Tribal Council presents live-streamed video for 2021 virtual State of the Tribe community meeting

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Editor

On behalf of Tribal Council and the Saginaw Chippewa community in Chippewa, Alice Jo Ricketts is joining the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Board of Education as an ex officio representative.

Jennifer Verlege, superintendent for Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, reached out to the Tribal Public Relations Department after the Board unanimously approved of an ex officio representative from the Tribe during the Board’s meeting on Monday, Jan. 4, 2021.

The idea came to the Board after Tribal Education Director Melissa Isaac gave a Nov. 16 presentation to the Board about the Tribal Education Department and, specifically, focused on the student support advisers and tutors.

"While there are lots of details to be worked out, we thought the first step would be to reach out and see if this is anything you think Tribal Council would be interested in doing," Verlege said in her initial email to Tribal PR, explaining no formal action about the idea was taken during the Jan. 4 meeting and thought it was best to reach out to Tribal Public Relations first.

Tribal PR responded and agreed to the idea, and Ricketts was chosen among three representatives.

"She was honored and hoping this helps accomplish and “provide strong advocacy, cultural awareness, bridge building between the Tribe, MPPS and community,”

In the past 30 plus years, she has worked for the Tribe, and mostly with our Tribal youth, Ricketts said. "And as many know, our children attend public school outside of the Saginaw Chippewa Academy. I am a huge supporter of education and I’m confident that I will have a strong presence to promote and advocate for our children."

At SCIT Tribal Education, Melissa Isaac believes this seat has the potential to serve many purposes and Tribals and Tribe members are open for collaboration and discussion.

"As a neighboring Tribal Nation, we will be able to provide input on decisions that directly impact our learners and families. These topics range from curriculum selection to transportation," Isaac said. "The Board will benefit from an additional, yet necessary, perspective and way of being, knowing, understanding and doing. The Tribal Council member to become first Tribal representative on Mt. Pleasant School Board

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Keeping in mind safety protocols during the pandemic, the Tribal Council hosted the 2021 annual State of the Tribe community meeting via a live-streamed video. The Tribal Council held the live webcast for Membership only on Friday, Jan. 22 at 10 a.m.

The Tribe in its entirety is available on the Tribal Member page of sagchip.org.

Chief Tim J. Davis provided a welcome and each Tribal Council member introduced themselves. Tribal Council member Gayle Ruhl provided the following words.

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"I wanted to thank each of my Tribal Members. May know me as Gayle Ruhl, I am a District I Tribal Council representative, I just want to say my heart goes out to the community during this time," Ruhl said.

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Prior to the live-streamed video, Tribal Members had the opportunity submit questions for Council to answer. The subjects of the questions brought forth by the Membership included: the pandemic and COVID-19, loan payments, the Tribe’s support of outside clubs or groups. (The full Q-and-A session may be viewed on the Tribal Members section of sagchip.org)

One Tribal Member asked, in an effort to make Tribal Members more connected to the community during the pandemic, if it would be possible to put out a call for Members to read articles from the Tribal Observer on video and post the videos to the Tribal website or social media pages. The Members stated that this could, “1. Engage community members and increase a sense of connectivity and 2. Make the Tribal Observer more accessible to those with visual impairments or reading struggles.”

To this, Tribal Council answered, “We thought this was an excellent idea and could be expanded on. We thought utilizing Youth Council to read aloud with our youth via virtual visits and storytelling, Education, At-Large/Member Services and a head of staff assist, creating a robust connection.”

Sub-Chief Joe Kequom highlighted the accomplishments as an ex officio representative. David Merrill graduating the police academy and joining the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department as a patrol officer. The sub-chief described Merrill as “an outstanding example within our community” (see page 6 for the feature on Merrill).

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Sharon Helen Peters (Cook)  
February 11, 1943 – January 8, 2021

Sharon Helen Peters, age 77, of Mount Pleasant, Michigan passed away unexpectedly on Friday, Jan. 8, 2021 at her home peacefully, with her family at her side.

Sharon was born on February 11, 1943 in Remus, Mich., the daughter of Jay and Caroline (Norman) Cook. She married her estranged husband Robert V. Peters on May 19, 1965 who had not had any marital relationship with Sharon since 1974.

Sharon worked for Dana Corporation - TB Woods in Mount Pleasant for 21 years. Additionally, she worked for the Saginaw Chipewa Indian Tribe as a Ninkem Fitness staff member for 21 years. As a Ninkem Fitness staff member, Sharon developed a family relationship with everyone she met. She loved her Ninkem family dearly.

Sharon also achieved the honor of being Ms. Senior Michigan 2016 an honor that truly identified the extraordinary woman she was.

Sharon especially enjoyed traveling to Woodland Park, Mich., to gather with generations of the family cottage built by her parents in the late ’60s. Sharon loved to spend time with family and friends there; her favorite activity while at the cottage was fishing.


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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 time changes. Administration’s administrative assistant compiles and prepares the agenda.

Dominick Shaffer
May 18, 1989 - January 21, 2021

Dominick “Don” Shaffer, age 31, of Pompeii, formerly of Mount Pleasant, Mich., passed away unexpectedly Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021. Dominick was born and raised in Mt. Pleasant by his parents, George Mandoka and Darcy Baldwin and his grandma Florence White.

Dominick was currently working for McNeil and Scully Oil. He also worked for Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Housing and Comfort Homes. Dominick was a certified hustler; he loved any income opportunity that allowed him to use his many skills.

He married Marcia Nashu on March 1, 2013 in Mt. Pleasant. Dominick was an amazing husband and father; he loved spending time with Marcia and his kids at the beach, cooking out, camping, hiking and rock collecting. Dominick was a hard-working provider for his family and that brought him true happiness.

He enjoyed fishing, working on projects, playing cards, gambling, and was a collector of many things.

Dominick was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Dominick is survived by his wife Marcia; his children Sharon Bertrand, Miigen Bertrand, Aiden Shaffer, Charles Shaffer, Blacie Shaffer; father George Mandoka of Mt. Pleasant; mom Darcy (Brian) Baldwin of Mt. Pleasant; grandma Florence (Michael) White of Clare; brothers Jacob Tetzlaff of Mt. Pleasant, Matthew Bates of Stanton; and his children from his first marriage, Dominick Mandoka and Darcy Baldwin and his wife, Jessie Ray Tackett.

He was a descendant of Little Traverse Bay Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and a member of the Tachii’nii (Red Running Water Clan), the Tsinilkinii (Red House Clan), the Kinlichiinii (Red House Clan), the Tachii’nii (Red Running Water Clan) and Haltsooi (Meadow People).

He was instrumental in bringing attention to wildlife crimes and getting successful prosecutions. He convinced the U.S. District Attorney to take a case for prosecuting eagle poaching which led to the first prosecution in the U.S. of eagle poaching, thanks to Eddie’s investigative work and persistence.

He worked closely with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service throughout the country and was known as “Boss” because he got things done – no matter how much. Much of his work was done undercover. He also worked with the undercover narcotic task force in Gallup for 15 years.

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Eddie was preceded in death by his parents, Mike Benally Sr., and Sadie Benally; and his brothers Mike Benally Jr. and Herbert Benally.

To keep as close to Navajo tradition as possible with COVID, Eddie’s full memorial service was held in Michigan via Zoom on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021 at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes, 209 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Per Eddie’s wishes, he will be laid to rest in Charlevoix, Mich., near his wife and children.

Donations for transportation and the memorial service are appreciated: https://tinyurl.com/EddieBenally.

Arrangements are in the care of the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Eddie Benally
January 14, 1958 - January 12, 2021

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – On Jan. 12, 2021, two days before his 62nd birthday, Eddie Benally died peacefully with his loving wife, Kelly Willis-Benally at his bedside and his daughters Andrea Marsh, Raelle Hamilton, and Cheyenne Benally via Zoom at Lovelace Hospital.

Given the current public health orders regarding gatherings in New Mexico, no physical memorial service will be held. Eddie was born Jan. 14, 1958 in Rehoboth, New Mexico into the Todichinini (Bitter Water Clan), born for the Koni chinimini (Red House Clan), the Tachi’ni (Red Running into the Water Clan) and Haltsooi (Meadow People).

Eddie devoted his life to the preservation, protection and conservation of wildlife. He was in law enforcement for 38 years as a police officer and a wildlife conservation officer. He was instrumental in bringing attention to wildlife crimes and getting successful prosecutions. He convinced the U.S. District Attorney to take a case for prosecuting eagle poaching which led to the first prosecution in the U.S. of eagle poaching, thanks to Eddie’s investigative work and persistence.

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Input needed for Veterans Memorial Site

Tribal Council has recently approved for a Veterans Memorial Site. Input needed from Tribal Members, Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Memorial Site. Input needed from Tribal Members, Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Memorial Site. Input needed from Tribal Members, Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Memorial Site.

Attention Tribal Members and employees, please submit a photo of your pet(s) to show them off in the April 2021 Tribal Observer. Households with two or more pets, please submit one group photo!

Email your photos to Observer@sagchip.org or turn them in to the Tribal Observer office located inside the Black Elk Government Complex.

Please include:

- Owner’s name, name of pet, age and breed
- Deadline: Wednesday, March 17

The First Gathering
By Ellie Mitchell
(Saginaw Ojibwe; Eagle Clan)

The first gathering will be the sweetest of our lives.

The gatherings at the first gathering will be from voices we’ve longed to hear.

The bugs at the first gathering will be the most loving.

The feast could be of tepid tea and low-sodium crackers, and it would still be the most loving.

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The songs and prayers at the first gathering will lift and carry away the weight of darkness.

At the first gathering, we will get to see all the new babies and old friends.

But the saddest sight will be seeing who’s not there.

(989) 775-4003.

Public Relations Department at:
PublicRelations@sagchip.org or 989-775-4096

New Airport Board

Tribal Members letters of interest are needed for representation on the new Airport Board.

- Must be a SCTT Member
- Members must commit to each meeting time
- Members must conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times while representing the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Please send letters of interest to:
Public Relations
7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
or PublicRelations@sagchip.org

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The Seven Grandfather TEACHINGS

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

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

Minaadendamowin – Respect
To live with respect is to give mutual consideration for shared lives 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 natural strengths 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_metric rewarded and to put others before ourselves.

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

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court
Notice of Fee Schedule Modification
Effective Jan. 1, 2021

Intergovernmental
• Intergovernmental Service of Process: $15

Civil Matters
• Damages equal to or less than $1,000: $55
• Damages more than $1,000 & less than $5,000: $105
• Damages $5,000 or greater & less than $25,000: $160
• Damages $25,000 and greater: $210
• Petition for Judicial Review: $65
• Real Property: $30
• Landlord Tenant: $65
• Enforcement of Foreign Judgement - order equal to or less than $1,000: $55
• Enforcement of Foreign Judgement - order $1,000 or greater & less than $5,000: $105
• Enforcement of Foreign Judgement - order $5,000 or greater & less than $25,000: $160
• Enforcement of Foreign Judgement - order $25,000 or greater: $210
• Civil Counter-claim: $30
• Enrollment/Membership: $65
• Civil Jury Fee (due at filing): $525
• Writ of Garnishment: $25
• Workers Compensation: Appeal: $30
• Child Support/Custody/Paternity Petition: $65
• Divorce without children: $125
• Divorce with children: $160
• Divorce Judgment Fee: $80
• Annulment: $125
• Civil Restraining Order: $30
• Civil Appeal: $160

Juvenile
• Emancipation: $30

Probate Matters
• Estate: $65
• Adoption: $105

Motion Fees
• Adoption/Appellate/Civil Domestics/Juvenile/Civil Restraining Order/Probate: $55
• If you are appointed or declared incompetent
• Guardianship Fee by a Tribal Judge: $40

Tribal admission
• Attorney Admission: $150

Miscellaneous
• Criminal Appeal: $55
• Copies - court related/page: $3
• Copies - non-court related/page: $3
• plus $4 per each 15 minutes: $5
• History Check SCIT Agencies: $11
• History Check Outside Agencies: $27
• Certified Fee: $11

Transcripts (requests must be in writing)
• Original & one copy within 30 days: $3
• Original & one copy within 7-10 days: $6
• Additional copies: $2

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

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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.

Advertisements - including birthdays, wedding, engagements, congratulations, etc., costs $10 and is to open to Tribal Members, community members and employees. Double-sized advertisements 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

Tribal Operations entry is 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 questions: 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 meet 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.

Unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members
The following is a list of unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members.

Tribal Member Name Date of Death
Bartley Sr, Fredrick 12/19/2019
Chippeway Sr, Lester 2/7/2020
Collins, Steve 5/20/2020
David, Paul 8/26/2020
Douglas, Francis 6/20/2020
Falsutta, Stella 3/23/2019
Garlick, Joseph 10/16/2019
Hunt, IL, Bert 5/21/2020
Jackson, Matthew 8/19/2020
Jackson, Ronald 9/20/2020
Leaureaux Sr, Donald 6/13/2020
Leaureaux, Oliver 1/17/2020
Martinez, Lou Ella 2/24/2019
Miller, Ryan 2/3/2020
Morse, Steven 10/8/2019
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
Stempk, Lena 9/17/2019

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2021 Annual Reports are now being accepted

Deadline: May 4, 2021 by 5 p.m.

*Notarization of Clerk's forms is NOT required at this time*

- Forms are available by mail, email and online at www.sagchip.org
- Post marked forms, email or faxed will not be accepted

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

Tribal Child Welfare Affidavit Deadline

Friday, Feb. 5, 2021 by 5 p.m.

Tribal Clerk's Office is open by appointment only:

- Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- *Notarization of Clerk's Forms is NOT required at this time*
  - Drop box available outside the Black Elk Building (brown with Tribal logo on the side).
  - Forms are available by email and online at www.sagchip.org
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SECR Access Club Hours

SECR Access Club hours of operation

- Sunday - Thursday: 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Friday & Saturday: 8 a.m. to 4 a.m.

Slot Palace & Bingo Hall Access Club hours of operation

- All days: 8 a.m. to 12 a.m.

Andahwod Prescription Pick-up

Andahwod Elder Services would like to assist local Tribal elders with prescription pick-up from Nunniek 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

Check cashing guidelines

Guidelines for check cashing with the Finance Department are:

- Any of the Finance cages can process check cashing for payroll checks, SCIT Tribal issued checks, and traveler’s checks.
- All checks must be endorsed in front of the cashier! No exceptions!
- SCIT Tribal Members may use their red SCIT Tribal Member ID with expiration date or their green SCIT Member’s Elder ID, to cash checks at the Cage/Satellite. SCER associates may use their SECR work badge to pick up their paper check and cash it at the Cage/Satellite.

For input, please contact the Public Relations Department at:
PublicRelations@sagchip.org or 989-775-4096

For more information, please call: 989-775-4300

Andahwod Elder Services

- Due to COVID, we will not be delivering to schools.
- Order at Andahwod with exact amount ($5) or check.
- Deliveries only to Tribal departments.
- Candy Grams may be picked up at Andahwod on Feb 12 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Please wear a mask when you come in to the building.

Order forms available at: Andahwod front entrance or http://www.sagchip.org/senior/index.htm

For more information, please call: 989-775-4300

New SCIT Education App

Boozhoo Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Community, the Tribal Education Department is thrilled to announce our new app for mobile phone! Stay up-to-date with access to SCIT Education programming, events, deadlines and other information: SCA, Sasiwaans, DK-12, Higher Education, Project WARE and Education Administration.

You can view this short video that showcases the apps features and how you can easily navigate to find what you are looking for: https://youtu.be/b5555ULzHFk

You can download the app for free on both Google Play or the Apple App Store.

- Download for Android: https://bit.ly/3eJHx5x
- Download for iPhone: https://apple.co/3Jb6WDc

Connect with SCIT Education, anytime, anywhere.

Conservation Committee Seats

The Planning Department has been tasked by Tribal Council to review letters of interest for adult SCIT members to fill two vacant seats on the Conservation Committee for the two year terms ending November 2022 per Ordinance 11, section 152, subsection 2 and the approved Ordinance 11 Conservation Committee By-Laws.

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

Donald Neal Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Planning Department 7979 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
dn Neal@sagchip.org

All letters of interest will be accepted until the seats are filled by Tribal Council.

Attention SCIT Tribal Members:

The Zilizing Cultural Society’s Collection Committee needs Committee Members

For more information, please contact: William Johnson at 989-775-4730 or wjohnson@sagchip.org

COVID positive employees

In an attempt to keep staff safe, this is a reminder that employees are only to return to work based upon the health providers return to work date. They are not to return earlier than the date written. If you have any question, please feel free to reach out to Kelly Sineway at kSineway@sagchip.org or 989-775-0058. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Soaring Eagle hotel construction update

Our first phase of the hotel renovation has been completed with opening up 144 newly-renovated rooms to our guests. In addition to the contractors, the Facilities and Hospitality team did a great job preparing these rooms for guests for the New Year’s holiday.

The last phase of rooms were taken out of order the week of Jan. 18 and the demolition phase began the week of Jan. 25. This will impact Spa operations and the Mijim store.

Phase Two rooms will begin coming back into inventory in late February. The hotel has had some delays preparing these rooms for guests for the New Year’s holiday.

Soaring Eagle Spa is currently closed

Due to Phase Three of Hotel renovations, the plumbing that is located in the Spa ceiling needs to be taken down and replaced. This is projected to take three to four months. Please stay tuned to our Spa website for any further updates.

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Soaring Eagle spa & salon

SECR Access Club Hours

SECR Access Club hours of operation

- Sunday - Thursday: 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Friday & Saturday: 8 a.m. to 4 a.m.

Slot Palace & Bingo Hall Access Club hours of operation

- All days: 8 a.m. to 12 a.m.

Andahwod Prescription Pick-up

Andahwod Elder Services would like to assist local Tribal elders with prescription pick-up from Nunniek 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

Check cashing guidelines

Guidelines for check cashing with the Finance Department are:

- Any of the Finance cages can process check cashing for payroll checks, SCIT Tribal issued checks, and traveler’s checks.
- All checks must be endorsed in front of the cashier! No exceptions!
- SCIT Tribal Members may use their red SCIT Tribal Member ID with expiration date or their green SCIT Member’s Elder ID, to cash checks at the Cage/Satellite. SCER associates may use their SECR work badge to pick up their paper check and cash it at the Cage/Satellite. Currently, there is a national coin shortage and Finance will not be selling coin during the national shortage.

For input, please contact the Public Relations Department at:
PublicRelations@sagchip.org or 989-775-4096

For more information, please call: 989-775-4300

Andahwod Elder Services

- Due to COVID, we will not be delivering to schools.
- Order at Andahwod with exact amount ($5) or check.
- Deliveries only to Tribal departments.
- Candy Grams may be picked up at Andahwod on Feb 12 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Please wear a mask when you come in to the building.

Order forms available at: Andahwod front entrance or http://www.sagchip.org/senior/index.htm

For more information, please call: 989-775-4300

New SCIT Education App

Boozhoo Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Community, the Tribal Education Department is thrilled to announce our new app for mobile phone! Stay up-to-date with access to SCIT Education programming, events, deadlines and other information: SCA, Sasiwaans, DK-12, Higher Education, Project WARE and Education Administration.

You can view this short video that showcases the apps features and how you can easily navigate to find what you are looking for: https://youtu.be/b5555ULzHFk

You can download the app for free on both Google Play or the Apple App Store.

- Download for Android: https://bit.ly/3eJHx5x
- Download for iPhone: https://apple.co/3Jb6WDc

Connect with SCIT Education, anytime, anywhere.

Conservation Committee Seats

The Planning Department has been tasked by Tribal Council to review letters of interest for adult SCIT members to fill two vacant seats on the Conservation Committee for the two year terms ending November 2022 per Ordinance 11, section 152, subsection 2 and the approved Ordinance 11 Conservation Committee By-Laws.

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

Donald Neal Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Planning Department 7979 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
dn Neal@sagchip.org

All letters of interest will be accepted until the seats are filled by Tribal Council.

Attention SCIT Tribal Members:

The Zilizing Cultural Society’s Collection Committee needs Committee Members

For more information, please contact: William Johnson at 989-775-4730 or wjohnson@sagchip.org

COVID positive employees

In an attempt to keep staff safe, this is a reminder that employees are only to return to work based upon the health providers return to work date. They are not to return earlier than the date written. If you have any question, please feel free to reach out to Kelly Sineway at kSineway@sagchip.org or 989-775-0058. Thank you for your cooperation.
Meet the Artist: “Boontak! (Stop It!): Stolen Daughters of Turtle Island” exhibit

(Editors' note: Shirley M. Brauker is the artist for the “Gone” ledger drawing featured in the exhibition “Boontak! (Stop It!): Stolen Daughters of Turtle Island.” The exhibit is featured at the Ziibiwing Center to raise awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). Shirley Brauker answers questions provided by the Tribal Observer below.)

Artist: Shirley M. Brauker

Art: “Gone” ledger drawing

Why did you feel it was important to create art that helps raise awareness for MMIWG? I am very grateful that the Ziibiwing Center provided a venue for this important exhibit. Many people I have talked to have never heard about these occurrences. This exhibit is instrumental in making people aware of this situation.

What Tribe/community are you from? I am a member of the Little River Band of Odawa Indians. The main area for the Tribe is centered in and around Manistee, Mich.

Where do you currently reside? I personally live in southern Michigan, south of Coldwater.

How did you hear about the exhibit/requests for art? This drawing especially for this exhibit. It shows Native women ascending to the heavens. They wear red dresses as they rise. A braid of sweet grass represents the earth and all they leave behind.

What inspired you to create your art and relate it to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls? Nearly 6,000 Native women and girls have been lost to these tragic occurrences. I was aware of the terrible acts that were associated with these happenings, women lost or bodies found. I wanted to bring attention to it through my art. I was inspired by other Indigenous women who were also bringing attention to the situation. Red hands across Native faces, red dresses worn and moccasin vamps with no one to wear them. A movement was created and I wanted to be part of it. I wanted justice. The red painted hands across faces signified the silence they endured, the silence and hush that floated over this storm. It seemed that little effort was put into publicizing these acts so stories were silenced. These events were not talked about by those in authority, not investigated to find the missing. The women were “just gone.”

Is there a personal story behind it? I don’t have a personal connection as far as actually knowing an individual lost. I do have a connection that these are “Indigenous” women living in a society that does not recognize their value. Their lack of significance to a society that doesn’t honor their existence is disheartening.

What advice do you have to other Native women regarding MMIWG? The advice I would give to other Native women would be to always be aware of your surroundings. Don’t put yourself in situations where you are cornered or vulnerable, and don’t hitchhike. I don’t want to sound paranoid, but just be smart.

Have you made any changes in your own life to help prevent MMIWG? I have talked to all of my granddaughters to be watchful and careful when around strangers. Also, to be observant of their surroundings – if they see something that doesn’t seem right, then take action to leave the situation.
Greater Lansing Food Bank provides food for 500 families in Isabella County

By Natalie Shattuck, Editor

The Greater Lansing Food Bank once more collaborated with the Mt. Pleasant Schools’ Board of Education and district leadership to host the Isabella County drive-thru food distribution in the Black Elk Government Complex parking lot on Saturday, Jan. 23.

“First, the representation will be increased opportunities for collaboration and relationship building for both communities. I hope that this is another positive step in the process of bringing our communities together to support our children and families,” MPPS Superintendent Jennifer Verleger said.

“It has been far too long without our voice and presence during educational board meetings,” Cloutier said. “I am thankful to the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Board of Education and district leadership for this historic accomplishment.”

Frank Cloutier, public relations director, said he was “thrilled” Verleger reached out to see if there was interest in “having one of our elected leadership serve in this capacity.”

“Tribal and community leaders together to support our children and families.”

According to Isaac, academic data shows Indigenous learners are one of the most underperforming subgroups in the nation.

“The distribution was for Isabella County residents in financial hardship, senior citizens, or families or individuals who have recently lost their jobs. The distribution provided free shelf stable, frozen and produce food. Individuals had to bring proof of residency and stay in vehicles for the food to be placed in trunks or hatchbacks. Tribal and community members along with employees volunteered in 20-degree weather from about 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to organize and distribute the food items, and help with traffic and registration.”

The Greater Lansing Food Bank once more collaborated with the Mt. Pleasant Schools’ Board of Education and district leadership to host the Isabella County drive-thru food distribution in the Black Elk Government Complex parking lot on Saturday, Jan. 23.
The Wild Land Team of the Tribal Fire Department and the SCIT Heavy Equipment operators helped cut down and transport large and dangerous trees on the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School grounds (top left photo, from left to right: Sgt. Brian Kelly, firefighter Jeremy Woods, Sgt. Ryan Chippewa and Brandon Kelly).

The community was invited to use the wood for personal use on a first come, first serve basis starting Jan. 18.

February 2021 Tribal Elder Birthdays

1) Todd Bergevin
   Elizabeth Oel
   John Campf Jr.
   Bonnie Sprague
   Cathy Floyd
   Gail Smith

2) Deborah Meskill
   Tammy Hollbrook
   Carl Snowbird
   Roland Pelcher
   Robert Shawboose

3) Kelly Hartwell
   Mike Martin
   Robin Martin
   Martha Pudvay
   Tom Wayne

4) Wayne Ritter
   Roland Jackson
   Juanita Slater

5) Mary Graveratte
   Marcia Kelsall

6) Barbara Brodie
   Timothy Davis
   Mark Gschick
   Esther Bailey
   Virgil Munson
   Kirk Walraven

7) Patrick Nahgahwgon
   Scott Pego

8) Linda Craig
   Debra Marler
   Linda Martin

9) Raymond Davis
   James Burnham
   Linda Powell

10) Paul Rueckert Sr.

11) Mark Schafer
    Karen Cantlin
    Kyle Garlick
    Michael Pasheentee

12) Bonnie Ekkdahl

13) Paul Bailey
    Evelyn Castaneda
    Sheri Lairson

14) Norman Cpr St.
    Frances McGraw
    Terry Vasquez
    Mark Steele

15) Kathy Dinisman
    Darryl Jackson
    Florence Sprague

16) De Anna Baker

17) Lori Mazur
    Timothy Jackson
    Richard Byece

18) Joan Cline
    Milton Pelcher
    Walter Slavik

19) Ronald Bonnau
    Fag Gohel
    Nancy Miller

20) Steven Sowmick
    Gregory Durton
    Savannah Star-Rice

21) Tracy Mayes
    Chester Cabay III
    Rebecca Rittmaier

22) Susan Bertstee
    Betty Brief
    Dorothy Brown
    Kevin Falls
    Kelly Kendall

23) Mike Bean, CEO of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Gaming Enterprises

24) Dianna Chamberlain
    David McConnell
    Sabrina Paulo
    Bernard Wright

25) Cynthia Quigno
    Neley Robertson
    Deborah Guellen
    Nathan Ritter

    Lorna McDonald
    Edward Phelps
    Leon Reed

27) Dawn Chippewa
    Jeremy Sowmick
    Alvin Jackson

28) Julie Chamberlain

29) Evelyn Sharon

In a collaborative effort to cut wood from large, dangerous trees on the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School grounds, the Wild Land Team of the Tribal Fire Department cut the trees down and the SCIT’s Heavy Equipment department helped transport the wood to the SCIT Campground (The Hill).

The Wild Land Team assisted with the cutting of the wood as larger pieces required a large chainsaw blade – larger than the typical 18-inch blade,” said Marcella Hadden, tribal historic preservation officer. It took a few days for the team to cut all the wood and the funding was provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

“I was glad that the Tribal Fire Department Wild Land crew was able to assist MIIBS Committee with the removal of those large trees and that we were able to coordinate the necessary resource to cut, load and relocate for the Tribal Membership to have access to these trees for fire wood,” said Tribal Fire Chief Fred Cantu.

The crew members, photographed in the top left photo from left to right, include: Sgt. Brian Kelly, firefighter Jeremy Woods, Sgt. Ryan Chippewa and Brandon Kelly.

The community was invited to use the wood for personal use on a first come, first serve basis starting Jan. 18.

Wood cut from trees on the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School grounds

The following article was written by Dave Bontempo and comes from ggmbgazine.com.

Global Gaming Business Magazine recognized Mike Bean, CEO of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Gaming Enterprises, as 25 People to watch for 2021.

Global Gaming Business’ 25 People to Watch for 2021 celebrates the diversity and talent of those individuals who are shaping the future of the casino industry.

The feature is reprinted in its entirety below:

It’s fitting for Mike Bean to run a gaming entity named Soaring Eagle. His career has been one long ascent.

The Northwestern Conn. native and gaming veteran has served in senior management positions at the largest and most reputable gaming operations in the country, including Mohegan Sun, Foxwoods Resort Casino, Harrah’s Entertainment, Boyd Gaming and currently as CEO of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Gaming Enterprises’ Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel, and the Slot Palace & Bingo Hall in Michigan.

Bean displays pragmatic optimism, enhancing properties on the strength of core principles. One involves recruiting talent.

“You are really doing your best to find really good people to work with and hiring other people who are better than you and the team to cut all the wood and the historic preservation officer. said Marcella Hadden, tribal member to cut all the wood and the historic preservation officer. said Marcella Hadden, tribal member to cut all the wood and the historic preservation officer. said Marcella Hadden, tribal member to cut all the wood and the historic preservation officer. said Marcella Hadden, tribal member to cut all the wood and the historic preservation officer. said Marcella Hadden, tribal member to cut all the wood and the historic preservation officer. said Marcella Hadden, tribal member to cut all the wood and the historic preservation officer. said Marcella Hadden, tribal member to cut all the wood and the historic preservation officer. said Marcella Hadden, tribal member to cut all the wood and the historic preservation officer. said Marcella Hadden, tribal member to cut all the wood and the historic preservation officer. said Marcella Hadden, tribal member to cut all the wood and the historic preservation officer. said Marcella Hadden, tribal member to cut all the wood and the historic preservation officer. said Marcella Hadden, tribal member to cut all the wood and the historic preservation officer. said Marcella Hadden, tribal member to cut all the wood and the historic preservation officer. said Marcella Hadden, tribal member to cut all the wood and the historic preservation officer. said Marcella Hadden, tribal member to cut all the wood and the historic preservation officer. said Marcella Hadden, tribal member to cut all the wood and the historic preservation officer. said Marcella Hadden, tribal member to cut all the wood and the historic preservation officer. said Marcella Hadden, tribal member to cut all the wood and the historic preservation officer. said Marcella Hadden, tribal member to cut all the wood and the historic preservation officer. said Marcella Hadden, tribal member to cut all the wood and the historic preservation officer. said Marcella Hadden, tribal member to cut all the wood and the historic preservation officer. said Marcella Hadden, trib
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Word Search

ninaabem  husband
oginiwaabigwan  rose
nanaandawi  heal
wiidigemaagan  wife
gikinjigwen  embrace
amikwayaan  beaver hide
zhakipon  snow falling
zaagi'  love
gimiwan  rain
ajidamoo  squirrel
waaginogaan  wigwam
nagamon  song
inde'  my heart
dewe'igan  drum
gaaige  forever
dakaagamin  cold
maamawi  together
wiidigendiwag  they marry each other
awan  foggy
wiljjiwaagan  partner

Word Bank

- Gzaa-gin  - Kaa-wii nji-da
- Aab-too-jiin-shin  - Gma-kwen-min
- Jiim-shin  - Nba-zi-gim
- Nwiij-kii-wenh  - Gzaa-gi-go
- Gme-si-ni-go  - Gwa-naa-jii'iw

Across
1: I love you
4: I’m thinking of you
5: You look pretty
6: Hug me
8: I’m sorry
9: We love you

Down
1: We miss you
2: My sweetheart
3: My friend
7: Kiss me

A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm
The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Fire Department receives a new unit on Dec. 29, 2020. The fire truck has an 80-foot ladder which will assist with reaching higher floors of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Fire Department (SCTFD) is a community resource calendar of Michigan tribes. The calendar features photos from tribes throughout Michigan. The photo of the Gaming Commission staff wearing purple, after winning the dome of violence awareness decorating contest, is photographed (left to right): Brian Chippewa, Emily Wiggins, Rick Hubble, Shellie Pelcher, Sheridan Pelcher and Jennifer Birchmeier.

The page also lists the phone numbers for the following SCIT services: Tribal Victim Advocacy Services, Tribal Police, Tribal Prosecutor, Tribal Court and Nimkee Clinic.

“Uniting Three Fires Against Violence would like to extend a chi-mi-gwelatch to all who work tirelessly to make our tribal communities a safer place full of healing, culture, tradition, and love,” the last page of the calendar states. The project was funded by a grant awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice.

Flexible: Anishinaabemowin has flexibility. Anishinaabemowin is an oral language and a word could mean different things depending on the situation. It’s not like the English language where the words usually mean a specific thing.

For example: there is no word for “you’re welcome” in Anishinaabemowin. It is a given that everybody appreciates. However, there is a form of acknowledgement, like a nod accompanied by a word. This word is Aahaow or Nahao with a nod. The word Aahaow or Nahao could also mean “okay”, depending on the situation. Aahaow or nahao could sometimes imply an affirmative reply of “yes.”

Anishinaabemowin is meant to be an oral language. We just started writing it recently by using the English alphabet. (For the speaking Anishinaabemowin is more important than writing it with the borrowed English alphabet).
The Behavioral Health Prevention Team held their Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Competition during winter break.

The competition encouraged families to get creative together, and come up with ways to reuse/recycle cardboard.

Prizes were awarded for four categories including:

Most creative use of cardboard, best winter themed, best Anishinaabe themed and best in show.

Fieldhouse could not be filled to capacity. Instead, smaller groups were present and the gift wrapping and distribution was held throughout a few days, from Dec. 14-19.

"In the past, we have provided buffet-style sandwich trays, fruit, crudités, cheese, brownies, cookies and beverages on the day that the group distributed toys," said Betty Riddle, department chef of Banquets for Soaring Eagle.

"This year, however, they had to break up their distribution to smaller amounts to allow for proper social distancing."

The Food and Beverage team prepared 26 individual boxed lunches containing a sandwich, fresh fruit and salads with brownies from the pastry team, as well as individual bags of chips, and bottled water and pop.

"We did different sandwich wides daily in case any of those workers worked consecutive days," Riddle said. "Either myself or my culinary supervisor, Henry Fellows, would meet a member of their team each morning at 11 a.m., usually Lucinda Clark (head of the local Toys for Tots), at the employee doors to help them load up the items each day. I believe they also picked up toy donations made by our employees at that time as well."

Marc Forrest, director of the Food and Beverage Department, said he is proud of his team for assisting a great cause.

"What more worthy of a cause can you assist than helping a child in need who may not have a Christmas without this program." Forrest said.

"Our department is very grateful to get to play a small part of this event every year," Riddle said.

"We are honored to have the Toys For Tots leadership reach out to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the SECR Food and Beverage Team to assist the U.S. Marines and Santa's Helpers in their work to help ensure no child goes without a gift at Christmas."

Forrest said. ""The Tribal Council and our team at SECR have always demonstrated an outpouring of support for the annual Toys for Tots collection drives on property. We are humbled and grateful that Tribal Council and SCTT Public Relations Department continue to support our relationship with Toys for Tots; allowing us to help feed the volunteer ‘elves’ in their tireless work organizing and wrapping presents destined to be placed under the trees of children who may otherwise not have a Christmas.”
American Indian College Fund statement on events at U.S. Capitol

(Ad)
Editorial: Stress management with Nimkee’s health educator

ROBYN GRINZINGER
Health Educator

We have all endured a challenging and stressful 2020. Blessings that everyone is sliding nicely into the second month of the new year, looking forward to new and exciting adventures. Have you learned any new ways to reduce your stress?

What is stress? Honestly, there are as many different responses to that question, as there are changes in life. Simply, that is exactly what stress is. It is the way our body reacts physically and emotionally to change.

Our body doesn’t know if it is a good stress or a bad stress, it just knows you are feeling something.

Breaking news: We are always going to have stress. There is no escape from it. Some say it is the ‘spice of life’. Without it life would be dull, boring and unexciting.

There would be no ups or downs. But, too much stress affects our physical and emotional well-being. Therefore, the challenge is to make stress work for us instead of against us.

Before we can do that, we need to understand how it affects our body.

There are two types of stress: eustress and distress. Eustress is called ‘good stress’ motivation, keeps us going, enhances longevity, life satisfaction, reason to get up in the morning. Distress on the other hand, is ‘bad stress’ that comes with worry, anger, fear, pressure, and negative feelings.

When stress becomes prolonged, it is very harmful. We can only handle this type of stress so long before it affects our body and health. Imagine if every day I took my car out and drove it as fast as I could; but never did any maintenance, pretty soon it would wear out. That is exactly the same that happens to our body. If I were to push on your shoulders every time you tried to stand up, pretty soon you would quit trying. Many people reach this burn out, “I don’t care attitude.”

Stress is a great contributor to 14 different health ailments including heart attack, stroke, high blood pressure, migraines, diabetes, diarrhea, lower immune system, etc.

We need to stop this cycle and turn negative to positive. Choose a technique to help you reduce stress. Your choice needs to be fun, not done at the expense of others, non-critical, and can be done in a group or alone.

Life is a series of ups and downs. With good stress management, the highs and lows do not need to be so drastic. It takes 17 muscles to smile and 43 to frown, you can preserve your face value if you KEEP ON SMILING!

We encourage everyone to also register through other local sites that offer the vaccine. If they contact you before Nimkee Clinic receives more doses, please go to their vaccine clinic.

Central Michigan Health Department:
• 75 years of age and older; critical/essential workers: https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6123073/Phase-1B-Survey-for-Individuals/75-years-of-age-and-older-critical-essential-workers
• Ages 65 - 74 and persons ages 16 - 64 with underlying medical conditions: https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6123073/Phase-1C-Survey-for-Individuals-Ages-65-74-end-Persons-ages-16-64-with-underlying-medical-conditions

McLaren Central Michigan (if you are a patient):
• Age 65+: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?vi=I6LZjCeGy6A9Ieo9vIL8M-J19s2z2vYzYbQ0Cc_ f[0j9riJU5F1Hu948L7ErqRTqr8k3EvEeMePrQ0J4a

Mid-Michigan Health (if you are a patient):  
• Age 65+: https://www.michigan.org/conditions-treatments/coronavirus/

Modernza COVID-19 vaccine update

Nimkee has vaccinated Andalou, elders 70 years and older, health care workers, first responders, police, ACFS, and educators with collaboration from the local health department. Nimkee has only received 200 doses of the Moderna vaccine and waiting on more to be delivered.

Nimkee Clinic is moving to Phase 1B

Phase 1B: Persons 75 years of age or older and frontline essential workers in critical infrastructure.

• Group A: Persons 75 years of age or older not covered in Phase 1A. This includes those in a congregate setting that were not reached in Phase 1A.

• Group B: Prioritized frontline workers whose work role has frequent or intense exposure, and, due to the nature of the work, are not able to maintain social distance. For example, a food preparer, room attendant or housekeepers may have physically touch other people in their response, and, a child care provider cannot maintain social distance from children when caring for their physical needs.

The specific prioritized categories are:
• Pre-kindergarten through high school teachers, support staff and child care workers who usually have direct contact with children
• First responders not covered in Phase 1A (e.g., firefighters, police, conservation officers, inspectors)
• Corrections workers (e.g., staff in prisons, jails, juvenile justice facilities)
• Workers in homeless shelters, congregate child care institutions, and adults and child protective services

We encourage the community to call the COVID-19 Vaccine Line at 989-775-4959

Leave your information and you will be called when you meet the phase requirement. We check the hotline daily.

Other local sites

We encourage everyone to also register through other local sites that offer the vaccine. If they contact you before Nimkee Clinic receives more doses, please go to their vaccine clinic.

Testing Center
(Located at the former At-Large offices)

Open: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Closed for lunch: 12 – 1 p.m.

989.775.4637 or 989.775.4626

• If you have signs or symptoms of COVID-19 or if you believe you require testing, please call the Nimkee Testing Center at 989.775.4675 to discuss your symptoms.

• If you are experiencing severe symptoms, such as difficulty breathing, call 911 for urgent medical help.

Practice Social Distancing • Stay Home If You Can Wear Your Mask • Hand Hygiene

Passive activity = relaxation
a. Choose something to calmly reduce stress
b. Examples: walk, bath, massage, watch TV, fishing, observations, massage, deep breathing

Active activity = get your body moving
a. After 20 minutes of exercise neurochemicals (catecholamine and endorphins) are released.
b. When you are active you are focused on what you are doing, thus quieting the brain thoughts.

Personal self-support = don’t keep things bottled up inside
a. The situation always seems a thousand times worse when we keep replaying it in our mind.
b. Write it down, you do not ever need to show anyone, but for some reason it gets clearer when we put it on paper. Tear it up afterward if you like.
c. Call a friend

Humor
a. A built-in tranquilizer and healer
b. Has a relaxing effect on the body
c. We take life too seriously.
d. 4 year olds laugh every four minutes (400x a day).

The average adult MAY laugh 10x a day. We need to repair our funny bone.
**FEBRUARY 2021**

### Tribal Community Calendar

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**Sacred Fire**
- 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 7th Generation

**Tribal Observer Deadline**

- **Tribal Center Closed President Day**
- **Tribal Observer**
- **Bi Zhoosh Kwadwek (skating place)**
  - Seventh Generation | Open dawn to dusk
  - Skiing rink open to Tribal Members and their families
  - Please observe all safety/masking protocols
  - Everyone who skates, must first sign waiver (located in shed next to rink). Skate at own risk
  - Please call 989-775-4780 for more information

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### Upcoming Events

- **Recovery on the Rez**
  - February 2, 9, 16, 23 | 2 p.m.
  - Online via ZOOM
  - Non-judgmental mutual aid support group that welcomes all styles of recovery.
  - Meeting ID: 829 1218 8791
  - Passcode: 123456

- **K’chi-twa-Mshkod’e (Sacred Fire)**
  - January 4, 11, 18, 25 | 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
  - Seventh Generation
  - Social distancing/masks required
  - Tobacco offering for those who need a safe place to offer prayers
  - No appointments necessary, everyone welcome

- **Anishinabe medicine bundle curbside pickup**
  - February 10 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
  - Bundle includes mushkodewashk (sage), giizhik (cedar), semaa (tobacco) and abalone smudge shell to the first 40 in line behind Zibiwing Center.
  - One per household, while supplies last

- **Gaawye miinwaa Wiigwaasi-naabkowaagan (birch bark & quill medallion kit)**
  - February 11
  - Pick up at Seventh Generation
  - Call 989.775.4786 to reserve your kit, no emails please
  - Limited supply
  - Cost: $10 per kit
  - Kit includes: Birch bark circle, porcupine quills, awl, tweezers, felt backing, template for your quill design, needle and sinew, sweet grass for stringing necklace and written instructions

- **Dealing with Grief & Mourning with Isaac Murdoch**
  - February 12, 13 | 7 p.m.
  - Two-part community Facebook live event
  - Check Zibiwing’s Facebook page for link

- **Mshkiki-mashkimod “Medicine Bag” Teachings and Guided Workshop**
  - February 18 | 3 - 5 p.m.
  - Online via ZOOM
  - Registration: Prevention@sagchip.org
  - 20 spots available
  - For more information: Christina Osawabine at 989.775.4880 or Kim Hinmon at 989.775.4880
  - ZOOM link and supplies will be provided
  - Create your own medicine bag from home
  - Supply kit pickup: Feb. 16 from 2-4 p.m. in the Behavioral Health parking lot.

- **Give Kids a Smile Day**
  - February 19 | 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
  - Nimkee Clinic
  - Open to children under the age of 18 who are eligible to be seen at the Nimkee Dental Clinic
  - Kids may receive a dental exam, X-rays, sealants, fluoride treatment and/or fillings based on individual need and time available.
  - A gooie bag will be provided to all participants.
  - COVID protocols will be observed.
  - Appointment required, please call: 989-775-4657 any time up to, and including the day of the event

- **Walk in My Mocs Artists Series**
  - March 4 | 7 p.m.
  - ZOOM link: https://zoom.us/j/99832256072
  - Public reading featuring M. Carmen Lane

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**For more information about teen dating violence or to speak with someone, please contact SCIT Victim Services Program at 989-775-4850.**
Get Vaccinated to Protect Yourself, Family, and Community

American Indians and Alaska Natives are disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

A vaccine helps people from catching a certain disease, like COVID-19. All vaccines are safe and are a way to prevent illness and community outbreaks. A vaccination is not a treatment for people who are already sick with COVID-19. Getting vaccinated helps everyone.

• Know the facts and avoid sharing misinformation.
• Start by sharing information from trusted sources like CDC.gov and IHS.gov.
• Encourage your loved ones to get vaccinated.
• The more people in your community that get vaccinated, the better everyone will be protected against COVID-19, especially those who are more vulnerable to serious illnesses, like the elderly and those with health problems.
• A COVID-19 vaccine will help you from spreading the disease, and reduce your risk of getting sick, being hospitalized, or dying.
• COVID-19 vaccines are an important tool to stop this pandemic. It is important to use all the tools available to stop the pandemic; wear a mask, wash your hands, and wash your distance.

How to cope with anxiety related to vaccination

• Stay connected with family and friends while keeping a safe physical distance. Take care of yourself and each other, and know when to get help.
• Create a list of personal self-care activities you enjoy such as exercising, meditating, singing, a traditional prayer, or connecting with friends.
• Take deep breaths and stretch.
• Maintain a sense of hope and positive thinking and remember these strong feelings of stress and anxiety will fade.

We are all in this together. Show compassion for those most closely impacted.

100 Employment

Tribal Operations

Proctor

Open to the public. Juris doctor from aABA accredit- ed school. Minimum of three years’ experience. Must have a practicing attorney, familiarity with federal Indian law preferred. Minimum of one year experience as a prosecuting attorney. Member of a State Bar Associa- tion 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 Council, work, closely with Tribal law enforcement and judicial officials to effectively ad- minister justice on the Anish- naabe Indian Tribe of Michigan. Under the supervision of the Tribal Coun- cil, work, closely with Tribal law enforcement and judicial officials to effectively ad- minister justice on the Anish- naabe Indian Tribe of Michigan. Under the supervision of the Tribal Coun- cil, work, closely with Tribal law enforcement and judicial officials to effectively ad- minister justice on the Anish- naabe Indian Tribe of Michigan. 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February Promotions

**$1,000,000 Mania**

**You could win a share of $1,000,000 in Premium Play prizes!**

Saturdays in February | 4 PM - 11:30 PM

Every half hour from 4 pm to 11:30 pm, 5 lucky Access Loyalty Club members will each win $1,200 in Premium Play! That's $36,000 in Premium Play every Saturday in February, March & April!

Access Card holders will receive one (1) entry for every 300 points earned playing slots, table games, & bingo on their Access Card from 12am January 31st 2021 – February 27th 2021 at 11:30pm.

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**SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 7 & 14**

**12PM - 8PM**

One guest from 12 pm - 8 pm will be drawn every hour to win $1,000 in cash!

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

**4 AM - 11:59 PM**

Simply earn 1,200 points on your ACCESS card and receive up to $500 in Premium Play.

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**WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 2**

**4 AM - 11:59 PM**

Earn points and get Premium Play!

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Every hour from 4am to 9pm we will be doing a drawing for up to $100 in Premium Play.

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**MONDAYS IN FEBRUARY**

**6 AM - 11:59 PM**

Simply earn 1,000 points on your ACCESS card, swipe at the kiosk to play a game for a chance to win up to $50 in Premium Play.

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You could win a share of $1,000,000 in Premium Play prizes!

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**$100,000 Cupid’s Cash**

**Win up to $100,000 in cash!**

Fridays and Saturdays in February

3 PM - 10 PM

Every hour one lucky guest will have a chance to pull the handle on our big Cupid’s Cash slot machine for Premium Play and cash! Get 5 Sagenning Eagles Landing logos on the center line and win $100,000 in cash!

ACCESS Club members will receive one entry for every 200 points earned on their access club card from 12 AM January 31, 2020 until 9:59 PM on Saturday, February 27, 2021.