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Ribbon cutting ceremony commences sports betting at Ascend Sportsbook in Soaring Eagle

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Public Relations Manager

On April 4, the Soaring Eagle Marketing Department launched a new game as Tribal Council presided over a ribbon cutting ceremony at Ascend Sportsbook – located on the Soaring Eagle gaming floor – to welcome sports betting at Soaring Eagle.

The grand opening of the iGaming sports book began at 4 p.m. with remarks from leaders of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe as well as Soaring Eagle executives.

Chief Theresa Jackson informed those in attendance the Tribe takes great pride in developing business opportunities that can actively engage our customers and sports betting at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort offer that opportunity.

“I’m honored that so many could join our Tribal Council

for this ribbon cutting,” Jackson said. “I would also like to thank Michigan House Representative Matt Hall of the 63rd District who came to take part in this historic occasion. Matt was instrumental by authoring the bill that brought sports betting to Michigan. Our representative from the 99th District, Roger Hauck (R-Mt. Pleasant) supported this important legislation also.”

Kristina Griffus, director of iGaming and Sports Betting Operations told the hundreds in attendance the sports book will be located inside Ascend. The popular casino sports bar offers its guests elevated pub fare along with a wide selection of craft beer, specialty cocktails, ample seating, and large-screen TVs.

“Ascend Sportsbook is the perfect spot,” Griffus said. “It’s a great place to watch a game and it really has all the elements

that make for a great sports book. It’s an energetic game-day atmosphere, has plenty of TVs, and you can’t beat the food and drinks.”

The Saginaw Chippewa Gaming Commissioners were also on site to witness the ribbon cutting with Soaring Eagle CEO Melinda Coffin.

“Soaring Eagle Gaming is excited to announce the roll-out of our online casino and sport wagering platform, Eagle Casino & Sports,” Coffin said. “This amazing platform will feature over 400 slot games, live dealer table game action, traditional table games, and sports betting. We have taken considerable time to ensure we have an offering that is customer centered with a focus on true relationship building wagering. Everyone here is very excited and ready to not only meet but exceed all your gaming experiences.”



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Soaring Eagle gaming representatives and members of Tribal Council hold the ribbon cutting ceremony to launch sports betting at Ascend Sportsbook on April 4.

Raul Venegas, marketing director for the Soaring Eagle, said it was a calculated move to debut the sports betting ribbon cutting during the NCAA National Championship game between the North Carolina Tar Heels and Kansas Jayhawks.

“Having Morris Peterson, Mateen Cleaves and Charlie Bell from the Michigan State’s 2000 NCAA championship team along with fellow ‘Flintstone’ Antonio Smith generated much excitement for our patrons,” Venegas said. “The ribbon cutting also brought several television and radio stations on property to cover the event.”

The Voice of the Great Lakes WJR 760am Detroit joined Bill Simonson of The Huge Show, 94.5 FM The Moose and Z93 The Rock Station were on hand to interview the many special guests and dignitaries at the event.

Venegas said the sports book is part of Soaring Eagle’s state-wide venture into sports betting and iGaming, which will include the Eagle Casino & Sports mobile platform coming later this spring.

Griffus said Eagle Casino & Sports will offer first time registrants their choice between a risk free sports bet up to \$1,000 or a casino match deposit up to \$1,500.

Eagle Casino & Sports is expected to be available in the app store for Android and Apple users by the end of April 2022.

“The wait is finally over! Our loyal guests can continue to engage with Soaring Eagle no matter where they are in Michigan,” Griffus said. “Casino and sports enthusiasts that are 21 and older can access the platform right away

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Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

(Left to right) Former Michigan State University basketball players Antonio Smith, Mateen Cleaves, Morris Peterson and Charlie Bell, and Soaring Eagle Marketing Director Raul Venegas pose for a photo at Ascend Sportsbook.



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Onion Creek Singers perform an honor song during the ceremony.

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New Tribal Court Chief Judge Michelle Horn sworn in April 22

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Public Relations Manager

In our personal and work lives, we grow through experiences. Our new Tribal Court Chief Judge Michelle Horn has been blessed to have a variety of career opportunities that allowed her to view the justice system from vastly different perspectives.

“I have served as a private attorney, prosecutor and court administrator,” Horn said. “As such, I have seen the justice system through the eyes of litigants, victims and court staff. Through all of these experiences, I have learned



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Chief Theresa Jackson (right) administers the April 22 swearing in of Tribal Court Chief Judge Michelle Horn (left).

on all accounts that a successful justice system values equal access, transparency, accountability, fairness consistency,



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Tribal Council members pose for a photo with Tribal Court Chief Judge Michelle Horn (fourth from right) (left to right: Luke Sprague, Diana Quigno-Grundahl, Treasurer Gayle Ruhl, Sub-Chief Jennifer L. Wassegijig, Horn, Chief Theresa Jackson, Secretary Martha Wemigwans, and Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts).

and compassion. I will continue to hold these concepts in high value as I administer justice as the chief judge for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.”

Chief Theresa Jackson presided over Horn’s swearing in ceremonies with Council members on Friday, April 22.

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Charmaine Marjorie "Charmama" Shawana (Benz)

January 9, 1955 – March 29, 2022

Charmaine Marjorie Shawana (born Jan. 9, 1955), Dabesawkwe (Light Rain Woman) began her journey to the Forever Place in the early morning of March 29, 2022. Honoring her Marten Clan responsibilities, Charmaine was a fierce Ogemakwe of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, an inspiration, and a strong role model for so many.



Charmaine was born in Washington, D.C., and was an avid traveler to many states and countries. Her father and mother served in the U.S. Army and experienced the world with their six children. Their travels inspired Charmaine to become a writer, contributing to many creative endeavors.

Charmaine loved her time spent listening to Tribal elders, learning about Tribal history and values, and applied those teachings to her daily life and the raising of her family. She credited her mother, Marjorie Davis Benz, with teaching her the importance of oral history and storytelling. She spoke of her mother often, saying: "She could keep us kids spellbound for hours telling us tales of her younger years."

As a teen, Charmaine blossomed through the art of creative writing. She attended the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in social work from Saginaw Valley State University. Loving to learn, Charmaine earned her master's degree in literature and English from Michigan State University. Her work has been published and presented in multiple prestigious venues. She was the managing editor of Diba Jimooyung (Telling Our Story), the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe's definitive history.

Charmaine was a Midewiwin Ogemakwe, second degree and singer with the Three Fires Midewiwin Society, inspiring many family members and friends to Mino Bimadziwin, (the Good Life), the way of the ancestors. She was devoted to learning Anishinaabemowin, so much so that she moved to Wikwemikong to immerse herself in the language. It was during this time that she met her husband, Zozepe Shawana.

A many-faceted, multi-talented woman, Charmaine has been a critical part of carrying forward her ideals and the teachings she held dear for the advancement of her people. She helped design and develop the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways, proudly served on Tribal Council for multiple terms, repatriated numerous ancestors and their funerary belongings, and was instrumental in establishing the Tribe's Data Governance Board and Data Sovereignty Plan. She served as the director of Ojibwe Substance Abuse and as the Tribe's tribal historic preservation officer.

Charmaine devoted herself to serving the community, and for many years represented her fellow citizens on Tribal Council for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. In her tenure with the Tribe, she served on four Tribal Councils, as treasurer from 2003 – 2005, and as a Council member from 2009-2013.

An entrepreneur, Charmaine owned Anishinaabe Sportswear, a sportswear enterprise that promoted Native pride through wearing our traditional designs, colors and symbols in daily life. Her products featured the work of Anishinaabek artists, including a long-time partnership with David Shananquet-ba. There likely isn't a Native person who doesn't own an Anishinaabe Sportswear T-shirt, or two or three or five.

Charmaine always promoted the beauty of our Tribal traditional arts, clan teachings and the intergenerational sharing of our lifeways. She was integral to many competition and traditional powwows, tirelessly setting up her stand and sharing her love for the beauty of Anishinaabek art. Everything about her work said: "We have always been here... and we aren't going anywhere."

Charmaine is survived by her loving husband Zozepe Shawana; fierce daughters Consuelo (Julian) Gonzalez, Guadalupe (Cheryl) Gonzalez, Monica (Alicia) Gonzalez, Mary (Manuel) Gonzalez, Angela (Luciano) Gonzalez, and Chris Gonzalez; her sister Marcella (Lee) Hadden, devoted brothers Charles N. (Bill) Benz, Carl (Louis) Benz, and Craig (Naonda) Benz; and her fur baby, Sir Elton John. Charmaine's beautiful grandchildren are David (Olivia), Marjorie, Mattea, Mercedes, Kilie (Jesse), Keaghan, Kameryn, Dante, Gabriel and several special extended family members.

Charmaine is preceded in death by her parents, retired Master Sargent Charles Benz and Sargent Marjorie Davis Benz, sister Mercedes Benz, and great-nephews Charles Benz III and Tysen Benz.

Visitation was held at Clark's Family Funeral Chapel on Thursday, March 31, 2022 from 5-7 p.m., followed by Midewiwin Ceremony from 7-9 p.m. led by Bibamkwe. Funeral services were held Friday, April 1, 2022 at 2 p.m. in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Gym, 7070 East Broadway, Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

Memorials in honor of Charmaine's legacy may be made to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org

Her daughters sum up their love and admiration eloquently and show the true measure of this amazing woman. Consuelo recognized Charmaine's indomitable strength and makes a wish for her to know she can rest now; we will all be ok: "May you rest in peace, Momma...I love you." Lupe acknowledged Charmaine's absolute devotion to her girls and the commitment she made to raising them: "All the best parts of me are because of you." Monica's heartfelt tribute is "Thank you for being the mom that you didn't have to be."

Baamaapiik kiwaabamin, Dabesakwe, giizhaagin, pané. (We will see you again, Light Rain Woman, we will love you for all time).

Brenda Rubin

March 22, 2022

Brenda Rubin, 67, of Canton, Mich., died on March 22, 2022.

Brenda was the beloved wife of 45 years of Len Rubin. Cherished mother of Jennifer Rubin and Jessica (Charles) Murphy. Proud Nanny of Ezra Murphy. Loving sister of Sharon Blevins, Warren Stone, Sid Stone, the late Gloria Stone, the late Michael Stone, and the late Dominic Stone. Dear sister-in-law of Gail (Thomas) Roman, Lynda (Charles) Ellis, and Cheryl (George) Waddy. Also survived by her faithful companions, Hugo and Howard, as well as many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



Preceded in death by her father Peter Stone and mother Lillian Stone.

Brenda was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

The memorial service was held at Ira Kaufman Chapel on Monday, March 28 2022 at 11 a.m. Rabbi Joshua Bennett officiated. A Celebration of Life luncheon was held following the service from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti- Eagle Crest where loved ones were encouraged to share stories about Brenda.

It is suggested that those who wish to further honor the memory of Brenda Rubin may do so by making a contribution to:

Angela Hospice 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154 <http://www.angelahospice.org> or National Kidney Foundation 30 East 33rd Street, New York, NY 10016 <https://www.kidney.org/donation>.

Tony Davis

October 22, 1974 – April 25, 2022

Tony Davis, of Flint, age 47, died Monday, April 25, 2022.

Tony was born in Flint, Mich. on Oct. 22, 1974, the son of Gary and Sherry (Ross) Saunders.

Tony was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe.

Surviving are: children, Anthony and Ava; mother, Sherry (Mike) Saunders; step-mother, Beth Davis; siblings, Timothy (Melissa) Davis, Tara Davis; step-brothers, Gary Gallagher and Troy (Lisa) Saunders; step-sister, Jennifer Saunders; and many nieces and nephews.



He was preceded in death by his father, Gary Davis and brother, Troy Davis.

A memorial service was held 1 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2022 at the Swartz Funeral Home, 1225 West Hill Road, Flint, with Dr. Max B. Hayden officiating. Visitation occurred 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 28 at the funeral home. Cremation has taken place.

Matthew V. Sprague

July 21, 1963 – April 8, 2022

Matthew V. Sprague, age 58, of Mount Pleasant passed away Friday, April 8, 2022, at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Matt was born on July 21, 1963, in Mt. Pleasant, son of Rev. Joseph and Sarah (White-Pigeon) Sprague. He graduated from Flandreau Indian School with the class of 1982.



Matt was a proud member of the Gun Lake Tribe. Matt started with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department, he then went on to work for General Motors as a machine operator for many years. He also spent time with the Soaring Eagle Casino, Andahwod Continuing Care and Elder Services, Housing Security, and the Soaring Eagle Waterpark.

Matt loved hunting, fishing, cooking, watching movies, driving to other towns with friends to eat and visit family and friends. He especially loved having adventures with his grandchildren and shopping at Target with his granddaughter, Bree.

Matt is survived by his sons, Matthew "Cub" (Andre'a Ritter) Sprague and Lucas "Luke" (Kristy Navarro) Sprague; daughter, Kaylene (Ryan Chippewa) Delfel; grandchildren, Bree, Jett, Ayla, Anthony, Leylahni, Malakaih, Adailia, and Anakin; siblings, George Sprague, Joanne "Jumbo" Peters, Henry "Hank" (Sue) Sprague, and Marion "Sput" (Andy) Falcon; best friend: Jeremy "Worm" Sawmick; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Matthew was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Lewis Sprague, Joseph "Little Joe" Sprague Jr., Randy "Slug" Sprague, Alberta "Birdie" Popma, Linda Shomin, and Timothy "Muff" Sprague; nieces, Sarah Jo "Sass" Shomin, Catherine "Cat" Sprague, and Christina "Skip" Shomin.

Funeral services were held at the Tribal Gym on Tuesday, April 12, at 1 p.m. with Rev. Todd Williamson officiating. Interment followed in Chippewa Township Cemetery. A luncheon took place back at the Gym following the Committal Service. The family received friends at the residence, 3877 Miigwan Lane, Mt. Pleasant, from Saturday evening until the time of the service on Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum.

Public notice of unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members

The following is a list of unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members. Any person who has been court appointed as the member's Personal Representative of the Estate can contact the Per Capita Office to claim the funds. All monies must be claimed within 2 years from their date of death, or such monies will be forfeited and returned to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Per Capita Trust.

Tribal Member Name	Date of Death
Bailey, Robert Harold	01/13/2022
Bouck, William Gordon	01/27/2022
Chippewa, Ryan Douglas	07/05/2021
Coleman, Lisa Renee	01/30/2022
Conway, Mariah	10/10/2020
Cyr Sr, Norman Joseph	10/26/2021
Davis, Adelaide Darlene	10/17/2020
Davis, Gary Lee	02/11/2021
Davis, Terry Lynn	10/09/2021
Hall Jr, Foster Edward	11/21/2021
Hansen, Le Etta	09/05/2021
Holbrook, Tammie Carlene	12/24/2021
Hoon, Virginia Mae	11/07/2021
Jackson, Clara Elizabeth	02/01/2022
Kellogg, Laura Levone	03/06/2022
Lautner, Toby Joe	03/17/2021
Maki, Terry Lee	02/23/2022
Mcdonald, James Allan	10/08/2020
Moses Jr, Garland Roy	11/26/2021
Nahgahgwon Jr, Lawrence	06/12/2021
Nelson, Phillip Louis	01/27/2022
Pamp, Matthew John	10/15/2021
Pamp, Shane Leonard	10/10/2021
Pamp Cooker, Betsy Lynn	11/24/2021
Perez, Nicki	01/10/2021
Romer, Doris Fay	08/14/2020
Rubin, Ann Margaret	12/07/2021
Rubin, Theresa Ann	01/09/2021
Rueckert Sr, Dolly Ann	12/02/2020
Seger, Beatrice	11/11/2020
Shambo, Jeannette Marie	04/21/2021
Smith, Jesse Davis	02/25/2022
Snowden, JD W	11/30/2021
Sprague, Jeffrey Charles	10/04/2020
Stevens, Paul Leroy	11/20/2020
Stone, Domonic Ambrose	01/04/2022
Verga Sr, Lawrence David	12/17/2021
Weaver, Laura Beth	12/13/2021
Witting, Anikka	12/09/2020



SCIT Powwow Committee

RAFFLE

Drawing: Sunday, June 26, 2022
2 p.m. | At Saganing Traditional Powwow

Raffle Prize:
PlayStation 5 with Controller & Headset

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

Please contact powwow committee members for tickets: Darcy Pilar, Lori Nahdee, Elizabeth Chivis, Courtney Kahgegab, Chloe Wemigwans, Elizabeth Smith, Noelle Wells, Jackie Mannie, Carla Bennett, Nodin Jackson, Dan Jackson or Barb Sprague.

**All proceeds will benefit the Saginaw Chippewa and Saganing Powwows*

For more information: Powwowcommittee@sagchip.org

Youth Council Vacancies

Advisors needed
(male or female)

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

• **For more information:**
www.sagchip.org/youthcouncil






Attention Tribal Members
Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings
are 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

- May 3 • June 7 • July 5

Increased voting boundaries of District 1

Ordinance 4 Amendment

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

Any questions, please contact the Tribal Clerk's office at 989-775-4051.

Tribal Observer Graduate Photos

Please submit information to Observer@Sagchip.org

<p>College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate's name • School • Field of Study 	<p>High School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate's name • School
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Deadline: May 17, 2022

Kina gda gindaasomi, kina gda zhibiigemi:
 WE ALL READ, WE ALL WRITE

Attention SCTC students, staff and faculty

You are invited to take part in Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's first anthology made possible by the Kina Gda Gindaasomi, Kina Gda Zhibiigemi: We All Read, We All Write grant project, funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services.

- We are asking SCTC students, instructors, and professors to contribute treasured poems, short stories, and illustrations.
- You are encouraged to participate and be a part of SCTC's first of many literary collections that will be passed down for generations to come.
- There will be free resources to edit, collaborate, and design your own special place in this compilation.

For more information, and to submit your creative work, please contact:

Anne Heidemann | 989-317-4789 | AHeidemann@sagchip.org



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

Food Vendors Needed

Limited space available for food vendors during Soaring Eagle's Summer Outdoor Concert Series!

- ▶ Must have ServSafe training/certificate.
- ▶ Tribal Members, for complete details, please contact Consuelo Gonzalez at 989-775-0096 or email cgonzalez@sagchip.org



YOU CAN HELP FAMILIES FLEEING UKRAINE

Millions of people — mostly women and children have been forced to flee Ukraine. They are sheltering in underground train stations, walking hundreds of miles and leaving behind everything they've ever known. UNHCR is on the ground scaling its response to provide assistance and ensure those displaced find safety in welcoming arms in the moment of crisis.

Your compassionate support can help provide emergency supplies, lifesaving care and protection the moment families in Ukraine are forced to flee for their lives. You will help children, women and men displaced by violence in Ukraine know they are not alone at the most devastating moment of their lives.

Team Members can donate to help the refugee relief efforts in Ukraine. Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to go to the UNHCR donation page.



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ZIIBIWING CENTER

of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways

Board of Directors Vacancies

Attention Tribal Members:

The Ziibiwing Center is seeking interested individuals to serve on its Board of Directors.

The Ziibiwing Center is a distinctive treasure created to provide an enriched, diversified and culturally relevant educational experience. This promotes the society's belief that the culture, diversity and spirit of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and other Great Lakes Anishinabek must be recognized, perpetuated, communicated and supported.

Interested committee members need to:

- Meet once a month, on a Wednesday from 2 - 3 p.m.
- Implement the ZCS's purpose to enlighten and educate tribal and community members and all other people of the world to the culture, heritage, history and goals of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

For more information, please contact and send letters of interest to:

William Johnson, Interim Director

- **Email:** WJohnson@sagchip.org
- **Phone:** 989.775.4730
- **Mail:** ZC Board of Directors Committee
 c/o William Johnson
 6650 E. Broadway
 Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858



Tribal Membership Rotation Positions

These positions will be rotated around the following departments:

▶ Bingo	▶ Hotel	▶ EVS Facilities
▶ Finance	▶ Security	▶ Guest Experience
▶ Slots	▶ Marketing	▶ Inventory Control
▶ F & B	▶ Table Games	

Open to SCIT Tribal Members:

- **Applications available at:** www.sagchip.org/careers
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Four spots available for this pilot program.
- Learn line level skills in order to be a successful employee.
- Discover which department is the best fit.

For more information, please contact:
Human Resources 989.775.5600



ZIIBIWING CENTER

of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways

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

Michigan Indian Day — Sept. 23, 2022

New Research Center Hours:
Beginning Monday, March 21, 2022
 Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Tribal Council

- Chief**
Theresa Jackson | District One
- Sub-Chief**
Jennifer L. Wassegijig | District One
- Treasurer**
Gayle Ruhl | District One
- Secretary**
Martha Wemigwans | District One
- Sergeant-at-Arms**
David Merrill Jr. | District One
- Chaplain**
Alice Jo Ricketts | District One
- Council Member**
Diana Quigno-Grundahl | District One
- 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



Friday, June 24, 2022
Tee time: 10 a.m. shotgun start

Pine River Golf Club

2244 Pine River Rd., Standish, MI 48658

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

Sponsors:

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

For more information, please contact:

Darcy Pilar at DaPilar@sagchip.org or 989.775.4141

All proceeds benefit the 2022 Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow

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



Please direct all questions to Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Committee

989.775.4000 | powwowcommittee@sagchip.org

2022 Annual Reports are due this month

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

The Seven Grandfather TEACHINGS

Nbookaawin – Wisdom

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

Zaagidowin – Love

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

Minaadendamooing – Respect

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

Zoongide'ewin – Bravery

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

Gwekwadiziwin – Honesty

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

Dibaadendiziwin – Humility

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

Debwewin – Truth

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



34th Annual

Michigan Indian

Family Olympics

Friday, July 22, 2022

CMU's Bennett Track & Field

Registration opens: May 9
www.sagchip.org/mifo/

**More information to come on the option to participate remotely in your community.*

For more information, please contact:
Jaden Harman at 989.775.4694

June Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits

Deadline: Friday, May 6, 2022 by 5 p.m.

Available now

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
- The Tribal Clerk's office must have the original form

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

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.

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Sasiwaans Immersion School Open Enrollment

2022-2023 School Year

Sasiwaans is accepting applications Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 8 a.m.

Sasiwaans has three Immersion Classrooms for 2, 3, and 4 year olds. Enrolling a child in Sasiwaans is a conscious choice for your child to learn Anishinaabe Language. There are requirements for parental/caregiver language learning also. Only complete applications will be accepted.

The following must be submitted with your application to be complete:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Card
- Social Security Card
- Insurance Card
- Tribal Affiliation Documents
- School Physical & Dental Exams
- \$100 non-refundable application fee

Beginning May 24, you may obtain an enrollment form from:

- **Sasiwaans Immersion School:**
7178 Ogemaw Dr., Mt. Pleasant MI 48858
- **Online at:** <https://www.sagchipschool.net>

Applications are accepted on a first come basis

Students must be 2 by Sept. 1, 2022

For more information, please call:
Sasiwaans: 989-775-4470 | ALRD: 989-775-4026

Sasiwaans SUMMER PROGRAM

The summer program is a five week program for all currently enrolled students.

Programming will run Monday - Friday:
• Week 1, 2: TBD • Week 3, 4, 5: TBD

Registration will begin: Monday, May 2 - Friday, June 3

- Registration form is attached.
- Additional forms may be picked up at Sasiwaans front office or by calling Rhonda at 989-775-4470.
- There will be a \$50 non-refundable registration fee that is due at the time of registration.
- School year meal account balances must be paid.
- Meal costs remain the same \$4.25 a day.

For more information, please call:
Sasiwaans: 989-775-4470 | ALRD: 989-775-4026

COVID-19 & Flu Vaccination Walk-In Clinics

Every Wednesday in May
12 - 5 p.m. | Nimkee Public Health
For ages 5 and older

Vaccines available:

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

NIIBING Program 2022

June 20 - July 21, 2022

- ▶ **When:** Monday - Thursday, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- ▶ **Who:** Students who are currently in grades K-5
- ▶ **Where:** Saginaw Chippewa Academy
- ▶ **Cost:** \$50

Registration packets/invoices:
Available at the Education Administration Office

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

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Tribal Business Regulations & Tax Department Announcement

PLEASE NOTE: Our office will be going green in the near future, and an email address will be required in order to receive any notices from the Business Regulations Department. When visiting our office please provide a valid email address for future mailings.

For questions, contact Business Regulations staff:

- **Chris:** 989-775-4105
- **Rosanna:** 989-775-4109
- **Latasha:** 989-775-4175

Public Hearing Announcement

The NEMCSA – Region 9 Area Agency on Aging will conduct two public hearings on its proposed Multi-Year Implementation Plan for Fiscal Years 2023-2025. The plan will outline the use of funds and provision of services for older adults under the Older Americans Act, for the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon.

The hearings are scheduled as follows:

- **Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 1 p.m.**
at Sunrise Side Senior Services, 131 Clyde, Omer, MI
- **Monday, May 23, 2022 at 1 p.m.**
at NEMCSA, 2569 US-23 South, Alpena, MI

To register, please contact:
Connie at 989-358-4661 or mcquarrie@nemcsa.org

A summary of the plan will be available upon request, 15 days prior to the public hearing. Copies may be obtained by calling 989-358-4661 or online at www.nemcsa.org. Written testimony or email will be accepted through June 10, 2022.

Free Virtual Estate Planning Clinic

For Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

May 25, 2022 & June 30, 2022
From 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Michigan Indian Legal Services is offering remote estate planning.

Wills, Powers of Attorney, Patient Advocate Designations, Funeral Representatives, and Lady Bird Deeds.

Please call us at 231-947-0122 to schedule a time for assistance with your estate plan. Clients may also request alternative dates if needed.

Michigan Indian Legal Services | LSC | MICHIGAN STATE BAR FOUNDATION MSBF | ANA Administration for Native Americans

Reservation Household CLEAN UP

Saturday, May 14, 2022
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. | SCA parking lot

- **Accepting normal household items that do not pose a threat to Mother Earth.**
- **Items not accepted:** Tires, refrigerators/freezers, microwave ovens, computers/screens, televisions, oil, paint, chemicals, batteries, cell phones, fluorescent light bulbs, pesticides/herbicides.
- For Tribal Members only, Tribal ID required
- Tribal Police Department will offer a drug take back for unwanted, expired or unused medication
- If you have household electronic waste, you can drop it off at the Isabella County Fairgrounds on May 14 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Contact the Isabella Conservation District at 989-772-9152 for more information.

For more information, please contact:
Housing Department at 989.775.4595

Food Trucks Needed for Drum and Dance Socials

May 10, June 7, July 12 & Aug. 9

- No electricity will be provided
- Must have SCIT License

For more information:
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Behavioral Health, RTC embrace art therapy through beadwork classes

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

Author Oscar Wilde once wrote, "Life imitates art far more than art imitates life." On the Reservation, however, Behavioral Health and their Residential Treatment Center (RTC) have been embracing art therapy through beadwork classes taught by Tribal Council Chaplain and noted Native artist Alice Jo Ricketts.

"As a certified recovery coach, I have seen the healing powers that come into a person's life when they start to nurture their creative side," Ricketts said. "Our Native people have always been known by the woodland beadwork we have done that shows our connection to clan systems and nature."

Ricketts continued, "When the Behavioral Health Program and the RTC clients wanted to learn more on how traditional art therapy can help them with their recovery, I was honored to be a part of that."

Comments have been positive from many of the residents who have been participating in the program that started less than a month ago:

"Beading has taught me patience by allowing me

to give time to myself."

"Beading has helped me become more patient and to learn about my culture. I have started to speak to my elders and traditional people more and have found the beading was always within me."

"Beading has helped me to connect to my culture, my community and the memory of my mother who has walked on. I find myself peacefully relaxed when beading and have found I can create something beautiful by doing something I've never done before."

"Beading is a good way to learn patience. It's a different way to work with your feelings. Like if you mess up, and the more you practice, the more you learn from your mistakes. I never thought I could learn something like that from beading."

Danielle Dahl in her essay "Everyday Power" mentions author Oscar Wilde felt that "Things are because we see them, and what we see, and how we see it, depends on the arts that have influenced



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick
Tribal Council Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts (left) teaches during a Beading to Recovery class at Behavioral Health.



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Behavioral Health and its Residential Treatment Center (RTC) have been embracing art therapy through beadwork classes held on Fridays from 2-4 p.m.

us." His ideas on the subject revolved around the premise that art changes our perception of life.

So when we find beauty in nature, it is because we had an emotional reaction to painting or work of art that we had seen before. Basically, we are reliving the emotions we felt when we looked at those paintings. That would be a

time when life imitates art and not the other way around.

Ricketts has seen the clients change from doing something they thought they couldn't do to being able to make beautiful earrings and beaded medallions.

"It's amazing what a little encouragement can do," she

said. "Just like we learn about our recovery, we have to watch someone who can do it and then we get an idea that maybe we can do it too. I am so proud of them and the blessing that I get to see is when they give what they made with their own hands to a family member. That is truly special."



38th Annual Saginaw Chippewa

POWWOW

July 29, 30 & 31, 2022

Grand Entry

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

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground

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

Hotel Information:

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

Registration:

- Registration closes on Friday at 6:45 p.m. and Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

Vendors:

- Must be approved for set up
- Close date is June 13, 2022
- **Email:** powwowcommittee@sagchip.org
- **Or website for application:**
<http://www.sagchip.org/pow-wow>

Master of Ceremonies: Vince Beyl

Master of Ceremonies: Jason Whitehouse

Arena Directors: RJ Smith & Walker Stonefish

Head Veteran: Raymond Cadotte

Drum Judge: Harvey Dreaver

Male Dance Judge: Joe Syrette

Female Dance Judge: Heather Syrette

Male Head Dancer: Wesley Cleland

Female Head Dancer: Lisa Hill

Host Drum: Smokey Town

Sound provided by: Hoka Sound

Dance Contests:

- **Adults (18+):**
\$1,100 | \$800 | \$600 | \$400
- **Teens (12-17):**
\$400 | \$300 | \$200 | \$125
- **Juniors (6-11):**
\$200 | \$150 | \$125 | \$100

Drum Contest:

\$8,000 | \$6,000 | \$5,000 | \$4,000 | \$3,000

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Michigan State Rep. Matt Hall meets with Tribal Council

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

On April 4, Michigan State Rep. Matt Hall (R-Kalamazoo) met with Chief Theresa Jackson and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council in Council chambers.

“I was grateful for the opportunity to meet with the Tribal leaders while I was there in Mt. Pleasant,” Hall said. “I have a great partnership with the local tribe (Nottawaseppi Band of Huron Potawatomi) in the Battle Creek area and it was nice to see that relationship extended by the Sag Chips.”

Hall continued, “It’s great to hear about the issues they care about not expanding gaming in our state and to respect the tribal compacts as negotiated in the past. It’s great to hear a lot about what the Tribal Council is doing along the area of economic growth in the community and the state.”

Hall remarked it does help him and other legislators when they get direct feedback from tribal leaders and many times it takes the personal visits to their governmental offices and areas of business for that to happen.

“To learn about your culture and about the issues that impact your area, we need to make that investment of coming directly to the tribes in the state,” Hall said.

“In particular, to tour your sports book property and to see how impressive the work your staff has done with the kiosks and the services offered at Ascend. It rivals some of the properties I’ve seen in Vegas and those dollars spent here are dollars that are staying right here in the State of Michigan. I can appreciate that as an economic investment.”

District Three Tribal Council member Frank Cloutier has much experience with the gaming industry through his years of working with National Indian Gaming Association and the Saginaw Chippewa Gaming Commission and informs that was Council’s goal to keep revenue made here in the state.

“This offers us the opportunity to protect the integrity of our client base and build on the relationships with our patrons that we have come to enjoy without sharing their personal information,” Cloutier said. “We can also ensure any conflicts and or disputes will be handled within the confines of our community and not large corporate firms from all over the United States.”

Hall said he was impressed to hear about health and human services and education aspects of the reservation.

“The investment being made in your infrastructure is a great testament to how your Council

is providing important services to its tribal members,” Hall said. “Your tribe is able to provide your members with services that the state doesn’t. Your tribe can also provide those services in the appropriate way that respects your sovereignty, culture and traditions. No one knows better on what your community needs than the members who live here.”

Hall said he looks forward coming back to the area with Rep. Roger Hauck (R-Mt. Pleasant) who speaks fondly of his relationship with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe.

“Your members are fortunate to have an engaged Tribal Council who wants to have a voice at all levels of government,” he said. “As I’ve heard from your leaders, we have reached a saturation point of casinos in the state and finding ways to improve the diversity of gaming offered is a good strategy. As an author of the sports book legislation, I am pleased to see the investment your Council is making and I know it will be successful for Soaring Eagle.”

Hall was clear what he and his fellow legislators in Lansing don’t want to see is gambling parlors on every street in the state.

“It is the plan on what some are proposing but the people in



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Michigan State Rep. Matt Hall (third from right) (R-Kalamazoo) meets with Chief Theresa Jackson and members of Tribal Council in Council chambers on April 4.

Michigan already have access to gaming within a short drive of most people’s homes. It seems our current system is working,” he said. “We have iGaming now which people can utilize and I did play a role on bringing that to Michigan. I believe iGaming will give people increased access and I appreciate the version of the product you just launched recently.”

He stated the first Public Act he got passed as a legislator was the one that legalized sports betting in the State of Michigan.

“I was grateful to be on site for the opening of your (Ascend) Sportsbook and to meet the Flintstones (Michigan State University basketball players Mateen Cleaves, Morris Peterson, Charlie Bell and Antonio Smith),” he said. “It was so cool watching those athletes from Flint 20 years ago

when they won the National Championship with Coach Tom Izzo in 2000. You have a first class operation with great sports book kiosks and Ascend is a nice restaurant to watch a game in.”

PAA colleague Frank Foster came with Rep. Hall and remarked that he is a true sports enthusiast and loved being recognized in Chief Jackson’s opening remarks at the Apr. 4 ribbon cutting.

“I appreciate being able to get the opportunity to be in front of the Council. I have a great respect for what they do on behalf of your nation,” Foster said. “In my district, I had the opportunity to meet and represent three independent nations in northern Michigan (Bay Mills, the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa and the Sault Chippewa Tribe). It’s always an honor to be in front of Council.”

Editorial: The power of water

CHARMAINE SHAWANA

The Tribal Observer would like to honor and remember Tribal Elder Charmaine Shawana by reprinting one of her articles. Charmaine passed away March 29, 2022. A multi-talented woman, Charmaine helped design and develop the Ziibiwing Center, served on Tribal Council for multiple terms, repatriated numerous ancestors and their funerary belongings and served as director of Ojibwe Substance Abuse and as the Tribal historical preservation office.

The following is Charmaine’s article submission to the Tribal Observer from Nov. 16, 2021.

I’ve heard people say there is a spirit in water. The very power of it is intrinsic. It can move mountains, carve the land, carve through solid rock. Literally transform the land. Bring life to dry deserts and change the very planet we live on.

There have also been scientific studies to prove the fact, that water does have a spirit. It certainly has changed and motivated my life. It has only been recently that I came to realize

the power of water and recognized its significance.

As a spiritual person, I have come to recognize the spiritual significance of the water. We take it so for granted. Turn the knob out comes instant water. Ready clean to drink, invisible as to the story of where it came from. The sky, the ground, a lake, a near-by river – ready to be used for any purpose – without question, it comes for human consumption and use.

But only recently in my life have I recognized its power. I was raised as an Army brat. Moving from Army base to

Army base, from all over the U.S. to Germany and France; this was my life. Living in suburbia, I never realized the power that water had on farmland. In my isolation I was fortunate to live the life I did.

In my 30’s, I one day decided to go west from my home in Mount Pleasant. I bought a map (before we had GPS) and decided to drive west until I hit Lake Michigan. Sure I’d been there lots of times before, but I was looking for peace and solitude.

Sitting there by Lake Michigan on the sand, with the sound of waves hitting the shore, I had found something much greater than myself. It gave me great relief to sit in the solitude of the water, the waves, the sun, and the sand. It was magical to me. I felt all my troubles melt away... the squawking of the seagulls kept me company.

I didn’t realize it then but now I know how significant that event was. As my meager life continued, I realized the power of the water on that day. How it calmed me. How it made me realize how very small and ordinary my life had become. Like the millions of grains of sand on a beach, you suddenly realize how very small and insignificant you are. Something greater than you – greater than your very life – created this beautiful scene and you get to witness it firsthand. The power of it brought me to tears.

I let it all out that day. I felt all the hurt and pain in my life melt away. Grief showered me in waves. It was ok; I never felt the cleansing that I did on that day. Since then, I have visited Lake Michigan many times. Whenever I need that cleansing that’s where I go. You should try it sometime.

Are you a Native American adult who went through addiction treatment or recovery in the past two years?
Your experience can create positive change. We want to hear your story!

MPHI is talking with Native Americans living in Michigan to learn about substance use treatment and recovery services. What we learn from interviews will help us recommend ways to improve these services in the future. MPHI is working with Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and Tribal behavioral health programs on this project.

What You Should Know

- The interview is voluntary and confidential.
- The interview is 30-60 minutes.
- MPHI will share overall results with a Tribal advisory group and together we will make suggestions for improvements.
- The first 30 eligible people interviewed will get a \$20 Amazon e-gift card.
- Deadline is May 6, 2022.

If you want to learn more, complete the form online by scanning the QR code or visiting the website (link below). We will contact you to go over the details and schedule an interview.



Scan this QR code with your smartphone to sign-up:



Questions?

Contact Tasha Kelley-Stiles at tkelleys@mph.org or (517) 324-7361.

Complete the Online Interest Form • We will contact you to schedule an interview
<https://redcap.link/TribalSUDclient>

Traditional Medicine Workshop



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Seventh Generation hosts a Traditional Medicine Workshop on Thursday, April 7.



Spring family fun held at the Easter Egg Hunt

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Children and families in the Tribal community came together for the Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by the Recreation Department, on Saturday, April 16 at the Broadway Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Egg hunts with a special golden egg prize for different age groups were held. Age groups included 6 and younger, 7 to 12 and 13 to 18.

Games, music, food and prizes were all provided.

The Housing Department and Project Venture were also in collaboration with the Recreation Department to make this event possible.

Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick



Former crew leaders of the Summer Youth Worker Program answer questions

Former crew leaders for the Summer Youth Worker Program answer questions about their experience with the program. Sydnee Kopke, compensation specialist for Human Resources, and Breanna Colwell, paralegal & legal assistant for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Prosecutor's Office, both answer questions below.

What was the best part of being a crew leader?

Sydnee Kopke: Working closely with the kids in developing their work ethic, skills, and helping them find their passions. Some kids knew exactly what they wanted to try or what they wanted to do year after year and I felt so lucky helping them get to where they needed

and wanted to be. It was especially rewarding seeing those kids who got placed into departments they didn't really like, but stuck it out until they were able to switch. The perseverance from our Tribal kids was amazing to witness first hand.

Breanna Colwell: The best part of being a crew leader was getting to know the youth and helping them discover themselves professionally.

How has being a crew leader helped with the progression of your professional career?

Sydnee Kopke: After Summer Youth ended in 2017, I was offered a temporary position within the HR department. Once that ended, I was informed of the Leadership Internship program for full-time college students. It reminded me of an adult summer youth program, except you work all year and go to school. I really liked the people and work I was involved in during my time in HR as a crew leader and in my temp position, so I came back as an intern and I've been in HR since 2018.

Breanna Colwell: Being a summer youth crew leader allowed me to obtain valuable managerial experience at a young age. Additionally, the Summer Youth Program has helped me to learn how to handle different and sometimes stressful situations. Most importantly, the Summer Youth Program showed me that service to my Tribe is extremely important to me. Realizing this allowed me to tailor my higher education path to find the best possible way that I can be of service to my Tribe.



Sydnee Kopke



Breanna Colwell

Sydnee Kopke: I just graduated from Michigan State University in December 2021 with my bachelor's in human capital and society. My degree taught me about the HR world from employment relations, labor relations, to management and compensation and benefits. I am going to start my master's in human resources administration at Central Michigan University this coming fall. Along with working as an HR intern, I was also the Human Resources generalist

for the Soaring Eagle Casino and now I am a compensation specialist. I hope one day my knowledge and experience brings me bigger and brighter opportunities in the HR world. Just to think that my first adult job was being a summer youth crew leader!

Breanna Colwell: Currently, I'm scheduled to graduate law school in May 2022. I then intend to sit for the Michigan bar. Afterwards, I hope to serve my Tribe as a Tribal prosecutor.

Honoring, Healing & Remembering

Join us on the 88th anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School closing. We recognize the suffering, strength and resilience of the children through a day of memorial and fellowship.

Monday, June 6, 2022
7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School
1400 W. Pickard, Mt. Pleasant, MI (Near corner of Pickard and Crawford)

- ▶ Welcoming all Pipe Carriers, Tribal Flag Bearers and Jingle Dress Dancers
- ▶ Keynote speakers:
 - Virtual dignitary remarks delivered by U.S. Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland
 - Intergenerational Trauma, Joseph Ojibway, NP
- ▶ Silent Auction donations welcome
Contact Nathaniel Lambertson at NaLambertson@sagchip.org or 989.775.4756

Sunrise Ceremony
7 a.m. | Mission Creek Cemetery
(1 Mile North off of Pickard Rd. on Bamber Rd.)

Open to the public
Rain or shine

- Breakfast and lunch provided
- Pipe Ceremony
- Grand Entry and Flag Song
- Student Roll Call "Remembering the Deceased"
- Prayer and Guest Speakers
- Silent Auction
- Jingle Dress Healing Dance
- Celebratory Round Dance
- Giveaway and Traveling Song

For more information, please contact:

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Summer Youth Worker Program 2022



- ▶ Program will run from June – August
- ▶ Crew Leader and Summer Youth Worker Positions Available
- ▶ **Applications available at:** www.sagchip.org

<p>Crew Leaders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be SCIT Member • Must be 18-24 years old • Application deadline: May 9, 2022 	<p>Youth Workers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be SCIT Member • Must be 14-18 years old • Application deadline: May 30, 2022
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For more information, please contact:

Betsey Alonzo, Tribal Development Coordinator

• Phone: 989.775.5643 • Email: BAlonzo@sagchip.org

Resume development and interview preparation will be available for those interested.

Where are you now with your education and career goals?



Spongy moths: Stages and what you can do to help

DUSTIN HAGER

Natural Resource Technician
Planning Department

Spongy moth stages:

- Early emergence (mid-May to mid-July): 0.25 inches long, black or brown, and will be primarily be moving up the tree trunks towards their first food source.

- Late emergence (shown in figure to the left): 1-2 inches long characteristic traits emerge, five segments of paired blue dots followed by six pairs of red dots following the topside of the caterpillar. This is the period of most damage inflicted foliage from the species.

- Pre-pupation (mid-July to early August): Caterpillars reach the desired amount of resources to pupate and begin looking for a dark, dry, secluded area to begin its transformation.

- Post pupation emergence: female moths are 1.5 inches long white with a large black “V” on their forewings. Males are around 0.75 inches long and are a mottled brown grey, and they will appear similar to native moths but will have a clear distinction of being out before dusk looking for females when native species almost exclusively appear at nighttime. Once the species has



Photo by Jon Yuschock, Bugwood.org

A spongy moth in a late emergence stage

hit the adult moth stage it has two weeks to live as the adults cannot feed, the stage is solely for reproduction.

- Egg masses/overwintering: Varying shades of brown from genetics and sunlight exposure and found in almost any crevice, crack, or any exposed area that would provide shelter from the elements and predators. Almost any structure or object will be used to lay egg masses.

What you can do at home to help?

- Homemade traps are effective at catching caterpillar stages from mid-May up to early August when the species has pupated.

- Sticky band traps: Use duct tape silver side outward to create a band 8-12” about 4



Courtesy of University of Madison Wisconsin Gypsy Moth Extension

Sticky band trap



Courtesy of University of Madison Wisconsin Gypsy Moth Extension

Burlap band trap

feet above the base of the tree, ensure that the tape is pressed firmly into each gap to prevent caterpillars from circumnavigating your trap. Then apply a sticky substance like petroleum jelly or Tanglefoot, a common insect trap adhesive you can buy at most gardening stores to the band of tape. Leave 2-4” at the bottom of the band uncoated for melt/downward flow as temperatures rise since the sticky substance can seriously harm the tree and even led to death of the individual tree. Caterpillars trying to escape predators during the day will attempt to climb the tree only to get stuck in the sticky material and eventually die on the trap. Clean and reapply sticky material as needed to maintain the traps for best results.

- Burlap band traps: Use a section of burlap 12-18” wide and long enough to reach around the tree completely (overlap is

fine) about 4’ above the base of the tree, then tie a string around the middle of the burlap allowing the top half to form a skirt with the string being the hinge/crease of the material. Monitor the burlap for caterpillars each day collecting and leaving them in a bucket with soapy water for 48 hours.

- Scrap off egg masses: While unlikely to be effective at reducing the overall population, removing egg masses carefully with a plastic knife or scraper can reduce the effects

that directly relate around your home. Make sure you place egg masses in soapy water or they will hatch wherever you place them after removal.

- Report your findings to the Midwestern Invasive Species Information Network (MISIN) app or website so those managing the issue have the best possible information to base decision making.

- Do not use flame/torches or pesticides on the species this will damage your trees and do very little towards the problem.



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SCTC student essay: Hempcrete, a new way to build

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SCTC Student

Most Americans dream of owning a home that has been designed to fit every need for themselves and their families. It can be a stressful project; the most important aspect being choosing the right materials to build a forever home with.

There are so many options to choose from when deciding on building materials. It is easier to go with the conventional route than trying something entirely unique, like hemp.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal community currently offers housing for its members using standard building materials. However, using hemp as an alternative source for building materials is a significantly more responsible choice than the traditional materials for the following reasons: Hempcrete is durable, it is environmentally friendly, and cultivation, as well as production of hemp, is cost-effective.

Hemp cultivation is not a new concept. For thousands of years, hemp has been used in various products such as oil, paper, clothing, and most notably, construction. Structures that were built thousands of years ago were found to have hemp as part of the construction. Not only is hempcrete durable, but it is also fire and mold resistant, making a hemp-built home healthy as well.

As a mold-resistant home keeps families healthy, a hemp-built home can go a long

way in keeping the environment healthy.

In the hemp documentary, "Bringing it Home," narrator Phillip Powell suggests that over half the world's carbon emissions come from the construction of and running new buildings (qtd. in Booker & Johnson).

However, according to the article "Analysis of Thermal Parameters of Hemp Fiber Insulation," Gaujena et al., state that a hemp-built building has low carbon emissions which create lower environmental impacts. Not only does building with hemp-made products emit fewer carbon dioxide levels than the traditional building materials, but the process of growing hemp uses less energy than other fibers.

In the article "Industrial Hemp Fiber: A Sustainable and Economical Alternative to Cotton," A.G. Duque Schumacher et al., claim that because hemp does not require the use of fertilizers, herbicides, and irrigation systems, hemp cultivation uses significantly less energy than standard crops such as cotton. If hemp uses less energy to cultivate and produce, this could only mean that hemp production negatively impacts the environment less than other materials.

Not only can building with hemp create an environmentally friendly structure but other parts of the plant can also be used inside the household as a healthy alternative to other products.

All products made from hemp, automotive parts,

clothing, paper, and cosmetics are biodegradable, which means that once the product's use is over, it can be put back into the earth and taken over by bacteria and the like. Because the entirety of the hemp plant has a multitude of uses, creating extraordinarily little waste, building, and using other hemp-made products in the home is a smart and responsible environmentally friendly choice.

Not only are hemp-made products good for the environment, cultivating and harvesting the plant is environmentally and financially cost-effective.

In her thesis, "Industrial Hemp: Building a Sustainable Future." Texas State University honors student, Amy Lane discusses the time it takes for a tree to grow, as opposed to a hemp crop. She asserts "The average hardwood timber forest requires at least 20 years of growth before it is ready for harvest, whereas a hemp crop's growth cycle is approximately four months."

What Lane is saying is that if it takes 20 years to grow a timber forest to harvest age, but it only takes four months for a hemp crop to become harvestable, hemp can be grown and harvested 60 times to the forest's one harvesting. This means more items can be produced in a shorter period of time, potentially creating more revenue.

Additionally, because hemp has a short growth cycle, Lane argues the following point "... no fallow time requirements between crops, and little processing required, hemp can be produced cheaply, and at an alarmingly fast rate, which translates to higher profit margins for farmers. Another key economic development that would be seen with the mass production of hemp would be job creation" (10).

The creation of frequent work on a regular basis can only help the economy grow with the addition of new jobs.

With the growing issues regarding the environment around the world, it is important to be conscious of the choices made when working with any kind of material, especially when building a home.

The Tribal community would benefit greatly from growing and cultivating hemp by job creation, building materials for new housing, and sustainable crops. Additionally, hemp growth, cultivation and production would allow the Tribe to move forward towards sovereignty by becoming a self-sufficient community.

Choosing hemp-made building materials is a responsible choice based on how long hemp-made buildings have lasted through the

years, and how environmentally friendly and versatile cultivating and producing hemp crops are, creating extraordinarily little waste. Not to mention, hemp cultivation and production are cost-effective, taking significantly less time to grow and harvest than other resources. When it comes to choosing the right kind of material for building the family home that dreams are made of, there is only one option that is superior to the others, and that is hemp.

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Art Reach of Mid Michigan announces 11th annual Art Walk Central

MT. PLEASANT, MICH. – Art Reach of Mid Michigan will again host Art Walk Central, an art competition featuring artists from across the state. This is a month-long event and the competition is open to all artists over age 13.

The event will give artists the opportunity to showcase their art publicly, and prizes will be awarded.

A total of \$6,500 in prize money will be awarded to artists in youth and adult categories.

The public is invited to register and vote for their favorite art pieces.

In addition to the art competition, there are events and activities throughout the month of August. This year Art Walk Central will take place from Aug. 9-27, 2022.

Artists and venues are called to participate in a process months before the event, in order to prepare. Venues include many from previous years and new locations.

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Of Mid Michigan

Artists are called to register and will be required to choose at least three venues they feel best fitting for their pieces to be displayed. Art Reach is calling all artists, at least 13 years old at time of registration, to participate. Artists need to register, and entries are to be submitted before 11:59 P.M. EST Friday, July 1, 2022.

This year's judges are Teresa Dunn, associate professor of Painting and Drawing at Michigan State University; and award-winning artist Erwin P. Lewandowski of Alpena.

Artists interested in submitting a design may register on the Art Reach website (www.ArtWalkCentral.com).

For more information on submissions and Art Walk Central, visit www.artreachcenter.org or call Art Reach at (989) 773-3689.

Rental and Utility Assistance Now Available

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

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- Security deposit, and application fees
- Prospective rent, utilities, water/sewer, and trash removal



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Applications are available:

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

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

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Judge

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“It was an honor and privilege to swear in Michelle Horn as our new Tribal Court judge,” Chief Jackson said. “She has worked many years for our people and has always shown her compassion and heart as she works with Tribal families. I believe we have one of the best court staffs in Indian Country and they will continue to prosper under the leadership of SCIT’s first female Tribal Court judge. To have Michelle’s family present with her at the swearing in ceremony made the day special for all of the Council members present.”

Throughout her career, Judge Horn has learned that prevention, intervention and treatment all serve a vital role in helping clients to effect change.

“There are a number of programs available to address specific areas of concern; however,

the key is to find a program that has been validated for a tribal community with scientific evidence that can measure effectiveness and success,” Judge Horn said. “Research shows that the focus should be on risk, need and responsivity of offenders in the development of individualized case plans; use of effective prevention, intervention and treatment programs; and a shift in focus to client outcomes.”

Horn believes the process begins by researching available programs and determining their fit for the community and the specific areas of concern.

“There are a number of websites that provide a list of available evidence-based programs and the effectiveness of said programs,” Horn said. “Examples of such websites are: the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Council of State Governments Justice Center, the Urban Institute and

the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.”

Horn continued, “Prior to selecting a program, it is imperative to get the input of court staff, stakeholders, the community and tribal leadership. After selection, it is vital to the success of the program to create a detailed implementation plan with set goals and deadlines.”

Horn asserts such a plan will include a cost/benefit analysis; budget planning; staff training with an emphasis on fidelity; and monitoring effectiveness of programming through distinct outcome measures.

“In my experience, an effective implementation plan allows for easier access to services for families in need,” she said. “I will treat all parties involved in the court process with fairness and a respect for their dignity and privacy; regardless if they are the victim or the offender. I believe that is the obligation of a court. In carrying out this duty, I would allow for the option of a traditional approach or a restorative justice approach to criminal justice based upon the input of crime victims and offenders.”

Restorative justice is a community-based approach to responding to the harm caused by crime. The goal of the process is to work towards accountability, repair and



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Chief Judge Michelle Horn of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court shares her historic moment with her parents, Jerry and Sandra Church.

rehabilitation.

“Research has shown that crime victims often do not feel that traditional prosecution and sentencing serve them well,” Horn said. “Restorative justice can bridge that gap by attending fully to victims’ needs, allowing offenders to take accountability, and preventing reoffending. Again, the focus will be on risk, need and responsivity of offenders in the development of individualized case plans; use of effective prevention, intervention and treatment programs; a shift in focus to client outcomes; and allowing victim input to best determine how to protect their rights and meet their needs.”

Horn, under the guidance of the Constitution of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, would

like to inform the Tribal Membership it is the mission of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court to provide a secure, neutral and detached forum for the settlement of disputes.

“The Tribal Court consists of staff that are willing and eager to respectfully assist the community through the court process, including: civil, criminal, juvenile, probate and traffic matters,” she said. “This includes court clerks, probation officers, community service coordinator/bailiff, Family Healing to Wellness staff, Juvenile Healing to Wellness staff, court administration and judicial officers. To carry out this mission, the court provides relevant programming and services that directly meet the needs of the community.”

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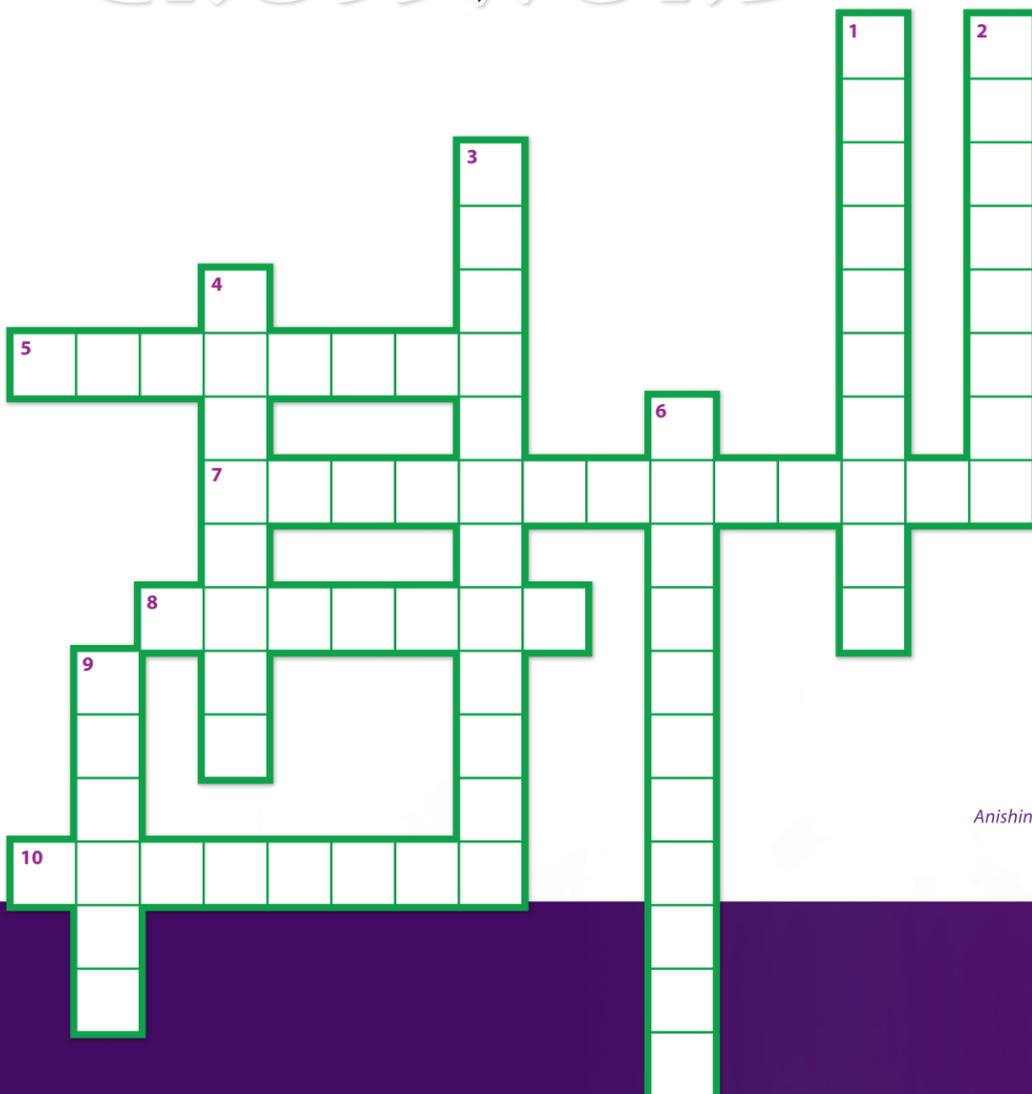
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- Mni-kwa-ji-gan
- Mki-zin
- Em-kwaan
- Bdak-jii-gan

Across

- 5: Carrot
- 7: Basket
- 8: Spoon
- 10: Book

Down

- 1: Fork
- 2: Blanket
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- Down**
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 - 9. Shoe (mkizin)

- Across**
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 - 10. Book (mzinigan)

Answers



Editorial: Project Venture Tribal youth attend CMU college tour

DOLORES WINN

Project Venture Coordinator

Part of our Project Venture Tribal Youth Program goals include bringing more college and university exposure to all of our Tribal youth. This April, we partnered with Central Michigan University and the teens in our program had a chance to attend a college tour with CMU's Native American Programs.

We arrived at the University Center and got a great introduction about all the exciting things that the Native American programs offer at CMU. Tony Larkins, assistant director of Admissions, spoke with our youth on how important extra-curricular activities and volunteering is for youth to carry into their futures.

Larkins also gave the youth great advice on how there are so many resources available. He answered questions the teens had including what kind of groups and organizations offers. He said CMU has 400 different clubs, organizations and little groups that students could be a part of, and if they wanted to start their own club or group, they could do that too.

Getting involved with a variety of groups and organizations is not only an indicator of academic success, but it's another way for youth to engage with other fellow CMU Chippewas and share experiences and ideas on cultural, recreational, professional and social topics.

Kasey Perez, academic advisor for the Student Transition Enrichment Program, and Sophie Manitowabi, office

intern and CMU student, guided us as we went on a walking tour around campus and the library. They mentioned the scholarships available and the STEP Program – Student Transition Enrichment Program – that reaches out to first generation and/or Pell eligible transfer students to help them navigate through the maze of a four-year institution. The program is sponsored by the State of Michigan, Workforce Development Agency, and King Chavez Parks (KCP) Initiative.

Our youth loved learning about all the different programs and areas of study.

When we were walking through the library, I overheard one teen say, "I could totally see myself going to college here. I would hang out in the library just to study and enjoy it here."

We walked through the dining areas and checked out the University's book store, coffee shops and other little study areas at the University Center. It was really refreshing to see all the inclusive activities and events that were posted up.

Some of the teens noticed all the LGBTQ events CMU had going on and were very happy and asked for more info on that. It was truly eye opening for the youth to see just how much student involvement and



Courtesy of Dolores Winn

(Left to right) Dolores Winn, youth program coordinator; Angelita Martinez, middle school student; Kaylee Brabbs, high school student; Payton Brabbs, high school student; and Aaron Hernandez, Zaagate mentoring specialist, pose for a photo during a campus tour at Central Michigan University.

outside activities were happening at CMU.

The teens walked away with some awesome CMU swag bags, T-shirts, planners and little gadgets they can use for school.

Kasey also mentioned the NAISO summer camp where Tribal youth get a chance to stay four nights in the college dorms and eat at the college dining and get some great cultural teachings at the summer camp.

The North American Indigenous Student Organization (NAISO) is a group of students who aim to support Native students in attaining educational

goals by providing social, cultural and educational events.

I am so happy that our Tribal youth had a chance to get the experience and exposure of exploring Central Michigan University. We are hoping to get all of our teens into the summer camp at CMU this year.

For more information on the Native American Programs at CMU, contact Colleen Green or Kasey Perez at 989-774-2508 or email mccul1ka@cmich.edu for more information.

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StrongHearts Native Helpline honors missing and murdered Indigenous relatives on May 5

STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

As a helpline dedicated to serving Native Americans and Alaska Natives impacted by domestic, dating and sexual violence, StrongHearts Native Helpline honors our relatives and communities impacted by Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) and those working to end this crisis.

StrongHearts understands the issues of MMIR are related to domestic, dating and sexual violence. We know that missing and murdered victims can be children, elders, two-spirit, men and those with disabilities. This crisis affects all of our relatives.

Research shows that women are more likely to be killed by an intimate partner (husband, boyfriend, same-sex partner, or ex) than by anyone else. Over 84 percent of Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime.

Nationally, across all racial and ethnic groups, approximately two out of five female murder victims are killed by an intimate partner. Homicide is a leading cause of death for American Indian and Alaska Native women. Many killings linked to domestic violence occur right after recent breakups or during separations. Leaving an abusive relationship is the most dangerous time for a victim of domestic violence.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, Native peoples also face being killed by strangers. For Native male victims, 12.3 percent of the time, the suspect is a person known to

the victim but the exact nature of the relationship was unclear. For Native female victims, 7.9 percent of the time, the suspect was or is a person known to the victim but the exact nature of the relationship was unclear.

Complicated legal systems, jurisdictional confusion, and lack of resources continue to leave many Native victims of violence and their families without support or justice. Whether the violence is coming from inside the home, or from strangers living near tribal communities or in urban centers, meaningful action must be taken to prevent more of our relatives from going missing or being murdered. Our relatives deserve justice.

Each year, the MMIR issue gets more visibility in the United States. An important milestone was reached on Nov. 15, 2021 when President Joe Biden signed Executive Order 14053, aimed at improving public safety and criminal justice for Native Americans and addressing the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous people.

The Executive Order builds on work that was already in place under the Attorney General's MMIP Initiative and Operation Lady Justice (established in November 2019), and the tasks required by Savanna's Act and the Not Invisible Act. Published in November 2021, "When a Loved One Goes Missing: Resources for Families of Missing American Indian and Alaska Native Adults" is an Operation Lady Justice guide that provides critical information and resources to assist family members with the search for a missing adult loved one.

How You Can Help

Individuals

- **Wear red** on May 5 and post a photo on social media with the hashtag #MMIR
- **Read** How to Support a Loved One in an Abusive Relationship
- **Read** Colonization and Domestic Violence
- **View** and share these three new short MMIR PSA's on StrongHearts' YouTube channel.
- **Like, follow and share** organizations working on the MMIR crisis on social media
 - Alaska Native Women's Resource Center (AKNWRC): Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
 - Lakota People's Law Project: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube
 - MMIW USA: Facebook
 - National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC): Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube
 - Not Our Native Daughters: Facebook
 - Sovereign Bodies Institute: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- **Learn** about the cross-jurisdictional issues facing missing and murdered Native peoples
- **Learn** about your area's MMIR, their names and MMIR open and closed cases.
- **Learn** about your local law enforcement's definition of a missing person (child or adult) and how to advocate for yourself and your missing loved one when talking to the police. Although it's understandably a very stressful situation when you need to report a missing relative, it's important to be calm, state the facts, and be prepared to offer any helpful information that will aid a search (list of friends and acquaintances who might have information, clothing description and recent photographs).
- **Engage** with your local news media about MMIR
 - When a relative goes missing, contact your local news media (print, TV and radio) to encourage them to get the word out. News media can be reached by phone, email or on their social media pages.
- **Volunteer** to join searches for missing persons. Searching for a missing relative can be an emotional, overwhelming experience and especially traumatic if they are found murdered. Talking with friends, family members, tribal and spiritual leaders, or a professional therapist can be comforting and provide strategies for processing grief.
- **Attend, support or organize** a community event in your area to raise awareness of MMIR — a community walk or run, vigil or any type of fundraiser/awareness event.
- **Donate** to organizations working on the MMIR crisis.

Organizations

- Wear red on May 5 and post a photo on social media with the hashtag #MMIR
- Center BIPOC voices on your platforms
- Donate to organizations doing the work
- Partner with organizations doing the work on events, calls to action and awareness campaigns
- Provide information and support via employment assistance programs

When Native American and Alaska Native victims of intimate partner violence and sexual violence have access to culturally-appropriate advocacy, they are less likely to end up in a situation where they murdered.

StrongHearts Native

Helpline is a safe, anonymous and confidential helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives affected by domestic, dating and sexual violence. StrongHearts advocates understand the unique barriers to safety and justice that Native peoples face.

Advocates are available 24/7 by texting or calling 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) or via online chat at strongheartshelpline.org. Advocates can provide lifesaving tools and immediate support to enable survivors to find safety and live lives free of abuse.

Sportsbook

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via <https://playeagle.com/> on their computers. Players must be within the state regulatory boundaries to make real money wagers on either casino or sports."

The sports betting kiosk outside of the Ascend doors are available 24/7 while the sports kiosks and betting window inside Ascend will have the same hours as the Ascend dining hours.

There is also an option to go on the bet builder website

to create a betting slip without needing to create a personal account.

"Players can build their sports bet on their mobile device which will generate a QR code to scan at the sports betting kiosk," Griffus said. "This feature makes sports

betting especially easy for the first timers and players who may want to sit at a slot machine or dining table while they 'build their bet.'"

For more information on sports betting, visit the kiosks or betting window located at Ascend from Monday to

Wednesday 4 p.m. to 12 a.m., Thursday 11-12 a.m., Friday and Saturday 11-2 a.m. and Sunday 11-12 a.m.

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June

June is an 8-year-old Beagle mix. June loves being with her humans. She is currently in a foster home and behaves perfectly when the humans are around, but does have separation anxiety when being left alone. Her perfect home would be with someone retired, works from home, or where June can be a daily sidekick during outings. She is friendly with cats and dogs.



Poppy

Poppy is a 4-year-old Domestic Shorthair mix. Poppy is a very sweet and talkative girl. She is polydactyl – she has more toes than most cats. Poppy has some manageable allergy issues that have caused fur loss which would have to be monitored by her adopter. This sweet girl has been with HATS since October 2021.

Humane Animal Treatment Society

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





Review: Put Santana on your concert bucket list

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

This review could go one way, really: You've got to see Santana in concert. It is amazing, incredible. The end.

No, really. Santana and his eight-piece band came to rock the socks off the audience at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Saturday, April 16. The tour appropriately named "Blessings and Miracles" Tour shares the name of Santana's 26th studio album, released in October 2021.

The guitar slaying with infused blues, rock and Latin rhythms was – and I will not exaggerate – impeccable.

The show began surprisingly close to right on time, just after 8 p.m., and the band played a two-hour set. A Woodstock intro began the show with fast pacing between songs including "Soul

Sacrifice," "Jingo," a mesh up of "Black Magic Woman" and "Gypsy Queen," and, of course, "Oye Como Va."

A few songs in, Santana welcomed the audience; sharing a message of peace, love and unity with all warm and fuzzy comments.

Santana told the audience the band had a goal "to make this the most memorable evening for you tonight." And did they deliver.

After The Zombies cover "She's Not There," the bass player performed a slapping solo which even included a performance of Ben E. King's "Stand By Me."

Some Santana fans may be surprised to know he does very little singing. He does, however, provide some backing vocals on several songs. This is why he brings two phenomenal lead vocalists with him – Ray Greene and Andy Vargas.

Another admirable moment from Santana – he addressed Chief Jackson by name and thanked her and the Tribe for having him play on the Reservation that evening.

More groovin' performances included "The Game of Love," "Joy," "Move," "(Da le) Yaleo," "Put Your Lights On," "Corazón Espinado," "Europa (Earth's City, Heaven's Smile)," "Maria Maria" and "Foo Foo."

Did you know Carlos Santana is married to his drummer? The rockin' and magnificent Cindy Blackman Santana. She performed several memorable drum solos throughout the night – the lengthiest one that was held towards the end of the night completely blew the audience away.

After the drum solo, bam! The band launched right into "Smooth," followed by The Doors cover "Roadhouse Blues" and The Chambers



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Carlos Santana performs at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort as part of his "Blessings and Miracles" Tour stop on Saturday, April 16. Drummer and Santana's wife Cindy Blackman Santana is photographed behind him.

Brothers cover "Love, Peace and Happiness."

The legendary guitarist and his band never fail to put on one of the best shows I've ever seen, and judging by the audience's

reaction, they also felt the "blessings and miracles" that come with watching Santana perform live.

But seriously, put a Santana show on your bucket list. You won't regret it.

Soaring Eagle hosts band Chicago for sold-out show, featuring two hours of hits

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted American rock band Chicago on Saturday, April 9. The sold-out show featured two full hours of the band's horn-infused classic rock, jazz, and pop-rock hits.

Formed in the windy city in 1967, the aptly-named band Chicago has been going strong for more than 54 years.

Though it has gone through many changes throughout the years, it still features many original members. This includes Robert Lamm (keyboard, vocals), Lee Loughnane (trumpet) and James Pankow (trombone).

Chicago began the night with "Introduction," and "Dialogue" before playing the pop-inspired duet "Questions 67 & 68."



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Members of Chicago, James Pankow (front left) and Ray Herrmann (front right), perform during the April 9 sold-out show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

The hits continued with "Wake Up Sunshine," "Call on Me," "(I've Been) Searchin' So Long," "Mongonucleosis" and "If You Leave Me Now."

The members of Chicago took a break from the big orchestral sounds of the previous

songs, with lighter acoustic renditions of "Another Rainy Day in New York City," "Make Me Smile" and "So Much to Say, So Much to Give."

Following a 20-minute intermission, the hits continued with "Alive Again," "Does Anybody



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Neil Donell (front left) and Robert Lamm (front right) perform on the concert hall stage.

Really Know What Time It Is?" and "Old Days."

The second set featured many of their most popular songs including "Hard Habit to Break," "You're the Inspiration," "Beginnings," "I'm a Man," "Just You 'n' Me" and "Hard to Say I'm Sorry / Get Away."

As the set wound down, the songs "Saturday in the Park" and "Feelin' Stronger Every Day" saw many audience members dancing along near their seats.

The encore featured fan favorite hits "Free" and "25 or 6 to 4."

Lewis Black and his "Off the Rails Tour" visit Soaring Eagle

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Critically-acclaimed comedian Lewis Black and his "Off the Rails Tour" visited the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Friday, April 23.

The two time Grammy Award winner is best known for his appearances on the hit Comedy Central program "The Daily Show," as well as hosting his own show on the channel "Lewis Black's Root of All Evil."

Black's career also includes 14 comedy albums, numerous television specials and two

Grammy Awards. His most recent comedy special "Thanks for Risking Your Life" was released in October 2020. The album version received a Grammy Award nomination.

Often described as the "king of rant," Black stayed true to his reputation with his hilarious, angry tirades spilling out on stage. Black offered his fuming, finger-pointing rants on a variety of subjects including politics, social issues, COVID-19 and much more.

The final part of Black's performance had a truly unique format, with a 15-minute Q&A session. Audience members and fans around the world were able to submit questions, with Black reading a selection of them on stage, and offering hilarious commentary and answers.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Comedian Lewis Black delivers one of his many rants during the April 23 show at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Opening the night was two-time Emmy award winning comedian Jeff Stilson.

For more information on

upcoming shows, please visit the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's website at www.soaringeaglecasino.com.

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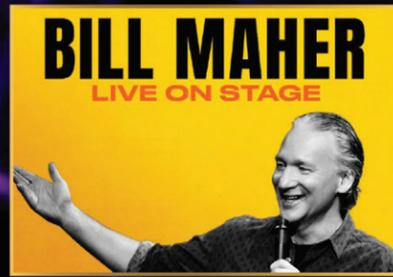


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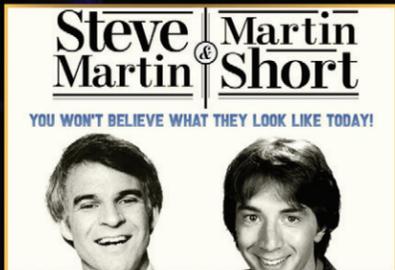
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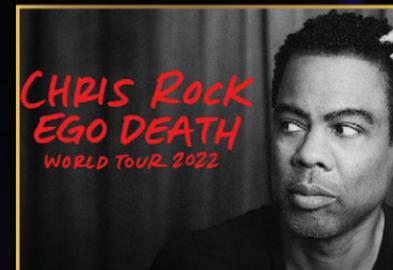


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Warning signs someone has experienced sexual violence

STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

Sexual violence is a far too common thing throughout Native communities. According to the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, Native Americans are 2.5 times more likely to experience sexual violence in their lifetime. As we know, this may be even higher due to the lack of reporting common in Native communities.

Sexual violence is any type of sexual activity done without consent. We often don't know when someone is struggling with something. Sexual violence is no exception.

If you believe someone you know and love has experienced

sexual violence, here are some warning signs:

Pulling out of their favorite activities or hobbies: Your relative may be showing little or no interest in their favorite activities.

Small signs of loss of trust: Your relative might stop trusting you or your family members with small or large things.

Isolation: You may notice that your loved one is absent or turning down more invitations. They may have secluded themselves in their homes or workplaces or finding reasons to spend more time alone or with very few people.

Signs of depression or energy fatigue: Your relative may be starting to show signs of depression. This can include changes in appetite

and weight, conversations that include hopelessness or lack of outlook on life, and either uncontrollable emotions or numbing of emotions.

Loss of interest in conversations or seeming spaced out: Your relative might be experiencing zone out or feelings of disconnection while in the middle of a conversation. This could look like slow responses to questions, looks of lost in thoughts or slower speech when talking.

Seeming to be uncomfortable when talking about sex or topics related to sex: This can be a little hard to detect if you don't already know how comfortable someone is with talking about the topic of sex. But if you see a dramatic change in the comfortability of one's expression and

opinions of sex this could be a sign of sexual violence.

If your partner has a change in interest in sex or being touched: If you are concerned that your partner may have experienced sexual violence, one warning sign may be that they no longer show interest in sex and pull away when you try to approach or touch them. The main component here is that they seem to have lost trust or interest in sexual touch, but not necessarily in your relationship.

While not every sexual assault or rape leaves physical injuries, here are a few to look out for:

- Bruising
- Vaginal or anal bleeding
- Broken or dislocated bones
- Difficulty walking



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It can be difficult to talk with someone who has experienced something as traumatic as sexual violence. But as a relative, your support can mean a lot to a victim-survivor.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is here to chat about ways that you can support a relative experiencing the effects of sexual violence. Call or text 1-844-7NATIVE or chat here on strongheartshelpline.org, advocates are available 24/7 for free, safe and confidential support.

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May 2022 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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Marci Magnell
Gerald Ice | 11) Samuel DeFoy
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| 9) Steven Godbey
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Does your partner ever...

- make you feel like you can't do anything right?
- blame you for their behavior?
- make you feel like you can't discuss certain things?
- constantly criticize or insult you?
- make you feel like you are walking on eggshells?

StrongHearts Native Helpline offers 24/7 peer support, safety planning and referrals to Native-centered services.

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HUMAN RACE

30th Annual
Seventh Generation 2022

Nimkee Fitness

5K Run & One Mile Fun Run/Walk

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center
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(Northwest side of the Shepherd and Remus roads intersection.)

Registration forms are available online at:
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Nimkee Fitness Center April spotlight: Michelle Deaton and Marcella Garcia

NIMKEE FITNESS

Each month this year, Nimkee Fitness would like to recognize a member who has been a shining example for us all. We will be spotlighting two members for the month of May, Michelle Deaton and Marcella Garcia.



Courtesy photo

Michelle Deaton (left) and Marcella Garcia (right)

Michelle and Marcella have been an 8 a.m. duo consistently coming into Nimkee Monday through Friday. They see benefits with any type of daily physical activity, ranging from walking, jogging, belly dancing, aerial yoga and paddle boarding. The mother-daughter bond encourages accountability and the value of quality time with loved ones.

Michelle mentioned the importance of her using staying active as disease prevention such as diabetes and heart disease.

Although they work out together, they have experienced different health journeys. Michelle started walking with her mother in her 20's where she was taught the importance of keeping active. Michelle and her mom eventually started to make challenges on their walks to see how far they could go. This consistency allowed Michelle to be where she is at now, trying new classes, completing 5ks, and completing strength

and conditioning programs at Nimkee with her daughter, Marcella.

Marcella has had an inspiring journey as well and her mom has played a major role. Marcella admitted that she used to not care much for her health, but her mom has helped her with constant support and encouragement. This helped Marcella begin to workout consistently with her mom and on her own, where she has lost 15 pounds.

Both Michelle and Marcella have had barriers to overcome. Michelle broke her ankle in 2020 and having surgery changed her workout routine entirely. The recovery process was a challenge because the injury also brought on consistent knee pain. Her daughter helped motivate her to stay active, even if it was limited to upper body workouts. Michelle has healed since and is

now taking advantage of her new found freedom of movement.

Marcella said her biggest barrier was alcohol and it was a problem when she first started coming to the gym. She explained that she struggled with herself mentally, physically and would come to fitness classes hungover, feeling like a complete wreck.

There was one day Marcella had enough.

"I looked in the mirror and didn't like who I saw staring back at me," Marcella said. "I knew if I wanted to see the change, I'd have to be the change. I quit cold turkey, no AA meetings and no rehab."

With Marcella's mindset shift,

and support from her biggest mentors, Michelle and Charlie Isham, she will be sober two years in June.

These barriers had Michelle and Marcella discover a new love and appreciation for staying active. The power of having a workout buddy is evident in their stories as well. They hold each other accountable, push each other to do their best, share workout tips and healthy eating plans, and provide support through life's difficult times.

We asked them what they would say to someone who is considering making changes to live a healthier lifestyle.

Michelle said, "To start slow by walking a few minutes a day

because any movement is beneficial, make workouts fun and don't be afraid to try something new, research healthy recipes, step outside your comfort zone and you will find something amazing!"

Marcella said, "Don't be afraid because it's only scary if you're scared, and it's never too late!"

Her struggle with alcohol had her believing she could never overcome it, but she did.

"All it takes is one little start," Marcella said. "The start could be to just come in and walk on the treadmill, and then you can add something the next time you come in. You could be surprised at how much you can really do."

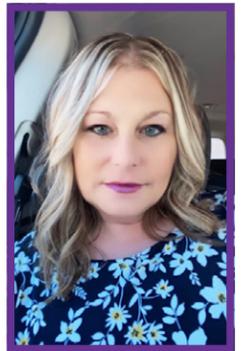
Introduction from Nimkee's new medical office director

Hello, my name is Dena Lewandowski. I am extremely excited to join the Nimkee team!

I have worked in healthcare for over 30 years and started off at the front desk, surgery scheduling, billing/coding. I finished my degree and earned an MBA in 2016 from Northwood University/DeVos Graduate School. I have been in a leadership role for about 18 years.

I am passionate about doing what is best for patient care and strive to achieve collaboration with my providers and team to develop a productive and happy work environment.

I am a proud mother of two children, Landin (21) and Emily (13). My hobbies are going to concerts (all types of music), playing volleyball, watching football and traveling.



Courtesy photo

Dena Lewandowski

MAY is Mental Health Awareness Month

Taking care of your physical, social and spiritual health supports your mental health.

Attend events throughout the month to get stamps on your Passport to Mental Wellness, and earn entries into our prize drawing!

Passports will be available at Mental Health Month Kick-off Picnic & participating departments

Week 1: May 2 - 7, 2022	Week 3: May 16 - 21, 2022
<p>5/2 • Recovery Drop In Meeting w/ Bob Storrer: BH Lodge 1 pm</p> <p>5/3 • Mental Health Kick Off Featuring Anthony Grupido "The Magic of Hope": Broadway Park 5:30-7:30 pm • Egaachiinjik "Little Ones" Program: ACFS Family Center 4-5:30 pm</p> <p>5/4 • Eagle Feather Teaching w/ Joe Sowmick: BH Lodge 1:30 pm • Honoring and Remembering Our Loved Ones: 7th Gen 5:30 - 8 pm</p> <p>5/5 • Teen Financial Management: ACFS 4-5 pm • Drop-in Accupuncture: BH 4-6 pm • Sewing Nights: 7th Gen 5-8 pm • Recovery on the Rez: BH Lodge 6 pm</p> <p>5/6 • Peer 360 Recovery on the Rez: BH Lodge 11:30 am • Anishinaabemowin Words & Games: ALRD Building 8 am - 7 pm</p> <p>5/7 • Peer 360 Fireside on the Rez: BH Lodge 6 pm</p>	<p>5/16 • Recovery Drop In Meeting w/ Bob Storrer: BH Lodge 1 pm</p> <p>5/17 • Egaachiinjik "Little Ones" Program: ACFS Family Center 4-5:30 pm • Anishinaabemowin Learn a Prayer: ALRD Building 8 am - 7 pm • Dream Catcher: Ziibiwing 3 - 4:30 pm</p> <p>5/18 • Health & Fitness Day: Nimkee Fit Park 11 am - 2 pm & 4-6 pm • Eagle Feather Teaching w/ Joe Sowmick: BH Lodge 1:30 pm</p> <p>5/19 • Teen Financial Management: ACFS 4-5 pm • Drop-in Accupuncture: BH 4-6 pm • Sewing Nights: 7th Gen 5-8 pm • Recovery on the Rez: BH Lodge 6 pm</p> <p>5/20 • Peer 360 Recovery on the Rez: BH Lodge 11:30 am • Unplugging & Reconnecting w/ 7th Generation: Tawas 12 pm</p> <p>5/21 • Unplugging & Reconnecting w/ 7th Gen: Tawas All Day • Peer 360 Fireside on the Rez: BH Lodge 6 pm</p>
Week 2: May 9 - 14, 2022	Week 4: May 23 - 28, 2022
<p>5/9 • Recovery Drop In Meeting w/ Bob Storrer: BH Lodge 1 pm • Traditional Game Night: 7th Gen 5-8 pm • Women's Talking Circle: BH Lodge 5:30 pm</p> <p>5/10 • Drum & Dance Night: Andahwod 6-8 pm (7th Gen/Bead & PowWow) • Medicine Wheel: Ziibiwing 3 - 4:30 pm • Egaachiinjik "Little Ones" Program: ACFS Family Center 4-5:30 pm</p> <p>5/11 • Eagle Feather Teaching w/ Joe Sowmick: BH Lodge 1:30 pm • Ninja Warrior Course: Broadway Park 3-5 pm</p> <p>5/12 • Living in Balance with Behavioral Health: BH 3-7 pm • Teen Financial Management: ACFS 4-5 pm • Sewing Nights: 7th Gen 5-8 pm • Recovery on the Rez: BH Lodge 6 pm</p> <p>5/13 • Peer 360 Recovery on the Rez: BH Lodge 11:30 am</p> <p>5/14 • Lacrosse: 7th Generation 5-8 pm • Peer 360 Fireside on the Rez: BH Lodge 6 pm</p>	<p>5/23 • Recovery Drop In Meeting w/ Bob Storrer: BH Lodge 1 pm • Gardening Workshop w/ Tina Frankenberger: 7th Gen 4 - 6 pm</p> <p>5/24 • Egaachiinjik "Little Ones" Program: ACFS Family Center 4-5:30 pm • Bone Bracelet: Ziibiwing 3 - 4:30 pm</p> <p>5/25 • Eagle Feather Teaching w/ Joe Sowmick: BH Lodge 1:30 pm • Closing Celebration "Laughter is Medicine": Broadway Park 5:30-7:30 pm</p> <p>5/26 • Teen Financial Management: ACFS 4-5 pm • Drop-in Accupuncture: BH 4-6 pm • Sewing Nights: 7th Gen 5-8 pm • Recovery on the Rez: BH Lodge 6 pm</p> <p>5/27 • Peer 360 Recovery on the Rez: BH Lodge 11:30 am</p> <p>5/28 • Peer 360 Fireside on the Rez: BH Lodge 6 pm</p>
Week 5: May 29 - 31, 2022	
<p>5/30 • Recovery Drop In Meeting w/ Bob Storrer: BH Lodge 1 pm</p>	

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For more information, please contact: Kehli Henry at KHenry@sagchip.org or 989-775-4501

Community Health & Fitness Day

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

At Nimkee's Fit Park

All activities: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 4 - 6 p.m.

- ▶ **Featuring a variety of fitness activities and challenges, including challenges for the kids!**
- ▶ **Participate in a minimum of two activities and receive a Nimkee Strong blender bottle**
- ▶ **Other healthy opportunities:** Energy healing, massages, healthy snacks, smoothie recipes, and outdoor yoga class at 5:15 p.m.
- ▶ **Employee Department Challenge:** Trophy for department champions (5 person min per team/10 max per team)
- ▶ **SCIT Community Family Challenge:** Trophy to the family with most points (3 person min per team/8 max per team)

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For more information, please contact:

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MAY 2022 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Michigan Seed Library: Seed Pickup

- May 2
- Tribal Library
 - 989-775-4508 or LDisel@sagchip.org
 - Boston Pickling Cucumber
 - Limited quantity, one seed pack per family

Youth Council Bingo Fundraiser

- May 2 | 6 - 9 p.m.
- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 - YouthCouncil@sagchip.org

Library Programs

- May 3, 10, 11, 17, 23, 25 | 12-1 p.m.
- Online via Zoom
 - 989-775-4519 or AHeidemann@sagchip.org
 - 5/3: Monique Gray Smith
 - 5/10: Great Oak Press Publishers
 - 5/11: Lee Francis
 - 5/17: Cory Eckert
 - 5/23 & 5/25: Dawn Quigley

Mental Health Month Kick-off Event

- May 3 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Broadway Park
 - KHenry@sagchip.org or 989-775-4501
 - Featuring Anthony Grupido "The Magic of Hope"
 - Pick up mental health passport for all activities in May

Eagle Feather Teachings

- May 4, 11, 18, 25 | 1:30 - 3 p.m.
- Behavioral Health Lodge
 - SWinchell@sagchip.org or 989-775-4887
 - With Tribal Elder Joseph Sowmick

COVID-19 & Flu Vaccination Walk-in Clinics

- May 4, 11, 18, 25 | 12 - 5 p.m.
- Nimkee Public Health
 - SSowmick@sagchip.org or 989-775-4699

Gmijimenimigo (We Remember You)

- May 4 | 5:30 - 8 p.m.
- 7th Generation
 - 989-775-4509
 - Honoring and remembering our loved ones: grief and loss event
 - Storytelling and medicine pouch with Judy Pamp
 - Traditional teachings on grief and loss with Beatrice Menase Kwe Jackson

Community Sewing Nights

- May 5, 12, 19, 26 | 5 - 8 p.m.
- Seventh Generation
 - TJackson@sagchip.org or 989-775-4780

People's Powwow Breakfast Fundraiser

- May 6 | 8 - 11 a.m.
- Seventh Generation
 - 989-775-4780
 - Big breakfast: \$8
 - Pancakes: \$6

Mental Health Month: Anishinaabemowin Drop In Days

- May 6, 17 | 8 - 7 p.m.
- ARLD Building
 - 989-775-4110 or Iosawamick@sagchip.org
 - 4/6: Learn games in Anishinaabemowin
 - 4/17: Create/learn a prayer in Anishinaabemowin

Traditional Game Night

- May 9 | 5 - 8 p.m.
- 7th Generation
 - 989-775-4782

Drum & Dance Social

- May 10 | 6 - 8 p.m.
- Andahwod
 - 989-775-4780

Living in Balance: Mental Health Fair

- May 12 | 3 - 7 p.m.
- Behavioral Health
 - 989-775-4850
 - Featuring: informational booths, light dinner at 5 p.m., acupuncture, energy healing demos, giveaways

Reservation Household Clean Up

- May 14 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- SCA Parking Lot
 - 989-775-4595
 - Accepting normal household items

Advanced Stress Management: Real Life Tools for First Responders

- May 18 | 10 - 11 a.m.
- Online via Zoom
 - SWinchell@sagchip.org or 989-775-4887

Unplugging and Reconnecting

- May 20 | 12 - 9 p.m.
- May 21 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Tawas property (1 Kunze Rd., Tawas, Mich.)
 - 989-775-4780
 - Campers are welcome to stay. Please bring bedding-mosquito/tick prevention-all weather clothing

Gardening Workshop

- May 23 | 4 - 6 p.m.
- 7th Generation
 - 989-775-4780
 - Guest Speaker: Tina Frankenberger

Master Rain Gardener: Water Celebration

- May 25 | 10 a.m.
- Tribal Housing Pavilion
 - 989.775.4467 or MMcCreery@sagchip.org
 - Plant giveaway at 11:30 a.m.
 - Three choices of plants: Sun, partial-shade or shade

MAY 2022 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
2 Blood Drive 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saganing Strength & Conditioning 4-6 p.m. Tribal Gym Recovery Drop In 1 p.m. B. Health	3 SCTC Pathway Program 3:30 - 5 p.m. SCTC Drums Out 6-8 p.m. 7th Gen	4 Strength & Conditioning 4-6 p.m. Tribal Gym Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym	5 Sacred Fire Lunch 12 - 1 p.m. 7th Gen Mother's Day Brunch 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saganing Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Teen Financial Management 4 - 5 p.m. ACFS	6 Peer 360 Recovery on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health Strength & Conditioning 4-6 p.m. Tribal Gym	1/7 Peer 360 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health 8
9 Strength & Conditioning 4-6 p.m. Tribal Gym Recovery Drop In 1 p.m. B. Health Women's Talking Circle 5:30 p.m. B. Health	10 Drums Out 6 - 8 p.m. 7th Gen Medicine Wheel 3 - 4:30 p.m. Ziibiwing	11 Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Strength & Conditioning 4-6 p.m. Tribal Gym Ninja Warrior Course 3 - 5 p.m. Broadway Park	12 Sacred Fire 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. 7th Gen Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Teen Financial Management 4 - 5 p.m. ACFS	13 Peer 360 Recovery on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health Strength & Conditioning 4-6 p.m. Tribal Gym	14 Lacrosse 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen Peer 360 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health 15
16 Strength & Conditioning 4-6 p.m. Tribal Gym Recovery Drop In 1 p.m. B. Health	17 Tribal Observer Deadline Drums Out 6-8 p.m. 7th Gen Dream Catcher 3 - 4:30 p.m. Ziibiwing	18 Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Strength & Conditioning 4-6 p.m. Tribal Gym Health & Fitness Day 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 4 - 6 p.m. Nimkee Fitness Fit Park	19 Sacred Fire Lunch 12 - 1 p.m. 7th Gen Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health Teen Financial Management 4 - 5 p.m. ACFS Community Planning Lunch 12 - 1 p.m. Saganing	20 Peer 360 Recovery on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health Strength & Conditioning 4-6 p.m. Tribal Gym	21 Peer 360 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health 22
23 Strength & Conditioning 4-6 p.m. Tribal Gym Recovery Drop In 1 p.m. B. Health	24 Drums Out 6 - 8 p.m. 7th Gen Bone Bracelet 3 - 4:30 p.m. Ziibiwing	25 Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Strength & Conditioning 4-6 p.m. Tribal Gym Mental Health Month Closing Celebration 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Broadway Park	26 Sacred Fire 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. 7th Gen Peer 360 Recovery Meeting 6 - 7:30 p.m. B. Health Saganing Cemetery Cleanup 11 a.m. Saganing Teen Financial Management 4 - 5 p.m. ACFS	27 Peer 360 Recovery on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health Strength & Conditioning 4-6 p.m. Tribal Gym	28 Peer 360 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health 29
30 Tribal Ops Closed Memorial Day Recovery Drop In 1 p.m. B. Health	31 Drums Out 6 - 8 p.m. 7th Gen	Higher Education and High School Graduation Banquet Tuesday, June 7, 2022 SECR Ballroom 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.		 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling ● Waste Collection* <p>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</p>	



Tribal Observer Classifieds

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

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Tribal Operations

ACFS Director

Open to the public. Master's degree in social services, human services or related field. Full licensure required. Five years social services experience. Three years experience in a supervisory capacity. Experience working with tribal communities or other diverse, minority or disenfranchised groups. Experience with budget administration, operation, reports, contract management and development. Must be able to effectively communicate and have good computer skills.

Prosecutor

Open to the public. Juris Doctor from an ABA accredited law school. Minimum of three years experience as a practicing attorney. Minimum of one year experience as a prosecuting attorney. Member of a State Bar Association and in good standing. Understanding of all codes and professional standards applicable to the conduct of prosecutors. Experience with juvenile welfare cases. Experience with Tribal Code, Federal Law, State Law and court procedure.

Registered Medical Assistant (Grant)

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Registered or Certified Medical Assistant License. One year experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting.

Registered Medical Assistant

Open to the public. Registered or Certified Medical Assistant License. One year experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting.

Summer Youth Worker

Open to SCIT Members only. Must be between 14 years and 18 years of age at the time of application.

Summer Youth Crew Leader

Open to SCIT Members only. High school diploma or GED. Must be between 18 years and 24 years of age at the time of application.

Victim Services Counselor

Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Or have a limited license in the State of Michigan and gain full licensure within two years from the date of hire. Two years' experience in counseling

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.

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.

Mentoring Program Specialist

Open to the public. Associate degree. Two years' experience in a human services related field. Must have experience in program development and/or project management, planning and coordination, preparing and providing presentations, public speaking, and group facilitation. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple organizations and community systems.

Intake Counselor

Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services, or related field. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple organizations and community systems.

Resident Care Manager

Open to the public. Registered Nurse. Bachelor's degree in nursing preferred. Three years long term care experience. One year in a supervisory capacity.

Accounts Payable Supervisor

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting or related field. One year accounts payable and purchasing experience.

Certified Nursing Assistant

Open to the public. Certified Nursing Assistant. One year nursing experience preferred. \$500 bonus after successful completion of 90 day probation and another \$500 bonus after one year of FT service.

Medical Clinic Specialist

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Experience with medical terminology and basic understanding of medical insurance rules and concepts.

Nurse Practitioner Physician Assistant

Open to the public. Family nurse practitioner or physician assistant license. Masters of Science Degree in nursing for family nurse practitioner. Graduate of Physician Assistant program of study and successfully completed the Physician Assistant Certification examination.

Sexual Assault Therapist

Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Two years' experience in counseling

Victims of Crime Senior Advocate

Open to the public. Grant funded position. Bachelor's degree in counseling, social work, sociology, psychology, law enforcement criminal justice, law or related field. Counseling experience within Native American communities, including victims of crime counseling programs,

or social work. One year of experience in crisis support, social work, or victim advocacy.

Patient Navigator (Intra-Department)

Must be a Nimkee employee or be a SCIT Member to apply. Registered medical assistant. One year public health or medical clinic experience.

Deputy Court Clerk

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. At least 21 years of age. Two years record management and administration experience.

Residential Support Technician

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be at least 18 years of age. Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite.

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.

Digitization Specialist

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Experience with accessioning, digitizing and cataloging. Experience with standard archival, genealogical and curatorial procedures.

Police Officer

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be a US citizen and at least 21 years of age. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation.

Water Operator I

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Five years of water operator or related experience. A math test will be required and administered prior to interview.

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.

Technical Services Technician I

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Two years help desk experience or bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field.

Technical Services Technician II

Open to the public. Two years help desk experience or bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field.

Water Resource Technician

Open to the public. Associate degree, or actively pursuing a BS/BA in environmental science, biology, chemistry, geology, or natural science. Seasonal or internship experience in an environmental/conservation field,

GPS equipment, water sampling methods, and/or data analysis.

Waste Water Operator II

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field.

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.

Full Stack Developer

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field. Two years web development experience.

Maintenance Worker

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year experience with basic maintenance and grounds keeping.

Guest Relations Representative PT

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

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.

Paraprofessional

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Experience working with children in a school setting preferred. Knowledge of and experience Ojibwe Language preferred.

Soaring Eagle

Count Team Associate

Open to the public. Six months cash handling experience.

Call Center Lead Agent

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One-year reservation experience with a hotel, casino, car rental, airline, cruise ships, or travel agency.

Table Games Dealer

Open to the public. Must be able to obtain certification from the SECR Table Games Department for each game associate deals.

Graphic Designer

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in graphic design, art, communication, or related field. One year of experience as a graphic designer. Examples of previous design work required. Required to have strong experience in website design and the creation of multimedia presentations.

Inventory Control Warehouse

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Experience with operating warehouse equipment including forklifts and riding cleaning machines.

F&B Shift Supervisor

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Three years of food and beverage experience.

Massage Therapist

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Michigan massage certification with 600 total hours required for massage certification.

Cosmetologist PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. State of Michigan license in cosmetology.

Spa Attendant PT

Open to the public. One year of retail and cash handling experience.

F&B Host/Hostess

Open to the public. Six months food or hosting experience.

Department Chef

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Four years of upscale, high volume, hotel kitchen experience, or similar restaurant experience. Two years supervisory experience.

Building Maintenance Worker

Open to the public. One year of experience in a building maintenance, technical, manufacturing or similar position.

Culinary Supervisor

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Three years of restaurant or banquet cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility.

Server Assistant

Open to the public. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements.

F&B Custodial Worker

Open to the public. Must be able to attend annual ServSafe Food Handler training classes.

Function Service Person

Open to the public. One year customer service experience and/or the ability to successfully pass in-house training.

Waitstaff PT

Open to the public. Restaurant server experience preferred.

F&B Cashier

Open to the public. Must be able to operate a POS.

Surveillance Monitor

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year of computer technology experience.

Line Cook

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, or six months of SECR internal Culinary training.

Sous Chef

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Culinary degree from an ACF accredited school preferred.

Three years kitchen experience in a quality operation specializing in food production.

Guest Room Attendant FT

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

Line Server FT

Open to the public. Must be able to work weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts.

Saganing

Maintenance Worker FT

Open to the public. One year custodial and maintenance experience. Experience with plumbing and carpentry.

Maintenance Worker PT

Open to the public. One year custodial and maintenance experience. Experience with plumbing and carpentry.

Finance Cashier PT

Open to the public. Six months cash handling or cashiering experience.

Players Club Rep PT

Open to the public. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license.

Security Officer PT

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

Technical Services Technician II

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field or three years IT support desk experience.

Water Operator II

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Three years of experience in water operations or related experience. Experience in construction, equipment operations and general maintenance.

Night Auditor

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year customer service experience and cash handling experience.

Count Team Associate

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Six months cash handling experience.

F&B Attendant

Open to the public. Cash handling, banking, or accounting experience preferred.

Front Desk Agent

Open to the public. One year customer service experience and cash handling experience.

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Win a share of \$200,000 in cash and Premium Play prizes!

Saturdays in May at Soaring Eagle
7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Three winners every hour at Soaring Eagle from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. will win up to \$5,000 in Premium Play! On Saturday, May 28th at 11:00 p.m. four lucky ACCESS Club members will each win \$25,000 cash!

ACCESS Club members will receive one (1) entry for every 300 points earned on their ACCESS Club card from 12am April 30th, 2022 until 10:55pm on May 28th, 2022.



FRIDAYS
7:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

1 winner each hour from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. will win up to \$2,500 in Premium Play. At 11:00 p.m. 1 lucky winner will win \$10,000 CASH!



TUESDAYS, MAY 3, 17 & 24
8:00 A.M. - 11:59 P.M.

Qualifying ACCESS Club members could receive up to \$70 in Premium Play from 8:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m. on select Tuesdays.



THURSDAYS
7:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Swipe at a promotional kiosk for special discounts and offers from 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Exclusively for ACCESS card holders age 55+.



SUNDAYS
9:00 A.M. - 11:59 P.M.

HERO card holders can earn \$10 in Premium Play for every 800 points earned on slots from 9:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m. Earn up to \$50 in Premium Play total.



Win a share of \$223,000 in cash & prizes!

Saturdays in May & June at Saganing

Hourly drawings every Saturday in May & June at Saganing Eagles Landing from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for \$1,000 cash and bonus entries into our Grand Prize drawing on June 25 at 11:00 p.m.

ACCESS Club members will receive one (1) entry for every 200 points earned on their ACCESS Club card from 12 a.m. March 26, 2022 until June 25, 2022 at 10:55 p.m. Earn 10X entries on Mondays.



MONDAYS, MAY 2, 9, 16 & 23
4:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Hourly drawings from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. for a chance to spin the wheel and win up to \$600 in cash or Premium Play prizes!



FRIDAYS
6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

One lucky winner every hour from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. will roll the dice for a chance to win up to \$800 in Premium Play!



SUNDAYS, MAY 1, 8 & 15
11:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Hourly drawings from 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. to select a clutch that could contain up to \$1,000 in cash or Premium Play prizes!



WEDNESDAYS | 4:00AM - 11:59PM
Earn points and get Premium Play!

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

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