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State Senator introduces legislation to raise awareness of Native American history

(Editor's note: The following article comes from <https://www.senatorwayneschmidt.com/>)

LANSING, Mich. — State Sen. Wayne Schmidt on Wednesday, Feb. 16, introduced legislation that seeks to raise awareness about the history of Indian boarding schools in Michigan and encourages the State Board of Education to include the

material in statewide curriculum standards.

“As a survivor of the Holy Childhood Indian boarding school, and as ‘Anishinaabe Mukwa Dodem,’ on behalf of my family and community, I would like to emphasize the importance of this legislation to all the survivors,” said Benedict Hinmon, whose spirit name is “Kushmuncie” (Kingfisher) and who is an elder within the Little

Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians living in Petoskey. “The devastating effects of boarding schools cannot be erased or forgotten. Those of us who survived continue to rebuild our lives each and every day. Every child matters!”

The bill was introduced during “Mukwa Giizis,” the Bear Moon month. Bears represent medicine and healing in the Native American

culture, and tribal stakeholders identified this as an appropriate month to move forward on this important issue.

“I am the last generation of my family to attend an Indian boarding school, which was located in Harbor Springs,” said Meridith Kennedy of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, living in Alanson.

“Ten years ago, I recovered the remains of my ancestors

from the grounds of the same school my father and I went to — and more of my ancestors were found in 2020. For the families of Indian boarding school survivors, this is part of our modern history and shapes who we are. This legislation offers the opportunity for healing and making our great nations stronger by

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Getting to know Tribal Council Secretary Martha Wemigwans: A Q&A with the Tribal Observer

Tribal Council Secretary Martha Wemigwans answered questions provided by Natalie Shattuck, managing editor for the Tribal Observer, as part of a special Q&A session. The questions and answers are copied below.

Tribal Observer: Congratulations on making it another term on Tribal Council and, of course, congratulations on being elected as secretary! How does it feel to be serving your Tribe on the first all-female Executive Council?

Secretary Martha Wemigwans: I am truly honored. I feel as though we were placed in these positions because of the love we have for our community.

TO: What do you hope this Administration accomplishes?

MW: I am believing that we can continue to be prosperous. Unfortunately, it costs to update and upgrade but it is needed. Our main casino just turned 25 years old in December. I'm grateful to be a part of the new changes taking place in the casino. I also pray that we continue to heal and come together in UNITY.

TO: What made you want to run for Tribal Council?

MW: The love for my community. I wanted change and betterment for the Tribe and felt that by serving my Tribe in this capacity was the best way.

TO: What do you enjoy most about serving on Tribal Council?

MW: I love to be able to use my voice that is needed for the ones who can't speak up. To also fight for what is right as

a whole and not individually.

TO: What was your first paying job?

MW: Summer youth. Once I started working in summer youth, I knew right away I wanted to work for my Tribe.

TO: What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

MW: When it is warm, I really love being on my motorcycle, traveling and making memories with my family.

TO: What's your favorite movie?

MW: “Driftless,” it is my daughter's very first movie she acted in.

TO: What's your favorite color?

MW: Red.

TO: Where is your favorite vacation destination?

MW: The best place I have been to so far is Arizona; it was so beautiful. It also was humbling to see their reservation and realize how truly blessed we are here; it was very eye opening.

TO: What would you like the Tribal Membership to know?

MW: I want our Membership to know that our doors are always open. We have meetings daily but we will do our best to make time for them. I would also like the Membership to know that I am very thankful and appreciative of their support. WE are in this together.

TO: What would you like Tribal employees to know?

MW: THANK YOU. Because without our employees,

we would have nothing.

TO: Thank you for having a Q&A session with the Tribal Observer! Is there anything else you'd like to add?

MW: Follow your dreams, they ARE achievable! We have the resources, do it.



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis Photography

Tribal Council Secretary
Martha Wemigwans

Ordinance 4 Amendment: Increased voting boundaries of District 1

On Dec. 1, 2021, Tribal Council approved an Amendment to Ordinance 4 that increased the size of the voting boundaries of District 1. Before the amendment was approved, Voting District 1 was comprised only of “the Isabella Reservation as established by the Treaty of 1864, and trust lands adjacent to the Reservation.” Tribal Members who lived in Isabella County but outside of the Isabella Reservation boundaries voted in District 3.

The Amendment to Section 5. (a). of Ordinance 4 expands Voting District 1 to “...the entirety of Isabella County, Michigan, including but not limited to lands of the Isabella

Indian Reservation established by the Treaty of 1864 located in Isabella County.” The amendment, which was approved as Tribal Council Resolution No. 22-024, went into effect on Jan. 1, 2022 and only pertains to the Tribe's Voting Districts. Therefore, all Tribal Members duly registered to vote in Tribal elections who reside anywhere in Isabella County will vote in District 1 for District 1 candidates only in future Tribal Council elections held pursuant to Ordinance 4. The tax agreement is NOT impacted by the Amendment to Ordinance 4.

If you have any questions, please contact the Tribal Clerk's office at 989-775-4051.

If you wish to register as a voter, the Voter Registration Form is available online at sagchip.org and at the Tribal Clerk's Office.

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David Bennett

April 22, 1954 - February 01, 2022

David Bennett, 67, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Mount Pleasant, passed away at home with his family by his side on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022.

David was born April 22, 1954, son of the late Charles and Rose (Peters "Iyabi") Bennett, in Plainwell, Mich. He was the baby of 12 children, growing up in the Plainwell area. David was a self-employed general laborer. He was always willing to help anyone who needed a handyman. After retiring in 2010, he liked to spend time in the gravel pits fishing and at the Orangeville Dam.



David also liked to entertain and host family BBQs. He had a love for animals, especially for his three-legged cat, Bubsy. More than anything, David loved his family. He will be greatly missed by so many.

David is survived by his son, Michael; special niece, Nyra Wiltse of Grand Rapids; special great nephews, Frederick Bennett, Joshua (Juliet) Ball, and John - Luke Ball all from Grand Rapids; stepdaughter, Jacqueline Fischer of Grand Rapids; granddaughters, Allanah and Naomi Dupree; special friend, Mathew Salva; and many more nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews.

He was preceded in death by both parents; son, Nicholas Bennett; siblings, Stella Pamp, Charles Bennett Jr., Lawrence Bennett, Dolly Rueckert, Charlene Jackson, Donald Bennett, Josephine Arnold, George Bennett, Rose Brown, Galen Bennett, and Frederick Bennett Sr.

David's funeral service was held 12 p.m., on Monday, Feb. 7, 2022, at Charles R. Lux Family Funeral Home in Mount Pleasant with Fred and Denise Cantu officiating. The family received friends two hours prior to the service. Following the service, all were invited to a luncheon in Lincoln Reception Center. David will be laid to rest in the Denver Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Timothy Lewis Sprague

April 5, 1970 - January 31, 2022

Timothy Lewis Sprague, age 51, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Monday, Jan. 31, 2022, at his home.

Tim was born in Grand Rapids on April 5, 1970, to Linda (Sprague) Shomin and was lovingly raised by his grandparents, Rev. Joseph Sprague Sr. and Sara Sprague.



He worked as a pit boss with the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort for 30 years where he built close relationships with many people. He had many friends with whom he built a mutual relationship of support and considered his "Eagle" family.

Tim loved sports, especially teams from Michigan. Most of all, he will be remembered for the love he had for his daughters and grandchildren.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Vanessa Sprague (Jesse Chaffee) of Shepherd, Alexandria Sprague (A.J. Chingman Jr.) of Rosebush; and Olivia Sprague (Zachary Rivers) of Mt. Pleasant; beloved grandchildren, Noah Sprague, Meela Chaffee, and Madison Chaffee; friend and mother of his children, Kelly Willis; siblings, George Sprague, Joanne Peters, Matthew Sprague, Henry (Sue) Sprague, Marion (Andy) Falcon, Rose Shomin, Elizabeth Shomin, Paul Shomin Jr.; mother-in-law, Carole Tally; brothers and sisters-in-law, Shannon (Rob) Gross, Mike (Mechelle) McCreery, Dan (Sandy) McCreery; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In addition to his mom and grandparents, Tim was preceded in death by his siblings, Lewis Sprague, Joseph Sprague Jr., Randy Sprague, Alberta Popma, Sara Jo Shomin, and Christina Shomin.

Services were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, at Clark Family Funeral Chapel with Pastor Todd Williamson officiating. Burial took place in the spring at Greensky Hill Cemetery in Charlevoix, Mich.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

William Gordon Bouck

April 3, 1946 - January 27, 2022

Commander William G. Bouck, USN (RET), went to be with our Lord on Jan. 27, 2022. He was born April 3, 1946, to Roy and Thelma Bouck. He graduated from Lowell High School in Lowell, Mich. in 1964. From there he went on to Central Michigan University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree.



Following college, he joined the United States Navy. After completing Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Fla., he found himself at NAS Miramar (Fightertown USA). He served several tours with F4 and F14 squadrons, including Navy's Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN). Will retired from the Navy in 1993 after 23 years of service to his country. He was also a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by his wife of 55 years - Louise; sister Gloria (Bob) King; children - Amber (Jay) Veltman, Brandy Bouck; grandchildren - Hunter and Pyper Fenton, Kennedy and Kaia Zimmerman; sister-in-law Judy (Charles) Stewart; nephews - Jerry (Lori) King, Roy (Laurie) King, Alan (Lori) Huver, Lewis Powell, Lloyd Powell Jr.; nieces - Susan (Phil) Montroy, Sheila (Don) Dubbink, Sharon (Ken) Morris and Jane Smith.

Will was predeceased by his father, Roy Bouck, mother Thelma Luke Bouck, and sister Betty Jane Powell.

Will loved RVing, four-wheeling in the desert in his Jeep (affectionately known as "Ricky"), traveling throughout the United States, catch-and-release fly fishing, and skeet and trap shooting. He did all of this with his wife, Louise, by his side.

Will is most remembered for being a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He will be forever missed.

"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you..." Deuteronomy 31:8

Phillip Nelson

March 04, 1965 - January 27, 2022

Phillip Nelson, of Flint, Mich., age 56, passed away on Jan. 27, 2022.

Phillip was born in Flint, Mich. on March 4, 1965, son of Louis and Karen (Callard) Nelson. Phillip graduated from Flint Central High School in 1983. He loved playing football and was on the varsity football team for Flint Central.



Phillip proudly served his country in the United States Army. He was an active member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Phillip was proud of his heritage and did what he could to keep the culture alive.

Phillip enjoyed spending his free time in his garden, growing hot peppers. He was well known for being a jokester and his infectious laugh. He was loved by all that knew him and will be missed dearly.

Phillip is survived by his mother, Karen; children, Jessica, Faith, Raymond and Peter; grandchildren, Gabriel, Cruz, Nayeli, Aaviana and another on the way; siblings, Jenny (Michael) and Champ (Laura); nephew, Michael Lee; niece, Kayla; aunts, Shirley and Diane; many other loving family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Louis and uncles, Leonard and Kenneth.

The funeral service was held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022, at Allen Funeral Home, 9136 Davison Rd. Davison, MI 48423. Pastor Sarah LaRose Nettell officiated. Burial took place following the service in Flint Memorial Park Cemetery.

Lisa Renee (Wing) Coleman

January 21, 1972 - January 30, 2022

Lisa Renee Coleman entered this life on Jan. 21, 1972 in Decatur, Ind. to Danny and Marcella Wing. Lisa entered into eternal rest on Jan. 30, 2022 in her home at the age of 50.

Lisa was an avid traveler. She never turned down the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and camp or visit the beach. She always had to have her coffee in the morning or anytime it was being served. Her most valuable treasure was her family especially when it came to her grandkids.



Left to mourn her passing are her parents; her beloved husband Brad; her three daughters, Carlie and spouse Dakota Ward, Olivia Dawn Coleman, and Isabella Coleman; her grandchildren, Kinsley Ward and Aspyr Ward; her two brothers, Danny and spouse Amanda Wing and Donny and spouse Stephanie Wing; her sister, Susie and spouse Chris Sparks; her brother in law, Michael Sides; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Preceding Lisa in death is her sister, Rebekah Ruth Sides. Lisa's funeral service was held on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 10 a.m. at the Church of the Nazarene, located at 1100 Harper Street, Choctaw, OK 73020

Happy Heavenly Birthday
Eric Hunt
March 1st
From Mom, Anthony & Montana

Missing You

I treasure every moment you spent in life with me. I hoped to have you longer, but it wasn't meant to be.

You left this world so suddenly... I think my heart went too. I feel so lost and lonely and I cry from missing you.

I know you're in a better place. I know you're happy there. I know one day I'll join you... But the wait is hard to bear.

My heart feels like it's breaking, As I try to carry on. You were my life, my everything... But now you have gone.

I pray that God will give me strength, until He calls me too. Then what joy will fill my heart when I'm again with you!

To my Loving Hubby, Randy Jackson. I can't believe a yr has flown by, My heart is sooo broken n lost without you. I love you still so very much!!! Out of all the choices u had, I'm glad you chose me as ur loving Wifey, I was so honored. You are the most romantic loving person, you gave 100% in all you did, n everyone you helped!!! I miss you babe, till we met again, just Beyond the moon , ♥ ♥

Clara Elizabeth Jackson

November 8, 1931 - February 1, 2022

Clara Elizabeth (Fisher) Jackson, 90, of Bay City, our loving, thoughtful, helpful, and inspiring mother, grandma, Mima, Grammy, sister, and friend, was born into eternal life on the morning of Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022 at her home with her family by her side.



Clara was born in Isabella County on Nov. 8, 1931, the daughter of Edmund and Odeal (Rescoe) Fisher. Clara graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1951. She married the love of her life, Paul Francis Jackson, on Feb. 15, 1957 in Holy Trinity Church.

Clara was a Noon-Aid for Bay City Public Schools for many years. Clara was a huge fan of all things University of Michigan (GO BLUE!). She enjoyed playing softball with her sisters, going to her class reunions, dancing at P.W.S.D, going to the casinos, and playing bingo. However, nothing was more important than her family and spending time with her beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Clara was a long-time parishioner of St. George Byzantine Church. Clara was extremely proud of her Chippewa Heritage and was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Clara was proud to finally have made it to the "Big House" for her 85th birthday.

Left to cherish her loving memory are her eight children, Richard and wife, Beth Jackson, Jay Jackson, George Jackson, Dale and wife, Linda Jackson, Mary and husband, Rick Bouckaert, Gene Jackson, Dennis Jackson, and Paul (Jody Bouchard) Jackson; grandchildren, Candi (Dan) Miller, Holly Jackson, Kristina Bouckaert, Bryan Bouckaert, Nykole Jackson, and Cris Jackson; great-grandchildren, Danielle Miller, Kendall and Marshall Prest; sister, Rosalie Berry and sister-in-law, Michelle Fisher, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Clara was welcomed home to heaven by her beloved husband, Paul Jackson; brothers, Robert, Harold, Edmund Jr., Louis, and Peter Fisher; and sisters, Alberta, Helen, and Roberta Fisher, and Barbara Meier, and two infant siblings; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Walter and Dorothy Jackson; and brother-in-law, James Jackson.

Clara's family received visitors on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022 at noon until 6 p.m., with the 4 p.m. Saginaw Chippewa Tribal memorial led by Miizhabwad - Eric Sowmick and on Monday, Feb. 7, 2022 from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral ceremony Fr. Jim Batcha presided at Skorupski Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services. With the Rite of Committal following in St. Patrick Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Humane Society of Bay County.

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



Terri Lee (Henderson) Maki

August 24, 1946 - February 23, 2022

Terri Lee Maki, age 75, of Perrinton, Mich., passed away Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022, at her home surrounded by her family.

Terri was born in Lansing, Mich. on Aug. 24, 1946, the daughter Don and Cora (Neyome) Henderson. On Oct. 25, 1962, Terri married James Maki in Lansing. They were married 59 years.



Terri was proud of being a Saginaw Chippewa Native American and loved to be part of the traditional Tribal events. She believed in the Native way and taught those ways to her family. She was a Tribal dancer in her younger years and did beautiful beadwork.

She was a classy lady and always liked to look nice. Terri and Jim loved traveling to Las Vegas, Hawaii, and all over the West. She enjoyed gambling at the casino.

Terri was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and aunt. She loved her family and especially loved spending time with her grandson Landon.

Terri is survived by her husband Jim, son James Maki, grandson Landon Maki, and sister Marjorie Gordon. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers: Jerry Henderson, John "Butch" Henderson, Leo Jackson, and Ron Jackson.

Visitation for family and friends was held on Monday, Feb. 28, 2022, from 2-4 P.M. at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel in St. Johns, Mich.



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.
- Anyone wanting to be added can call (989) 775-4004.

Regular Council Session Dates

- March 1
- April 5
- May 3

Rez Pets

"It's Raining Cats and Dogs!"



Attention Tribal Members and employees, please submit a photo of your pet(s) to show them off in the April 2022 Tribal Observer. Households with two or more pets, please submit one group photo!

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

Please include:

Owner's name and name of pet, age and breed

Deadline: Friday, March 18

Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

March 1, 2022

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan
7500 Soaring Eagle Boulevard
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858
(989) 775-4581

On or about March 8, 2022 the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan (SCIT) will submit a request to HUD for the release of Indian Housing Block Grant funds under Section 105(d) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended, to undertake a project known as Elder Townhouses, the new construction of four two-bedroom residential units located at 2912 S. Leaton Rd. Mount Pleasant, Mich., contiguous to the Andahwod parcel. The two-bedroom residential units will be made available to low-income Native American households, and the estimated cost of the project is \$1,235,759.34.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file with the SCIT Housing Department, and a copy can be requested for examination by email to Rosalie Maloney, SCIT Housing Manager, at RoMaloney@sagchip.org, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Rosalie Maloney, SCIT Housing Manager, at RoMaloney@sagchip.org. All comments received by March 8, 2022 will be considered by the SCIT prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

Environmental Certification

The SCIT certifies to HUD that Theresa Jackson in her capacity as Tribal Chief consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the SCIT to use Program funds.

Objections to Release of Funds

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the SCIT's certification for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the SCIT; (b) the SCIT has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD at **Elton. Jones@hud.gov**. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



Theresa Jackson, Tribal Chief

Nimkee Fitness

Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Yoga Class
Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.

For more information, contact: Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690

Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Committee Vacancy

Seeking four individuals who are committed to revitalizing Anishinaabemowin

- ▶ **One Youth Representative** between the ages of 18-25
- ▶ **Two Elder Representative** ages 50 and over
- ▶ **Two Community Tribal Member Representatives** ages 25 and over

Candidates must be a SCIT Member and able to attend monthly meetings. Meetings are held monthly with dates/times/location TBD.

Letters/emails of interest will be accepted and viewed as they are received.

Mail to: Anishinaabemowin Language Revitalization Department Committee Vacancy
7500 Soaring Eagle Boulevard Office
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Email to: maperez@sagchip.org

For further information, please call:
ALRD at 989-775-4026 or Sasiwaans at 989-775-4470

COVID-19 & Flu Vaccination Walk-In Clinics

Every Wednesday in March
1 - 6 p.m. | Nimkee Public Health
For ages 5 and older

Monday, March 7
7 a.m. - 1 p.m. | SECR Entertainment Hall
For ages 12 and older

Vaccines available:

- **Moderna for ages 18 and up:** First, second, third (for immunocompromised) and booster
- **Pfizer for ages 12 and up:** First, second, third (for immunocompromised) and booster
- **Pfizer 5 and up:** First and second doses

- **Please protect our community:** If you currently have COVID-19 (under quarantine) or are feeling ill please wait for your immunization until recovered.
- Please bring your vaccination card.
- Watch for information on upcoming clinics.
- Bring reading glasses if needed for forms.

▶ **To look up your vaccine history or download vaccination proof, please visit the Michigan Immunization registry at:** <https://mdhhs.mimmsportal.state.mi.us/>

▶ **For updated information about vaccines, please see:** www.CDC.gov





Tribal Council

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Theresa Jackson | District One

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Council Member

Frank J. Cloutier | District Three

Council Member

Luke Sprague | District One

Council Member

Mary Quigno | District One

Council Member

Ron Nelson | District Two

Council Member

Samantha Chippeway | District One



Statewide Tribal OPIOID SUMMIT

"Healing Our Families Together"

Submissions Needed

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



- The Summit will hold a memorial tribute on June 7 & 8, 2022 at the SECR Entertainment Hall.
- It's important to remind us all of the light that grows dim throughout the loss of our loved ones. To lend a voice to those who cannot speak, to bring awareness through education, and to bring families together by sharing their stories.

Submissions and any questions, contact:

Carol Jackson | 989.775.4805 | CarJackson@sagchip.org

- Please send a photo along with a brief description to share of your loved one.



ZIIBIWING CENTER
of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways

Research Center Limited Hours

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Ziibiwing Center Research Center's hours of operation will be on a limited basis until Thursday, March 31, 2022.

Our new hours of operation will be on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST.

Please feel free to call 989-775-4748 or visit the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways for more information. Appointments are encouraged.

The Ziibiwing Center will be open to the public during the following holidays:

- ▶ **Easter** — April 18, 2022
- ▶ **Michigan Indian Day** — Sept. 23, 2022

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.

Gwekwadziwin – Honesty

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

Dibaadendziwin – 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.

38th Annual Saginaw Chippewa POWWOW

Save the Date!

July 29, 30 & 31, 2022

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground

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

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

HONORING SAGANING TRADITIONAL POWWOW

June 25 & 26, 2022

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

Community Wi-Fi now available

At the Native Farmers Market Pavilion, SCA parking lot and Housing Pavilion.

- **Network name:** SCITCommunity
- **Password:** community



Attention Tribal Members:

Find the latest information by creating an account and logging into sagchip.org in the Tribal Members only section.

To create an account, go to:

www.sagchip.org/user/signup.aspx

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

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One Member Needed For the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Health Board

Requirements:

1. Must be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.
2. Must be 18 years of age.
3. Must have strong interests in the health services provided and the health problems within the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Community.

Meetings are held once a month and a stipend is given for each meeting attended (if eligible). Will need Tribal Council approval.

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

Deadline: Thursday, March 31

Mail or bring to the Nimkee Clinic:

Attention: Jennifer Birchmeier
2591 S. Leaton Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

**Please include your phone number or a contact person.*

**When the letters are received at the end of the time period the letters are given to the Tribal Council and they will make the final decision.*

For more information, please contact:
Karmen Fox at 989.775.4631 or KAfox@sagchip.org

Asini Waakaa'igan STONE HOUSE

Attention: Descendants of Maria & Moses Pelcher

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Historic Preservation Office is gathering information of family memories for the Asini Waakaa'igan- Stone House Oral History Project. This project will assist in the development of an application to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) for the Asini Waakaa'igan- Stone House. A listing in the NRHP provides recognition as part of a federal list of properties across the country evaluated against a standard criteria as important to the nation's heritage.

Ziibiwing Big Discussion Room

- ▶ Friday, March 25: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- ▶ Saturday, March 26: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

For more information, please contact:
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Public Input Session

The NEMCSA – Region 9 Area Agency on Aging is tasked with the responsibility of advocacy, planning, funding needed services and monitoring funded programs. Each year the agency must develop a plan describing how funds received through the Older Americans Act will be used in the communities and what services will be a priority in the counties of: Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon.

Some of the funds from the Older Americans Act are granted to area county councils/commissions on aging and help to provide services such as senior center meals, home delivered meals, respite care and personal care. The input sessions provide an opportunity for people to express views on issues older persons are facing as well as available services and unmet needs.

Information gathered will be used in the development of a multi-year plan that will cover fiscal years 2023 – 2025

Input sessions will be held:

Thursday, March 10 at 1 p.m.
Cheboygan County Council on Aging, 1531 Sand Rd., Cheboygan MI

Friday, March 11 at 10 a.m.
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Submit your online claim for four free at-home test delivered from: www.covidtests.gov

Attention SCIT Tribal Members: Notice of Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in the Tribal Council Chambers in the Black Elk Building, 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858.

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

Renewal of Retail On-Premise General Liquor License for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort located at 6800 Soaring Eagle Boulevard. Such license, if approved would cover all indoor and outdoor Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's premises, Casino Beverage Main Floor Bar #1,2,3,4, High stakes VIP lounge, SECR Casino beverage cart services, Isabella's, Water Lily, Room Service, Banquet Spaces, Portable Bars #1-#13, Aurora Buffet, Legends Diner, Siniikaung, Entertainment Hall, Hotel Pool and Spa areas, Mijim C-Store, Quick Service Cart Services, SECR Outdoor Concert Venue, SECR Concession Trailer, SECR Slot Palace Bingo Hall, Slot Palace Gaming Spaces in Rooms 'A', 'B', and 'C', Slot Palace Pub, Little Eagle Café, Ascend Sports Bar, SECR Casino Gift Shop, SECR Slot Palace Gift Shop, any indoor service on premises under the auspices of the SECR, and any outdoor service on premises under the auspices of the SECR.

This License, if issued, will be for the duration of one full year from May 24, 2022 to May 23, 2023, with hours of alcohol service consistent with section 10 of the Gaming Compact of Aug. 20, 1993, and specifically including hours of service for 7 a.m. Sunday Alcohol Sales and Sales on Christmas Eve until 11:59 p.m., Christmas Day at 12 p.m. and New Year's Day until 4 a.m.



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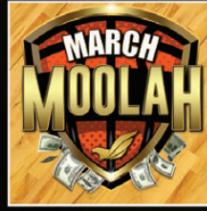


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8:00 A.M. - 11:59 P.M.

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TUESDAYS, MARCH 1, 15 & 22

6:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

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SUNDAYS, MARCH 6 & 13

2:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

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TUESDAYS, MARCH 1 & 8

12:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

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Indian Country responds to the new Washington Commanders name

DARREN THOMPSON

Native News Online

(Editor's note: The following article is being reprinted from Native News Online at nativenewsonline.net)

On Wednesday, Feb. 2, Washington's National Football League (NFL) Team announced its new team name as the Commanders. The announcement was made exclusively on the "Today Show," after weeks of speculation. The announcement was met with varying responses from leaders across Indian Country.

Fawn Sharp, president of the National Congress of American Indians, called Washington's announcement an "end of a dark era" and said in a press release, "The NFL and the Washington franchise commercially exploited and dehumanized Native people and culturally appropriated our most sacred practices."

"Roger Goodell and Dan Snyder have yet to take step one, as promised to the National Congress of American Indians, toward owning the genocidal history of the former name," Sharp said. "They have shown a lack of accountability for the unspeakable harm to our citizens that they accepted, perpetuated, and profited from."

Suzan Harjo, who fought to end the use of the slur for decades, said she was relieved the name was changed and said, "As long as they kept their promise not to revive any Native theme with any Native name, or related name, or

anything that would signal to us for us to be a target again."

"The name could be commander, or salamander, or macaroni," Harjo added. "It's not the name that matters, as long as it's not doing harm and injury to living people—that's all we ever asked for."

Harjo is Cheyenne and Muscogee Creek and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom for her service to Native people. In 1992, she petitioned the United States Patent and Trademark Office's Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB) to cancel the trademarked image and name used by the Washington football team. To date, she still receives death threats for her opposition to the use of the name.

While Washington's new name has been largely accepted as a victory, Sharp said the new name, "Without an apology, without any measure of accountability, and without fulfilling the honored commitments they made to tribal nations in 2020 to right this wrong, the NFL and Snyder are simply 'Commanding' a continued course of open, intentional and profit-driven racism and erasure."

"It's a name that has the weight and meaning befitting a 90-year-old franchise," said Washington NFL Team President Jason Wright of the new name on the "Today Show" that Wednesday morning. "It's something that broadly resonated with our fans."

Tara Houska, tribal attorney and co-founder of Not Your Mascots, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to fighting stereotypical Indigenous representation in sports, called today's announcement a step

in the right direction and said, "Generations of advocates have fought for this change, and it's incredible to see it finalized."

"Washington couldn't entirely disassociate from genocide it seems, but it's better than a reference to a Native scalp on a national stage," said Houska told Native News Online. "It took George Floyd's murder and cities burning to get a country talking about racial justice, to spread ripples of change including the removal of a blatantly racist slur from the side of an NFL helmet."

Lisa Bellanger, co-director of the American Indian Movement's Grand Governing Council and member of the National Coalition Against Sports and Media was relieved to learn of today's announcement, but wanted to remind others the work is not done. "Our work is not complete, however, as we have other teams with similar names and mascots that continue to offend our people," she said to Native News Online.

"Why and how people continue to think that it is okay to mock people shows the continued lack of respect and humanity," she added.

"Not only do I not expect [an apology from the Washington NFL team], I wouldn't accept one," said Harjo. "The damage they have done to Native peoples of nearly 90 years of the use of 'r' word is so extensive and so broad that no living person can accept."

Since the early 1990s, organizations such as the American Indian Movement (AIM) and NCAI have protested at sports games demanding the end of



Courtesy of Washington Commanders Twitter page

Native-themed mascots, calling the use of them dehumanizing and belittling.

"We started with nearly 3,000 teams that used Native themed mascots and we still have about 1,000 team names to go," said Harjo.

Three professional sports teams in the U.S. still use Native-themed names or mascots: the Kansas City Chief, the Chicago Blackhawks, and the Atlanta Braves.

"Onwards to ending the tomahawk chop, to pushing the rest of them holding onto to nostalgic racism to move forward," said Houska of the remaining sports teams who use Native themed mascots and team names. "We are not your mascot."

The Washington Football Team's former team name has been considered a racial slur by many Native Americans, and the organization's use of the name has drawn some of the largest protests in sports history.

In July 2020, the team announced it would retire its name, which came to a surprise to many as Washington Commanders Owner Dan Snyder told USA Today in 2013 that he would never change the name. The slur stood for 87 years.



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Introducing new Human Resources Native preference recruiter

PATRICIA ALONZO

Native Preference Recruiter

I would like to introduce myself as HR's new Native preference recruiter. In my new position, I am working to identify and establish workforce opportunities for Tribal preference candidates. I am also responsible for coordination and development of recruitment plans, traditional sourcing strategies, digital platforms, and identification of current recruitment trends as it pertains to native and tribal preference.

My first day in this position was Jan 31, 2022.

I recently transferred from the Hotel Sales department where I was a catering manager.

While in my current position, I would like to be able to create more assistance for our members. I am interested in collaborating with different departments and see where things can go from here. I am also an advocate for education; this can include certificates, degrees, and licenses. I like to see people taking the initiative to create a better future for themselves as well as our community as a whole.



Courtesy photo

Patricia Alonzo

My office is always open if there are members who feel as though they need additional assistance in the application process. I would like to remind the membership that a great application is a completed application. This should include all work history, educational history, certifications, and licenses.

Please see contact information below:

Patricia Alonzo, M.S.A.
Native Preference Recruiter
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Office: 989-775-5657

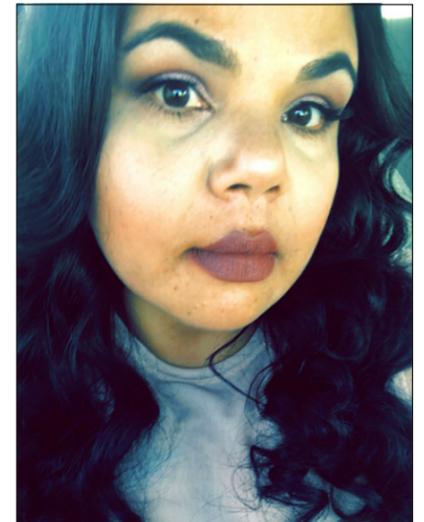
Introducing new Human Resources Tribal development coordinator Betsey Alonzo

HR TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPT.

The Training and Development department is excited to welcome Betsey Alonzo to their team as the Tribal development coordinator. After receiving her associate degree in business from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Betsey started her career in the Parks and Recreation department. Having the thirst of knowledge, she went on to Central Michigan University and graduated in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in community development.

Her love of community led her to the education department as the higher education coordinator, where she worked closely with the Membership, helping them achieve their education goals. In 2020, Betsey received her master's degree in general administration.

Betsey is excited to be working with the Membership,



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Betsey Alonzo

developing their skillset, helping them achieve their career goals and coordinating the Summer Youth Worker Program.

Betsey has hit the ground running and said, "I look forward to providing outstanding service to our community and am eager to assist with career development information."

Introducing new Human Resources assistant P. Sharie Granison

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Hello everyone! Please join us in welcoming P. (Paquieka) Sharie Granison to the Human Resources department.

Sharie started Feb. 14, 2022 as the HR Assistant reporting to Carla Jeffrey-Hovey. She will be responsible for assisting and supporting Human Resources personnel as necessary.

Sharie is a 2019 graduate from Central Michigan University and currently pursuing a MSA in human resource management. Her previous work experience include

a finance cashier and Count Team supervisor at the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino from 2008-2013.

Sharie is excited to apply her education and experience to help the HR department meet and surpass their goals. She is also very thankful for the opportunity to advance her career with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

Fun facts:

- Dog mom
- Enjoys health and wellness activities
- Vegetarian
- Licensed cosmetologist
- Enjoys traveling and spending time/creating memories with loved ones

Introducing new Human Resources generalist for Satellite Office

FRANCES MENA

HR Generalist

My name is Frances Mena, I'm the Human Resources generalist for the HR Satellite Office, located directly on the gaming floor next to Legends Diner.

I can assist team members with UKG sign-in for access to paystubs or W2s; and I also assist with internal online application to apply for other jobs within the organization. I also market and promote our Access Perks program which we set up for our teams across Tribal Ops, Soaring Eagle, Saganing and Migizi team members.

I conduct department surveys and exit interviews within Tribal Operations, SECR, and Saganing. These surveys are designed to tell us what we're doing right, what we're doing wrong, what needs to be improved, and it also gives our team members a voice.

One of our other focus points is employee recognition and



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Frances Mena

appreciation, so if you ever have suggestions for improvement in either of these areas, I'm always open for suggestions.

If you ever need help with navigating our programs or processes, come see me in the Satellite Office. I'm always here to help! I can be reached by calling 989-775-5648 or by email at fmena@sagchip.org.



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State Senator

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acknowledging the past and moving forward in a good way.”

Senate Bill 876 would encourage the State Board of Education to include the history regarding Indian boarding schools in the state’s recommended curriculum standards for eighth through 12th-grade students. Many schools in Michigan teach according to these standards. While these standards contain aspects of Native American history, proponents of the legislation say they are not strong enough.

“It is important to recognize the fact that Indian boarding schools did exist in our state — even as recent as the mid-1980s,” said Schmidt, R-Traverse City. “Working with tribal leaders, educators, and Indian boarding school



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Sens. Wayne Schmidt, R-Traverse City, and Jeff Irwin, D-Ann Arbor, on Feb. 16 welcomed survivors of the Harbor Springs Holy Childhood Indian boarding school and their families to the Michigan Senate as the lawmakers introduced legislation to include lessons on Indian boarding schools in the state’s recommended curriculum standards.

survivors and their families, we introduced this legislation so we do not forget, nor repeat, this dark part of our state and nation’s history.”

Sen. Jeff Irwin, who is a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and the lead co-sponsor of the legislation, agreed and added that the

treatment of Native American families and children should not be overlooked in the state’s history books.

“Michigan’s Indian boarding schools were created to destroy tribal culture and erase Native languages,” said Irwin, D-Ann Arbor. “Michigan’s dark history of violence

against tribal communities should be taught in our schools, especially the story of Indian boarding schools. These schools forcibly removed children and trained them to reject and participate in the destruction of their own communities.”

SB 876 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Education and Career Readiness.

(Editor’s note: The list of tribal citizens present included:

- Linda Cobe- LVD
- Marilyn Wakefield- SSMIT
- Kim Fyke- SSMIT
- Yvonne Walker- LTBB
- Wyman and Nancy Chippewa- GTB
- Ben Hinmon- LTBB
- Melissa Moses- LTBB and Burt Lake
- Cheryl Kishigo- LTBB
- Elli Mitchel- SCIT
- Meredith and Sophia Kennedy- LTBB)

Introducing Physician Sheryl Hasegawa-Arthur, DO, at the Nimkee Clinic

SHERYL HASEGAWA-ARTHUR

Physician

I am very excited to join the medical team at the Nimkee Memorial Wellness Clinic this year.

I am a family practice doctor and have been practicing in the Bay City and Midland areas for the past 20 years.

I am originally from the Chicago area and attended the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine.

My focus is on mainly adolescent and adult health but see patients of all ages if needed. I also do some osteopathic manipulative medicine. Think of me as a mix of a MD and chiropractor. Prior to medical school I worked as a therapeutic massage therapist, so am able to use some of these skills with my osteopathic treatments.

On a personal note, I am married with two sons. My husband is a tribal member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians in Atmore, Ala. This grounds



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Sheryl Hasegawa-Arthur

my interest in working with tribal nations. We like riding trails on our side-by-side and go on motorcycle rides and trips with friends. We have two black labs and like to spend time pheasant hunting with them.

I look forward to meeting, caring, and forming new relationships with those patients I see at Nimkee.

Introducing Physician Assistant Joseph Ojibway at the Nimkee Clinic

JOSEPH OJIBWAY

Physician Assistant

Boozhoo! Joseph Ojibway Ndishnikaaz. My mother is from the Sault Tribe and my father is from the United Houma Nation of Louisiana.

I went to nursing school at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., where I worked as a registered nurse initially before becoming a family nurse practitioner. I served as a primary care provider in community health care clinics, which provided me with invaluable insight into how trauma can manifest into chronic illnesses.

In order to provide more holistic care for my patients, I returned to school at Johns Hopkins University to gain my certification as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner. I am currently working at Behavioral Health and Nimkee, in addition to facilitating monthly grief support groups (one for adults



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Joseph Ojibway

and another for teenagers) held in the lodge behind Behavioral Health.

I am passionate about providing care which addresses the mind, body, spirit and emotions of each person and feel grateful to have the opportunity to serve the Saginaw Chippewa Indian community.

March 2022 Tribal Elder Birthdays

1) Edith Murdoch
James Schneider
Verna Mc Ewan

2) Janice Hill
Arthur Miller Jr.

3) Angela Bennett
Winona Hancock
David Joseph
Susan Pretzer
Terri Verga-Nassif
Barbara Walraven
William Walraven

4) Elizabeth Cabay
Judith Bennett

5) Wanda Brodie
Nancy Chippewa
Kenneth Vasquez

Teresa Bailey
Terri Cummings
Herbert Robinson Sr.
Clifford Saboo Jr.
Sandra Tabako

6) Jessie Glover
Diane Morley
William Burnham
Roland Jackson Jr.

7) Daniel Cloutier
Danny Stevens

8) Margaret Rosario
Michelle Eddy
Timothy Stevens
Lorraine Walker

9) Marsha Gibson
Theodore Kowalski

10) Maynard Sharp

11) Michael Jackson
Jolene Quinlan
Clifton Chippewa II
Bernadette Reyes
Stephen Walraven
Darwin Ziehmer

12) Lorna Kahgegab Call
Julia Wixson

13) Sherry Bame
Douglas Snyder

14) Ronald Judson Jr.
Linda Davis
Barbara Roy

15) Alice Ricketts
Coy McCollum
Michael Watson

Robert Stanton
Russell Stevens

17) LeeAnn Ruffino
Joseph Kowalski
Patrick Smith
Merton Flory

18) Marion Williams
Thomas Bates
Rhonda Dutton
Wanda Wallace

19) Rita Redman
Janice Roach

20) Etta Ayling
James Cates

21) Elaine Kraska

22) Kim Aasved
Kim Ambs
Paige Vanderlooven

23) Rickie Burnham
Harry Jackson
Lisa Zangara

24) Kevin Jenkins
Larry Bearden
Karen Mills

25) Naomi Staggs
Joseph Chamberlain
Carolyn Crawford
Constance Pallett

26) Timothy Bennett
Paul Bird
Clifford Chamberlain

27) John Miller Sr.

28) Thelma Henry-Shipman
Dawn Hunt
Kelly Huyser

29) Brian Wray
Craig Waynee

30) Janet Barnhart
Esther Chatfield



SCTC student essay: Stolen and missing life givers

JOE JOHNSON JR.

(Editor's note: The following is an essay written by Joe Johnson Jr., originally written in Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's ENG 101 course last semester. Johnson has cut down and edited for publishing in the Tribal Observer.)

I would like to start this essay by holding a moment of silence for of all the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG), many of whom have never been found nor their murderers pursued. These women and girls have never been treated with dignity or respect by law enforcement or politicians.

American society, no matter their ethnicity, should hold law enforcement and politicians accountable, so they provide resources and funding to create solutions and protect vulnerable Native women and girls just like they would if these were Caucasian women from the suburbs.

MMIWG is a human rights crisis because of racism, indifference, colonialism, and genocide; American and Canadian governments must take action to end it.

Native American women are far more likely than other ethnicities to be victims of crime, which Amnesty International has classified as "a national human rights

crisis." The troubling situation is not the result of Native-on-Native crime; in fact, research shows that 95 percent of cases involving violence against Native women had a non-Native offender¹. This displays how Native women are sought out by non-Natives because of their ethnicity.

Furthermore, violence against women is a reality most Native women are exposed to as four out of five Native American women experience violence in their lifetime². Indigenous women have been targeted for violence by whites since colonialization to destabilize Native nations, since women held important roles in Native American society.

MMIWG is the product of racism and genocide that has been happening to Native Americans since contact with European colonists. This proves that racism against Native Americans is continuing issue and has led to a human rights crisis. All people must be treated equally, so this type of human rights situation never happens again.

Inaccurate media depictions, indifference, and bias are major causations to the MMIWG crisis. An extremely limited amount of MMIWG cases, a measly 5 percent, are covered in American media³. Often when MMIWG cases are covered, the women are portrayed in a negative way, dehumanized for having criminal

records. The indifference showed to Native Americans in media highlights the fact Natives are not thought as worthy of protection by white American society.

Native culture was the target of eradication by genocidal colonialists to exploit Native lands, resources, and control indigenous peoples⁴. An example of unfair treatment by media is the Disney film "Pocahontas," something all Americans are familiar with, but the truth about her has never been portrayed correctly in media. Pocahontas is considered a stolen sister by Indigenous people because Pocahontas was kidnapped from her tribe, raped, forced into marriage, and had her name changed⁵.

The film shows her falling in love with a noble white man and being rescued from her savage father, when she was really a victim of sex trafficking. Pocahontas' story shows how history can be manipulated and whitewashed by media for profit, which contributes to Native culture being seen as inferior by sexualizing Native women and depicting them as trophies to be taken.

Ignorance and whitewashing are not the only causes for MMIWG, the incompetence and neglect of law enforcement, people who are sworn to protect citizens of their country, is a somber and disappointing reality that exponentially aggravates the

MMIWG crisis. Law enforcement agencies often misidentify Native women or do not classify them at all, and these exclusions mean MMIWG cases are much higher than statistics show.

The federal government declined to prosecute 65.2 percent of cases involving sexual violence against Native women⁶. State law enforcement is no better. In Kake, Alaska, a judge recounts: "The police sometimes take days or weeks to arrive. However, if you shoot a moose outside of moose season, a state trooper will knock on your door within [two] hours and break it down if you do not answer"⁷. Law enforcement are considered heroes in mainstream society, but there is nothing heroic about responding to a dead animal quicker than a human being.

The United States Supreme Court has stated that Native American nations are dependent upon the Federal Government, which establishes the U.S. government's responsibility to protect Indigenous women and children.

Solutions to the MMIWG problem begin with American and Canadian officials admitting the genocide of American Indians, media allowing Natives to have a voice in describing this crisis, and at the very least, creating a MMIWG database. Government officials must accept responsibility that policies have created a generational trauma of inferiority, which leads to a lack of participation in academics and causes addiction and violence, propelling the propaganda that Natives are worthless.

Hope is on the horizon; America has appointed the first Native American woman Deb Haaland to Secretary of the Interior, who announced the creation of the Missing & Murdered Unit (MMU) to collect data on MMIWG and assist on active cases and long forgotten cold cases⁸. This shows positive steps in the right direction.

My fellow Anishinaabe, this is how our women and children will be treated by law enforcement and society if we do not empower our children and each other. To protect our daughters, sisters, mothers, and aunts, we must arm our community with knowledge and education. We have not been as severely affected by this like other Indigenous peoples because we have wealth, positive standing in the community, and influence. We must encourage our children to seek education and be police officers, lawyers, and doctors, so that we are always visible and have voices to speak for us.

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- Sessions: Ojibway Ballroom




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Anishinaabemowin WORD SEARCH

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

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Word Bank

- Zis-baak-da-kaa-neng
- Ninaatigo-Ziiwaakmide
- Ni-naa-ti-go-kan
- Giizh-kaan-dak
- Ni-naa-tig
- Daa-jii-yan
- Aa-doo-bii-wok
- Zis-baak-da-boo
- Ki-kook
- Tkaa-mde

Across

- 3: They are collecting (sap)
- 6: Maple sugar camp
- 7: Maple tree
- 8: Cedar bough
- 9: It is simmering/low boil
- 10: Stir it

Down

- 1: Maple sap
- 2: Maple syrup
- 4: Pails
- 5: Maple sugar bush

Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

- Answers**
- 1. Maple sap (ziisbaakdaaboo)
 - 2. Maple syrup (ninaatigoziiwaakmide)
 - 3. They are collecting (sap) (aadoobiiwok)
 - 4. Pails (kikook)
 - 5. Maple sugar bush (ninaatigokan)
 - 6. Maple sugar camp (ziisbaakdaakaanen)
 - 7. Maple tree (ninaatig)
 - 8. Cedar bough (gizhkaandak)
 - 9. It is simmering/low boil (tkaamde)
 - 10. Stir it (daajiiyan)



Soaring Eagle sees Vanilla Ice, DJ Jazzy Jeff, and more for “Still in Love with the 90s” tour

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

“Still in Love with the 90s” tour brought on a night of nostalgia featuring Vanilla Ice, Rob Base, Tone Lōc, Slick Rick and the Magnificent DJ Jazzy Jeff in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall on Feb. 4.

The Friday evening show kicked off at 8 p.m.

Rapper Vanilla Ice, turned actor and television host, headlined the show with roughly a one-hour show beginning after 10:30 p.m.

Robert Matthew Van Winkle, known professionally as Vanilla Ice, described his love for the ‘90s mentioning cassette tapes and dance moves from the era.

His set included the Kaskade cover “Ice,” and “Ninja Rap,” “Freestyle,” the Wild Cherry cover “Play That Funky Music” and, of course, his best-known hit “Ice Ice Baby” (1990), which was the

first hip-hop single to top the Billboard charts.

For the performance of the smash “Ice Ice Baby,” Vanilla Ice brought an abundance of people on stage with him to dance and “party like it’s the ‘90s.”

DJ Jazzy Jeff is best known for the turntables and his role as Jazz on the sitcom “The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air.”

DJ Jazzy Jeff performed a 20-minute set mixed with hits including “Summertime,” Ginuwine’s hit “Pony,” songs from The Jacksons, “Eye of the Tiger” by Survivor, LL Cool J’s “Mama Said Knock You Out,” and the theme song to “The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air.” He kept the audience on their feet and dancing.

Hip-hop artist Rob Base also performed for 20 minutes. Rob Base was part of



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Vanilla Ice performs as headliner of the “Still in Love with the 90s” tour at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Friday, Feb. 4.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

DJ Jazzy Jeff, turntable master, keeps the hits spinning during his 20-minute set.

the American hip-hop duo with DJ E-Z Rock (deceased, 2014) from Harlem, New York City.

Rob Base performed “Joy and Pain,” “The Roof Is on Fire” (a Rock Master Scott and The Dynamic Three cover) and his most well-known song, “It Takes Two” (1998), a Top 40 hit that achieved certified platinum status.

Tone Lōc also performed a 20-minute set which included his hits “Wild Thing” and

“Funky Cold Medina,” which was nominated for a Grammy Award. Tone Lōc is known for his raspy voice and for rapping, acting and producing.

Slick Rick opened the show at 8 p.m. He is largely known for his story raps, such as in “Children’s Story” and “La Di Da Di.” Slick Rick rose to fame with Doug E. Fresh & the Get Fresh Crew in the mid-1980s.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Rapper Rob Base interacts with the crowd.

Air Supply brings 45th anniversary tour to SECR with special guest Orleans

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted classic rockers Air Supply and Orleans on Jan. 21. The concert was part of Air Supply’s 45th anniversary “Lost in Love Experience Tour.”

Air Supply began with “Sweet Dreams,” “Even the Nights Are Better” and “Just as I Am.”

Air Supply’s Graham Russell and Russell Hitchcock were in top form, while treating fans to a number of their most popular hits including “Every Woman in the World,” “Here I Am,” “Chances” and “Two Less Lonely People in the World.”

A highlight of the night featured the duo of number one hit singles “The One That You Love” and “Lost in Love.” The songs were followed by the

equally popular “Making Love Out of Nothing at All.”

To end the night, Air Supply played a cover of Badfinger’s “Without You” followed by the timeless ballad “All Out of Love.”

Opening the night for Air Supply was American pop rockers Orleans.

The music fittingly began with “Let There Be Music,” followed by “Dance With Me” and “Spring Fever.”

The groovy back bass riffs of “Alone Too Long” led into the hit songs “Dancing in the Moonlight” and “If We Never Meet Again.”

The upbeat melody of “Miss Grace” was followed by the hit songs “Reach” and “Love Takes Time.”

To end their set, Orleans performed “Juliet” and the up-tempo love song “Still the One.”

For more information on upcoming shows, please visit the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort website at www.soaringeaglecasino.com.



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Air Supply members Graham Russell (left) and Russell Hitchcock (right) perform “Even the Nights Are Better” during their Jan. 21 concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.



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Orleans bassist Lance Hoppen



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Members of Orleans, led by founding member John Hall (left), perform “Dance With Me.”

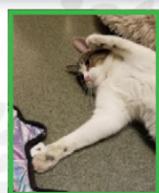


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Kevin

Kevin is about 10 months old and a male Domestic Shorthair mix. Kevin loves making new friends. He spends his days at HATS wrestling really hard until he gets tired out and then it becomes snuggle time for him. If you wouldn’t mind a cuddly friend with some energy to burn, ask the HATS staff about Kevin. He has been with HATS since July 2021.



Miso

Miso is a 3-year-old female American Pit Bull mix. Miso has the cutest ears; always one up, the other flopped down. She loves to go for car rides. She walks well on-leash but could improve with more consistency. She will take off chasing after a squirrel or a small dog, so her owner will need to be proactive and keep her away from small critters. She would prefer not to share the spotlight in her new home.

Humane Animal Treatment Society

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

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





April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

JULIE PEGO

Child Welfare
Prevention Specialist

Ngodewaangiziwin “Helping Our Families” Prevention Program will be providing outreach events throughout the month of April in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The outreach events will include a lunch and learn, interactive station events with door prizes, Wear Blue Day event with a drawing and a burrito fundraiser. This will start on April 1 and will run through April 30. We will be sending out flyers for each event in the near future.

Ngodewaangiziwin has various parenting classes available. These classes are available for new parents, parents with toddlers or teens, guardians, and any community member that works with youth.

Infants, Toddlers and Caregivers. This class will teach the early childhood caregiver how to use play and

exploration to develop motor skills, perception, cognition, language and social skills in young children.

Parenting Ages 1-4. Some topics covered are stages of growth and development, learning about parenting styles, keeping their child safe, safety proofing their home, building a bond with your child, self-and home activities.

Active Parenting ages 5-12 years old. Some of the topics covered include building your child’s character, cooperation and communication, bedtime routines, building responsibility into your child, building courage and self-esteem, understanding and redirecting misbehavior, active parenting for school success, and talking with your children about tobacco, alcohol and other drugs.

Active Parenting of Teens. Some topics covered are the purpose of parenting, qualities and skills for teens to be successful adults, relationship with your teen, mutual respect, task of adolescence, communication and cooperation,

looking at problems as a gift, teaching your teenager a new life skill, responsibility and discipline, building courage and redirecting misbehavior, reducing the risk of drugs, sexuality and violence, and teaching your teen to set goals.

Teens in Action. Some topics covered are teaching a teenager that choices and character matters, cooperation and communication, self-esteem, responsibility and discipline, building courage and self-esteem, calmly managing a crisis, resisting peer pressure, reducing the risk of drugs, sexuality and violence, and bullying.

Addressing Family Violence and Abuse is a new class available for those that have experienced family violence and abuse in their life and families. This course teaches new dynamics for the family’s to heal through Native American teachings. Families will be able to recognize abuse, and prevent it, thereby breaking the cycle of violence and strengthening families.

Positive Indian Parenting (PIP) is being reintroduced to the community and will kick off on March 18, 2022. Positive Indian Parenting is an eight-week course that focuses on providing Native parents with skills to teach their children living and social skills through Native American traditions.

Financial Skills for Native Teens will begin in April 2022 and is available to teens. We will include items the youth will be able to purchase with make-believe money and earn this money by attending each course of the financial training.

E’gaa chiinhjik (Little Ones) is an eight-week program for children 6-11 years of age. This program is targeting youth at an early age to teach them traditional culture activities, social skills, communication skills, focus and self-control, taking on challenges and getting them ready for the next age group programs.

The program will be each Tuesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. held at the Family Resource and Support Center. There are 20

spots available and the children in attendance will be divided into age appropriate groups. We have some great lessons and fun adventures planned for these lucky kiddos!

Below is the E’gaa chiinhjik (Little Ones) schedule:

- **April 5:** Medicine Wheel Teaching, Smudging, Craft and Handprint project
- **April 12:** Ribbon Shirt or Ribbon Skirt
- **April 19:** Bead Craft Night
- **April 26:** Storytelling
- **May 3:** Lacrosse Project
- **May 10:** Identifying plants and medicines by their Ojibwe names
- **May 17:** Copper Bowl for the Feast
- **May 24:** Traditional foods

We will be sending out a flyer in March, but if you have any questions, call ACFS at **989-775-4901**.

Ngodewaangiziwin is committed to providing resources that will empower families to live a mino-bimaadiziwin (good life).

Nimkee Fitness Center March spotlight: Leo Pego

Each month this year, Nimkee Fitness would like to recognize a member who has been a shining example for us all. Next up for the month of March is Leo Pego.

Living a healthy lifestyle has always been important to Leo. In eighth grade, he was introduced to wrestling which would eventually lead him to coach for 18 more years. Leo suffered a knee injury which he still has challenges with. He decided it was time to take a break from the wrestling program, and that was when Nimkee began to play a major role in his life.

Leo was dedicated to coming in and getting his workouts through step aerobics,

cardio kickboxing and jogging around the Rez.

Leo had another setback when he fell off a step-up box and twisted his ankle. Not realizing, he came back too early from his injury which, ultimately, hurt him more.

“I look 2.5 years off which was the biggest mistake I ever made,” Leo said. “I kept telling myself I would come in tomorrow, but I never did. It’s like I gave up on everything. My self-esteem was shot, and it took about everybody in here to bump me back up to keep me going in this direction. Right now, I still need a little boost and I think we all do in a certain way.”

When Leo restarted his health journey with some guidance, base cardio training and full body strength training were the focus.

Leo has rheumatoid arthritis and gout, and sometimes feels slowed, but he is still committed and dedicated to showing up five times a week. The combination of strength and cardio training has been the big factor to keep his body going and having pain at a minimum.

When we asked Leo what he would say to motivate

someone else from his experiences, he said, “Once you come in that door, don’t turn around and be intimidated. If you’ve never done it before, don’t be afraid to ask questions. There’s some great equipment and trainers willing to help. Start off slow, and you don’t have to copy someone else. I fed off a lot on people because it’s a motivator to see other people in here. If you can come, dedicate yourself, start off slow and ask questions, you’re going to be okay.”



Courtesy photo

Leo Pego

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Child Abuse Prevention Month

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Location: ACFS

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Tribal Council meets with CMU representatives



Observer photos by Matthew Wright

Members of Tribal Council meet and exchange gifts with representatives from Central Michigan University on Friday Feb. 11. (Left to right: Council Member Luke Sprague, CMU Athletic Director Amy Folan, CMU Chief Diversity Officer Shawna Patterson-Stephens, Council Member Mary Quigno, CMU President Robert O. Davies, Chief Theresa Jackson, Sub-Chief Jennifer L. Wassegijig, Treasurer Gayle Ruhl, Council Member Samantha Chippeway and Council Member Frank J. Cloutier)





MARCH 2022 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Project Venture Afterschool Meetings

Every Wednesday in March | 3:30 - 5 p.m.

- ACFS - Project Venture Kids' Office
- 989-775-5804 or DWinn@sagchip.org
- March 2: Financial skills session for Tribal youth
- March 9: Compassion to give back
- March 16: Talking circle with teen group
- March 23: Fitness exercises and nutrition
- March 30: Spark a working heart

Powwow Dancers at CMU Halftime Shows

March 1, 2 | 7 p.m.

- McGuirk Arena
- 989-775-4059
- Powwow dance demonstration during CMU Men's and Women's Basketball halftime shows

Tribal Library author visit with Howard Webkamigad

March 3 | 12 p.m.

- Virtual via Zoom
- AHeidemann@sagchip.org or 989-775-4519
- Author of Ottawa Stories from the Springs: anishinaabe dibaadjimowinan wodi gaa binjibaamigak wodi mookodjiwong e zhinikaadeke.
- Register online: https://events.zoom.us/j/AN-mxr7p_3aMazMrTD3h0PuhofJjA7iQ-fJL_LVXt0PQLURCJzCVnl7akVB3YayMhhhG7jI

COVID-19 & Flu Vaccinations Walk-In Clinics

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 1 - 6 p.m.

- Nimkee Public Health
- For ages five and older
- Please bring your vaccination card with you.

March 7 | 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- SECR Entertainment Hall
- For ages 12 and older

Youth Council Lunch Fundraiser

March 12 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- 7th Generation Ceremony Building
- YouthCouncil@sagchip.org
- Menu: Indian tacos, blanket dogs, fry bread and soups
- A drive thru option will also be available
- Find the Joker 50/50 sale
- Funds will be going towards the Youth Council UNITY travel in July
- Bead and Powwow Supply will be inside for sales

Annual Recreation Luau

March 14 | 6 - 8 p.m.

- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Banquet Room
- Recreation@sagchip.org
- Food, games and prizes: limbo contest, musical chairs, hula hoop contest, luau-themed dinner

Master Rain Gardener

March 17, 34, 31 & April 14, 28 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- 989.775.4467 or MMcCreery@sagchip.org
- Learn how to build a rain garden, then design your own.

33rd CMU annual Celebrating Life Powwow

March 19 -20 | Doors open at 11 a.m.

- McGuirk Arena
- Saturday Grand Entry: 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- Sunday Grand Entry: 12 p.m.

National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week "Shatter the Myths" Car Bingo

March 23 | 5:30 - 8 p.m.

- 7th Generation
- 989-775-4882 or cmandoka@sagchip.org
- Limited seating available in the ceremony building for elders, or those who do not have access to a vehicle.
- Event will happen rain or shine

Asini Waakaa'inan - Stone House

March 25 | 6 - 8 p.m.

March 26 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 2 - 4 p.m.

- Ziibiwing Big Discussion Room
- 989-775-4751 or MLHadden@sagchip.org
- Attention: Descendants of Maria and Moses Pelcher. The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Historic Preservation Office is gathering information of family memories for the Asini Waakaa'igan- Stone House Oral History Project. This project will assist in the development of an application to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) for the Asini Waakaa'igan- Stone House. A listing in the NRHP provides recognition as part of a federal list of properties across the country evaluated against a standard criteria as important to the nation's heritage.

Youth Council Breakfast Fundraiser

April 9 | 8 - 11 a.m. (or until gone)

- 7th Generation Ceremony Building
- YouthCouncil@sagchip.org

Easter Dinner

April 17 | 4 - 6 p.m.

- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- 989-775-4063
- Open to Tribal community

Community Lunch & Learns

Every Wednesday in March

- 11:45 - 12:10 p.m.: Lunch pickups at Behavioral Health door number 4
- 12:15 - 1 p.m.: Zoom meeting event
- ChOsawabine@sagchip.org or 989-775-4818
- Zoom meeting ID: 944 4455 7275
- Passcode: Prevention
- Event is open to community members and employees
- We will be serving 25 lunches, first come bases

MARCH 2022 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling ● Waste Collection* <p><small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small></p>	1 Drums Out 6 - 8 p.m. 7th Gen	2 Youth Council Meeting 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Traditional Cooking Workshop 3:30 - 5 p.m. 7th Gen	3 Sacred Fire 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. 7th Gen Peer 360 Recovery Meeting 6 - 7:30 p.m. B. Health Community Sewing Nights 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen	4 Peer 360 Recovery Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. B. Health	5 6
7 Tribal Library Visit: Rep Sharice Davids 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Zoom	8 SCTC Pathway Program 3:30- 5 p.m. SCTC Drums Out 6 - 8 p.m. 7th Gen	9 Tribal Library Program: Jonathan Thunder 12 -1 p.m. Zoom Youth Council Meeting 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Tribal Gym	10 Soup Day 12 p.m. Saganing Sacred Fire Lunch 12 - 1 p.m. 7th Gen Peer 360 Recovery Meeting 6 - 7:30 p.m. B. Health Community Sewing Nights 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen	11 Peer 360 Recovery Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. B. Health Pancake Fundraiser 8 - 11 a.m. 7th Gen	12 13
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Tribal Operations

Chief Financial Officer

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting or related field. Ten years in depth an experience in financial management with increasing responsibilities for multi-faceted direction and planning required. Five years' experience as a CFO or controller/comptroller, preferably in a government or nonprofit organization. Five years' experience with casino accounting and financial reporting in a tribal organization preferred. Certified Public Accountant. Masters of Business Administration preferred.

Victim Services Coordinator

Open to the public. Master's degree in social work, counseling, or human services related field. Four years of program related experience, two years experience in domestic violence. One year of supervisory experience. Knowledge and experience with grant writing and reporting is preferred. Experience with victimization concerning domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking crimes. Must have flexibility in daily routine and be available for after-hour consults with various tribal agencies and local hospitals. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple organizations and community systems. Excellent computer and communications skills.

AWARE SMHA Project Co-Coordinator

Open to the public. Master's degree in social work, counseling, or human services

related field. One year of experience in mental health services working with children and families of children with severe emotional disturbances, experience in working collaboratively across multiple organizations and community systems. Desired qualifications: Full licensure, experience with Native American traditions and culture. Knowledge and experience with grant writing and reporting.

Medical Clinic Director

Open to the public. Master's degree in a health or administrative field. Five years' experience in an outpatient or clinic setting. Three years in a supervisor capacity. Must be able to promote the vision of the Tribal community as directed by Tribal Council and Tribal Health Board. Ability to obtain HIPAA Certification, Blood Borne Pathogens Certification, BLS Certification and Safety Training within 30 days of hire. Under the supervision of Executive Health director, oversee daily clinical operations and administrative responsibilities for the Medical Clinic following the standards of the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) model of care. Ensure that all patients receive a high quality of health care and staff members receive a high quality of humanity and job satisfaction. All Nimkee staff must adhere to mandated reporting laws.

SCTC Instructional Designer

Open to the public. Master's degree in computer science, educational technology, education or related field. One to three years of experience in the area of instructional design/technology or related field. Demonstrate ability

in two or more of the following specific production areas: multimedia development, software analysis and design, programing for web based environments, technology support or comprehensive instructional design.

Student Support Tutor

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. College level math. Must be able to pass math test with a score of 70 percent or better.

Leadership Apprentice

High school diploma or GED. Must be a SCIT Member. Must have satisfactorily completed 12 credit hours. Must provide documentation of acceptance at an accredited college/university in Michigan.

Human Resources Assistant

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Two years progressive administrative support experience.

HRIS Manager

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in computer science, human resources, business, or related field. Five years HRIS experience. Two years in a supervisory capacity.

Clinical Therapist

Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Full licensure is preferred. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain licensure within two years from date of hire. Excellent computer and communication skills.

Education Director

Open to the public. Master's degree in educational leadership, administration or related field. Five years education administration experience. Three years in a supervisory capacity. Experience with grants and reporting requirements. Knowledge and experience with the Ojibwe language and culture preferred.

Elementary Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education or related field. Master's degree preferred. Experience with current assessment requirements, federal and state standards. Two years teaching experience preferred.

Secondary Language Immersion Specialist

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Associate degree preferred. Must be a fluent Anishinaabe speaker. Two years teaching Anishinaabemowin.

Grant Analyst

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business administration, or related field. One year experience in administration of federal grants and contracts, and grant writing.

Clerical Pool

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

General Labor Pool

Open to SCIT Members only. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must possess sufficient stamina to work under all types of weather conditions including extreme hot/cold and to lift, carry, push, or pull a variety of tools, equipment and materials

Waste Water Operator III

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Five years experience in wastewater/water field or directly related experience in plumbing or mechanical plant operations.

Soaring Eagle

Department Chef

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Four years of upscale, high volume, hotel kitchen experience, or similar restaurant experience. Two years supervisory experience. Formal education in the form of a Culinary degree from an American Culinary Federation (ACF) accredited school may be accepted to satisfy part of the work experience requirement. Must have ability to comprehend house training and pass by 70 percent standardized written culinary competency test and by 80 percent product I.D. and cooking practical test.

Line Server FT

Open to the public. Must be able to work weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Line Server PT

Open to the public. Must be able to work weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Alterations Clerk

Open to the public. One year sewing experience. Experience with regular sewing machines. Experience with sewing functions such as zippers, button holes and some understanding of hemming pants.

Maintenance Worker

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year of experience in a building maintenance, technical, manufacturing or similar position.

Steward PT

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

Painter

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Three years of experience as a commercial painter or five years of experience in a building maintenance environment with a heavy focus on building finish or substrate repairs.

Culinary Supervisor

High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of restaurant or banquet cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility.

Kitchen Equipment Technician

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Three years of experience in commercial food equipment repair.

Guest Room Attendant

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

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.

Massage Therapist

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED.

Line Cook FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility.

F&B Cashier

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

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Inventory Control Driver/Warehouse

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

Bartender FT

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

Bartender PT

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

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.

Sous Chef

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Culinary degree from an ACF accredited school preferred.

Culinary Supervisor

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three

years of restaurant or banquet cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility.

F&B Attendant FT

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

Guest Room Attendant FT

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

Guest Room Attendant PT

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

Laundry Attendant FT

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

F&B Cashier

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. One year cash handling or cashiering experience.

Waitstaff FT

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

Waitstaff PT

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

Beverage Waitstaff FT

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

Beverage Waitstaff PT

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

Finance Cashier FT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. One year cash handling or cashiering experience.

Finance Cashier PT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. One year cash handling or cashiering experience.

Maintenance Worker FT

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

Maintenance Worker PT

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

120 Announcements

Native American Actor Needed

Blush Theater in Alma MI is looking for an actor of Native American heritage, male age 40-65, for Festival of Short Plays. Please call Michelle at 989 466 5861 or reply to blush-theatercompany@gmail.com

Human Resources Satellite Office Hours

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

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Saturday: 6 - 10 p.m.

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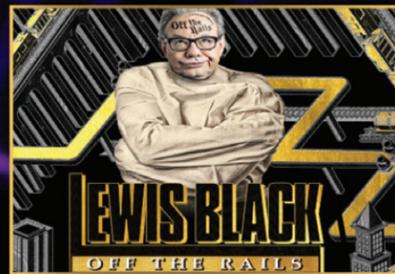


JOEL MCHALE

Friday, March 11 | 8:00PM
Entertainment Hall

Ticket Prices:
\$30, \$42, \$53 & \$59

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LEWIS BLACK

Saturday, April 23 | 8:00PM
Entertainment Hall

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STYX

Saturday, March 19 | 8:00PM
Entertainment Hall

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THERESA CAPUTO

Friday, April 29 | 8:00PM
Entertainment Hall

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Saturday, April 9 | 8:00PM
Entertainment Hall

Ticket Prices:
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Saturday, May 7 | 8:00PM
Entertainment Hall

Ticket Prices:
\$55, \$73, \$86 & \$93

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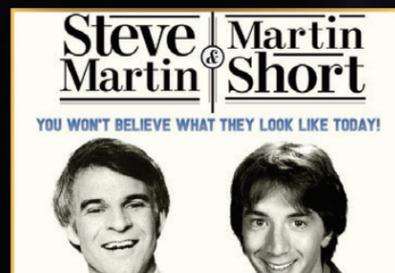


SANTANA

Saturday, April 16 | 8:00PM
Entertainment Hall

Ticket Prices:
\$66.50, \$98.50,
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