendations being acted upon that were announced on Aug. 6, 2020. They include:

- A Tribal Division was created to streamline the distribution and management of tribal grant awards and ensure the OVC is adequately staffed to meet the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

- The Victims of Crime Tribal Financial Management Center (OVC TFMC) was also launched to provide

training, technical assistance and resources to support Native American and Alaskan Natives:

- A formula was developed to address allocation of tribal set-aside funds.

"Tribal Leaders have strongly advocated for the establishment of a tribal division, similar to that of the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)," said Liz Carr, senior policy analyst for the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC). "The benefits of having a Tribal Division include having a high-level deputy director with a working knowledge of tribes and an office staffed by people with experience working in Indian Country or at the very least having a good understanding of the barriers faced in tribal communities."

What are tribal set-aside funds?

For the third time since 2018, Congress authorized set-aside funding from the Crime Victims Fund for a tribal victim services program to provide support to tribal communities and improve

services for victims of crime, consistent with the requirements of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). The OVC is charged by Congress with administering the Crime Victims Fund.

Although Congress recognized the need in tribal communities and developed a 5 percent set aside through the appropriations process, the set-aside funding is not considered permanent funding which not only presents future programming issues, it hinders future designs on programs.

"Basically, there is nothing specific in the current Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) as it pertains to funding for tribes," Carr said. "However, there is legislation being proposed to address the permanency of the tribal set-aside funds. The Securing Urgent Resources Vital to Indian Victim Empowerment (SURVIVE) Act would authorize 5 percent set-aside funding. This bill would amend VOCA and authorize more permanent funding for tribal victim service programs."

Tribal SetAside and StrongHearts

August 2019, StrongHearts Native Helpline (StrongHearts) was the recipient of two grants from the Office of Victims of Crime to enhance services over the next three years.

"These two grants were funded through the tribal set aside," said StrongHearts Director Lori Jump. "Over the three-year period, we will have received nearly \$3 million to enhance and grow our operations. To date, we have been able to increase the number of victim-survivors that we help by introducing online chat advocacy and adding a sexual violence component to the advocate's repertoire. Future plans include offering round-the-clock advocacy (24/7) and adding a text by phone option."

Improved access still needs work

"These resources should be a permanent set-aside for tribal programs that are administered by the Tribe's they serve," added Jump. She explained that without funding for victims of

crime, the need for justice and healing could not be provided to tribal members who have long suffered the consequences of the anti-Indian policies that were enacted to displace indigenous people.

"Native Americans continue to be poverty stricken and are in dire need of the service that we so desperately want to provide," said Jump. "Considering Native women are 2.5 times more likely to be raped or be a victim of sexual assault than any other ethnic group, StrongHearts Native Helpline serves as a potential lifeline for survivors of these crimes."

OVC Background

The OVC was established in 1988 through an amendment of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (VOCA). The OVC is charged by Congress with administering the Crime Victims Fund. Through OVC, this fund supports a broad array of programs and services that focus on helping victims in the immediate aftermath of crime and continuing to support them as they rebuild their lives.

December 2020 Tribal Elder Birthdays

- 1) Juliane Hinman
William Leksche
- 3) Alfreda Jenkins
James Bailey
Nancy Rossbach
Brenda Schlegel
Patricia Sprague
- 4) Saundra Charles
John Trepanier III
Cynthia Cisneros
Dawn Meredith
Brenda Rubin
- 5) Elarine Hunt
Julie King
Tony Stevens
- 6) Teri Bennett
Lorraine Dumas
Margaret Worsham

- 7) Le Etta Hansen
James Osawabine Sr.
Tracy Chamberlain
Cara Valdez
- 8) Denise Cantu
Mary Floyd
Maynard Kahgegab Jr.
Norman Snyder
- 9) Foster Hall Jr.
- 10) Suzanne Cross
James Maki
Douglas Zoicher
- 11) Paul Jackson
Sandra Smith
- 12) Bradford Mandoka
Ruth Moses
Beverly Pamp-Ettinger

- Kenneth Sprague
Albert Wayne
John Brown
Robin Drews
Tod Walraven
- 13) Randall Bennett
Timothy Stevens
- 14) Marlene Collins
Ronald Johansen
Marjorie Gordon
Ruth Mullins
Cheryl Roy
John Trepanier
- 16) Ronald Douglas
Lanette Zaleski
Virginia Hoon
Darlene Munro
Gilbert Williams
Sylvia Zelinski
- 17) Shirley Burch
Stephanie Peters
Deborah Colley
Donna DeLap
Sheila Guiney

- 18) Alfred Dennis
Eleanor Hawk
Vivian Meredith
Cynthia Sprague
- 19) Carol Jackson
Pamela Shawboose
- 20) Clinton Pelcher Jr.
Rene Alaniz
Deborah Jackson
Jason Slater
- 21) David Bonnau
Faith Davis
Carrie Leauteaux
Jacqueline Roach
Sherri Vezina
Janice Walker
- 22) Lori Rickie
Amy Singer
- 23) Jim Davis
- 24) Ronald Collins Jr.
Brenda Miller
Michael Poolaw

- 25) Terry Bonnau
Steven Pelcher
Paul Graveratte
Mary Rosebrock
- 26) John Bennett
Bernice Hendrickson
Lu Ann Phillips
Patricia Wemigwans
Helen Black
Frank Cloutier
Timothy Smith Jr.
- 27) Yolanda Gonzalez
Paul Stevens
Carol White-Pigeon
- 29) Renee Abuja
Thomas Kequom
Judy Bryant
- 30) Timothy Nelson
Jerome Whitepigeon Sr.
Galene Young
- 31) Marie Saboo

Everyday
\$1000
Quick Cash

Easiest. Loan. Ever.

ICCU
Isabella Community Credit Union

989.773.5927 • ICCUonline.com

Terms & conditions apply. Member loyalty loan.
For more information visit ICCUonline.com/QuickCash.

Adopt a Pet

Lacy
Lacy is a large 4-year-old American Foxhound/Beagle mix. She's a super sweet, talkative and a free-spirited dog. Previously before arriving at HATS, she had a broken leg. She is very energetic and is looking for an active family and prefers to be in a home with acres or a fenced in backyard. Some of her favorite things include: Kongs, peanut butter, and keeping one eye open. She is called the Neighborhood Watch because nothing gets past her.

Toast
Toast is a 5-year-old medium-sized female Domestic Shorthair mix. She is a very shy girl that just loves to hide and sleep. She sure does like food a lot as well. She was an outdoor stray and don't really care for much human interaction but so far she's learning that it might not be as bad as she feared.

Humane Animal Treatment Society
1105 S. Isabella Rd., Mt. Pleasant **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.*



Volunteers camp at, protect former boarding school grounds during weekends in October

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Ziibiwing Center and its Tribal Historic Preservation Office called for volunteers to help secure the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School site each weekend in October when vandalism and trespassing is at its highest.

According to Marcella Hadden, tribal historic preservation officer, the month of October and Halloween time brings ‘ghost’ hunters, vandals, and trespassers to the MIIBS site.

The volunteer watch guards arrived between 3 to 5 p.m. on Fridays and remained onsite until midday Sunday. The last weekend, Halloween weekend, the volunteers arrived on Thursday and stayed until the usual time.

“Volunteers were asked not to walk the grounds but to just stay in their camping area,” Hadden said. “They were also advised not to confront any trespassers but to call Tribal (Police Department) with any information.”

Tribal Chief of Police Harry Ambs supported this effort and said any presence of campers is a deterrent to vandals.

The volunteers were able to have a portable fire pit, approved by the Tribal Fire Department, to keep warm.

Volunteer Joseph Fisher II camped onsite each weekend and helped lead the other volunteers including: Jesse Torres, Ellie Mitchell, Thomas Klemm, Caitlyn Wright, Sara Miller, Julia Joblinski and Aaron Hernandez.

“Thomas Klemm and Jesse Torres are members of my organization, The Red Nation, which is an international movement for decolonization and Indigenous Liberation. They volunteered their time to come help protect the sovereignty of our Tribe,” Fisher said.

“It’s calm and peaceful out there (on the grounds). My Potawatomi friend, Tom Klemm, said the same thing,” Fisher said. “He was expecting to experience weird feelings out there: like bad dreams, uneasiness, etc., but likely through the yearly healing ceremonies, it has become a place of healing over a place of trauma.”

“It was Binakwii Giizis, or Releasing of the Leaves Moon,” Fisher said, “and through the whole month we observed the leaves go through the end of their yearly cycle. It was beautiful.”

Fisher said the peace and calm has been disturbed by the occasional ‘ghost’ hunter and thrill seeker.

“Some days it felt like every 20-30 minutes people would



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

Volunteer Joseph Fisher II (left) camped on-site at the former Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School grounds each weekend in October when trespassing and vandalism is at its highest. Fisher helped lead the other volunteers including his Pokagon Potawatomi friend Tom Klemm (right).

pull into one of the driveways to try and explore the grounds, ‘to see if the rumors of it being haunted are true’,” Fisher said. “Thankfully, most people were simply deterred by our presence and the rest left after we politely told them that no one is welcome there – hopefully providing a community-based alternative to the criminal justice system for some of these people that, in our absence, might have gotten cited by Tribal Police.”

One evening, close to 11 p.m., Fisher said a group of kids with flashlights were walking South down Crawford Road towards the grounds.

“Once they got to the edge of the property, they ran into the woods to purposely mess with us campers,” Fisher said. “... I shined my flashlight and saw at least three people running around in the woods. We yelled, ‘you are not welcome here, go home,’ and within a few minutes of this, Tribal Police pulled up on a routine drive-by and searched the woods. The group of kids must have gotten out of the woods further up the road because the officer didn’t find them.”

Aside from that, Fisher said, several cars slowed down on the road in front of the school with their camera-phones up to the window, or the occasional person approached the volunteers and asked if they were ghost hunting.

According to Chief of Tribal Police Harry Ambs, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department was never called by the volunteers.

“Just their presence on-site was enough to deter trespassers,” Ambs said.

In past years, members of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society camped and protected the site during each Halloween weekend.

Ogitchedaw member David Perez said he believes the first year the Ogitchedaw were called to assist was in 2013.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Marcella Hadden wished to thank the volunteers and the many community members who provided the volunteers with essentials.

“Mii gwetch to all those that stopped in to spend time

at Joe’s fire, and to those that dropped off coffee, breakfast, food (and medicine),” Hadden said.

Hadden said volunteering for the weekends in October “gives the community a chance to be involved in something positive.”

“There are trespassers/vandals but also good people who have great respect for history and historical places,” Hadden said.

Fisher said he is “personally unsure” how he feels about the



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

Ellie Mitchell volunteers to camp at the MIIBS grounds to protect the site.

boarding school grounds. He had three great-uncles and one great-aunt die while attending.

“But it is the wish of the Tribe, through surveying the Membership, to turn the property into a place of healing and education, and this makes securing the MIIBS site a matter of defending tribal sovereignty and the will of the Tribe and its people, so I will uphold this over any personal view I may have,” Fisher said.

According to Hadden, it may be decided at a later date to expand the weekend camps on the grounds.



Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services

Star Tree Program

Nov. 2, 2020 - Dec. 11, 2020

Community members are invited to help make the upcoming holiday better for those less fortunate children by participating in the Star Tee Program to make a child’s Christmas happier. Tis the Season for gift-giving!



How to Help

Select a Star from the ACFS Star Tree in the lobby of ACFS

- The Star will contain a number (ex: G2- for a girl or B7-for a boy) and age for a child.
- It will have a wish list provided by the child with clothing sizes and color preferences.

Purchase the gift(s) or substitutes listed on the Star

- Not all gift(s) need be purchased.
- The wish list is just a variety of preferences for gifts.

Wrap the gift(s) and bag/bundle the gift(s) together

- With the star attached to the outside of the bag/bundle.
- Please do not label the individual gift(s) with the number (ex. G2).

Return the gift(s) with the stars to ACFS

- Anytime between 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday.
- Please have gift(s) returned to ACFS by Dec.11 to allow enough time to distribute the gifts to children by Dec. 18, 2020.

Interested in Sponsoring? Contact ACFS

- **Phone:** 989.775.4901
- **Address:** 7070 E Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Attention SCIT Tribal Members:

The Ziibiwing Cultural Society’s **Collection Committee** needs **Committee Members**

For more information, please contact:

William Johnson at 989-775-4730 or wjohnson@sagchip.org



Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services

Star Tree Program

Stocking Stuffers

For those of you not able to sponsor a child this year but would still like to spread some Christmas cheer:

ACFS is accepting stocking stuffers!

Are you looking to help provide Christmas cheer? Looking to help children in the area? Look no further! ACFS is looking for individuals to donate stocking stuffers so children in the area can enjoy a stocking full of joy!

Suggested items include:

Non-perishable items, snacks, candy, small toys, card games, personal care items, stockings and anything else suited for children.



Donations accepted until Dec. 11

In the stocking stuffer box in the lobby of ACFS

For more information: 989-775-4901



Ziibiwing Center's virtual 2020 Art Market a success

GLENNA JENKINS

Ziibiwing Sales & Events Specialist

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Circle of Indigenous Arts Market and Juried Competition had to make some adjustments. The Ziibiwing Center decided to go virtual and use social media to advertise and host the event on Nov. 6-7.

Ziibiwing created a Facebook Event page and it proved to be a huge success. This year's art market had 31 artists who

entered the juried competition and sold their work.

The Best in Show award went to Monica Raphael (Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians) for her quillworked and beaded bag.

"I am honored and appreciative to have won Best in Show for Nuh-Mah-Nuh Daawina Akin, inspired by the beauty of the Comanche Homelands and how I see where I make my home now in their part of the country," Raphael said.

The Mahoney Group gave a monetary donation to Ziibiwing for the Circle of Indigenous Arts.

Ziibiwing used the donation to give all the artists that didn't place a \$50 VISA gift card for their participation.

The Mahoney Group donation also supported a new award called the Social Media Sensation Award based on what post reached the most people, and that award went to Jenna Wood.

Wood's submission of a quillwork and birchbark mask reached nearly 26,000 views throughout the course of the two-day market. Her post has now reached over 35,000 people.

Wood is a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and a senior at Michigan State University studying Apparel and Textile Design, minoring in American

Indian and Indigenous Studies and Graphic Design.

Wood was taught quillwork in 2019 by Yvonne Walker Keshick. The process and materials in quillwork have given Jenna insight to traditional processes and has given purpose for her interdisciplinary practice.

Facebook statistics showed that the Circle of Indigenous Arts Market page had more than 82,000 engagements during the two-day market. More than 1,000 people liked the new Facebook page, and 1,000 people are now following it.

Even though the art market is over, our event page has reached over 3,000 people.

Through social media, we have reached so many who otherwise



Courtesy photo

Jenna Wood won a new award this year, the Social Media Sensation Award, for this quillwork and birchbark mask that gained a lot of attention online.

would not access these beautiful artworks, and encouraged connectivity at a time when we cannot physically gather. So much beautiful art is being created at this time and we are honored to be a part of sharing these stunning works.



Courtesy photo

For this piece photographed, SCIT Member Lisa Passinault won 'Best in Division' for Beadwork during the Ziibiwing Center's virtual 2020 Circle of Indigenous Arts Market and Juried Competition on Nov. 6-7.



Courtesy photo

Monica Raphael (Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians) won 'Best in Show' for this quillworked and beaded bag.

The Circle of Indigenous Arts Market winners

Animation, Photography, and Short Film

- Best in Division: Lee Ann Ruffino

Basketry

- Best in Division: Josh Homminga
- A'yungwahmahzin: Sarah Homminga

Diversified vied Art Forms

- Best in Division: Monica Raphael
- A'yungwahmahzin: Jenna Wood

Beadwork

- Best in Division: Lisa Passinault
- A'yungwahmahzin: Alexa Day

Paintings, Drawings, and Graphic Arts

- Best in Division: James Day
- A'yungwahmahzin: Shaylyn Sprague

Pottery

- Best in Division: Shirley Brauker

Sculptures

- Best in Division: Saige LaFountain
- A'yungwahmahzin: Natasha Santiago

Youth

- Best in Division: Aydrian Day
- A'yungwahmahzin: Riley Diehlman



HOLIDAY MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL!!

December 01, 2020 - January 29, 2021

Renew your Zibiwing membership or buy a new membership at regular price and get a second one of equal or lesser value **at 50% OFF!**

Support Ziibiwing in our mission... to provide an enriched, diversified and culturally relevant educational experience ... and recognize, perpetuate, communicate and support the culture, diversity and spirit of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and other Great Lakes Anishinabek.

Visit www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing for information on the various membership levels available.

Call 989.775.4747 for payment information.

*Have a Safe & Happy Holiday!
Miigwetch (Thank you)*

COMMUNITY CULTURAL TEACHING CORN HUSK DOLLS!

• FREE KITS!

Free corn husk doll ornament kits (While supply lasts!)

Call Tera at 989.775.4750 to arrange curb side pick-up at Ziibiwing December 1-20, 2020

• DEMONSTRATION

See a live stream demonstration of "How to Make a Corn Husk Doll" with Glenna Jenkins on December 11, 2020 at 4pm. Watch at www.sagchip.org

• PRIZES! PRIZES!

Submit a photo of your finished corn husk doll by December 20, 2020 to Glenna at gjenkins@sagchip.org for a chance to win a prize from the Ziibiwing Center!



ZIIBIWING CENTER
of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways

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

Temporarily
Closed to the Public



Anishinaabemowin WORD SEARCH

ozhaashikoshin	slippery ice
adaawaagan	fur for trade
babiinzikawaagan	coat
miizh	give
aagim	snowshoe
minjikaawan	mitten
azhigan	sock
waabooz	rabbit
waagosh	fox
goonens-ag	snowflake
biboonishi	winter
gizhaabikizigan	stove
goon	snow
daashkiga'ise	split firewood
wawezhi	decorate
wiigiwaam	lodge
mino-waawiinjiga	celebrate
anang-oog	star
adik-wag	reindeer

G	A	W	K	I	D	A	H	A	N	A	G	I	H	Z	A	W	W	T	J
X	X	T	V	N	O	V	S	T	W	W	U	E	K	X	Y	Z	U	R	J
M	I	N	O	W	A	A	W	I	I	N	J	I	G	A	I	Z	A	C	E
O	Q	O	S	E	B	S	N	N	H	I	Q	R	V	M	B	N	A	X	F
I	G	T	M	I	N	J	I	K	A	A	W	A	N	E	A	Y	W	R	B
O	B	W	C	R	P	R	Q	K	G	P	C	N	Q	Q	B	C	Q	O	Y
G	I	Z	H	A	A	B	I	K	I	Z	I	G	A	N	I	M	X	G	I
A	B	M	B	W	M	I	H	Z	E	W	A	W	H	H	I	A	W	T	N
D	O	R	B	M	U	W	U	C	Y	U	P	Z	L	Z	N	A	T	Y	A
A	O	G	A	S	N	E	N	O	O	G	P	P	O	I	Z	W	M	N	A
A	N	R	I	R	W	O	O	W	Q	U	B	E	T	I	I	I	Y	B	N
W	I	C	U	R	J	G	O	A	A	S	E	L	L	M	K	G	D	R	Y
A	S	Q	T	O	R	S	D	A	A	S	H	K	I	G	A	I	S	E	I
A	H	F	H	J	V	W	G	G	G	G	J	O	J	Z	W	I	U	E	W
G	I	P	X	S	G	K	Y	O	I	U	S	Q	J	D	A	W	V	Q	A
A	O	V	F	Q	Z	N	V	S	M	P	K	I	T	C	A	X	L	X	A
N	X	R	A	L	A	F	O	H	X	V	A	N	A	N	G	O	O	G	B
D	I	M	L	S	N	I	H	S	O	K	I	H	S	A	A	H	Z	O	O
H	E	M	W	L	A	Y	R	E	H	X	O	E	A	R	N	J	B	K	O
T	L	L	Y	C	V	I	Y	U	G	W	C	W	J	D	I	D	N	L	Z

*A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe
by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm*

Word Bank

- Segaajigan
- Goon'enhs
- Mno Nimkodaadim
- Damnawaagan
- Mno Niibaanaamaang
- Goon'nini
- Shkabjigaanhsan
- Aansookedaa
- Niibaanamaa'mtik
- Waawaashkesh

Across

- 1: Reindeer/deer
- 5: Let's tell stories/legends
- 6: Snowflake
- 8: Merry Christmas
- 9: It's a Happy New Year
- 10: Decoration

Down

- 2: Present
- 3: Doll
- 4: Snowman
- 7: Christmas tree

©2020, Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

Anishinaabemowin CROSSWORD

- Down**
- 1. Reindeer/deer (waawaashkesh)
 - 2. Present (shkabjigaanhsan)
 - 3. Doll (damnawaagan)
 - 4. Snowman (goonini)
 - 7. Christmas tree (niibaanamaamtik)
- Across**
- 1. Merry Christmas (mnoonibaanaamaang)
 - 5. Snowflake (goonens)
 - 6. Snowflake (goonens)
 - 8. Merry Christmas (mnoonibaanaamaang)
 - 9. It's a Happy New Year (mnoonimkodaadim)
 - 10. Decoration (segaajigan)



Come and “see the difference” at Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center

RACHEL PHILLIPS

Diabetic Community Health Representative



American Indians and Alaska Natives have the highest prevalence rate of diabetes in the U.S., more than twice the rate of the general population.

Diabetes can cause damage to blood vessels in the eyes in a condition called diabetic retinopathy. The damage to the blood vessels can sometimes grow to dangerous levels causing moderate or severe vision loss and/or blindness.

People with diabetic retinopathy may not be aware of it until it is too late and permanent vision loss has occurred. However, with regular examinations, timely

diagnosis and treatment, severe vision loss can be avoided in most cases.

American Indians and Alaska Natives with diabetes are at increased risk for diabetes-related vision loss, largely because only half get the annual diabetic eye exam needed for timely diagnosis and treatment.

The Indian Health Service-Joslin Vision Network (IHS-JVN) Teleophthalmology Program was established in 2000 to use telemedicine technology to provide high quality, cost-effective, annual diabetic eye

exams to AI/AN. This program has significantly contributed to a decrease in diabetes related vision loss and blindness in AI/AN through improved compliance with standards of care.

The diabetes team of Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center was gracefully granted the newest IHS-JVN technology called the Optos Daytona Ultra-wide-field Retinal Imaging Device in September 2019. With this new technology, the diabetes team staff members are able to capture images of the patient’s eyes using a digital camera without the use of dilating eye drops.

Special computer software transmits the images along with relevant patient clinical

information to the IHS-JVN National Reading Center located in Phoenix.

IHS eye doctors specially trained by the Joslin Diabetes Center interpret the images and generate a report that is available for the patient’s primary care provider. The reports include the level of diabetic retinopathy, presence of any non-diabetic eye disease and recommended treatment or other management.

Getting an Optomap image is fast, painless, and comfortable. Nothing touches your eye at any time.

To have the exam, you simply look into the device one eye at a time (like looking through a keyhole) and you will see a flash of light to let you know the images

of your retina (the back of the eye) has been taken. The images captured take less than a half-second and they are available immediately for you to see your own retina.

Early signs of disease can be present in the periphery of your retina and remain undetected for a long time when using traditional methods. Some of the first signs of disease such as stroke, diabetes and even some cancers can be seen in your retina, often before you have other symptoms.

The Optomap is a unique technology that captures more than 80 percent of your retina in single images, while traditional imaging methods typically only show about 10-15 percent of your retina at one time.

Feature series: StrongHearts Native Helpline advocate edition

STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

In recognition of Native American leadership in the field of domestic and sexual violence, StrongHearts Native Helpline is presenting a series of columns featuring individuals making a difference in Indian Country.

StrongHearts is breaking new ground offering culturally-appropriate advocacy for Native American and Alaska Natives nationwide. Our featured advocate is Vanessa who is helping StrongHearts to become a leader in the field of advocating for Native people who experience domestic, dating and/or sexual violence.

Vanessa is a StrongHearts advocate who dives deep into her lived experience as a victim-survivor. She is determined not to be defined by her past and who has the will to make a difference. She is an exemplary Native woman who changed the trajectory of her life.

Through hard work and healthy choices, Vanessa was determined to overcome the hardship that comes from being raised in a home where domestic violence was prevalent.

Personal experience with domestic violence: “I grew up in low-income housing in Minnesota where I saw and heard physical

violence and verbal/emotional abuse. [My parents] showed they loved each other by hitting each other,” Vanessa said and explained that she didn’t know what domestic violence was, but she knew what it looked like, what it sounded like and how it felt.

Without positive role models, she thought violence was normal. Eventually, she found herself on the same path.

“When you’ve been through so many traumatic experiences starting from a young age you lose yourself,” Vanessa said. “My domestic violence experience started with my very first boyfriend at 13 years old. From what I saw and heard growing up, it was somehow what I thought was normal. Domestic violence followed me throughout my whole life and in every relationship from my teenage years into adulthood. I didn’t have role models growing up as a young woman and thought, this was the way life was supposed to be. This was my life.”

Vanessa was in a toxic relationship, but alone in raising her four children. She started to use alcohol and drugs as a coping mechanism. Try as she might to escape substance abuse, she became an addict. She knew deep down this was not how she wanted to live. It was not who she wanted to be.

“I hurt myself, my kids and loved ones in the process,” Vanessa said. “I was having bad anxiety and decided I just couldn’t take it anymore. I wanted to be happy and something told me I deserve to be happy.”

Finding help: That was four years ago. After 18 years of experiencing domestic violence, Vanessa called a crisis hotline and started individual therapy at the Harriet Tubman Center in Minneapolis. From there she found the strength to embark on her own healing journey. She took time to heal and reflect on her life.

“I lived that traumatic life of chaos, drama and all that stuff and I learned to set up boundaries with family, friends and acquaintances,” she said. “When I learned to do that my whole life became what it’s supposed to be. I stopped the cycle of abuse in my own life and that’s when good things started to happen. I found purpose in my life. I knew that as a victim-survivor, I could use my experience to help others.”

Helping as a StrongHearts advocate: Becoming a domestic and sexual violence advocate, Vanessa continued to learn more about how she could help her community. She found that what she had in common was more than just a coincidence.

She knows what it feels like to feel helpless and alone. Suicidal ideation was a common thought running through her head, but as do most Native women - she found that she was stronger and more resilient than she ever thought possible.

“I knew that after everything I’ve been through, my life experience does not define me. No matter what a victim has been through, it does not define the person they were or who they want to become,” she said. “It is my job to be that listening ear and be that calm voice for victim-survivors when they need it. I want them to feel safe with whatever it is they need to share with me. I want them to find the help they need.”

Finding purpose in experience: Vanessa is glad that she was chosen to do this type of work and because she is open to sharing her experience she knows that it can be helpful to others.

“At the end of the day, there’s somebody else going through what I did. I didn’t know which way to go, but being around people who were survivors and talking with them gave me hope. As a Native advocate, I must stay true to myself by taking responsibility for who I am and how I carry myself,” she said, adding: “I found peace and serenity and so can others like me.”

It’s important to Vanessa that survivors know that they are not alone. They need to know that it’s okay to set boundaries. Our people are rich in culture. We have what it takes to do or be whatever we want in life. We can pray, go to sweats, powwows or participate in other cultural ceremonies. (Note: due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many in-person cultural activities have been cancelled, however, there are many virtual resources available.)

“Go in with a good heart and mind and know that victim-survivors deserve to live a happy and healthy life,” Vanessa said. “Healing starts with a lot of hard work and effort. Victim-survivors owe it to themselves to figure out what they want and need out of life.”

The future of advocacy: Our StrongHearts advocates have a vision for a brighter future.

“To build a stronger community, I think we must create

awareness around domestic and sexual violence,” she said. “We need to break down barriers to our own success and to stop feeling as though we are less than others. As an advocate, I hope I can be the voice for those that feel they don’t have one and to guide those who know where they want to go but don’t know how to get there.

In my advocacy, I know that I must be knowledgeable and keep educating myself so that I can give the most accurate information and guidance to others. I know how much courage it takes to talk about domestic violence and that we as Native people need to honor that and treat victim-survivors with the utmost respect and dignity.”

Giving back: “Being a StrongHearts advocate gave me the opportunity to give back to my community,” said Vanessa. “I want Native people to know that it’s never too late to start on their journey to healing. I want them to stand tall and be proud of being Native. We all have a place and a purpose in this world. We just need to find a way to get there.”

Contact StrongHearts at 1-844-7NATIVE or click on the Chat Now icon to connect one-on-one with an advocate daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. As a collaborative effort of the National Domestic Violence Hotline (The Hotline) and the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center, after-hour callers can connect with The Hotline by choosing option one.



Nimkee Fitness

Open Indoors

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Mask or shield required at all times
(masks and face shields can be provided)
- Five Fitness Center members allowed at one time
- Locker rooms are available, showers are NOT available

Must call to make a reservation: 989.775.4690

- Only able to reserve one hour at a time, in half hour increments
- If there is availability you may walk up
- Reservations can be made as early as a week in advance



MIGIZI

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CO.

Positions Now Available!

Apply today at
www.migiziedc.com



Case counts increase, instructions on how to isolate and quarantine

CENTRAL MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The number of new positive COVID-19 cases reported to the Central Michigan District Health Department has increased significantly. Recent cases have reported many close contacts, making it difficult to quickly contact and give instructions to both positive cases and their close contacts.

Many people are also contracting COVID-19 from no known source.

CMDHD is dedicated to protecting the health of our residents, however our employees are currently unable to reach every positive case within the first 24 hours of receiving results.

In some cases, we are only verifying that people are receiving their positive result. We are prioritizing the positive cases according to the Michigan

Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recommendations. Thus, we are asking community members to help by following these steps:

If you have any COVID-19 symptoms – get tested!

- Do not go out, go to work or school while you are waiting for your results.

- Stay at home if you are feeling ill.

If you are positive:

- Stay home and isolate from everyone in your household. Isolation is 10 days (If you do not isolate from those you live with, it will extend their quarantine period).

- You will be contacted by the health department; please answer your phone or text. The call or text may be coming from our office or from a CMDHD staff cell phone number.

- Make a list of close contacts for the past 48 hours from when your symptoms started or when you had your test done if you did not have symptoms. Close

contacts include anyone within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period, even with a mask on.

- Notify the close contacts you identified while you were contagious. They will need to self-quarantine for 14 days since the last day you were with them. If they develop symptoms, they should be tested. Once contacts are identified, staff and volunteers from the local and state health departments will contact them soon.

- If you need a letter for an employer, call your local CMDHD branch office and select extension 1405 to leave a message.

If you were notified that you are a close contact to a positive case:

- You may be notified by a school, a childcare, an employer, a family member, a friend, the new COVID-19 Alert App, a contact tracer or someone else working at the health department.

- Self-quarantine in your home for 14 days. Quarantine should begin the first full day after the last day you were with the positive case.

- Prevent anyone who does not reside in your household from entering the home.

- Answer the phone when the state or local health department calls. The call will come from 866-806-3447, MI COVID HELP or CMDHD.

- Consider getting tested, especially if you develop symptoms of COVID-19.

- Wear a mask when you are tested and if you must go out for any emergency.

- If you get tested and the results are negative, you MUST still complete 14 days of self-quarantine before resuming normal activities.

- If you need a letter for your employer, TraceForce, the company who is helping your local health department with contact tracing, can provide one for you.

As a reminder, the local or state health department will never ask for your personal identification like Social Security Number, driver's license, credit card number, or financial information.

Lastly, consider downloading the MI COVID Alert app on your phone. This app will allow you to notify your close contacts if you are positive, or, notify you if you have been in close contact with someone who is positive.

For COVID-19 testing sites, please visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirustest to find the closest testing site, or call 2-1-1.

Central Michigan District Health Department has a Coronavirus message center. Please call 989-773-5921 extension 1444 if you have any questions. Leave your name, phone number, county of residence, and a brief message. Staff will return calls as soon as possible. Businesses can also use this message center to report positive cases to the local health department.

World AIDS Day to be recognized Dec. 1

CENTRAL MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Central Michigan District Health Department supports World AIDS Day on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020. First observed in 1988, World AIDS Day was initiated

by health ministers from around the world who called for a spirit of social tolerance and a greater awareness of HIV/AIDS on an international scale.

In Michigan, the prevalence of HIV continues to increase because the number of new diagnoses is larger than the number of deaths. This is

largely due to improved anti-retroviral medications.

According to the 2019 Michigan Statewide HIV Surveillance Report, the reported prevalence of HIV was 16,306 and the prevalence of AIDS was 8,305.

What can you do? Wear a red ribbon, which is an

international symbol of AIDS awareness that can be worn by people all year and particularly around World AIDS Day to demonstrate care and concern about HIV and AIDS.

Central Michigan District Health Department will be doing its part in recognizing World AIDS Day, #RockTheRibbon,

by wearing red ribbons at our six branch offices.

Do your part by getting tested yourself to know your own HIV status and receive your very own red ribbon. Central Michigan District Health Department offers HIV testing by appointment. Call (989) 773-5921 ext. 1409 to make an appointment.

They follow YOUR EXAMPLE
Not your advice

Education is a gift to yourself, your family and your community.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College

Is an accredited public community college that provides educational opportunities reflecting Anishinaabe values.

Associate degrees in:

- Business
- Liberal Arts
- Native American Studies
- Science

- ▶ Lowest tuition in the region
- ▶ Student-centered learning
- ▶ Small class sizes of 25 students or less
- ▶ Free tutoring
- ▶ Financial Aid assistance
- ▶ Caring instructors, friendly campus

2274 Enterprise Dr., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
989.317.4760
www.sagchip.edu

USDA NIFA HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION
United States Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Advertise with the Tribal Observer

Promote Your Products & Services!

- Advertisement development included
- Full color advertisements
- Reach thousands of customers
- Affordable rates
- Flexible publication time frames

The Tribal Observer is the monthly publication of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

The Observer is available to Tribal Members of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, reaching more than 3,000 members. The Observer is also distributed via break rooms of the Saginaw Chippewa Businesses and is available to 4,000 associates.

The Observer can also be viewed exclusively online at www.sagchip.org/TribalObserver.

To advertise, please contact the Tribal Observer

7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd. 989.775.4096
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 TribalObserver@sagchip.org

Sizing and Prices	
A 3.9" wide by 2.3" tall	1 Month: \$60 1 Year: \$50/mo.
B 5.933" wide by 2.3" tall	1 Month: \$100 1/4 Year: \$90/mo. 1/2 Year: \$85/mo. 1 Year: \$75/mo.
C 3.9" wide by 4" tall	1 Month: \$120 1/4 Year: \$115/mo. 1/2 Year: \$110/mo. 1 Year: \$95/mo.
D 4.917" wide by 4" tall	1 Month: \$150 1/4 Year: \$145/mo. 1/2 Year: \$140/mo. 1 Year: \$125/mo.
E 5.933" wide by 4" tall	1 Month: \$225 1/4 Year: \$220/mo. 1/2 Year: \$215/mo. 1 Year: \$200/mo.
F 4.917" wide by 8" tall	1 Month: \$290 1/4 Year: \$280/mo. 1/2 Year: \$275/mo. 1 Year: \$270/mo.
Half Page 10" wide by 8" tall	1 Month: \$580 1/4 Year: \$560/mo. 1/2 Year: \$550/mo. 1 Year: \$520/mo.
Full Page 10" wide by 16" tall	1 Month: \$1,150 1/4 Year: \$1,100/mo. 1/2 Year: \$1,075/mo. 1 Year: \$1,000/mo.

*All ads are quoted with full color. No discounts given for black and white. Payment is due in advance until credit is established.



DECEMBER 2020 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Girls Weight Training

Monday, Wednesday & Friday | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday | 12 - 4 p.m.

- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- One-on-one sessions
- Open to girls, 10-17 years old
- 989.429.4157 or rbailey@sagchip.org
- By appointment only, mask required
- Strength Training, Weight Lifting, HIIT
- Times and days are subject to change.

Boys Weight Training

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- One-on-one sessions
- Open to boys, 10-17 years old
- 989.775.4121 or AlLeaureaux@sagchip.org
- By appointment only, mask required
- Strength Training, Weight Lifting, HIIT
- One hour slots
- 48 hour noticed required when scheduling appointments



Reduce Reuse Recycle Family Creativity COMPETITION

Behavioral Health is encouraging families to get creative together over winter break and come up with ways to reuse/recycle cardboard!

Top prizes awarded for these categories:

- Most creative use of cardboard
- Best winter themed
- Best Anishinaabe themed
- Best in show



Submitting your creation:

- Photos/videos will need to be sent to prevention@sagchip.org by 5 p.m. on Jan. 8, 2021.
- The email needs to include the family team name, family/team members and ages who helped create their piece, and contact phone number.
- A committee from Behavioral Health will chose the winners.
- Winners will be notified by Jan. 14, 2021, and the photo of their entry will be featured in the February issue of the Tribal Observer.

SCIT Dog Licensing

No dogs shall be kept, harbored or maintained within the boundaries of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe's District 1 and 2 without being registered. Tribal Members can now register their dogs at Tribal Business Regulations. Dog licenses are required for all dogs over 3 months of age and must provide proof of valid rabies vaccination- signed by a licensed veterinarian. Our licenses correspond to the date of rabies shot; when the rabies vaccination expires, the license expires. Dog owners will receive a metal dog tag and dogs are required to wear the tag at all times, except when such dog is engaged in lawful hunting, accompanied by its owner or custodian.

A registration fee of \$5 for each male and neutered dog registered, and \$12 for each female dog registered. Checks or exact cash only.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Business Regulations, 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. Contact: Chris Sineway (989) 775-4105, Melissa Owl (989) 775-4175, or Rosanna Keshick (989) 775-4109 for an appointment.

Truman D. Picard Scholarship:

For Native American/Alaska natural resource students

Purpose: The Truman D. Picard Scholarship program is dedicated to the support of native american students pursuing a higher education in natural resources.

Award:

- \$2,500 for college students (number of awards varies per year)
- \$2,500 for grad students and graduating college seniors that are applying/accepted for grad school
- \$2,000 for graduating high school students

Deadline: Friday March 12, 2021, 5 p.m. PST

Inquires and applications should be directed to the intertribal timber council office:

Attn: Education Committee
Intertribal Timber Council
1112 N.E. 21st Avenue, suite 4
Portland, Oregon, 97232-2114

Phone: 503-282-4296



DECEMBER 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* <p><small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small></p>	1	2	3	4	5
7	8	9	10	11	12
14	15	16	17	18	19
21	22	23	24	25	26
28	29	30	31	<p>2021 Annual Reports are now being accepted Deadline: May 4, 2021 by 5 p.m.</p>	



Tribal Observer Classifieds

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

- 100 Employment
- 105 Lost and Found
- 110 For Rent
- 115 For Sale
- 120 Announcements
- 125 Miigwetch
- 130 Services
- 135 Events
- 140 Giveaways
- 145 Miscellaneous

100 Employment Tribal Operations

Waste Water Operator

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Three years' experience in wastewater/water field or directly related experience in plumbing or mechanical plant operations. Must be willing to take classes in microbiology, advanced math and beginning algebra courses.

Water Resource Technician PT

Open to the public. Associates degree, or actively pursuing a BS/BA in environmental, biology, chemistry, geology, and or natural science. One-year experience in environmental policy, GPS equipment, water sampling methods, and data analysis. Technical writing, accurate verbal and non-verbal communication skills.

Residential Treatment Coordinator

Open to the public. Master's degree level in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Four years' experience in residential treatment. One year in a supervisory capacity. Experience with substance abuse treatment protocols, the judicial and legal system. Experience with co-occurring therapy experience with adults, youth, and families preferred.

SCTC Tutor

Open to the public. At least 60 completed credits towards a college degree with an overall 3.0 GPA or above. Strong mathematics and/or English background ability to demonstrate competence in SCTC MTH 230, MTH 120, ENG 101, ENG 102, and ENG 130 or equivalent is higher preferred.

Physician

Open to the public. Medical degree or doctor of osteopathic medicine. Current board certification in specialty. Two years' experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting preferred. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position. Medical license for MD or DO in the State of Michigan. Michigan and DEA Controlled Substance License or ability to obtain upon hire. Ability to obtain HIPAA Certification, Blood Borne Pathogens Certification, BLS Certification and Safety Training within thirty days of hire.

Prosecutor

Open to the public. Juris doctor from an ABA accredited law school. Minimum of three years experience as a practicing attorney, familiarity with federal Indian law preferred. Minimum of one year experience as a prosecuting attorney. Member of a State Bar Association and in good standing.

Understanding of all codes and professional standards applicable to the conduct of prosecutors. Experience with juvenile welfare cases. Experience with Tribal Code, Federal Law, State Law and court procedure.

Victims of Crime Senior Advocate

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in counseling, social work, sociology, psychology, law enforcement criminal justice, law or related field. Counseling experience within Native American communities, including victims of crime counseling programs, or social work. One year of experience in crisis support, social work, or victim advocacy. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered. Experience writing and maintaining a grant.

Certified Nursing Assistant

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. State of Michigan Certified Nursing Assistant. Must be able to obtain HIPAA certification within five business days from date of hire. One year nursing experience preferred. Experience with older adults preferred. Must be able to effectively communicate with residents and all members of the health care team and have good computer skills.

Clerical Pool

Open to Tribal Members. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Clerical experience is a plus. Applicants must have a telephone contact number and be available on short notice for short-term employment.

Land Grant Office Manager

Open to the public. Master's degree required. Preference will be given to candidates with a degree in administration, business, education, leadership, agriculture, communications, marketing, human development, extension and family and consumer sciences. Minimum five years of experience in administrative leadership that includes managing human resources, budgets, grants, communications, external partnerships and governmental relations. Thorough understanding of land grant office programs and goals. Excellent knowledge of program and performance evaluation. Demonstrated familiarity with college outreach and the fundamental mission of a land-grant institution, including

sensitivity to the educational needs of both traditional and non-traditional audiences and the relationship between campus-based research and state-wide Land Grant programs.

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. MCOLES certified or MCOLES certifiable. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Current Special Law Enforcement Commission through the Bureau of Indian Affairs or ability to obtain and maintain.

General Labor

Pool Worker

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be physically fit and be able to perform manual labor. Applicants must have a telephone contact number and be available on short notice for short-term employment.

Soaring Eagle

Sports Betting & Online Casino Manager

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Three years sports betting management experience. Two years in a supervisory capacity. Knowledge of sports wagering and online casino gaming.

Saganing

Bartender

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

F&B Attendant

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

F&B Custodial Worker

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

Executive Hospitality Manager

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Bachelor's degree in business administration, hospitality or related field. Five years of progressive experience in

hotel operations. Five years of experience in a food and beverage management capacity. Sales, rooms, food and beverage experience. Previous hotel management experience.

Beverage Waitstaff

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

Cleaning Care

Team Associate

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must pass a health screening before entering the facility for scheduled shift. This is a temporary position through Dec. 31, 2020.

Cashier

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.

Guestroom Attendant

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

Line Cook

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

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. Six months of lead or supervisory experience. Culinary degree from an ACF accredited school preferred.

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, included weekends and holidays.

Front Desk Agent 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.

Updated SCIT DK-12 Grade Services

- While schools are remote, DK-12 services will also be working remotely.
- **Monday - Friday:** online services will be available from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For more information, please contact your child's Advisor/Tutor. See contact information below:

Mount Pleasant High	Email	Phone
Kari Noack- Advisor	kklouse@sagchip.org	989-492-0015
Kerry Byberg-Tutor	kbyberg@sagchip.org	248-564-3039
Kim Saboo-Tutor	ksaboo@sagchip.org	989-495-8431

Mount Pleasant Middle	Email	Phone
Gloria Mulbrecht-Advisor	gmulbrecht@sagchip.org	989-775-2220 Ext. 22113
Ashley Higgins-Tutor	ahiggins@sagchip.org	989-775-2220 Ext. 22113

Shepherd/Morey	Email	Phone
Marta Heslip-Advisor	mheslip@sagchip.org	989-277-9872
Kim Saboo-Tutor	ksaboo@sagchip.org	989-495-8431
Tammy Baker-Tutor	tbaker@sagchip.org	989-824-2321

Pullen/Vowles/Kinney/Renaissance	Email	Phone
Anita Hall- Advisor	ahall@sagchip.org	989-245-4005
Mark Ojeda-Vasquez-Tutor	marojeda-vasquez@sagchip.org	989-317-0285

McGuire/Ganiard/Fancher/Beal City	Email	Phone
Renata Borton- Advisor	reborton@sagchip.org	313-409-8389
Lori Lumbert-Gillis-Tutor	llumbert-gillis@sagchip.org	313-444-9278
Deborah Buckley-Tutor	dbuckley@sagchip.org	724-888-3902

WAY	Email	Phone
Kari Noack- Advisor	kklouse@sagchip.org	989-492-0015
Tammy Baker-Tutor	tbaker@sagchip.org	989-824-2321

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

NOTICE OF HEARING TO KALLIE STEPHENS IN THE MATTER OF ONE MINOR CHILD

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court Children's Division 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 Case 19-JCW-0050 To: Kallie Stephens in the matter of one minor child, date of birth 01-21-2014. The Court has taken jurisdiction of the minor in reference to the case number listed above. A continuation of the petition for termination will be conducted by the court on Dec. 9, 2020 at 2 p.m. in the courtroom at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 East Broadway Road, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan before the Honorable Patrick M. Shannon. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Kallie Stephens personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Court continuing its jurisdiction over the minor and the eventual termination of parental rights.

Powwow Committee

The Powwow Committee is currently seeking new members.

Interested individuals may submit letters of interest to: powwowcommittee@sagchip.org



Well & Septic PROGRAM

Free to Tribal Members who reside within the IHS service area: Isabella, Clare, Midland, Arenac Missaukee counties

If you are experiencing problems with your well or septic, please contact the Planning Department.
*You must own your home.

To make an appointment: Please call the Planning Department at (989) 775-4014.

With the rising cases of COVID19 in our area we want to make sure we do our part in limiting the spread of the virus. Therefore, the Ziibiwing Center staff will be working remotely. The center and gift shop will remain closed to the public until further notice.

Staff can be reached via email or phone
Monday - Friday • 8am to 5pm, but will be on holiday
Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27, 2020.

The Tree of Life pole remains available for your prayer ties at the front of the Ziibiwing center. Semaa (tobacco) and material for ties are there for your use.

Take care. Be safe!





Win your share of \$100,000 in COLD HARD CASH!

Saturdays in December | 6PM - 11PM

Hourly drawings from 6PM-10PM for cash drawings starting with \$1,000 and growing each hour all the way up to \$5,000! One lucky ACCESS member will be drawn at 11PM to win \$10,000 IN CASH!

Access Club members will receive one (1) entry for every 300 points earned on their Access Club card from 12am November 29th, 2020 until 10:55PM on December 26th, 2020.



FRIDAYS, DEC. 4 & 18
6PM-11PM

Cash drawings each hour. Number of winners and cash prizes increase each hour. At 11PM 5 winners get \$2,000!



THURSDAY, DEC. 31 | 7PM-12:15AM

\$1,000 Premium Play drawings each hour from 7-11pm! Then at 12:15AM on January 1, 2021 one player will win \$20,021 cash!



WEDNESDAYS, DEC. 2, 23, & 30
6PM-10PM

Each hour, you could win cold hard cash starting with \$1,000 at 6PM and increasing up to \$3,000 at 10PM!



THURSDAYS | 3PM-11:59PM

Play your favorite slots for a chance to win \$25 in Premium Play! Ricochet Rewards will randomly award 50 players \$25 in Premium Play. These random rewards can ricochet multiple times between the hours of 3PM and midnight every Thursday!



Your chance to win \$1,000 in CASH and a \$100 Gift Card!

December 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, and 19
5PM - 10PM

Select Fridays & Saturdays from 5pm - 10pm, two lucky guests will be drawn every hour where they will choose a gift box for a chance at \$1,000 Cash and a \$100 Amazon Gift Card!

Guests may only win once per week. Start earning entries on November 29, 2020 at 12am.



DECEMBER 24, 25, & 26
4AM - 11:59PM

Earn 1000 points, swipe a kiosk to play a game and a chance at up to \$500 in Premium Play!



THURSDAY, DEC. 31 | 8AM - 11:59PM

Earn your first 300 points and receive \$5 in premium play. Reach 800 points to get \$10 more and 1800 points for an additional \$25 in premium play. Up to \$40 total Premium Play! Then at 12:05a on Jan 1, 2020 one winner will receive a grand prize of \$2,021 in cash!



WEDNESDAYS | 4AM - 11:59PM
Earn points and get Premium Play!

Points Earned	Reward Amount
300	= \$5
800	= \$10
1800	= \$25

Every hour from 9AM - 9PM we will be doing a drawing for up to \$100 in Premium Play.



SUNDAYS | 10AM-10PM

Earn 1000 points for a chance to win \$100 in cash and Premium Play. Drawings every 15 minutes!

