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CMU and SCTC field school conduct research at Stonehouse for connection to boarding school

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Editor

As part of the program for this year's virtual Honoring, Healing and Remembering event to honor the anniversary of the closing of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School on June 4, Dr. Sarah Surface-Evans of Central Michigan University's Archeological Field School shared findings on the Asinii Waa'kaa'igan (Pego-Pelcher Stonehouse) and its connection to the boarding school.

The Stonehouse was built in the 1890s and given to Lenora Pelcher to live in when her husband James Pego died at a young age,



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

Archeological efforts begin at the Asinii Waa'kaa'igan (Stonehouse), to research its connection to the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School.

according to Surface-Evans' research after speaking with Faith Carmona-Pego and the Pego-Pelcher family.

"The Pego-Pelcher farmstead began when Mariah Pelcher was allotted 40 acres in November 1885," Surface-Evans said. "She later sold two acres to the Ann Arbor Railroad which runs along the eastern side of property. Mariah and her husband, Moses, and their children made a home there, and their descendants lived there the last 136 years."

The Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School,

or MIIBS, opened just as the Pelchers started their family.

"Their children were forced to attend the boarding school," Surface-Evans said. "Their son (Ulysses Pelcher) tragically died at the school at age 7 (in 1906). (Daughter) Lenora and James' son Henry died at the school at age 5 (in 1927)."

The Pego-Pelcher family reported that they assisted children running away from the boarding school. These children used their barn as a safe haven, briefly stopping there before catching the train to return home.



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A joint field school of Central Michigan University archeology and Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College students working on the site pose for a photo.

"The Pego-Pelcher family actively recruited MIIBS boys from the outing program in the summer months, having them work their farm in order to protect them from abuse elsewhere with white families," Surface-Evans said.

Because of this significant history, a grant from the National Park Service was obtained to conduct research on the site and to learn more about its connections to MIIBS. Collaborating for this research includes: the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, the

Ziibiwing Center, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and Central Michigan University.

The grant covers three different aspects of research: professional survey of the land, architectural evaluation of the homestead, and the archeological evaluation of the farm.

"To gather the material remains that tell a story of the Pego-Pelcher family and the connection to MIIBS, we are developing an approach that helps to identify and document

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More than 250 attendees virtually join SCIT for third annual Tribal Opioid Summit

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Healing to Wellness
Court Coordinator

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe welcomed more than 250 online attendees and hosted the third annual (virtual) Tribal Opioid Summit on June 9, 2021.

Tribal Court Senior Judge Patrick Shannon provided some introductory remarks after Tribal Council Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts began in prayer and Tribal Council Secretary Jennifer Wassegijig welcomed the attendees.

Shannon said this year's theme was "Finding Solutions That Work" and he focused on some of the obstacles the committee faced but the results were successful.

"It was wonderful to have Dr. Nicholas Haddad as a lead keynote to begin the summit, and he is an infectious disease specialist with more than 20 years of experience in practicing adult medicine," Shannon said. "Dr. Haddad has led coronavirus infection control efforts for the

Central Michigan University community, in Saginaw for patient care clinics, hospitals and our workplaces."

Haddad works with the CMU College of Medicine.

"He targeted the effects of infectious disease on our clients, not only COVID-19, but the effects and spread of hepatitis and HIV were covered in most of the presentations," Shannon said.

The summit moved from the opening keynote to two tracks of workshops.

Track one featured "Integrative Justice: A Healthcare Approach for Treatment Courts" with Shannon and "Technological Advances of Telemedicine and Telehealth during a Pandemic" with Sethu Reddy, MD, CMU College of Medicine.

Track two featured "Challenges of Managing Opioid Use Disorder during the Pandemic - Where are we at?" with Thersilla Oberbarnscheidt, MD, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and

"Mental Health Diagnosis and Treatment during a Pandemic" with Dr. Cara Poland, MD, Michigan State University College of Medicine.

Poland is a board-certified physician specializing

in addiction medicine and works as a consultant with the Tribal Court's Healing to Wellness Program and Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center.

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"WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR FUTURE"

Annual
**HOMECOMING
MEETING**

Thursday, July 22, 2021

Doors open at 9 a.m.

Meeting begins at 10 a.m. with Grand Entry

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall

*Open to all ages **Tribal ID required

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Mickey Mandella Davis

May 18, 1989 - May 26, 2021

Mickey Mandella Davis, age 32, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at his home.

Mickey was born in Mt. Pleasant, May 18, 1989, the son of Frank Davis and Brenda Chamberlain. He was a member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Mickey was an avid gamer, he enjoyed riding motorcycles and four wheelers; and loved his dog Atlas.

Mickey is survived by his parents: Brenda (Rex) Champlin of Mt. Pleasant, Frank Davis of Mt. Pleasant; brothers Storm Davis and E'yabay Champlin both of Mt. Pleasant; sisters Shannon Davis, Sheena (Adam) Hill, both of Mt. Pleasant; stepbrothers Kurt Champlin of Mt. Pleasant and Craig (Mariah) Champlin of Weidman; nieces and nephews Isaiah, Josiah, Kalvin, Eli, Dawson, Baylee, and Addison; aunt and uncles Darlene Highley of Mt. Pleasant, Debra (Tony) Marler of Gravesville, Tenn., Diane Chamberlain of Mt. Pleasant, Tim Davis of Mt. Pleasant, Ray Davis of Weidman; and many cousins.

Mickey was preceded in death by his brother Frankie Davis; grandparents Robert Chamberlain, Shirley Sprague, John and Yvonne Davis; aunt Corinne; and uncles Nicholas and Little Robert.

Funeral services took place on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 1 p.m. at Clark Family Funeral Chapel with Benjamen Evers officiating. Interment took place at Denver Township Cemetery. A luncheon was held at Reflections Reception Center.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Mak'yo Henry George-Dye

January 17, 1996 - May 26, 2021

Mak'yo Henry George-Dye, age 25, of Mount Pleasant passed away unexpectedly, Wednesday, May 26, 2021, surrounded by his family.

Mak'yo was born on Jan. 17, 1996, in Mt. Pleasant, son of Joses Dye and Amanda George.

Mak'yo was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

He graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School with the Class of 2014 and attended the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. While in high school, Mak'yo excelled in football.

He enjoyed working out and excelled at producing music. Most of all, he was a proud father to his boys.

Mak'yo is survived by his sons, Maleki Dye and Amadeus Dye; mother, Amanda George; father, Joses Dye; siblings, Azaryah Dye and Lucas Dye; grandfather, Zegogery (Pam) Hill; aunts and uncles, Shenita (Jeff) Glover, Ann (Broderick) Rhodes, Michelle (Brian) Deaton, Nathan George, Meredith Koenig, Montesia Dyson, and Florinda Bell Darrough; numerous great aunts, great uncles, and cousins; mother of his children, Isabella Cloud; and best friends/cousins, Anthony Dover and Alyssa Andy.

Mak'yo was preceded in death by his grandparents, Marilyn Hill, Joses Dye Sr., Gail and Henry George Sr.; uncles, Henry George Jr., Carl Williams, Roosevelt Williams, Gordon Kahgegag; aunts, Stella Ely, Lolita Hill, Gloria Marshall, and Gwen Osawabine.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Monday, June 14, 2021, at 2 p.m. with Rev. Clarence Atwater officiating. Interment followed in Chippewa Township Cemetery. A luncheon took place at the funeral chapel following the Committal Service. The family received friends on Sunday, June 13, 2021, from noon until 8 p.m. Visitation continued the day of the service from noon until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Tony Bennett

November 3, 1979 - May 29, 2021

Tony Bennett, age 41, of Lansing, Mich., passed away suddenly on May 29, 2021.

Tony was an avid traveler. He loved Scooby Snacks, long drives, spending time with family and friends, traveling to unknown areas and meeting new people. He was daring and adventurous and people always felt like something was missing when he left.

Tony is celebrating a reunion with his mother Patricia Ann Bennett and father Gary Compo, his brother Bruce Bennett, his aunt Cheryl Bennett, and sister Michelle Jackson.

He leaves behind two brothers Glen and Gary Bennett (Chamberlain) and a son Cadain Bennett; his close cousins Brad and Tiffany, Laura Bennett, Kim, April, Justine, Howard Compo; his nieces and nephews Glendon Bennett, Madison (Amora) Bennett, Teresa (Juanito and Benjamin) Bennett, Thalia (Audrina and Azalea) Bennett and Iva Martin.

He is also survived by his lifelong friend and companion Wendy Cole and his sisters-in-law Katie Ley, Tanya Harry and Lynnette Bennett; as well as many cousins and extended family.

A memorial fire was held at the home of his cousin Christopher (Phyllis, Cheyenne, Christopher and Chase) Ramirez. Funeral services took place Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 1 p.m. at Clark Family Funeral Chapel-West Lawn Pavilion on Bradley in Mt. Pleasant. A luncheon followed at Seventh Generation on Remus Road.



Justine Marie Pelcher

October 9, 1985 - June 5, 2021

Justine Marie Pelcher, age 35, passed away peacefully on June 5, 2021.

Justine was born to Steven Pelcher and Jenifer Swingley on Oct. 9, 1985 in Anoka, Minn. She graduated from Oasis High School.

Justine worked for the Soaring Eagle Casino as a slot attendant and an usher for concerts. She enjoyed attending powwows and concerts.

Justine was an accomplished swimmer for the Prior Lake swim team of Minnesota.

She enjoyed listening to music and shopping for Nike tennis shoes. Justine loved being with her family and loved to laugh all the time.

Justine is survived by her parents Steven Pelcher and Jenifer Swingley; her children Taleah Pelcher, Deja Belmarez, and Steven Belmarez; step-mother, Susan Bettistea and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Justine was preceded in death by her grandmother Millie Pelcher, grandfather Clinton Pelcher Sr. and uncle John Pelcher.

Funeral services were held at Clark Funeral Chapel west lawn pavilion on Friday, June 11 at 1 P.M. with Fred Cantu officiating. The family received friends from 11 A.M. until the time of service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Lawrence Alvin Nahgahgwon

April 23, 1931 - June 12, 2021

Lawrence Nahgahgwon, 90, of Mount Pleasant, passed away on Saturday, June 12, 2021.

Lawrence was born on April 23, 1931, in Mt. Pleasant, son of the late Lawrence Nahgahgwon Sr. and Clara Bennett. Lawrence was a tank driver in the U.S. Army for two years.

Lawrence enjoyed driving the bus for the Tribal School in Mt. Pleasant. He was a father figure to all. In 2010 he married Diane Henry in Mt. Pleasant.

Lawrence loved watching sports; boxing, basketball, baseball, and football were his favorites. He liked to watch old war movies and westerns. Lawrence enjoyed hiking, walking trails, and anything that was connected to nature. He always had a smile on his face, and his door was open to all. He was happiest spending time with family and friends.

Lawrence is the oldest of 11 children and is survived by his wife, Diane Nahgahgwon of Mt. Pleasant; son, Dan Fuller; stepchildren, Naonda Wells of Mt. Pleasant, Buffy (Mike) McGee of Flint, and Zacharia (Mercede) Gross of Mt. Morris; eight grandchildren; five great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by both parents; daughters, Tina and Iva Fuller; and three siblings.

Lawrence's funeral was held 11 a.m. Friday, June 18, at Charles R. Lux Family Funeral Home with Pastor Greg Mandoke officiating. Burial was held in Denver Township Cemetery immediately following. The family received friends on one hour prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Loretta Ann Hall

December 18, 1966 - June 07, 2021

Loretta Hall, 54, of Sutton's Bay, Mich., formally of Mt. Pleasant, passed away on Tuesday, June 7, 2021 at the Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Loretta was born on Dec. 18, 1966, daughter of the late Leroy and Gladys (Sawmick) Hall in Allegan, Mich.

Loretta was a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Native Americans.

She enjoyed her time with her family, going to church and storytelling. She was described as a pillar in her family and will be greatly missed by all.

Loretta is survived by her husband, Larry Schaub of Sutton's Bay; daughter, Alicia Hall of Sutton's Bay; grandson, Isaac Pamp of Sutton's Bay; siblings, Leroy Hall, Leah (Pio) Fernandez and Rena Hall, all of Grand Rapids; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents and sister, Larissa Hall in 2018.

Her funeral was held at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 11, at Charles R. Lux Family Funeral Home, with Pastor Rocky Anaya officiating. Burial was held in Denver Township Cemetery immediately following. The family received friends on one hour prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Armoni Donte Ray

May 16, 2021 - May 23, 2021

Armoni Ray was born in a hurry alongside his twin brother Damoni on the morning of May 16, 2021. He was troubled with medical issues from the start and despite all that was done for him by the hospitals of Sparrow and U of M, he earned his wings and joined his spirit family on May 23, 2021.

He may have been here for just a moment but he will forever be in our hearts. He was a sweet baby who avoided the camera during ultrasounds and was much more laid back than his brother when music was played. It was exciting to see how different they were even before their birth.

Armoni is survived by his parents, Donte Ray and Lamora Shawboose; grandparent, Dora Ray; great-grandma Thomasine "Ruby" MeShawboose; sisters, Tayah and Kaliyah Ray; brothers, Dalante Phillips, and his twin Damoni Ray; uncles, Pierre Dawson, and Keith Parker; aunt, Shequoia Ray; so many great uncles, great aunts and a multitude of cousins.

He was welcomed into the spirit world by many people including his grandma Letta S. Shawboose and great-great grandpa Jonas Shawboose.

A private memorial service and burial has taken place in the Woodland Cemetery.



Michelle Rae Jackson

June 22, 1971 - May 23, 2021

Michelle Rae Jackson, age 49, of Mount Pleasant passed away Sunday, May 23, 2021, at Spectrum Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Michelle was born on June 22, 1971, in Lansing, the daughter of Gary Compo and Catherine Jackson.

Michelle was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

She enjoyed traveling, playing games on her phone, keeping in touch with family and friends through texting, car rides, and going out to eat. Michelle was a devout Christian and her children meant the world to her. She'll be remembered for her funny sense of humor and sweet personality.

Michelle is survived by her children, Joe Sprague III, Uniqua Munoz, and Ivan Munoz; brothers, Michael Jackson, Gary "Beet" Chippewa, and Tony Bennett; and several loving uncles, nieces, and nephews.

Michelle was preceded in death by her daughter, Catherine "Cat" Sprague; parents; and brother, Pete Compo Jr.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel in the West Lawn on Tuesday June 1, at 2 p.m. with Benjamen Evers officiating. Interment followed at Denver Township Cemetery. The family received friends the day of the service from noon until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



James "Jimmy" Gingerich

March 4, 1956 - June 17, 2021

James "Jimmy" Gingerich, 65, passed away Thursday, June 17, 2021 at his home, in Niceville, Fla.

Born in Standish, Mich., he was the son of Richard and Barbara Gingerich of AuGres. He graduated from AuGres-Sims in 1975.

He enjoyed NASCAR and spending time with his friends.

He is survived by his parents, Richard and Marjorie Gingerich; children, Shari (Gary) Gingerich-Rozich Quinton, James (Danielle) Gingerich Izabella, Mia and Bishop. Christopher (Sarah) Gingerich Hayden and Colton, Ellen (Jeff) Lee, Landen, Brynn, and Bristol, Brittney Alford, Camden, Rylie, and Ayden; siblings, Larry Post, Ronald (Terri) Gingerich, Allen Gingerich, MaryAnn (Nabeel) Yousof, Steven Gingerich and Janet (Gary) Davidson; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother Barbara Gingerich, sister Julie Baum, brother William James, grandson Curtis Gingerich-Rozich, and former wife Tina Gingerich.

The funeral service date, time and location are yet to be announced.





Miranda “Nimkii’kwe” Shenoskey

January 3, 1973 - June 17, 2021

Miranda “Nimkii’kwe” Shenoskey, age 48, of Mount Pleasant, Mich., passed away Wednesday, June 17, 2021, at her home.

Miranda was born on Jan. 3, 1973, in Grandville, Mich., the daughter of Edward and Gloria (Kahgegab) Shenoskey. She was a proud member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Miranda loved spending time with her family and her best friends, Alexis Pelcher, Amanda George, and Tracy Federoff. She loved listening to music, especially Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Miranda is survived by her children: Hunter (Jaimee) Shenoskey, Kira Fox, Grey Fox, and Xander Starr, all of Mt. Pleasant; grandchildren Ocious Shenoskey-Chamberlain and Orella Shenoskey-Chamberlain; and her father Edward Shenoskey of Harbor Springs, Mich.

Miranda was preceded in death by her mother Gloria; sister Gillian Shenoskey; brothers, Phillip and Edward Shenoskey, her best friend Alexis Pelcher, Florence Kahgegab, Gordon Osawabine, Gail George, Henry George Jr., James Osawabine, Phillip Jr and Mak’yo George Dye.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at 1 p.m. at Clark Family Funeral Chapel. A luncheon took place at Kira’s residence, 7219 E Tomah Rd., Mt. Pleasant MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Attention Tribal Members
Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings
are now held at 9 a.m.

Regular Tribal Council Sessions

- ▶ First Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.
- ▶ Inside the Council Chambers of the Black Elk Government Complex

- Meetings are open to Tribal Members.
- Administration will announce ahead of time if meeting date or time changes for possible weather or emergencies. However, it is rare the times change.
- 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

- July 6
- Aug. 3
- Sept. 7



Attention Tribal Members

INPUT NEEDED

for the repurposing of the former
Tribal Operations Building

(7070 E Broadway, intersection of Leaton and Broadway)

Tribal Council needs your input, ideas and/or suggestions such as: should it include a place for sacred fires, veterans memorial, meeting space and amphitheater.

Please send any suggestions, options and/or questions to Public Relations at:

- ▶ Email: PublicRelations@sagchip.org
- ▶ Phone: 989-775-4096



Tuesdays • June 1 - Oct. 5

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Farmers Market Pavilion

Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads

Items include:

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

Welcoming NEW Healthy Food/Native Art Vendors:

Maple syrup, eggs, honey, seeds, cottage foods, plants, organic protein and wild rice.

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

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For more information:

Samantha Chippeway, Market Master

- Phone: 989.775.4629 or 989.330.6860
- Email: Samachippeway@sagchip.org

Election Timeline

2021 Primary & General Elections

Aug. 6 - Sept. 3 | Candidate Packets available at the Tribal Clerk’s Office

Sept. 3 | Petition Deadline for Candidates to turn in Petitions

Sept. 10 | Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election

Sept. 10 | Deadline for Candidates to meet all aspects of the qualifications to be placed on the final list of Candidates

Sept. 14 | Final Candidate List Posted

Sept. 21 | Absentee Ballots for Primary Election available in the office and mailed

Oct. 1 | Last day to register to vote for the General Election

Oct. 11 | Certification of voting machines (5:15 p.m.)

Oct. 12 | Primary Election Day
Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Oct. 20 | Absentee Ballots for General Election available in the office and mailed

Nov. 1 | Certification of voting machines (5:15 p.m.)

Nov. 2 | General Election Day
Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Nov. 3 | General Election Results Posted

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

Public Service Announcement

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe strives to provide a warm and welcoming environment for all of its Members and their families to grow, develop, and thrive. Many times we find ourselves celebrating our culture and traditional ways in an open setting with other fellow Tribal Members. Activities such as drumming, singing and dancing are a few examples of how we can practice, share, and teach our traditional ways. When this is done in a respectful and productive way, it acts to strengthen our community and should be celebrated. This is in no way community disturbance or nuisance and should be supported and enjoyed, not discouraged. Let’s continue to take care of one another and check-in on your elders often.

Attention SCIT Tribal Members of all ages:

Tribal Council would like your assistance with naming the New Tribal Academy slated for construction early spring of 2021. The road connecting the school to Broadway and East Remus had been constructed in 2020 and remains unnamed. Any suggestions you have for the road would be appreciated as well.

Please send any recommendations and/or questions to Public Relations at:

- ▶ Email: PublicRelations@sagchip.org
- ▶ Phone: 989-775-4096

2022

ANNUAL REPORTS

Are now being accepted

Deadline: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 by 5 p.m.

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

Notarization is required

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

Your 2022 Annual Report MUST be filed before/with submitting a Tribal Loan Application.

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

Public Service Announcement

There has been much speculation in and around the community about the removal of the General Council Meeting video from Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

Tribal Council was made aware that the video had been taped in YouTube format which makes it readily available to be shared and copied to non-members. It had been removed to decrease the threat of proprietary information being shared outside of our Tribal community.

Your leadership has been working with our Information Technologies department to ensure any further video communication with you the membership is secure and safe from duplication.

Take care of yourselves and each other. Please check on your elders often.



Tribal Council

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Tim J. Davis | District One

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Council Member

Ron Nelson | District Two

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



June 5 - Aug. 13, 2021
Monday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Serving breakfast and lunch curbside at:
Saginaw Chippewa Academy
7498 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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

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 Society and veterans on suggestions for location and memorial ideas. The space will need to be large enough to hold events and several event attendees.

For input, please contact the Public Relations Department at:

- **Email:** PublicRelations@sagchip.org
- **Phone:** 989-775-4096

September Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits

Available starting Tuesday, July 6, 2021

Deadline: Friday, Aug. 6, 2021 by 5 p.m.

Tribal Clerk's Office hours:

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Notarization is required

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

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

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 YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

Tuesday, July 20, 2021
8 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Saginaw Chippewa Police Department

- Open to Tribal community youth, 12-18 years of age
- The event will be weather permitting

Activities include:

- Driving course (using golf carts)
- Shooting courses (using non-lethal ammunition)
- K-9 demos
- Equipment/tool displays
- Event will conclude with a cook out and kickball game

Registration required

- Register in person at the Tribal Police Department
- A waiver and acknowledgment form must be signed
- Limited to 20 spots
- Deadline to register: Monday, July 12

For more information, please contact:

- ▶ Tribal Dispatch: 989.775.4700
- ▶ Sgt. Craig Wilson: cawilson@sagchip.org

Attention Tribal Members:

The At-Large/Member Services staff has begun to move to new locations. Most services will remain unchanged thru the end of the Fiscal Year (Sept. 30, 2021).

Please note the following new locations for the current staff and contact information:

- **Lisa Ayling:** (HR Dept.) Member Service Rep
989-775-4943 | layling@sagchip.org
- **Nicole Chippewa:** (HR Dept.) Admin. Assistant
989-775-5600 | nchippewa@sagchip.org
- **Denise Pelcher:** (Andahwod) Member Service Rep
989-775-4949 | depelcher@sagchip.org

Craig Graveratte, former director of the At-Large/Member Services Department, officially accepted a new role of Benefits Manager in the Human Resources Department and has agreed to assist Members Services during this transition period. He may be contacted at 989-775-4942 or cgraveratte@sagchip.org

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this time.

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 \$250. Political ads may include, but are not limited to, any opinion or advertisement that is political in nature and/or any Letter to the Editor that does not conform to guidelines.

Tribal Observer Subscription Form

Please send \$30 for the annual subscription. 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



MASK REQUIRED
PRIOR TO ENTRY

STAY SAFE & HEALTHY

IMPORTANT REMINDER

While Michigan is lifting COVID-19 restrictions statewide, Nimkee Clinic will continue to require face masks and screen all patients, visitors and vendors regardless of vaccination status.

Only one support person will be allowed to accompany any pediatric patient and or adult patient who needs assistance. We will continue to follow recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to help limit and slow the spread of COVID-19.

Nimkee Clinic is committed to ensuring the safety of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Community, our patients and staff.

Tribal Court Update

The Tribal Court will begin in person hearings starting July 1, 2021. A party may request a Zoom hearing in writing if the request is received five business days prior to the scheduled and approved by the judge. All other COVID safeguards will remain in effect until further notice.

- Court: 989-775-4801
- Jury hotline: 877-375-9068

COVID-19 Cares Act Funeral Assistance

Dec. 20, 2020 — A provision (Act 2021) was passed to reimburse Funeral Expenses incurred by family; to be reimbursed up to an approved capped amount.

- All Tribal Members, descendants, non-natives are eligible. Do not have to be a U.S. citizen, but the applicant has to be a U.S. citizen.
- Paid directly to one family member, not funeral home. **Use invoice of services paid or commitment to pay.*
- Retroactive back to Jan. 20, 2020.
- Nationwide
- Standard maximum (\$35,000 one person can claim) and minimum amounts.
- Amounts are different by state/city, amounts may vary.
- 100% with no cost share.
- Tribes do not have to verify membership and no state involvement; all Federal.
- BIA does cover some burial expenses and cannot be reimbursed through this program.

Eligibility: Died in the period of Jan. 20, 2020 - Dec. 31, 2020

- **Death certificate:** with COVID-19 stated on it, does not have to be the primary cause and can be probable cause. If COVID-19 was suspected and not on death certificate, FEMA and/or the funeral home can help get the death certificate amended.
- **Proof of funeral expenses:** Cultural expenses or customs are covered as long as there is documentation that they occurred. Embalming, casket, vault, religious service, burial, cremation, etc.
- Does not repay those expenses already paid for by insurance or the Tribe. Only paid to one (1) person with documents to show what was paid for. Cannot duplicate Government Funds.

To apply, please call: 844-684-6333

- Hours of operation: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Applications accepted beginning: April 12, 2021

COMMUNITY Service

Your SCTC classes could count toward your community service hours!

Students will receive 10 hours of community service per credit hour, per semester.

Example: A completed 3 hour credit class = 30 community service hours

- Students can register for 3, 4 or 5 credit courses.
- Students can apply for the Michigan Indian Tuition waiver and federal student financial aid.
- For scholarship funding, apply to the Higher Education Department.
- Tuition will be \$60 per credit hour, and \$25 student fee/credit hour.

**Community Service hours will be validated with proof of final passing grades from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.*

COMMUNITY Service

Items will be donated to the 2021 Saginaw Chippewa Powwow

June 22 - July 22, 2021 at 3 p.m.

Personnel needing community service will be allowed to purchase up to 4 cases of water max.

1 case of water = 5 community service hours

- Each case of water will need to be dropped off at the Tribal Court, Bailiffs Office.
- Must have a receipt showing proof of purchase.

For more information, contact:

Kevin Ricketts
Bailiff/Alternative Sentencing Coordinator
• Phone: 989.775.4798
• Email: KeRicketts@sagchip.org

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

HONORING SAGANING TRADITIONAL POWWOW

Sept. 11 & 12, 2021

Powwow Grounds | 2750 Worth Rd. Standish, MI
Next to the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Saganing Tribal Center

Please direct all questions to Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Committee
Phone: 989.775.4000 | Email: powwowcommittee@sagchip.org

2021 Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Elections

District 1 Change of Location

In an effort to make voting more readily accessible, and accommodate more voters at one time the Caucus Committee is pleased to announce that the 2021 Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Elections for District 1 will now be held at the **Tribal Gym located at 7070 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.**

- **Primary Election:** Oct. 12, 2021, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- **General Election:** Nov. 2, 2021, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

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

Weekend Volunteers NEEDED

To help protect the MIIBS site from trespassers & vandals

July, August, September & October (Fridays and Saturdays)

- Compensation possible
- Preferably military, law enforcement or security experience, but not necessary

For more information:

Marcella Hadden
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
• Email: MLHadden@sagchip.org
• Phone: 989.775.4751

Saganing Powwow

Golf Outing Fundraiser

Friday, Sept. 10, 2021
Tee time: 10 a.m. shotgun start

Pine River Golf Club
2244 Pine River Rd., Standish, MI 48658

- Format: three player scramble
- Entry: \$80 per player (covers cart/green fees/skins/lunch/awards banquet)
- 1st and 2nd place prizes
- Prizes for: longest drive, closest to the pin, and longest putt
- 50/50 raffle
- Mulligans: \$5 each, limit two per player

Sponsors:

- Saganing Powwow Committee
- Soaring Eagles Landing Marketing
- Frank Cloutier extraordinaire

All proceeds benefit the 2021 Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow



37th Annual Saginaw Chippewa POW WOW

July 23 - 25, 2021

Grand Entry

Friday: 7 p.m. | **Saturday:** 1 p.m. | **Sunday:** 12 p.m.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground

7525 E. Tomah Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Hotel Information:

- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort | 1.888.732.4537
- Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel | 1.877.232.4532
- The Retreat at Soaring Eagle | 1.877.232.4532

Special Request:

- All specials will be approved by committee prior to event
- Donation of giveaway gift or water

Due to COVID-19, potential restrictions and safety precautions will be followed, including:

- Limited arena seating
- Vendor booth distancing
- Agenda driven competition events

Spectators will be expected to follow CDC guidelines, such as:

- Social distancing
- Mask wearing
- Hand washing

Masters of Ceremonies:

Joel Syrette & Jason Whitehouse

Host Drum: Meskwaki Nation

Head Veteran: George Martin

Head Dancers:

Alexis Syrette & Marcus Winchester

Head Dance Judges: Darrell & Grace Hill

Head Drum Judge: Jason Kingbird

Arena Directors:

Paul Raphael & Lil Man Quintero

Dance Contests: Listed on page 8

Platinum Age, Golden Age, Senior Adults, Junior Adults, Teen and Juniors

Drum Contest: Listed on page 8

Committee Specials

- Men's Woodland Special
- Women's Woodland Special
- Chicken Head-to-Head
- Hand Drum
- Two Step
- Men's All Around
- Luck of the Draw

www.sagchip.org/pow-wow

*Free Admission **Drug and Alcohol Free Event

For more information, please contact: SCIT Powwow Committee at 989.775.4000 or PowwowCommittee@Sagchip.org



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37th Annual Saginaw Chippewa POWOW July 23 - 25, 2021



UNDERSTANDING THE PATH

— A list of powwow guidelines from the SCIT Powwow Committee —

- 1. Be on time.** The SCIT Powwow Committee is doing everything possible to ensure that activities begin and run smoothly. Please cooperate in this regard.
- 2. Appropriate dress and behavior are required in the arena.** Anyone unwilling to abide by this rule will be asked to leave by the arena director. (If you are going to dance, try to wear dance clothes.)
- 3. Pointing with fingers is considered poor manners by some nations.** If you must point, use your head and nod in the direction you wish to indicate.
- 4. The seating around the arena is reserved for dancers in regalia.** Seats with blankets, shawls or regalia items on them are taken and should not be bothered. Do NOT sit on someone else's blanket unless invited. Uncovered seats are considered available.
- 5. No pets allowed; they should be left at home.** The arena is a sacred place from the time it is blessed until the powwow is over. At no time should pets be allowed in the arena.
- 6. Respect the head male and female dancers.** Their role entitles them to start each song or set of songs. Please wait until they have started to dance before you join in. In some traditions, it is considered improper to pass the head male or female dancer within the arena.
- 7. Some songs require you to be familiar with the routine or have special eligibility rules in order to participate.** Trot dances, snake, buffalo, etc. require particular steps or routines. Veteran dances may be restricted to veterans, combat veterans or, in some cases, the relations of veterans. If you are not familiar with a particular dance, observe and learn. Watch the head dancers to learn the procedures.
- 8. Most powwows are nonprofit and depend upon donations, raffles, blanket dances, etc. for support.** Donations are encouraged as a way to honor someone. Any participant can drop money onto the blanket to aid with the powwow expenses.
- 9. Certain items of religious significance should be worn only by those qualified to do so.** Respect the traditions. Never intentionally touch another dancer's regalia, personal property without permission.
- 10. Giveaways, attributes of Indian generosity, are held at many dances.** They are acknowledgments of appreciation to recipients for honor or service given to the people. When receiving a gift, the recipient thanks everyone involved in the giving.
- 11. If you wish to ask for a special song from a drum, talk to the arena director first and make sure the master of ceremonies is informed.** It is traditional to make a gift (monetary or otherwise) to the drum for special requests.
- 12. Before sitting at a drum, ask permission from the head singer.** Do not touch a drum without permission. The drums are sacred, and it is believed that anyone who takes a place behind the drums has been selected by the Creator to be there. No one drums without special permission, and no one sits in the drumming area without special permission. Great offense is taken if you choose to sit in this area. You should never turn down an invitation by anyone, especially elders, during a powwow.
- 13. Ask permission before taking pictures of dancers.** Pictures may be taken with the permission of the dancers but not during dedication dances (veterans songs, flag songs or prayers). These special songs will be announced by the emcee. Under no circumstances may you enter the arena to take photos.
- 14. If at any time you are uncertain of procedure, etc., please check with the emcee, arena director or head singer.** They will be glad to help you with your questions.
- 15. Unless you are sure spectator seating will be provided, bring a chair.** Remember that the seating immediately around the arena is for dancers only.
- 16. Be aware that someone standing behind you may not be able to see over you.** Make room, step aside, sit or kneel if someone is behind you.
- 17. Alcohol, recreational drugs and firearms are prohibited at all powwows.**
- 18. If you see a lost feather, or you yourself drop a feather, do not pick it up.** Notify the nearest veteran, the head veteran, head male dancer or arena director immediately.
- 19. In some places it is okay for adults to dance while carrying infants or small children.** In other places this is considered contrary to local etiquette. Ask before doing so.
- 20. Always stand during special songs.** This includes grand entry, flag songs, veteran songs, memorial songs, prayer songs or any other song that the emcee designates. It is also customary to remove hats for the duration of that song.
- 21. Always listen to the emcee. He will give all of the information you need as well as entertain you and keep you posted about news.** Any questions you have can be answered by him. He will let you know when you need to stand and when you may sit after honor songs. He will also announce intertribal dances and other invitations for guests to participate.
- 22. Supervise your children so that all may enjoy the event without distraction.**
- 23. If you have a question, ask.** Most dancers, singers, elders and staff are happy to help. Offer a cold drink or other small, symbolic gifts to those who help you.

A QUICK GUIDE TO THE SIX MAIN OJIBWE DANCING STYLES

Women's Jingle

This dance is aptly named for the tin cones (jingles) that cover the dancer's dress literally from head to foot. The movements of the dance are bouncy and energetic so that the jingling of the dresses matches the beat of the drum and provides a constant rhythmical accompaniment to each song. To be a jingle dress dancer, you must have dreamt about being one. With each step that these dancers are taking, they are praying for a sick friend or relative. The dress is made of cloth and has hundreds of cones attached, usually 365. Each one represents a prayer for each day of the year. When she dances, she uses her fan in a sweeping motion to wave away sickness.

Men's Fancy

Fancy dancing is easy recognizable by its rapid tempo and its colorful and distinctive regalia. Dancers' regalia features two very large, vividly colored double bustles, which are worn on the dancer's back. Smaller bustles may also be worn on the arms as well as brightly colored bead work and accessories. These men are undoubtedly some of the most energetic of all the powwow dancers. Their steps are quick but graceful with a high-powered twist.

Fancy Shawl Dance

The outstanding feature of these dancers' outfits is the graceful, brightly-fringed shawls that drape the young women's shoulders. They are a perfect compliment to the twirling, prancing, pirouetting steps of this showy, high-spirited dance. The word fancy refers to the footwork, not the shawl. The dress and decorative beaded accessories are vividly colorful and match the flaring shawls. The dance represents the life of the butterfly. This exuberant and delightful dance is undoubtedly the flashiest of the women's dancing styles.

Men's Grass

This dance style is also easy to recognize by the striking regalia, with dancers covered shoulder to ankle in long, thick flows of bright, multicolored cloth fringe. Men's grass dancing symbolizes the young men of western tribes who were to stomp down the tall grass of the plains so the people could use the area. The long fringe represents the grass. The long, flowing yarn fringe originally started out as sweet grass hung from their regalia. In modern times, yarn is used. The dance movements are also distinctive for their sliding, shaking and spinning motion, rather than the high, kicking steps of the fancy dancer.

Women's Traditional

These women dance in a sedate and stately manner. They may move slowly about the circle of the arena but often will simply stand in the same place, rhythmically dipping and swaying to the beat of the drummers. Their outfits are often heavily and elaborately decorated with beadwork and sometimes porcupine quills, elk ivory and cowry shells. The dresses themselves may be sewn of buckskin leather or of various types of fabric. Their colors tend to be somewhat gentler and subdued than those of other woman's dance styles.

Men's Traditional

Traditional dancing is an opportunity for men to dance in the way of their fathers and grandfathers. A traditional dancer's regalia is much more likely to reflect tribal affiliation than those of the other men's dance styles. The dancer's ensemble may frequently include pieces handed down for generations within the family and may range from a look of dignified simplicity to dramatically elaborate. The dance style is similar to the outfit itself—elaborate, expressive and powerful but not as flashy and exuberant as the other men's styles.



Frequently asked questions for this year's 37th annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow

SCIT POWWOW COMMITTEE

This year's 2021 Saginaw Chippewa 37th annual Powwow "Community Homecoming" is just around the corner and the Powwow Committee is certain there are going to be calls inquiring about this event.

The following answers frequently asked questions about this year's powwow.

I ask general questions to? Any powwow committee member should be able to answer any questions.

Who can we ask questions about vendor spaces? Powwow Committee Vendor Coordinator Darcy Pilar 989-775-4141 or 989-488-7938 (Cell)

Are vendor spaces still available? All food vendors and craft vendors are closed.

Is there an admission fee to get into the powwow? No admission fee.

Is there a parking fee? There is no parking fee, however, there are designated parking areas for those needing assistance and there are powwow workers who will be directing people to the parking areas.

What time does everything start? Friday's grand entry

begins at 7 p.m., Saturday's grand entry begins at 1 p.m. and Sunday's grand entry is at noon.

In case of rain, is there a rain site if the powwow has to move indoors? Yes, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall at 6800 Soaring Eagle Boulevard is the designated location in case of rain. The Powwow Committee will make the call to move the event indoors if

necessary and the vendors will coordinate directly with Darcy Pilar to be assigned their indoor vendor locations.

Is there going to be fireworks this year and when? No fireworks this year.

Will there be a designated first aid location on the powwow grounds? Yes. The Nimkee Clinic will have a medical tent located near the powwow grounds entrance and there will also be emergency personnel from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police and Tribal Fire Departments on location also.

Will there be a Sacred Fire on the powwow grounds and where is it located? Yes. The Sacred Fire will be available and is located near the eastern door where the powwow dancers and dignitaries enter the arena.

Hotel Information: Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort 1-888-732-4537 and Soaring Eagle Waterpark 1-877-232-4532

Dance Specials: Fry Bread Contest, Random Mystery Spot Dances (Gift Cards Random Amounts), Men's Woodland Special, Women's Woodland special, Chicken Head to Head, Hand Drum, Two Step, Men's All Around, luck of the Draw. All prizes will be announced that weekend.

Sound System: Hoka Sound

Dancer Payouts **All subject to change**

| Juniors - Boys (6-11) | Grass | Fancy | Traditional |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| 1st | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 |
| 2nd | \$150.00 | \$150.00 | \$150.00 |
| 3rd | \$125.00 | \$125.00 | \$125.00 |
| 4th | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |

| Junior Adults (Men) 18-35 | Grass | Fancy | Traditional |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 1st | \$1,100.00 | \$1,100.00 | \$1,100.00 |
| 2nd | \$800.00 | \$800.00 | \$800.00 |
| 3rd | \$600.00 | \$600.00 | \$600.00 |
| 4th | \$400.00 | \$400.00 | \$400.00 |

| Junior - Girls (6-11) | Jingle | Fancy | Traditional |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| 1st | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 |
| 2nd | \$150.00 | \$150.00 | \$150.00 |
| 3rd | \$125.00 | \$125.00 | \$125.00 |
| 4th | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |

| Junior Adults (Women) 18-35 | Jingle | Fancy | Traditional |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 1st | \$1,100.00 | \$1,100.00 | \$1,100.00 |
| 2nd | \$800.00 | \$800.00 | \$800.00 |
| 3rd | \$600.00 | \$600.00 | \$600.00 |
| 4th | \$400.00 | \$400.00 | \$400.00 |

| Teen boys (12-17) | Grass | Fancy | Traditional |
|-------------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| 1st | \$400.00 | \$400.00 | \$400.00 |
| 2nd | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | \$300.00 |
| 3rd | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 |
| 4th | \$125.00 | \$125.00 | \$125.00 |

| Senior Adults (Men) 36-49 | Grass | Fancy | Traditional |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 1st | \$1,100.00 | \$1,100.00 | \$1,100.00 |
| 2nd | \$800.00 | \$800.00 | \$800.00 |
| 3rd | \$600.00 | \$600.00 | \$600.00 |
| 4th | \$400.00 | \$400.00 | \$400.00 |

| Teen - Girls (12-17) | Jingle | Fancy | Traditional |
|----------------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| 1st | \$400.00 | \$400.00 | \$400.00 |
| 2nd | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | \$300.00 |
| 3rd | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 |
| 4th | \$125.00 | \$125.00 | \$125.00 |

| Senior Adults (Women) 36-49 | Jingle | Fancy | Traditional |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 1st | \$1,100.00 | \$1,100.00 | \$1,100.00 |
| 2nd | \$800.00 | \$800.00 | \$800.00 |
| 3rd | \$600.00 | \$600.00 | \$600.00 |
| 4th | \$400.00 | \$400.00 | \$400.00 |

| Golden Age (Men) 50-59 | Combined |
|------------------------|------------|
| 1st | \$1,100.00 |
| 2nd | \$800.00 |
| 3rd | \$600.00 |
| 4th | \$400.00 |

| Golden Age (Women) 50-59 | Combined |
|--------------------------|------------|
| 1st | \$1,100.00 |
| 2nd | \$800.00 |
| 3rd | \$600.00 |
| 4th | \$400.00 |

| Platinum Age (Men) 60+ | Combined |
|------------------------|------------|
| 1st | \$1,100.00 |
| 2nd | \$800.00 |
| 3rd | \$600.00 |
| 4th | \$400.00 |

| Platinum Age (Women) 60+ | Combined |
|--------------------------|------------|
| 1st | \$1,100.00 |
| 2nd | \$800.00 |
| 3rd | \$600.00 |
| 4th | \$400.00 |

| Drum Payouts | Combined |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| 1st | \$8,000.00 |
| 2nd | \$6,000.00 |
| 3rd | \$5,000.00 |
| 4th | \$4,000.00 |
| 5th | \$3,000.00 |
| Drum Split (Non-Placing Drums) | \$2,000.00 |

Tribal Court hangs plaque dedicated to first SCIT magistrate

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

A plaque now hangs at the Tribal Courtroom doors to honor the first Tribal Magistrate Nicki Perez.

A short dedication ceremony was held on Monday, June 7 after 11:30 a.m. to honor the late Nicki Perez with Court staff and Perez's family gathered near the Courtroom doors.

Healing to Wellness Court Coordinator Joseph Sowmick provided a few words of welcome.

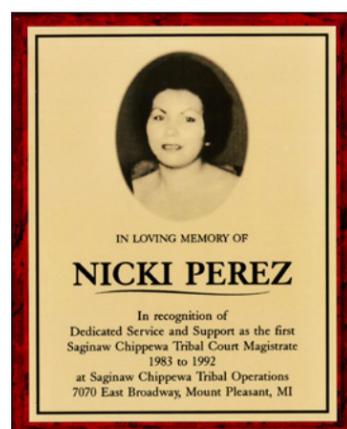
"We say the words Osh-Kah-Gii-Shi-Giick, and Osh-Kah-Gii-Shi-Giick is the promise of a new day," Sowmick said. "There was a promise of a new day that happened right here in this building in 1995 when this building was constructed."

The Tribal Court originally began in the small

rooms of the former Tribal Observer offices in the Tribal Operations building. Part of the dedication to Perez was paying homage to her commencement of the Tribal Court and its eventual expansion.

Senior Judge Patrick Shannon said the SCIT Tribal Court neither began with its own building nor its own courtroom.

"It was all based upon this concept of sovereignty and ability to self-regulate through your courts and also through your tribal councils," Shannon said. "It wasn't until the latter part of the last century, the 1970s, there was a recognition of tribal courts. It's been a slow, onward, approach and now you control it: set your own codes, enforce your own civil codes and you have a court to do it in. You have to recognize the importance of this; this is a cornerstone of your sovereignty."



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Shannon said 50 years ago, the employees of Healing to Wellness would have worked through the Isabella County Court, now the Saginaw Chippewa Court has its own.

"It all comes back to people like Nicki Perez who were the foundation of the exertion of sovereignty in their own community," Shannon said.

The judge and Sowmick presented the plaque to the family that states: "In loving memory of Nicki Perez.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Family members of the late Nicki Perez, the first tribal magistrate, pose for a photo with Tribal Court's Judge Patrick Shannon and Joseph Sowmick after a plaque dedication ceremony to Perez on June 7.

In recognition of Dedicated Service and Support as the first Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court Magistrate 1983 to 1992 at Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Operations 7070 East Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI."

Perez's daughter, Mary Perez, spoke a few words on behalf of the family. She said she remembers her mother having to get up and go to work in the middle of the night and recalled her mom having to attend several trainings in Sault Ste. Marie.

"I remember my mom worked for \$5 an hour and we thought that was so awesome because back then you would barely get \$3 minimum wage," Mary Perez said.

Ziibiwing Center Researcher Anita Heard found a Tribal Council motion dated Feb. 7, 1983 where it stated Nicki Perez's title was clerk/magistrate with more allocated hours for her to work. She maintained the magistrate title from then until 1992.



Secretary Haaland announces Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

WASHINGTON — In remarks to the National Congress of American Indians 2021 Mid Year Conference last month, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland announced a Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative, a comprehensive review of the troubled legacy of federal boarding school policies.

The announcement is accompanied by a secretarial memo in which Secretary Haaland directs the Department to prepare a report detailing available historical records, with an emphasis on cemeteries or potential burial sites, relating to the federal boarding school program in preparation for a future site work.

This work will occur under the supervision of the assistant secretary for Indian Affairs.

“The Interior Department will address the inter-generational impact of Indian boarding schools to shed light on the unspoken traumas of the past, no matter how hard it will be,” Secretary Haaland said. “I know that this process will be long and difficult. I know that this process will be painful. It won’t undo the heartbreak and loss we feel. But only by acknowledging the past can we work toward a future that we’re all proud to embrace.”

Secretary Haaland recently reflected on the inter-generational trauma created by these policies in an op-ed.

“We must shed light on what happened at federal boarding schools,” said Bryan Newland, principal deputy assistant secretary for Indian Affairs, who also delivered remarks outlining implementation of this effort. “As we move forward in this work, we will engage in

tribal consultation on how best to use this information, protect burial sites, and respect families and communities.”

Beginning with the Indian Civilization Act of 1819, the United States enacted laws and implemented policies establishing and supporting Indian boarding schools across the nation.

The purpose of Indian boarding schools was to culturally assimilate Indigenous children by forcibly relocating them from their families and communities to distant residential facilities where their American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian identities, languages, and beliefs were to be forcibly suppressed.

For more than 150 years, hundreds of thousands of Indigenous children were taken from their communities.

The Federal Indian Boarding

School Initiative will serve as an investigation about the loss of human life and the lasting consequences of residential Indian boarding schools. The primary goal will be to identify boarding school facilities and sites; the location of known and possible student burial sites located at or near school facilities; and the identities and tribal affiliations of children interred at such locations.

The recent discovery of 215 unmarked graves by Canada’s Tk’emlúps te Secwepemc First Nation at the Kamloops Indian Residential School prompted the Department to undertake this new initiative with the goal of shedding light on these past traumas.

The work will proceed in several phases and include the identification and collection of records and information related to the Department of Interior’s own

oversight and implementation of the Indian boarding school program; formal consultations with Tribal Nations, Alaska Native corporations, and Native Hawaiian organizations to clarify the processes and procedures for protecting identified burial sites and associated information; and the submission of a final written report on the investigation to the Secretary by April 1, 2022.

The Interior Department continues to operate residential boarding schools through the Bureau of Indian Education. In sharp contrast to the policies of the past, these schools aim to provide a quality education to students from across Indian Country and to empower Indigenous youth to better themselves and their communities as they seek to practice their spirituality, learn their language, and carry their culture forward.

Sign created for sacred fire wood at campground

MARCELLA HADDEN

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Eric Phipps (photographed left in the photo to the right), of the Soaring Eagle Carpenter Shop, designed a Sacred Fire Wood sign as requested by the Mt. Pleasant

Indian Industrial Boarding School Committee (MIIBS).

Phipps is pictured by the sign on May 25, 2021 with Steven Shaydik (right), who assisted in hanging it, at the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Campground (also known as The Hill or powwow grounds).

The wood was cut from the MIIBS property earlier this year. Tribal Council approved to have the trees cut as they were dead and dangerous. The trees are considered “witness trees” because they have witnessed a lot of what happened on the MIIBS property throughout the years.

The SCIT Fire Department Wild Land Crew will be cutting the wood into smaller pieces. The wood can now be used for sacred fires (especially when a loved one passes) and the community can help themselves to it.

Traditionally, fires are used to help a loved one on their journey to the spirit world and burns for four days. This wood can now be used in a good and respectful manner and help carry prayers to the Creator.

If you would like to donate wood for fires, please do so. We are hoping to keep this as a community function.



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden

Eric Phipps (left) and Steven Shaydik (right) pose with the newly-created Sacred Fire Wood sign.

For more information or questions, please contact Marcella Hadden, tribal historic preservation officer for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. MLHadden@sagchip.org or 989-775-4751. Miigwetch.

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Day 1: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 | 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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• **Events:** 400-meter walks & runs, 1-mile run, long jump, 100 & 50-meter dashes



Day 2: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 | 12 – 6 p.m.

Recreation Events at the Nimkee Fitness Fit Park

• **Events:** Basketball shots, softball throws, tot trots, cornhole toss



Day 3: Thursday, July 15, 2021 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Fitness Events at the Nimkee Fitness Fit Park

• **Events:** Shuttle run, fitness circuit, 500-meter row, 30 burpees



► **Pre-register by July 7 to be guaranteed a T-shirt***

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Michigan Indian Family Olympics

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Friday, July 9, 2021

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Check-in opens at 9 a.m. | Tee off at 10 a.m.

Age groups:

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Format: Two person team, alternate shot

Cost: • SCIT Golf Members with cart: \$20
• Non-members: \$32
• Lunch will be provided

Register online: www.sagchip.org/mifo/

For more information, please contact:

Bernie Sprague at 989.775.5309 or 989.400.1838 or BSprague@sagchip.org



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

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Word Bank

- Aa-bi-ji Gi-ji-toon
- Aa-bi-ji Gi-ji-took
- Gni-ta-na-kii
- Gni-ta-na-kiim
- Gna-gi-ji-toon
- Gna-gi-ji-too-naa'aa
- We-we-ni Zhi-ji-gen
- We-we-ni Zhi-ji-gek
- Gni-ta Naad-maa-ge
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 4: Do it right/well (plural)
 8: You are a good worker (singular)
 9: You did good (plural)
 10: You did good (singular)

Down

2: Keep trying (plural)
 3: You are good helpers (plural)
 5: Keep trying (singular)
 6: Do it right/well (singular)
 7: You are a good helper (singular)

Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

Answers

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Virtual 2021 Honoring, Healing & Remembering recognizes 87th anniversary of Mt. Pleasant boarding school closing

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

As the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe prepared for its annual Honoring, Healing & Remembering event, a day of honoring the closing of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School “MIIBS,” the Tk’emlúps to Secwépemc community of British Columbia, Canada mourned 215 individuals discovered on the grounds of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School.

“We are painfully awakened again to the shameful legacy of the American Indian Boarding School and the Canadian Indian Residential School era,” the SCIT Public Relations Department said in a June 3 statement.

The 2021 virtual Honoring, Healing & Remembering “HHR” event recognized the 87th anniversary of the MIIBS’s closing, and recognized the suffering, strength and resilience of approximately 227 students that perished while attending the school.

This year’s virtual event was live on YouTube on Friday, June 4, beginning at 10 a.m.

On behalf of Tribal Council, Sub-Chief Joe Kequom provided a welcome, live in the Council chambers.

“Let us not forget the school was not only for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe but for Indian people around Michigan and in the country,” Kequom said of MIIBS. “Let us not forget the school whose purpose was to remove tribal identity and spirit. Eighty-seven years ago, the suffering was diminished.”

Live at the Zibiwing Center, the City of Mount Pleasant Mayor Will Joseph and City Manager Nancy Ridley both provided statements.

“It is vital to our community and mankind to stop and think about our past, to realize how far we’ve come, how much work is still to be done and to be mindful of the experiences of others,” Joseph said. “The abuse Native Americans have suffered in our history has been horrific. The legacy still unravels today. This is why we must remember the annual Honoring, Healing &

Remembering event that brings song, dance, food, language, jingle of the dance, that was once forbidden and attempted to be erased, and today is a testament to the strength of the spirit of the survivors and the descendants.”

The mayor continued, “In this way, we recognize the pain and take, from that energy – that gut-wrenching energy – we feel and put it towards our future – a celebration of identity and harmony that is pursued every day. Honoring, healing and remembering is important to be aware of our past, but also celebrate our present and future, and recognize how our community is working together; building personal relationships.”

City Manager Nancy Ridley has attended several HHR events throughout the years, and, she said, two things in particular always stand out to her: the sunrise ceremony at the cemetery and the student roll call of the deceased students’ names.

“It just isn’t possible to be a part of those activities and not recognize some of the suffering that undoubtedly occurred throughout Tribal families,” Ridley said, remembering when the boarding school era was not addressed. “I’m proud of our community of Mount Pleasant for listening to Tribal Members through the years to expand our understanding of the Mount Pleasant community of what actually occurred and impacts it still has today of some Tribal Members and their families.”

William Johnson, interim director for the Zibiwing Center, prerecorded an address from the Mission Creek Cemetery.

“In 1850, the Methodist Episcopal Indian Church established the Bradley Indian Mission Cemetery, we are (recording) in the Mission Creek Cemetery, and this was established in 1850 and was active until 1860,” Johnson said in the video.

Johnson continued, “There are some notable Saginaw Chippewa people that are buried here, most notably, our Tribal leader Shaw Shaw Wabaunsee. He was born in 1817 and died in 1868. He signed the Treaty of



Observer photo

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Marcella Hadden (left) speaks during the 2021 virtual Honoring, Healing & Remembering, a day celebrating the closing of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School, with support from William Johnson (right), interim director for the Zibiwing Center.

1855 which set aside six adjoining townships, right here in Isabella County, to establish the Isabella Indian Reservation... We are going to offer the sacred gift of spirit food for him and all students that perished while attending the boarding school.”

Live and back at the Zibiwing Center, Johnson read a poem for those perished students at MIIBS and in Canada. Then, Johnson and Isabelle Osawamick read each of the 227 names of students that perished at MIIBS, followed by drum beats after each name was read.

Johnson provided further remarks.

“Too often we shun decency and neglect the privilege of our birth right to live as the Creator intended,” Johnson said. “It is through love that we will prosper and only by direct confrontation will we find peace in our hearts again. Let us be brave as our contemptuous adversary becomes our friend to forgive. May kind nurturing pave the way. Never will we hold our children beneath our consideration, and by honoring them, we respect the sacred circle of life and reclaim it as our own. The spirit of the Anishinaabe people never left the students as they endured a new way of life and today that same spirit resounds with the promise that they’ll never be forgotten.”

The prerecorded video of Central Michigan University’s President Robert Davies was also aired. Davies spoke about the long-standing relationship between the Tribe and the CMU Chippewas.

“We are here today to acknowledge the injustice of the past and commit to building a brighter future,” Davies said in the recorded video. “Together, we can assure that distrust, prejudice, and supremacy will never again prevail over compassion, kindness and respect. The boarding school was a site of sadness... Today is important reminder of history that must never be forgotten and our shared purpose of moving forward together... We’re proud to continue to strengthen our partnership with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and its leaders – we do this through our classrooms, on our campus and in the community.”

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Marcella Hadden discussed upcoming events regarding MIIBS.

Hadden also mentioned the ongoing issue of trespassers and vandals on the grounds. Hadden said a MIIBS neighbor watches the property and she discussed further security measures.

“(A portion of the MIIBS property is) fenced with barbed wire, we have lighting installed by Block Electric, we have a test camera up, a solar camera, and I want to thank Anthony Clark in the Surveillance Department who has gone above and beyond his scope of duty to help us in recommending solar cameras; having his team go out and install it,” Hadden said. “We were able to look at some photos of coverage and it’s so clear and... we saw some deer go by, we saw trespassers.”

Chief of Tribal Police Harry Ambs attends MIIBS meetings and the coverage on the cameras is handled by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police.

“When Harry comes to our meetings, he lets us know when citations are issued,” Hadden said. “A couple weeks ago they apprehended, cited four youth that were in the tribal gym (within the MIIBS), so those four youth will be answering their citation in Bay City Federal Court.”



Observer photo

Dr. Mary S. Senter, professor of sociology for Central Michigan University, discusses the results of four different surveys of the MIIBS site.

Hadden said metal mesh is in the works to be put on the first floor of all the windows that are open and on all of the doors to help secure the grounds from trespassers and vandals.

Dr. Mary S. Senter, professor of sociology for Central Michigan University, discussed the four surveys completed about the MIIBS grounds, regarding what Tribal Members and the local community wish to do with the grounds and remaining buildings. The survey was supported by a 2018 Tribal Heritage Grant from the National Park Service.

The four surveys, Senter said, included: a June 2019 print survey for participants at the 2019 HHR event; a Spring 2020 web survey for CMU faculty, staff and select students; a Summer 2020/Spring 2021 web survey for Isabella County community members; and a Spring 2021 web survey with log on authentication for SCIT Members.

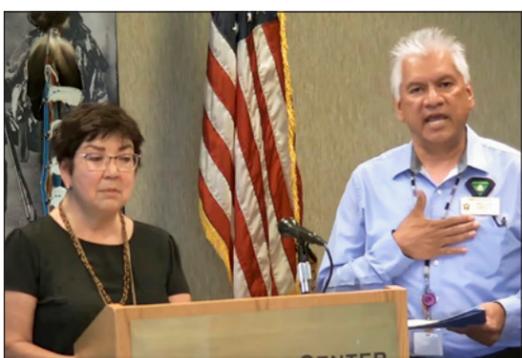
Keynote speaker Dr. Sarah Surface-Evans of CMU’s Archeological Field School presented information on the Asiinii Waa’kaa’igon (Stonehouse) near the MIIBS grounds. (See the front page for the full report.)

Keynote speaker Dr. Veronica Pasfield, journalist, researcher and tribal consultant, presented “Runaways, Smart Mouths & Heroes,” a PowerPoint presentation about generational trauma and documents, letters and student files from the boarding school era. (See page 13 for an article on the presentation.)

William Johnson and Marcella Hadden unveiled the plaque acknowledging the MIIBS was placed on the National Register of Historic Places with the United States Department of the Interior on Feb. 28, 2018. Johnson wished to thank the former Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Sarah Jones in making that possible.

A silent auction was held at the Zibiwing Center throughout the day.

The event concluded with an off-camera jingle dress healing dress on the MIIBS grounds.



Observer photo

Isabelle Osawamick (left) and William Johnson (right) read the 227 names of the students that perished at MIIBS.



Observer photo

Onion Creek Drum provides a song during the virtual 87th anniversary of the school’s closing.



Presenter shares letters, student records from boarding school era

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

During this year's June 4 virtual Honoring, Healing & Remembering event recognizing the 87th anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School closing, the program featured several guest speakers.

Keynote speaker Dr. Veronica Pasfield, journalist, researcher and tribal consultant, presented "Runaways, Smart Mouths & Heroes" focusing on generational trauma, documented letters and student records from the boarding school era.

Pasfield's cousins, Paula Carrick and Wanda Perron, are tribal historic preservation officers for her tribe, Bay Mills Indian Community. With their stories of their family, Pasfield said they gave her "a path towards deeper understanding that took away a lot of pain and confusion" as they researched their relatives' past in boarding school.

"For myself, I wanted to understand how my immediate family went from our great-grandfather Shingabawossin, to a family that struggled so much," Pasfield said of the generational trauma that began from the boarding schools.

Pasfield shared letters, student records and images from the boarding school era. Many of the findings share an in-depth and personal story of the families affected by MIIBS.

Pasfield shared a story about her great-aunt Nora Greenbird. Nora's mother showed up at the school unannounced and attempted to retrieve 9-year-old

Nora without prior authorization. The Mt. Pleasant archives also contained correspondence with MIIBS Superintendent R.A. Cochrane about allowing Nora to come home because her little brother was dying. Her family wanted Nora to see her brother before he passed away.

"Because of this letter... we discovered Lydia Greenbird had five children in five years and all five infants died while their sisters were away at school," Pasfield said. "So I really think of the profound sadness of that and the incredible resilience."

This, Pasfield said, helped her understand why her grandmother's mother never properly bonded with her grandmother. And, in turn, her grandmother had a hard time connecting with her own daughters and Pasfield said she and her mother always had problems bonding.

"I think about intergenerational trauma and the pain of that has somehow, for me, healed a little bit when I understand where it came from," Pasfield said. "I'm able to take it away from the personal stories and understand it is the effects of oppression through the Mt. Pleasant Boarding School and other federal Indian boarding schools."

Pasfield shared her grandmother's mother, Daisy Greenbird Smith, wrote MIIBS requesting to enroll her children, Connie and Donnie.

Daisy's husband left her and the kids and Daisy was working at Wigwam Restaurant in Royal Oak, Mich. where they did not allow Indian waitresses, Pasfield said. "But she did have a much lower-paying job in the



Courtesy of Veronica Pasfield

Bay Mills Tribal Member Veronica Pasfield (left), researcher and presenter during HHR, is photographed with her son, Tyler Barron, at his college graduation.

kitchen. She felt she could not care for her children very well and applied to have them go to the Mt. Pleasant boarding school. Think about how painful that must have been for her."

"In a real sense, this was a fulfillment of the work of federal Indian boarding schools: wage labor, self-hatred, dispossession, an ancient culture now available for mainstream appropriation," Pasfield said.

Pasfield revealed details of more letters.

"There is another wonderful letter from a mother who really does take on Superintendent Cochran," she said. "(The letter) starts out really nicely; asking for her child to come home in the summer and her letters get increasingly more angry until finally, she said 'I'm going to talk to our Indian agent' and 'we'll see who owns them kids.' So, again, another piece of evidence found in the archive (which displays) the resistance of the families."

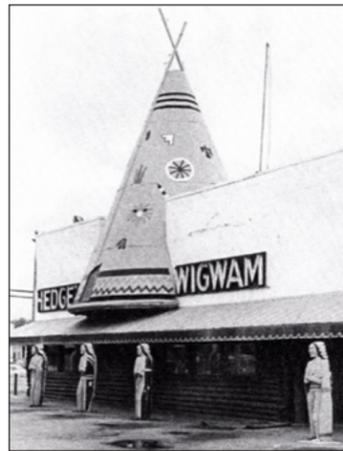
MIIBS survivor Floyd Genia, Pasfield said, was 9 years old when he "witnessed one of his friends in his classroom beaten to death by the teacher. They put that child in the ground that day."

"Floyd said he was really haunted his whole life wondering if that child's family found out what happened," Pasfield said.



Photos from the boarding school album of Lucy Smith LeBlanc, courtesy of her family and the Bay Mills Ojibwe History Department.

The James and Anna (Brown) Smith family are photographed in 1903.



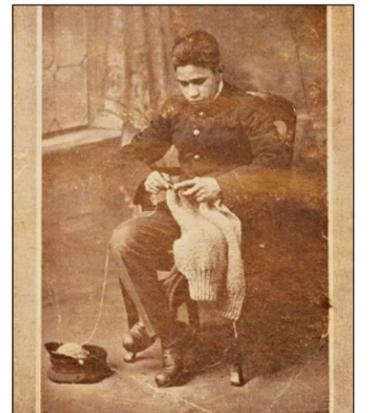
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The Wigwam Restaurant in Royal Oak, Mich. did not allow Indian waitresses.

Pasfield said it is "so important to understand the world histories told from elders."

"I really can't underestimate the power of the stories that are in our communities, even though those stories aren't taught in classrooms, in universities, but they matter," she said. "They matter for our families and they matter for other communities that are dealing with the same issues that we are."

For more research on the boarding schools, Pasfield said



Photos from the boarding school album of Lucy Smith LeBlanc, courtesy of her family and the Bay Mills Ojibwe History Department.

Walter Smith (photographed) and his siblings were taken from their father and Bay Mills family against their wishes in 1904.

the Ziibiwing Research Center has resources and she is willing to help, contact veronicapasfield@gmail.com.

To view the list of student files for MIIBS, visit <https://www.archives.gov/chicago/finding-aids/mt-pleasant-student-case-files.html>

To view the list of student files for Carlisle Indian School, visit http://carlisleindian.dickinson.edu/student_records/explore/people



Photos from the boarding school album of Lucy Smith LeBlanc, courtesy of her family and the Bay Mills Ojibwe History Department.

Left to right: Mary, Jimmie and Ada Smith are photographed.

State Police train K9s on MIIBS grounds



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden

Two Michigan State police officers use the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School grounds to train police K9s on May 27, 2021 (photographed left to right: Officer Martin from Hart, Mich. and Officer Gillis from the Mt. Pleasant Post).

Elders Advisory Board update

SHELIGH JACKSON

Assistant Elders' Advocate

On Wednesday, June 9, 2021, the Elders Advisory Board had its first official meeting as a newly-appointed board. Majority of the board members were re-appointed but a new member, Gilbert Hendrickson, was welcomed.

The Elders Advisory Board consists of: Joseph Sowmick – chairperson, Kathy Hart

– co-chairperson, Gilbert Hendrickson – secretary/treasurer, Marie Kequom, Carole Tally, Clinton Pelcher, Terry Bonnau, Flossie Sprague, Barbara Sprague and Marion Williams.

Also during the meeting, the Board and Andahwod honored Cynthia Floyd for more than 20 years of service as a board member.

The EAB meets twice a month to discuss SCIT elder matters.



Courtesy of Sheligh Jackson

Cynthia Floyd is recognized for more than 20 years of service as a board member.



Courtesy of Sheligh Jackson

The newly-appointed Elders Advisory Board.



Opioid Summit

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“Over the years, you have seen the outreach and growth within the SCIT medical community. Both have come together in an amazing way to support individuals with a substance use disorder and watching and participating in that has been a privilege,” Poland said. “Isolation is a marker for worsening behavioral health symptoms of anxiety, depression, and substance use. I think one of the strengths of the Tribe is the sense of community and belonging that come with it, and are grounded in hundreds of years of rich traditions.”

Poland also asserts finding ways to support each other and reach out is so important with this pandemic.

“The summit brought together individuals from different sectors and different perspectives. We all learn more when we broaden our perception and open our minds to other people,” Poland said. “It was an honor to be involved in the summit and to continue to support the Tribe and its medical providers.”

Tribal Elder Cathy Matthews, project administrator for Healing to Wellness, has been a part of the Court since 2013 and appreciates the continuing effort the

Tribe has made in fighting the war on drugs.

“I was happy to see Dr. Poland come in as a featured speaker and I find her very knowledgeable and personable with the SCIT community,” Matthews said. “I know in the past Tribal summits, we have heard speaker panels that featured judges who preside over drug courts and clients who have successfully completed those programs. It would be great to hear their testimonials.”

Matthews said it would be helpful to see an update from law enforcement officials and health care professionals relating to drug usage at the next summit (scheduled for June 7-8, 2022 at Soaring Eagle Entertainment Hall in Mt. Pleasant, Mich.).

“It’s not about just opioid use anymore, and I’m glad to hear we plan to meet in person next year to exchange best practices in fighting addiction,” Matthews said.

Maggie Magoon, MPH, Ph.D., said she is honored to serve as a planning committee member, and to collect data and provide evaluation results for the annual summit for the last three years.

“Evaluation results are intended to serve as a quality improvement measure,”



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Tribal Court Senior Judge Patrick Shannon



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Dr. Cara Poland, MD, Michigan State University College of Medicine



Courtesy photo

Dr. Sethu Reddy, MD, Central Michigan University College of Medicine

Magoon said. “The committee offering attendees CME credits along with having a virtual summit format provided unique data collection challenges. Feedback allows for the planning committee to tailor future summit offerings and provide quality educational resources to educators, providers, community members, and ultimately those experiencing opioid addiction and related issues.”

April Osburn, MSA, executive director of the Michigan Area Health Education Center, informs AHEC has been part of the planning committee for the past two conferences.

AHEC has partnered with the college for nine years on initiatives that support the college’s mission and providing educational opportunities to

healthcare professionals, students, and community members and organizations.

“The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe recognized a need and founded the concept of the Tribal Opioid Summit, which is dedicated to the principles of information, education, and expanding knowledge of the devastating impact of the opioid crisis on local native and non-native communities,” Osburn said. “The opportunity to sponsor such a large-scale conference dedicated to offering the latest in research, community development, healthcare, and tele-mental health resources was welcomed by the Mid Central AHEC and I’m honored to be involved in the planning process.”

SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier would like to thank summit committee chair Erik Rodriguez and Grants Specialist Brandon Schultz for their work along with all our corporate sponsors: Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court and Judge Patrick Shannon; Alison Arnold of Central Michigan University: College of Medicine and Interdisciplinary Center for Community Health & Wellness; Joan Ford of CMU College of Medicine; April Osburn and Jennifer Morneau of Mid Central Area Health Education Regional Center; Dany Zimmel of Region V Public Health Training Center; Tribal Law & Policy Institute; Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center; and community members Lisa Hadden and Maggie Magoon.

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Stone House

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the above-ground resources, buildings and building foundations and below-ground resources, such as the foundations and artifacts that are no longer visible,” Surface-Evans said. “We are utilizing geophysical prospection to help reduce the impact of the site and make sure our excavations target the areas that have the most potential.”

Central Michigan University and Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College students are conducting a joint field school.

“Over the six weeks of the field school, students learn archeological methods and participate in documenting the history of the site,” Surface-Evans said. “We are relying heavily on the knowledge and information the family can provide us about where buildings once stood and the various activities that took place in those buildings.”

The field school identified two areas to begin their work – first, the area around the Stonehouse itself and second, the space between the Stonehouse and the remains of a barn foundation.

“In the space between the house and the barn, we are conducting geophysical investigation using magnetic susceptibility,” Surface-Evans said. “This allows us to create heat maps that show hot spots where there may be artifacts or materials left behind. One of the reasons we are conducting this is to look for the remains of former buildings such as a granary and a chicken coop that once stood in the space between the house and barn.”

In addition to the geophysical methods, the field school will also collect information through small shovel tests dug in a grid across the site, according to Surface-Evans.

“These provide a small glimpse below the ground to



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**Dr. Sarah Surface-Evans
of Central Michigan
University's Archeological
Field School**

collect artifacts that relate to the site and how it was used through time. For example, in the area near the granary, we are finding the vessels that once held food – such as crocks and canning jars... There are also plenty of artifacts that tell us this was a working farm (horseshoes and hay rake dating from 1890s that would have been pulled by horses).”



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

CMU and Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College students in the joint field school explore the site of the Asinii Waa'kaa'igan (Stonehouse).

Several small objects have also been discovered, including small clay and glass marbles, toy cars and toy soldiers.

“We plan to continue geophysical survey and expand our study area to other locations on the property,” Surface-Evans said. “We also plan to excavate a sample near the granary and barn hoping to find some artifacts that will definitely link the homestead with MIIBS. After that, we have the analysis of all this

data and artifacts using this information to begin drafting a nomination for the National Register of Historic Places.”

Surface-Evans wished to express gratitude to the Pego-Pelcher family for allowing the field school to conduct this work, SCIT, the Ziibiwing Center and its staff, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Marcella Hadden, SCTC and Dr. Adam Haviland and the SCTC and CMU field school students.



Photos courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

Isabella County Parks receives funding for Chippewa River Erosion and Canoe Launch Project

ISABELLA COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION STAFF

The Isabella County Parks and Recreation Commission manages eight county parks, three of which are located along the Chippewa River – Deerfield Nature Park, Majeske Landing and Meridian Park.

Due to increased use, high water and other water conditions, several spans of riverbank located throughout these parks have erosion problem areas that require stabilization.

Working to improve these areas to prevent future

embankment issues is the goal of the Chippewa River Erosion and Canoe Launch Project, which is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2021.

In Deerfield Nature Park, the project will improve/rebuild two current canoe launches, add one new canoe launch, correct a high-water issue, and take steps to repair a large section of eroded riverbank. The project also includes improvements at the Majeske Landing launch area.

Funding for this project was made possible by the generous support of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe through



2 percent revenue sharing distributions, the Mt. Pleasant Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Conservation Fund, and the 12 foundations and corporations that make up the Funders Network of the Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network (WIN).

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Eagle Spirit Awards honor 2021 Tribal graduates, feature author Angeline Bouley

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The 2021 Higher Education's Eagle Spirit Award Banquet honored 2021 Tribal graduates and had a surprise guest as a keynote speaker – Angeline Bouley, author of the bestselling book “Firekeeper’s Daughter.”

The banquet began at 6 p.m. at the venue for Soaring Eagle’s outdoor summer concert series.

Bouley, an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, told the graduates, their families and friends about her journey to, eventually, writing a bestseller.

“We come from storytellers,” Bouley said of Ojibwe culture. “Story is how we learn what it means to be Anishinaabe; it connects us to our ancestors and it connects us to those future generations that haven’t even been born yet. I tell stories now for a living, but that wasn’t what I had planned.”

Bouley discussed heading to Mount Pleasant, to attend Central Michigan University at 18, the first person in her family to attend college. She thought she wanted to study anatomy but a course proved her otherwise. She eventually began working in education

and at West Intermediate in Mount Pleasant and became the Tribal education director for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Meanwhile, she would always go back to an idea she had for a story.

The original idea for “Firekeeper’s Daughter” came to Bouley when she was 18. Her friend wanted to introduce her to a new guy at school to possibly date. Later, there was a large drug bust at the school and the guy she was never introduced to turned out to be an undercover officer.

“I remembered thinking, ‘what if our paths had crossed?’” Bouley said. “And because I was a dreamy-eyed romantic, I thought, ‘what if we had liked each other?’ And then this spark of an idea stayed with me and it was ‘what if it wasn’t that he liked me but that he needed my help,’ and I thought, ‘why would some undercover investigation need the help of an ordinary Ojibwe girl?’ I went about my life, went to college.”

Bouley continued, “That spark of an idea I had of an undercover investigation, I thought what if it was a thriller? What if it was on a reservation? What if it was a federal officer? What if there were reasons compelling her (the character) to help, but then to realize that helping to protect her community and helping this investigation were two very different things. The story took on less of thriller angle and more of a search for identity and place in community, dealing with a grief and loss and justice: who gets it and who doesn’t.”

Bouley said like most, her life and career have been full of many ups and downs.

“At one of my darkest times, I did my first fast,” Bouley said. “My dad was the firekeeper and it was pretty rough. But when I went to that fire, and put my tobacco down, this mantra came to me: ‘I am worthy.’ My worth



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Angeline Bouley, author of bestselling book “Firekeeper’s Daughter,” is keynote speaker for the Eagle Spirit Awards honoring 2021 Tribal graduates on Tuesday, June 15 at the venue for Soaring Eagle’s outdoor concerts.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

(Left to right) Waabigwan Peters, Melissa Isaac, Angeline Bouley and Summer Peters pose for a photo, each wearing dresses or skirts made by Native designer, Jamie Okuma.

was inherent; it wasn’t based on my accomplishments. It wasn’t based on anything physical. It was inherent because Creator made me and that makes me worthy. My second mantra was ‘I will survive this’ because I am more than my mistakes, and I come from people who survive.”

My third mantra was ‘there is beauty and joy in this world still.’ And that was when I started writing,” Bouley said. “I would write, I would try to find three things each day that would bring me joy or made smile and it couldn’t be a work-related thing because, up to that point, my whole identity had been based on what I did, what I accomplished and that hadn’t brought me the happiness I always thought it would.”

At 44 years old, Bouley decided to try writing the story that had been in her mind since she was 18.

“I’m here today to tell you that you can rewrite your story,” Bouley said, stating her career path took many twists and turns. “Never stop revising your story because the world is a better place with you and whatever story you choose to tell.”

Guadalupe Gonzalez, project coordinator for the Tribal College’s Extension office, was also a keynote speaker.

Gonzalez told the graduates about her academic journey.

“I graduated from high school with a 1.9 GPA and, with that, I started out at the Tribal College. After that, I had the audacity to apply to a Big 10 university



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Mt. Pleasant High School graduate Mason Squillets-Peterson (left) acknowledges Kari Noack, student support advisor, before receiving his award.



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Guadalupe Gonzalez, project coordinator for the Tribal College’s Extension office, is a keynote speaker and discusses her education journey.

and they actually let me in,” Gonzalez said. “I graduated with a bachelor’s degree in English from Michigan State University. My experience there was one of the best times of my life. So much so that I’m going back for more this fall as I’ve just been accepted into a master’s program there.”

Gonzalez told the graduates, “You all are the future of the Tribe, the future leaders, and I encourage all of you to have that same type of audacity in your future goals. Don’t let anybody tell you that you can’t do it. You are living proof that it is possible.”

“Getting a college degree is something that I will never regret, never forget and always have. That’s something that nobody can ever take away from me,” Gonzalez said.

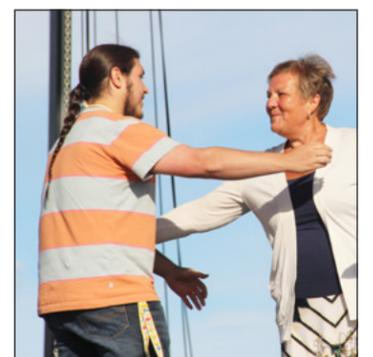
Tribal Education’s Renata Borton, Marta Heslip, Kari Noack and Olivia Manito-wabi-McCullough presented the graduates with their certificates and awards.

The Saginaw Chippewa Academy’s AB staff performed

an honor song and the host, Judy Pamp’s, remarks ended the presentation.

Attendees were then invited to grab a to-go meal, provided by the Soaring Eagle Food & Beverage Department, and a book signing opportunity with Bouley.

“Each and every one of you are here because your dreams are obtainable,” said Judy Pamp, event host and community project manager for the Education department, to the 2021 graduates.



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Graduate Samuel Anglin (left) hugs his advisor Noack before receiving his award.



Courtesy of Melissa Isaac

Bouley (left) poses for a photo with Natalie Shattuck (right), editor of the Tribal Observer, during the book signing opportunity after the event.

Renaissance Public School Academy graduations



Courtesy of Mark Ojeda-Vasquez

8th grade graduation (left to right): Anita Hall, Tyler Snyder, Nevaeh Peralez and Mark J. Ojeda-Vasquez.



Courtesy of Mark Ojeda-Vasquez

Kindergarten graduation: Lorna Call, Anita Hall, Bryson Roth, Lily Roth, Jordan Roth, Christina Otto and Carmen Otto.



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College graduate Leah Denhof (left) joins Olivia Manito-wabi-McCullough (right) on stage to receive her honor.



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The Saginaw Chippewa Academy’s AB staff performs an honor song to recognize the graduates.



Tribe receives \$60,000 grant from Michigan Department of Education

NATALIE SHATTUCK

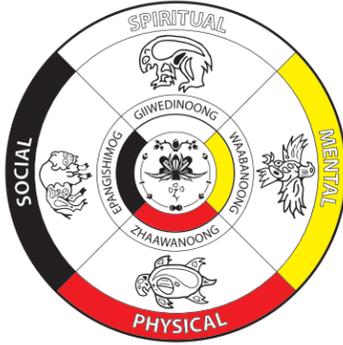
Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and its Tribal Education Department was one of 44 grantees selected by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to develop new opportunities for students in grades 6-12 to explore education professions.

“The Future Proud Michigan Explore program is an important element of MDE’s larger Proud Michigan Educator campaign, and a continuation of Michigan’s efforts to grow and diversify the educator workforce. The Explore program is a companion to existing career and technical education 9-12 cadet teacher programs,” stated a release from the MDE.

Each of the 44 grantees are set to receive federal Title IIA funding to build implementation teams, provide student engagement activities, and plan for hands-on learning through Explore courses in the 2021-22 academic years.

An April 28 Tribal Council motion was approved to accept



the award from the MDE in the amount of \$60,000. This grant will facilitate support for Tribal Members interested in pursuing a pathway towards teacher certification/education or education administration.

The \$60,000 total breaks down to \$10,000 per school the Tribe is involved with, to develop a plan for a pathway for Native American youth into the field of education to help diversify the educator workforce in the local community.

“To accomplish this, the SCIT Education Department will be collaborating with Central Michigan University along with Shepherd Public Middle School and High School, Mt. Pleasant Middle School and High School,

and the OASIS and Way programs,” said Niki Henry, curriculum and instructional coordinator for Tribal Education Administration. “We will also be collaborating with SCIT youth as well as community members to create an inclusive, culturally-sustaining, and equity-focused program that will lead Indigenous youth into future classrooms as educational professionals and enable them to positively change the educational experiences of SCIT youth on a grand scale.”

According to Henry, “The grant will also provide increased opportunities for Indigenous high school students to earn college credits through courses designed to interest and empower them as potential Future Proud Michigan educators.”

This is the beginning of an ongoing project that Henry is helping pioneer in collaboration with Amy Ford Carpenter from Central Michigan University’s teacher prep program.

“Amy and I met several times this winter to create a vision and brainstorm the

preliminary structure of the Future Michigan Proud Educator program that this first stage of grant funding will allow us to further develop,” Henry said. “Together, we designed the grant proposal as a partnership between the SCIT Education Department and CMU’s Educator Preparation Program with the support of Melissa Isaac, director of Tribal Education, the SCIT grant writing team, and Paula Lancaster, dean of the College of Education and Human Services.”

According to Henry, other implementation team members with key roles in developing the program include Jillian Davidson, director of the CMU Center for Clinical Experiences and Shannon Ebner-Buning with the CMU Center for Student Services.”

“Grant activities will support the design of 1) a clinically-focused high school-level course taken for CMU college credit and 2) exploratory engagement activities beginning in sixth grade,” Henry said. “These activities will afford SCIT youth opportunities for

leadership and professional growth on a career path in education with culturally-specific engagement activities that cultivate generational connections and investment in the Tribal community.”

These activities align with the vision of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College: “Committed to expanding educational opportunities in a nurturing environment that embraces and integrates the cultural uniqueness of the Anishinaabek.”

“The activities also align with the goals of Project AWARE, SCIT’s federally-funded local initiative that promotes culturally-responsive, trauma-informed practices in Mount Pleasant and Shepherd schools,” Henry said. “Project AWARE’s professional development can inform FPME programming, which must attend to the developmental needs of adolescents, cultural identity, and mental health. Human interactions and relationships are at the heart of the engagement activities.”

For more information, email MDE-PME@Michigan.gov

Higher education student spotlight: Sydnee Kopke

OLIVIA MANITOWABI-MCCULLOUGH

Post-Secondary Support Specialist

Sydnee Kopke is a student in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Scholarship program and a previous student in the Leadership Apprentice Program.

Sydnee graduated with her high school diploma from Mount Pleasant High School in 2015 and received an associate degree in business from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College in 2019. Sydnee is currently continuing her education at Michigan State University.

Recently, Sydnee was able to advance her career from a leadership apprentice position to Human Resources generalist for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Soaring Eagle Gaming entities.

When referring to her leadership apprentice position, Sydnee said, “It has given me the opportunity to advance in my career by holding degrees. My schooling also has helped me get into this career because of an opportunity that the Tribe provides. The Leadership Apprentice program is for Tribal Member college students who are enrolled full-time. It allows you to be placed in any department throughout the organization and give you

hands-on experience alongside your education experience.”

The one thing that Sydnee would like to say to young Tribal Members about higher education would be, “Not all learning takes place in the classroom and it is okay to take more than four years to finish a program. It’s okay to start late or take a break that’s longer than usual. Just keeping trying. Not everyone’s success looks the same – as long as you are proud of yourself that is all that matters. Get your education for yourself and future generations. And take advantage of all the Tribal programs we have! We have so many programs designed to help guide our success, yet they are

not utilized as much as they should be. Don’t be afraid to reach out and ask for help.”

In the future, Sydnee sees herself in a HR position within the Tribe to help keep personnel happy and employed. She also sees herself advocating for the Tribal Membership to get positions within the organization and helping others with their journeys to where they want to be.

“I think our workforce is very important to our Tribe’s success and we need dedicated and loyal people... Who is more loyal and dedicated than our Members?” she said.

If you are interested in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Scholarship Program or would



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Sydnee Kopke

like more information about anything related to higher education, please contact the post-secondary support specialist at **989-775-4505** or omanitowabi@sagchip.org.

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Editorial: Project Venture makes cedar garden beds for Andahwod elders

DOLORES WINN

Youth Program Coordinator,
Anishnaabeg Child
& Family Services

The Project Venture Tribal youth program worked hard this summer during the entire month of June to help build raised cedar garden beds for the elders at Andahwod.

Students displayed great team working and problem-solving skills during the building and set up of the garden beds. We met each week at Andahwod and the students made a plan of how they were going to put the boxes together.

A few staff from Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services

helped us, along with our volunteer Aaron Hernandez.

Once the garden beds were complete, we purchased some beautiful flowers the elders had asked for. Project Venture students planted all of the flowers in the cedar garden beds and learned how to place the flowers and plant them so they will grow throughout the year.

The students will also help maintain and water these garden beds each week and help the elders with their new flowerbeds.

This project was also a very great experience for the youth and helping to build relationships between the youth and elders. Project Venture students



Courtesy of Dolores Winn

Tribal youth build cedar garden beds at Andahwod as part of the Project Venture program.

will continue to come back and meet with the elders and get teachings from the elders on the medicinal purposes of some of the plants.

This was one of the many beautiful community service

ethics projects that Project Venture students have done so far. The next project will be planting butterfly gardens at the Ziibiwing Cultural Center this summer. Stay tuned for more details!

Students in the Project Venture program include: Angelica Hinmon, Angelita Martinez, Wabi Shawboose, George Martinez, Donna Wiltse, Mike Otto, Grace Pego and Alexis Taylor.

Housing welcomes emergency rental assistance program coordinator

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

It is with great pleasure the Housing Department welcomes Aaron Graveratte as the new emergency rental assistance program coordinator.

Aaron brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Housing team. Aaron

has worked 14 years for Tribe at Behavioral Health, Tribal Court, and Saganing Hotel.

He is a graduate from Central Michigan University with a Master of Science in human resource administration as well as a bachelor's of science degree in sociology with an emphasis in criminal justice.

Aaron is a Tribal Member and likes to spend time with

his family taking vacations and outdoor activities. Aaron is an avid Detroit Lions fan and believes, "This is the year for the lions to roar. Go Lions."

Aaron also enjoys fry bread and Indian tacos. Aaron mentions, "If you have any extra, please share."

Aaron's main job is to assist families with utilities, security deposits and rental assistance.

This grant helps low income Tribal Members, Tribal descendants, members of other tribes, and general members of the Tribal community.

The grant covers the counties of Arenac, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Mecosta, Midland, Osceola and Montcalm.

Please help us welcome Aaron to the Housing team. He can be reached at 989-775-4538 for questions about rental assistance. He may also be reached at CERAP@sagchip.org.



Courtesy photo

Aaron Graveratte

"I am here to help out the Tribal community. Please call me," he said.

Rental and Utility Assistance Now Available

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Housing Department is now taking applications from eligible renter households

Eligible households:

- Total household income is below 80 percent of the 2020 median family income
- A household member qualified for unemployment benefits, or
- The household has experienced a reduction in household income, or
- The household has incurred significant costs due to COVID-19, and
- The household is experiencing housing instability due to COVID-19
- The household is located in one of the following counties: Arenac, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Mecosta, Midland, Osceola, and Montcalm
- Members of the SCIT residing anywhere and meeting the above criteria

Types of assistance included:

- Rent arrears, utility arrears, water/sewer, and trash removal arrears occurring after March 13, 2020
- Security deposit, and application fees
- Prospective rent, utilities, water/sewer, and trash removal



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Applications are available:

- **Online:** The application is available at <http://www.sagchip.org/housing>
- **Email:** You may request an application via Email: CERAP@sagchip.org
- **In person:** You may obtain a hardcopy from the Housing Office located at 2451 Nishnabeanong Dr., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
- **Mail:** An application can be mailed to you by calling (989) 775-4595, Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Applications are processed on a first come first serve basis and will continue until all funds are exhausted. Funds will be distributed directly to landlords and or vendors providing utility services. Completed applications must have all the supporting documentation attached and should be returned to SCHD, 2451 Nishnabeanong Dr., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

Funding for this COVID Emergency Rental Assistance Program is provided by the U.S. Treasury as established under Section 501 of Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260 (Dec. 27, 2020).

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Remembering the 215 Indigenous children found in unmarked graves at Canadian Residential School

LEVI RICKERT

Native News Online

(Editor's note: The following article comes from Native News Online and was published May 31, 2021.)

KAMLOOPS, B.C., Canada — As people in the United States spent time last month to remember those who gave their lives for their country while serving in the U.S. military, on Memorial Day, First Nations people and Native Americans across Indian Country paid tribute to the loss of 215 children, whose remains were recently discovered at the site of a former residential school near the town of Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada.

A Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Nation (Kamloops Indian Band) news release in May 2021 revealed the horrifying

news that the remains of 215 children, some as young as 3 years old, were uncovered at the Kamloops Indian Residential School.

The residential school was operated by the Catholic Church until 1969. The residential school system, similar to Indian boarding school system in the United States, forcibly removed Indigenous children from their families. The goal was to strip children of their Indigenous cultures and even Christianize them.

“We had a knowing in our community that we were able to verify. At this time, we have more questions than answers,” Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Chief Rosanne Casimer said in the news release.

The Kamloops Residential School was closed 1969. The remains of 215 Indigenous students were discovered by radar recently.



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The Kamloops Residential School was closed 1969. The remains of 215 Indigenous students were discovered by radar recently.

The remains were discovered through ground-penetrating radar administered by a specialist hired by the First Nation. The Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc language and culture department oversaw the work so that the project was conducted in a culturally appropriate and respectful fashion.

“To our knowledge, these missing children are undocumented deaths,” Casimer said in the statement. “We sought out a way to confirm that knowing out of deepest respect and love for those lost children and their families, understanding that Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Nation is the final resting place of these children.”

On May 30, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau ordered



Courtesy photo

Visitors place flowers and shoes at a memorial in Vancouver on May 30, 2021

flags to be flown at half-mast at federal buildings across Canada.

“To honor the 215 children whose lives were taken at the former Kamloops residential school and all Indigenous children who never made it home, the survivors, and their families, I have asked that the Peace Tower and all federal

buildings be flown at half-mast,” Trudeau tweeted.

The Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Nation said it will work with the coroner and reach out to the home communities of the children who attended the residential school. It is hopeful that the Nation will have preliminary findings soon.



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July 2021

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| <p>1) Scott Bettistea Lester Chippeway Jr. Kimberly Palmer</p> | <p>13) Delmar Jackson Jr. Mary Bukowiec William Kellogg</p> | <p>23) Lewis Mena Linell Crampton Shannon Gross Tina Howard</p> |
| <p>2) Joseph Sowmick Sherry Bailey-Mason Sherry Hileman</p> | <p>14) Dennis Christy Sr.</p> | <p>24) Margaret Hinkle Annette Ackley Duane Beaulieu Jr. Cheryl Berlin Andrew Falcon Jane Jolly John McDonald Lisa Starkey</p> |
| <p>3) Janis Ash Belinda Land Candice Ashmun Randall Bird Lee Kerns Kirsten Schaefer</p> | <p>15) Donald Nelson Juanita Rogers</p> | <p>25) Guy Jackson Michael Dalton Robert Fallis III</p> |
| <p>4) Catherine Wendling</p> | <p>16) Paul Walker Julie Walker-Hunt</p> | <p>26) Sheri Jackson Douglas Ritter Barbara Durga Samuel Sharon</p> |
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Live music returns: Country superstar Luke Bryan first to perform for 2021 outdoor concerts

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

After 14 long-awaited months, live music is back! The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort kicked off its first concert of the outdoor summer concert series with country music superstar Luke Bryan during the May 29 sold-out show.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Country music superstar Luke Bryan kicks off the return of Soaring Eagle's summer outdoor concert series on May 29.

Shortly after 9:15 p.m. that Saturday, the artist's band entered the stage and Luke Bryan walked out with an XL margarita in his hand to kick his show off with his song "One Margarita." He held the drink for a few seconds and eventually gave it away to a fan in the front row.

Bryan continued with his hits "Rain Is a Good Thing," "That's My Kind of Night," "Knockin' Boots" and "What Makes You Country."

"This is the first time playing in a year and a half," Bryan said with a huge grin on his face.

After the pause on live performances, it was clear Bryan was thrilled

and gained energy off of the audience.

Bryan sailed, danced, and shook right through performances of "Huntin, Fishin and Lovin Every Day," "Kick the Dust Up," "Waves," "Down to One," "What She Wants," "Crash My Party," "Roller Coaster," "Strip It Down," "Drink a Beer," "Sunrise, Sunburn, Sunset" and "Move."

Bryan ended his show with "Play it Again," "Country Girl" and "Night to End."

Morgan Evans, Bryan's opening act, took to the stage shortly after 8 p.m.

"This is the first time I've played to a live crowd in over a year," Evans

shouted through his excitement as the audience hooted and hollered back.

Evans is married to country artist Kelsea Ballerini and is best known for his songs including "Kiss Somebody," "Day Drunk" and "Young Again."

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort continues its outdoor concerts with ZZ Top, John Fogerty and George Thorogood up next on July 17.



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Luke Bryan performs during the sold-out Saturday show.



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Morgan Evans opens the show for Bryan shortly after 8 p.m.

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Meritain Health expands Medicare-Like-Rates (MLR) Program

MERITAIN HEALTH



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You may already be familiar with the MLR Program as it was implemented more than a year

ago for eligible hospital claims. This expansion to include non-hospital-based services means the payment made by the health plan will be accepted by providers as payment in full.

Expanding this program can result in tremendous savings to the tribal health care program, freeing up additional resources to expand care for

Tribal Members. It will also help extend resources for continuing to offer affordable benefit coverage.

We are also continuing our partnership with Shasta administrative services to provide MLRs for all eligible claims incurred by our Tribal Members who are also eligible for purchased/referred care services and have approval from Purchase Referred Care (PCR) for designated services.

Some facilities or providers in your area may not be

familiar with the MLR program for Tribal Members. Should you receive a bill for charges that should have been paid by the MLR program, please contact Meritain Health® right away.

The Meritain Health Customer Service team will contact the provider and take care of the issue for you. After they explain the program and the federal regulations, the provider should understand and accept the Tribe's reimbursement as payment in full.

If a claim is processed with MLR, you should not be balance billed. However, in the event you do receive a balance bill, please contact Meritain Health to verify if the balance owed is accurate.

All claims and customer service will still be handled by Meritain Health. You can contact Meritain Health Customer Service at 1.800.925.2272, from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M. (CT) with any questions you may have, or if you receive medical bills you do not think you should be paying.

Isabella County Central Dispatch proposition for renewal of 9-1-1 System Funding

MARGARET A. MCAVOY

County Administrator
Controller for Isabella County

In 2016, Isabella County voters approved the Isabella County Central Dispatch Surcharge for 9-1-1 System Funding which provided funding exclusively for 9-1-1 emergency telephone call answering and dispatch services within Isabella County, including facilities,

equipment, maintenance, and operating costs.

Voters' support has provided crucial operational support and has improved the infrastructure and capacity for emergency communications to keep the residents, public safety officers and visitors of Isabella County safe.

Listed are just a few things Isabella County 9-1-1 has been able to do with the Isabella County Central Dispatch Surcharge:

- More than 282,000 calls were taken by eight full-time Isabella County Dispatchers since 2017

- Next Generation 9-1-1 replaced the 24-year-old call intake system and increased efficiency in taking emergency calls.

- Smart911 allows citizens the opportunity to provide additional details that 911 dispatchers can use to assist with emergencies

- Text to 9-1-1 gives citizens the option to text emergency

information to 911 dispatchers which directly impacts people with communication impairments, domestic violence victims, and people who are in situations where talking on the phone is not an option.

On Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021, the Isabella County Central Dispatch Proposition for Renewal of 9-1-1- System Funding will be in front of Isabella County voters for a renewal. This Renewal is NOT an increase request; but

it will provide for the continual operational funding crucially needed for Isabella County 9-1-1.

Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021.

Isabella County Central Dispatch is committed to providing an effective telecommunications link between citizens and emergency personnel. Its duty is to identify emergency situations and promptly refer them to their appropriate emergency services.

Set aside your device, spend sacred time with your child

INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN

Childhood is Sacred, a multi-tribe awareness campaign, is dedicated to putting children first through education and activities that support healthy child growth and development and nurturing community relationships.

The campaign started in April 2021 as part of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health (LAUNCH) project being led by Tribes in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan.

The campaign acknowledges the Anishinaabe belief that children are a gift from creation. Each child is born with a gift and purpose that supports community. It is our job as caretakers, parents, and community members to ensure that every

child blossoms and their gifts are realized.

Everyone experiences hardships and challenges in life. As parents and caretakers, there are days we feel exhausted and desperate for a break. You and your child(ren) can learn to beat these challenges by setting aside "Sacred Time." Sacred Time is the quality moments you intentionally set aside with your child(ren) to Be Active, Be Playful, and Be True. These are moments away from digital devices without judgement.

Children are sponges for learning and powerful teachers.

For adults, spending time with a child is an opportunity to be youthful and see the world in a different way. It is special to be able to get on a child's level and see how they look at and move through the world. We find new solutions when we understand how they think; and we are more

compassionate when we know how they feel.

Tribes in Michigan participating in the Childhood is Sacred project are the Hannahville

Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of

Chippewa Indians.

For more information and resources about Childhood is Sacred, go to: <https://www.itcmi.org/launch/>

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Naboohikedaa maamwe
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Mawinzodaa maamwe
Pick berries, forage for edible plants, hunt for bugs & going fishing.

Bimosedaa maamwe
Walk outside as a family with pets and friends. Fresh air is important to calming and resetting the brain.

bikwaakwadoon inataagek
Play ball games & get regular exercise to reduce stress and diseases like diabetes, increase energy, and sleep better.

Daminag maamwe
Playing pretend supports creativity, taking turns promotes problem solving, patience, & helps kids regulate thoughts & emotions.

Gindaasag maamwe
Read together. Reading is quality time together. Use fun voices and let the child retell the story using the pictures.

Nokiidaa maamwe
Work together to teach responsibility & independence. Make chores fun by storytelling, or singing while you work.

Madwewehigek
Make music together. Make rhythms with instruments or Household objects, create your own tunes or learn a new one and make it a tradition.

Mino-bimaadzig
Live a good life. Take care of yourself so you can take care of others. Ask for help when you need it. Find ways to live, learn, and laugh together.

Gilgidaak maamwe
Make time to talk without digital devices. Ask about something funny or sad that happened. Really listen and watch the one sharing.

Kidan "Aabijj gizaagin pane"
Say "I love you & hug often." No child is ever spoiled by a welcomed hug; it reduces fear, builds trust & relationships.

Anokaaljganken
Be creative. Creativity feeds the spirit. Read, sew, draw, paint, carve or make something special to display or share with others.

CHILDHOOD IS SACRED

Learn more about the services and programs in your community that support a child's learning, health, and safety. When we put the needs and care of children first, everybody wins.

ITCMI.ORG/LAUNCH



Annual Human Race brings new route, heat format to this year's event

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The 29th annual Human Race, a 5K run or one-mile fun run, was held on Wednesday, June 16 outside of the Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Center's main entrance.

Some changes were made to this year's event: a new race route and a heat format of about 25 racers taking off each hour from 3 to 7 p.m.

The 5K route began at the front doors of the Elijah Elk Center to the Seventh Generation Powwow grounds to the bridge, through the new walking paths by the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, around the Tribal Gym and return to the starting line.

"Our participants were grateful that we hosted the event and appreciated the structure of the event," said Jaden Harman, organizer for the race and fitness coordinator at Nimkee. "This event is a local favorite and it was nice to offer this event again to our community."

Hand-crafted cedar eagle feather awards were given to the top three male and female finishers in 13 different age classifications in the 5K run and top three one-mile finishers.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Racers compete in five different heats during the 29th annual Human Race, a 5K or one-mile fun run, on June 16.

"The 5K overall female winner was Sharon Pilaske with a time of 21:24, and the overall male winner was

Stephen Merchant with a time of 16:21," Harman said. More than 100 racers participated in this year's event.

All competitors received an event T-shirt and a to-go dinner. "Miigwetch to the 7th

Generation staff for being outstanding hosts and serving a delicious meal once again," Harman said.

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Editorial: My experience with gaslighting

DIANE PAVLAT

StrongHearts Native Helpline

I was pregnant with our first child when I drove him to the doctor's office. He said that he broke his ankle when he jumped down from the back of his truck and rolled his foot.

The nurse came in and examined his ankle. She explained that the break likely occurred when the other man in the altercation kicked him. Tears rushing to my eyes, the nurse looked at me and said, "Don't worry, he's going to be fine."

My tears were not for his well-being and he knew it. They were for the instant betrayal I felt when I realized he had lied to me. Little did I know the extent to which his lies would permeate every aspect of our lives.

What is gaslighting?

A common technique of abusers, dictators, narcissists

and cult leaders alike, "gaslighting" is an abuse tactic in which a person gains power by making a victim question reality. Abusers refuse responsibility for any wrongdoing and instead blame their victim. It is often difficult for victims to recognize the abuse.

ADHD and gaslighting

I live with ADHD or Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder which is a neurodevelopmental disorder that causes the person to have trouble paying attention (to details) and controlling impulsive behaviors like shopping. A person with ADHD often forgets or loses things. They have a hard time resisting temptation and tend to take unnecessary risks. I've learned, these traits are exploitable.

According to Dr. Stephanie Sarkis, people suffering this disorder are especially vulnerable to a person with a

narcissistic personality - one who tends to be selfish with a sense of entitlement. A narcissist has an inflated ego with a deep need for attention and admiration. Sarkis describes the gaslighter as a constant liar and master of deception. They deny wrongdoing and use what is near and dear to you as ammunition.

In my case, my abuser became excessively jealous of our son. He treated him poorly and at times, put him in harm's way. He did it to spite me, to scare me and to show me that in his household, he was in control.

He even admitted when our son was just six months old that he was starting to hate him because I loved him so much. He said it was unfair that his own mother didn't love him like I loved our son. At the time, I was busy being a mom and didn't see it as a manipulation meant to garner my attention.

They called me crazy

Gaslighters are masters at manipulation and finding the people they know will stand by them no matter what, such as a parent. They turn people against you. You may start to doubt who to trust and that's exactly what the gaslighter wants because isolating you gives them more control.

They tell you and/or others that you are crazy. This is one of the most effective tools of the gaslighter. The gaslighter knows if they question your sanity, people will not believe you when you tell them the gaslighter is abusive. I didn't know that his family called me, "Crazy," but in retrospect, it was crazy to love a man who could in one breath make me feel like no else mattered and, in the next, like I wasn't worth a dime. (*Read more about Projecting and Cheating, Love Bombing and Devaluing in the full story at strongheartshelpline.org*)

Food for the soul and recovery

Over time, a victim of gaslighting may start to believe that they cannot trust themselves, or that they have a mental health disorder. They may have anxiety, depression, isolation, confusion and

psychological trauma. The long-term impact on someone's mental health and self-esteem is often devastating but there are ways to cope.

Recovering from gaslighting takes time. Victims should never blame themselves. You are not responsible for the abusive behavior.

For me, my healing takes place when I travel to distant places and see beautiful things. I call it food for the soul. I find peace in my visits to the Redwoods in northern California. The trees have lived for more than a thousand years. My ancestors — who were once free to roam the continent — saw these very same trees. I feel whole when standing among the Redwoods of Stout Grove.

Find food for your soul. Practice listening to your thoughts, feelings. Learn to trust your instincts again. To read the full story, visit StrongHearts Native Helpline's website at strongheartshelpline.org. Advocates are available 24/7 to chat online or call/text **1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483)**.

There is more to this story. Read it here: <https://strongheartshelpline.org/stories/my-experience-with-gaslighting>

Mental Health Services for SCIT Employees

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused stressors to each of us beyond what any of us could ever imagine. Additional stress and/or fear that may have you, an associate or a family member looking for relief or someone to listen.

Our community not only has lost members, but members of our employee family as well, to COVID-19.

If you need someone to listen or you're wondering where to turn, reach out for help. As a reminder, the Mental Health Services for SCIT employees previously shared by Project Aware are shown below. There is no shame in obtaining help, it's necessary for our minds to be healthy as well as our bodies. Take care of yourselves and each other. Check on your elders often.

Employee Assistance Program

The employee assistance program is available to employees and their families. The EAP works with Central Michigan Professional Counseling Associates to provide individual outpatient counseling to employees and children of employees under the age of 18.

Central Michigan Professional Counseling Associates:

Address: 307 E. Michigan St., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 | Phone: 989-772-5833

Employees are able to receive 10 FREE sessions.

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- <https://www.cm-pca.com/fees/#eap>
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As an employee of the SCIT, an EAP is also available through CIGNA insurance. They offer counseling on a variety of different issues. They also offer a referral service for pet care, elder care, child care, adoption or even home repairs. ANYONE living in your household at your address can access these services with CIGNA.

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Meritain Health

Counseling is also available to employees through the primary health insurance Meritain. To find a local mental health care provider, go to <https://www.meritain.com/> and after logging in click 'find care.'

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Out-of-Network Providers:

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COVID-19 Vaccination Team Member INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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 - Aug. 20: 32" TV
 - Sept. 3: HP Laptop
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For more information, please contact: Sydnee Kopke at 989-775-5654 or skopke@sagchip.org



COVID-19 protocol for Tribal Operations repealed

**PUBLIC RELATIONS
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Tribal Council, working closely with Nimkee Public Health and Tribal Administration, has taken considerable time to review safety protocols while using the Centers for Disease Control

(CDC) guidelines in determining changes to your restrictions and protocols regarding COVID-19.

At this time, it has been determined by the leadership that all restrictions and limitations are now lifted (as of 5 p.m. on June 22), with continued

monitoring for changes and trends in the future.

Human Services departments will continue with CDC standards as a precautionary measure. Those departments are Nimkee Health, ACFS (aka Social Services), Behavioral Health and Andahwod.

During the entire pandemic, the Tribal Council has enlisted the assistance of our health professionals in determining next steps to ensure our nation and its people remain safe and secure.

The CDC standards are federal standards that provide guidance and best practices for

leadership to rely on during such challenging times.

It is understood there may be apprehension to discontinue wearing masks and/or face coverings. It is perfectly fine to continue practicing safety protocols you have become accustomed to as we return to our new normal.

Kildee applauds inclusion of tribal health program in President's budget

New budget would ensure uninterrupted health care for Indian Country through the Indian Health Service

**THE OFFICE OF REP. DAN
KILDEE (D-MI)**

FLINT, Mich. — Congressman Kildee (MI-05), chief deputy whip of the House Democratic Caucus and member of the House Budget Committee, today applauded the Biden administration for including Indian Health Service (IHS) funding in his fiscal year 2022 budget in a way that would not interrupt health care for Indian Country.

IHS, an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is responsible for providing health care services to members of federally-recognized Native American tribes. However, IHS is treated differently from other federal health programs, which has caused interruptions in health care for Native Americans.

Currently, other federal health programs, including the Veterans Affairs (VA) program, are “pre-funded” — meaning

that their federal funding is guaranteed even in the event of a government shutdown or agency standstill.

Kildee, a member of the House Budget Committee, for years has fought for parity so that IHS is treated the same way as other federal health programs.

“The federal government has a trust responsibility to ensure uninterrupted health care access for Indian Country,” Congressman Kildee said.

“Under current law, the Indian Health Service is treated differently than other federal health programs like the VA. This unequal treatment means that access to health care is at risk in the event of a government shutdown. As a member of the House Budget Committee, I have been working toward parity between IHS and other federal health programs, and I thank President Biden for including this initiative in his annual budget.”

As a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, Kildee has also worked to ensure parity for tribal governments when it comes to other aspects of the federal government. Under his leadership, the Ways and Means Committee held its first-ever hearing on the impact of the tax code on Indian nations.

Congressman Kildee represents the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in Michigan.

Deconstructing the myths about victims

**STRONGHEARTS
NATIVE HELPLINE**

Historical bias:

The oppressive nature of European ideas about civilized societies, acceptable cultural practices and religious beliefs accompanied the colonizers to the “New World” in the 16th century.

Native peoples felt the immediate brunt of racial discrimination, which continues today. Those who were not “white” were seen as dirty, savage and unworthy of justice. These biases and misconceptions permeate the legal system and when it comes to evidence of innocence and guilt — prosecutors use a filtration system seemingly dictated by the media.

The myth of the perfect victim:

The “perfect or ideal victim” narrative is a widespread phenomenon that not only potentially prevents a victim from reporting assaults, it

almost always ensures that a defense attorney will use appearance, behavior and reputation to refute a criminal case in a court of law. Unfortunately, the media often portrays the perfect victim as a Snow White fairytale innocent.

According to Jason B. Whiting, Ph.D., LMFT, whose research delves into deception, communication and abuse in relationships, the “ideal victim” profile consists of five traits in which the victim must be:

- weak/vulnerable
- involved in a respectable activity at the time of victimization
- blameless in all aspects of the interaction
- victimized by an obvious offender
- someone who doesn't know the offender

These socially accepted victim traits may contribute to why male victims are less likely to report an assault; and these assumptions often result in victims and perpetrators being painted with a very

narrow brush involving social biases about age, gender, sexual orientation, social class and race.

The unseen victim:

This “perfect victim” could be a contributing factor as to why the judicial system ignores the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives crisis that has plagued Native communities.

We know from years of generational trauma that Native peoples are often ignored because they are not portrayed as victims of colonization and oppression. In stark contrast, the media often portrays Native Americans as lazy, drunk or looking for a handout. Not only are the stories of Native Americans more likely to be questioned and/or doubted — they are easily forgotten.

The myth that only women can be abused

Media and socialization may lead you to believe that only women can be abused but the truth is anyone can be a victim of domestic violence.

National Institute of Justice statistics show that there is an increased rate of violence among intimate partners in Indian Country including: one in three men has endured physical violence by an intimate partner and nearly three in four men have experienced psychological aggression by an intimate partner and one in four men has experienced sexual violence.

When it comes to domestic, dating and sexual violence, men who reported abuse indicated that were they sexually assaulted both as a child and as an adult and that they continue to struggle with

intimate partner violence as victims and/or perpetrators.

StrongHearts Native Helpline can help

The reality is that physical abuse is almost always accompanied by other types of abuse. Abuse is not okay and it's not okay to live in fear. If you think you are being

abused, StrongHearts can help.

StrongHearts advocates take a Native-centered, empowerment-based approach to every contact. Services are completely free, anonymous and confidential. Call or text **1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483)** or visit StrongHearts online at strongheartshelpline.org for one-on-one chat advocacy 24/7.

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

Nimkee Fitness

NEW HOURS:
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Appointment not needed

- Showers are now available, locker rooms will be limited to two people at a time.
- Temperature check will be performed prior to check-in.

If vaccinated, face masks not required

- All unvaccinated visitors are still required to wear a mask before entering.

Yoga Class
Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5:15 p.m.

For questions or concerns, please contact:
Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690



JULY 2021 | Tribal Community Event Planner

7 Grandfather Summer Teachings

- July 1, 8, 15, 29 & Aug. 5, 12 | 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.
- To register, please email: Prevention@Sagchip.org
 - Each week will be a teaching about the 7 Grandfather Teachings: Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility, Truth and Wisdom
 - Weekly programming open to 5th-8th grade

SCTC Student Vaccination Clinic

- July 1 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- SCTC Campus, West Building
 - Lunch will be provided from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 - All students and their family members will be eligible to receive their vaccination.
 - Drawing to win raffle prizes
 - \$25 gift card for first shot
 - \$50 gift card for fully vaccinated
 - Free SCTC T-shirt for all participants

Chippewa River Cleanup

- New date: July 14 | 12 p.m.
- Deerfield Park, Mt. Pleasant
 - Registration: SCain@sagchip.org or 989-775-4780
 - Registration required

Project Venture Summer Schedule

- July 7, 14, 21, 28
- 989.775.5804 or DWinn@sagchip.org
 - July 7: Fired Up to Responsible
 - July 14: Inspire Your Inner Fire
 - July 21: Stewards of the Equipment
 - July 28: Encouraging Positive Choices

Community Sewing Nights

- July 8, 22, 29 | 5 - 8 p.m.
- Seventh Generation
 - TJackson@sagchip.org or 989-775-4780.

Summer Fun Friday Challenge

- July 9, 16, 30 & Aug. 6, 13, 20
- Recreation@sagchip.org
 - Open to all Native youth, grades 6 to 12
 - July 9: Canoe and ice cream
 - July 16: Celebration Cinema, Space Jam 2
 - July 30: Zip lines at Snow Snake

MIFO Golf Competition

- July 9 | 9 a.m.
- Pleasant Hills Golf Club
 - 989.775.5309 or 989.400.1838

Michigan Indian Family Olympics

- July 13 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Track & Field Day at CMU Bennett Track & Field
- July 14 | 12 - 6 p.m.
- Recreation events at the Nimkee Fitness Fit Park
- July 15 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Fitness Events at the Nimkee Fitness Fit Park
 - Pre-register by July 7 to be guaranteed a T-shirt
 - Register at: www.sagchip.org/mifo/

American Indian Dance

- July 16 | 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Ziibiwing Center

Tribal Youth Police Academy

- July 20 | 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Saginaw Chippewa Police Department
 - 989.775.4700 or cawilson@sagchip.org
 - Deadline to register: Monday, July 12

Homecoming Annual Meeting

- July 22 | Doors open at 9 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m.
- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall
 - Open to all ages, Tribal ID required

Freedom Walk

- July 23 | Opening and prayer at 8 a.m.
- Meet at the Farmers Market Pavilion
 - Prevention@sagchip.org
 - Breakfast and speakers will be held at the Hill Campground

37th Annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow

- July 23, 24, 25
- Grand entry: Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 1 p.m., Sunday at 12 p.m.
 - Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground Powwow Grounds
 - 989.775.4000 or PowwowCommittee@Sagchip.org

Intertribal Open Golf Tournament

- July 23 | Shotgun start at 9 a.m.
- Pohlcat Golf Course
 - 989.775.4149 or 989.775.4121

Zaagaaté Summer Programming

- Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 24 - Aug. 20
- SDeaton@sagchip.org or AHernandez@sagchip.org
 - Participation requires registration
 - Who can join? Any student who identifies as Native American, attends Shepherd Public Schools or Mt. Pleasant Public Schools in grades 5-12.
 - Trips include: Water teachings, taking a medicine walk, summer crafts, putt putt family night, touring the Ford Museum and meeting the Detroit Tigers.

Summer Tutoring

- Month of July | 1 - 4 p.m.
- Monday - Thursday at SCA
 - 989.775.4071 or dsmith@sagchip.org
 - Open to high school students doing credit recovery

JULY 2021 | Tribal Community Calendar

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat./Sun. |
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|  <p>Check out the Tribal Observer ONLINE</p> <p>www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver</p> | | <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> | <p>1 Sacred Fire 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. Behavioral Health</p> <p>SCTC Beading Circle 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. SCTC</p> | <p>2 Active Parenting Now 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. ACFS</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 11:30 a.m. Behavioral Health</p> | <p>3</p> <p>4</p> |
| <p>5 Tribal Center Closed Independence Day (Observed)</p> | <p>6 Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8 Sacred Fire Lunch 12. - 1 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. Behavioral Health</p> <p>SCTC Beading Circle 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. SCTC</p> | <p>9 Active Parenting Now 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. ACFS</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 11:30 a.m. Behavioral Health</p> | <p>10</p> <p>11 Traditional Healer Keith Smith 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. B. Health 231-330-0590</p> |
| <p>12 Traditional Healer Keith Smith 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. B. Health 231-330-0590</p> | <p>13 STEAM Day Camp 1 - 5 p.m. SCTC</p> <p>Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.</p> | <p>14 Medicine Wheel Project 5 p.m. 7th Generation</p> | <p>15 Sacred Fire 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. Behavioral Health</p> <p>SCTC Beading Circle 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. SCTC</p> <p>Medicine Wheel Project 5 p.m. 7th Generation</p> | <p>16 Tribal Observer Deadline</p> <p>Active Parenting Now 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. ACFS</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 11:30 a.m. Behavioral Health</p> | <p>17 Traditional Healer Joe Syrette 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. B. Health 231-330-0590</p> <p>18 Traditional Healer Joe Syrette 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. B. Health 231-330-0590</p> |
| <p>19</p> | <p>20 STEAM Day Camp 1 - 5 p.m. SCTC</p> <p>Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.</p> <p>Native Fest: Indian Car Bingo 6 - 9 p.m. Ziibiwing</p> | <p>21 Native Fest: Music & Comedy Night 6 - 9 p.m. Ziibiwing</p> | <p>22 Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. Behavioral Health</p> <p>SCTC Beading Circle 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. SCTC</p> | <p>23 Tribal Center Closed Saginaw Chippewa Nation's Holiday</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 11:30 a.m. Behavioral Health</p> | <p>24</p> <p>25</p> |
| <p>26</p> | <p>27 STEAM Day Camp 1 - 5 p.m. SCTC</p> <p>Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.</p> <p>Saganing Bingo with Friends 10:30 a.m.</p> | <p>28 Baby Celebration 6 - 8 p.m. 7th Generation</p> | <p>29 Sacred Fire 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. Behavioral Health</p> <p>SCTC Beading Circle 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. SCTC</p> | <p>30 Recovery on the Rez 11:30 a.m. Behavioral Health</p> | <p>31</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.**

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100 Employment Tribal Operations

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. Medical license for MD or DO in the State of Michigan.

General Labor Pool Worker
Open to SCIT Members only. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Certified Nursing Assistant
Sign on bonus, \$250 after successful completion of 90-day probation. Open to the public. State of Michigan certified nursing assistant. High school diploma or GED. One year nursing experience preferred. Experience with older adults preferred.

Powwow Worker Temporary Crew
Tribal Members only. \$100 a day for 5 days must work all five days. First Preference is non-employed Tribal Members and part-time employed Tribal Members.

ACFS Director
Open to the public. Master's degree in social services, human services or related field. Must have and maintain a full master's social worker license (LMSW). Five years social services experience.

Soaring Eagle

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

Key Booth Attendant
Open to the public. One year hospitality or customer service experience.

Transit Driver PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a current and valid Commercial driver's license with passenger endorsements or a chauffer's license.

Transit Driver PT Seasonal
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a current and valid Commercial Driver's License with passenger endorsements or a Chauffer's License.

Valet Parking Attendant FT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a valid State of Michigan Driver's License, with the proper designation.

Valet Parking Attendant PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a valid State of Michigan driver's license, with the proper designation.

Massage Therapist
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Michigan massage certification with 600 total hours required for massage certification.

Cosmetologist PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. State of Michigan license in Cosmetology.

Marketing Analyst
Open to the public. Bachelor degree in finance, accounting, business or related field. Three years of marketing analytics experience with a preference for casino marketing experience.

Director iGaming-Sports Betting OPS
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Ten years progressive gaming experience to include five years of sports betting experience. Five years in a supervisory capacity.

Bartender (Seasonal)
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Bartending experience preferred.

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

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Guestroom Attendant FT
Sign on bonus, \$250 after successful completion of 90-day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three months of housekeeping experience preferred.

Waitstaff FT
Sign on bonus, \$250 after successful completion of 90-day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Restaurant server experience preferred.

Waitstaff PT
Sign on bonus, \$125 after successful completion of 90-day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Cashier FT
Sign on bonus, \$250 after successful completion of 90-day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cashiering and/or hosting experience.

Cashier PT
Sign on bonus, \$125 after successful completion of 90-day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cashiering and/or hosting experience.

Beverage Waitstaff FT
Sign on bonus, \$250 after successful completion of 90-day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Serving experience preferred.

Beverage Waitstaff PT
Sign on bonus, \$125 after successful completion of 90-day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Serving experience preferred.

Inventory Control Driver Warehouse
Sign on bonus, \$250 after successful completion of 90-day probation. Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be 18 years of age. One year receiving or warehouse experience.

Front Desk Agent
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.

Security Officer PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Security or surveillance experience preferred.

Laundry Attendant
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three months of hotel housekeeping or laundry experience.

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

F&B Department Manager

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

Housekeeping Supervisor
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Two years of hotel housekeeping experience.

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

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

Finance Cashier PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cash handling or cashiering experience.

100 Employment

Extension Dairy Educator
MSU Extension is seeking candidates for an Extension Dairy Educator position housed in Mecosta County that will focus on leadership and educational expertise in dairy production and management. Please visit www.msu.edu and search for posting #715303 by 7/26/21 to learn how you can become the next SPARTAN WHO WILL! MSU is an affirmative-action, equal-opportunity employer, committed to achieving excellence through a diverse workforce and inclusive culture that encourages all people to reach their full potential. The university actively encourages applications and/or nominations of women, persons of color, veterans and persons with disabilities.

HR Satellite Office Update

In an effort to assist management and team members who may need HR assistance, we will now be offering regular Saturday evening coverage during the hours of 6 - 10 p.m. in the SECR HR Satellite Office.

These hours are intended to expand upon our regular Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. hours and will allow coverage during the busiest night of the week. In addition it allows us to provide services to team members who might not otherwise be able to visit HR during standard business hours.

As a reminder, the SECR HR Satellite Office is available for a wide variety of services including but not limited to: address/phone number changes, benefits changes, FTT requests, self-service assistance, and direct deposit changes.

The office is located next to Legends Diner and the phone numbers are 989-775-5648 and 989-775-5654.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

Eagle Bay Marina LLC has a Specially Designated Merchant (SDM) and Specially Designated Distributor (SDD) Liquor Licenses it will be selling under a sealed bid format.

BID DUE:
July 30, 2021 at 5 p.m.

MAILING ADDRESS:
Migizi Economic Development Company
2410 S. Leaton Road, Ste. 1
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Migizi Economic Development Company seeks to obtain fair market value for these assets and reserves the right to reject any bids for any reason. An appraisal report is not available. Migizi EDC will accept the highest bid, but reserves the right to accept a lower bid for any reason.

- Bidder must be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe;
- Bidder must meet all applicable guidelines for applying for a license transfer with the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission. These guidelines can be found: ARS.PUBLIC-MI.Admin.Code.for.Licensing.and.Regulatory.Affairs-Liquor.Control.Commission.state.mi.us - License Qualifications.
- SDD and SDM Licenses were issued in Arenac County and must remain in Arenac County.

All General Requirements, Instructions to Bidders and the Bid Form can be found in the Tribal Members Area located on the Saginaw Chippewa webpage.



PohlCat Golf Course

Three-person scramble: Shotgun start: 9 a.m.

- Teams can be co-ed
- \$80 per person
- Two players must be Tribal Members or descendants of any Tribe or employee of Tribal Ops/Migizi/SECR/SEL.C.

Separate youth division: Shotgun start: 9 a.m.

- Open to ages 17 and under
- \$15 per youth (singles)

- Dinner will be provided at banquet
- Please do not participate if you're feeling ill
- Goodie bags and door prizes
- Skins \$30 per team

For more information, please contact:

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| Luke Sprague | Alex Leaux |
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| • lusprague@sagchip.org | • Alleaux@sagchip.org |

2021
HOSPITALITY CHALLENGE
INVITATIONAL

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2021
2 PLAYER SCRAMBLE

Maple Creek Golf Course, Shepherd, MI | 10:00am Tee Time

Contact Bernard Sprague at (989) 775-5309 to sign up, ask questions or to be a part of the Volunteer Team
Sponsorships are available for \$20 and will help pay for bottled water and goody bags!



July Promotions



This July you could win \$100,000 in CASH!

Saturdays July 10, 17, 24 & 31
6:00PM - 11:00PM

Every hour from 6:00pm to 11:00pm, 1 lucky Access Loyalty Club member will be selected to play our "Life's A Beach" game for a chance to win up to \$100,000 in cash!!!

ACCESS Card holders will receive one (1) entry for every 300 points earned playing (slots, tables, & bingo) on their ACCESS Card from 12am June 27, 2021 - July 31, 2021 at 10:55pm.



**THURSDAY, JULY 3
10:00AM-11:00PM**

Hourly drawings for \$1,000 in Premium Play. Grand Prize Challenger Hellcat Redeye Coupe drawing at 11:00pm. Start earning entries on June 1 at 12:00am.



**FRIDAYS IN JULY
7:00PM-11:00PM**

Hourly cash drawings starting at \$1,600 and getting larger each hour with \$2,400 in cash being given away at 11:00pm! Start earning entries on June 25 at 12:00am.



**THURSDAYS
7:00AM-5:00PM**

Swipe at a promotional kiosk for special discounts and offers from 7:00am-5:00pm. Exclusively for ACCESS card holders age 55 and up.



**TUESDAYS | JULY 13 & 27
4:00PM-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 Tuesday!



Your chance to win a \$15,000!

Saturdays in July | 6:00PM-9:00PM
Grand Prize drawing at 10:00PM

Hourly drawings from 6:00pm-9:00pm every Saturday for a chance to win Premium Play, dining credit, hotel stays and so much more! Join us at 10:00pm for our Grand Prize drawing for a \$15,000 voucher to Steven's Cycle Sales and a \$500 gas card!

ACCESS Card holders will receive one (1) entry for every 200 points earned playing slots on their ACCESS Card from 12am July 1, 2021 - July 31, 2021 at 9:55pm. All entries start over at the end of the weekly drawing.



JULY 3 & 4 | 6:00AM - 11:59PM

Earn 1000 points, then swipe your ACCESS card at any promotional kiosk for a chance to win \$50 in Premium Play!



**FRIDAYS IN JULY
4:00PM-11:00PM**

Every Friday in July "Beat The Heat" with hourly drawings for your chance to win \$500 in cold hard cash!



**MONDAYS IN JULY
11:00AM-10:00PM**

Earn 1000 points to be eligible to participate in our Fruit Frenzy slot tournament and you could win \$1,000 in cash!



SUNDAY, JULY 11 | 11:00AM-11:00PM

Join us for a cash explosion on Sunday, July 11 and you could win \$1,000 in cash with our hourly drawings from 11:00am to 11:00pm.

