U.S. Supreme Court affirms Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)

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Editor

A major victory for Native children and families was announced last month on June 15 when the United States Supreme Court issued a ruling that protects tribal sovereignty and affirms the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).

The ICWA, a 1978 federal law, prevents children from being removed from their tribal communities in custody, foster care and steaks served on 500-degree sizzling plates, today announced its newest location is open for business in Mount Pleasant, Mich. The Mt. Pleasant Ruth's Chris restaurant, located at 6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd., brings an unmatched dining experience to the central Michigan area with its 8,965-square foot location.

The new space features three main dining rooms, a luxurious bar and bar-lounge, patio with ample seating, as well as a private dining room that can accommodate personal and family celebrations, business meetings and more. The space is elegantly appointed and thoughtfully designed to provide a comfortably elegant, warm, and welcoming dining experience for every guest.

“We’ve had the abolute pleasure of serving the Michigan community for many years, and are fortunate to make our one-of-a-kind experience available to even more guests in the area,” said Michael Atkins, general manager for the Mt. Pleasant Ruth’s Chris.

“Our Chris serves steak, hand-picked from the arms of the people who loved them, len from the arms of the people who loved them. They were children by helping Native families stay together and, whenever possible, keeping children with their extended families or community who already know them, love them, and can help them understand who they are as Native people and citizens of their Tribal Nations. The Indian Child Welfare Act safeguards that which is most precious to us all—our children. Today’s decision from the Supreme Court keeps in place a vital protection for tribal sovereignty and Native children.

Our Nation’s painful history looms large over today’s decision. In the not-so-distant past, Native children were stolen from the arms of the people who loved them. They were NATIONS as they celebrate today’s Supreme Court decision, further entrenching us in our one-of-a-kind experience — no matter the size, we look forward to welcoming guests into our restaurant and showcasing the highest-quality food, beverages, and service in a warm and inviting atmosphere.”

With more than 150 restaurants around the globe, Ruth’s Chris has been in business since 1965. As part of the pre-opening celebration for its newest restaurant, Ruth’s Chris hosted a special dinner with community leaders, business owners and Ruth’s Chris executives with 100 percent of the proceeds from which were donated to Greater Lansing Food Bank.

“The Mt. Pleasant location is our fourth in the Michigan area, representing an exciting expansion in the region that further entrenches us in Michigan’s fine dining scene,” said Cheryl Henry, president and CEO of Ruth’s Hospitality Group, Inc. “We’re thrilled to continue to serve this community and look forward to more expansion opportunities in the near future.”

At Ruth’s Chris, the last bite is just as good as the first. The company’s perfected broiling method and seasoning techniques ensure each cut of USDA Prime beef arrives cooked to perfection and sizzling on a 500-degree plate — just the way Ruth’s Chris founder Ruth Fertel liked it. Representing the highest-quality beef, these cuts are well marbled and hand-selected for thickness and tenderness. Ruth only served her guests the finest, and that’s why Ruth’s Chris serves custom-aged USDA Prime beef.
Connie Sue Sprague
June 7, 1958 - June 6, 2023

Connie Sue Sprague, age 64, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at her home. Connie was born June 7, 1958, in Mount Pleasant, the daughter of Albert and Bettye (Peters) Alonzo. She married Lewis Sprague on August 30, 1991, and they had two children together: Andrew and Naomi. Connie was a graduate of Mount Pleasant High School and received her associate degree in secretarial science from Kellogg Community College.

Connie was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and was employed by the tribe as a benefits manager for many years. She also served on the Tribal Council and was actively involved in community events. Connie loved spending time with her family, particularly with her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed fishing, golfing, traveling, and the theater.

In addition to her husband, Lewis, Connie is survived by her parents; her children, Andrew and Naomi; her mother-in-law, Bettye White Pigeon; her brother, Alonzo Sprague; and her three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, Larry Sprague.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel at 7 p.m. at the funeral chapel. Following the luncheon, interment took place at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The family received friends that Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m.

Naomi Stagg
March 25, 1956 - June 5, 2023

Naomi Zocher-Stagg of Mount Pleasant, Mich., formerly of Flat Rock, Mich., passed away peacefully on June 5, 2023. Naomi was a proud senior member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, the father of her children James Stagg; siblings Val, Dave, Micheal; and her daughter Anastasia Stagg.

Naomi was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harold Cordum; and her son-in-law, Lewis Sprague.

Naomi is survived by her son, Lewis Jason Sprague Jr., Amos George (Corn) Cloud; grandchildren, Isabella L. Cloud, Luella Fern, Wren Rosanne, Yarrow Sious; great-grandchildren, Maleki Dye and Amana Dye; siblings, Carla (Stan) Sineway, Carol White Pigeon, Roberta Starkey; and many nieces and nephews.

A luncheon followed in the Reflections Reception Center. Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Friday, June 9, 2023, at 11 a.m. with Carla Sineway officiating. Connie was buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Saturday, July 29
Honoring Roger High Baa and past Freedom Walkers
Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
7 a.m. - Doors open and registration
7:30 a.m. - Welcome and opening prayer
8 a.m. - Honoring people in recovery
9 a.m. - Walk begins
10 a.m. - Breakfast will be provided.
11 a.m. - The Freedom Walkers will head south on Leaton Road, and then take a left turn on Tomah Road and proceed east until the walkers reach the Hill Campground (Powwow Grounds).

For more information, contact: Prevention@sagchip.org

PAPERWORK REQUIRED: Current and new members are to fill out new membership and liability forms, along with signing an access expectation sheet.

ACCESS GIVEN BY: Employees will receive access through their employee badge and non-employee Nimkee Fitness members patients will be given a key fob.

ACCESS PROHIBITED: It is prohibited to enter the facility after business hours without filling out the 24/7 access paperwork. Those who access the facility after business hours without filling out the proper procedures of filling out the access paperwork will be subject to suspension or removal.

STAFF AVAILABLE: Fitness staff will be available from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday to assist with the access paperwork.

Yoga Class | Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

For more information, please contact: Nimkee Fitness at 989-772-4690

Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023
Zibiwing Center Community Digital Archive
ASSISTANCE NEEDED

The Zibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways’ Research Center needs your assistance. Would you be willing to assist once a month by virtual meeting and through additional email correspondence? Your support is needed to review draft processes and materials intended for use on the Saginaw Chippewa Mukuru website currently under development and released Zibiwing Center Community Digital Archive.

For more information, please contact: Jayme Green | 989-317-4760 ext. 241 | jagreen@sagchip.edu

Zibiwing Questions@sagchip.org

Email:
**Election Timeline**

2023 Primary & General Elections

- **Aug. 7 - Sept. 1**: Candidate packets available at the Tribal Clerk’s Office
- **Sept. 1**: Petition deadline for candidates to turn in petitions
- **Sept. 8**: Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election
- **Sept. 12**: Deadline for candidates to meet all aspects of the qualifications to be placed on the final list of candidates
- **Sept. 13**: Final candidate list posted
- **Sept. 19**: Absentee ballots for Primary Election available in the office and mailed
- **Oct. 6**: Last day to register to vote for the General Election
- **Oct. 9**: Certification of voting machines (5:15 p.m.)
- **Oct. 10**: Primary Election Day
  - Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.
- **Oct. 11**: Primary Election results and candidates list posted
- **Oct. 17**: Absentee ballots for General Election available in the office and mailed
- **Nov. 6**: Certification of voting machines (5:15 p.m.)
- **Nov. 7**: General Election Day
  - Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.
- **Nov. 8**: General Election results posted

For more information, please contact: Tribal Clerk’s Office 989-775-4054

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

**Attention all Tribal Members:**

To be eligible to vote in the upcoming 2023 Tribal elections, you must register to vote 30 days prior to the election date.

- Voter Registration forms are available at the Tribal Clerk’s Office and on the Tribes website.
- Due to the change in Ordinance 4, those living in Isabella County are now District 1 eligible voters and must fill out a Voter Registration form.
- If you've had a recent address or name change after Jan. 1, 2022 you must also register to vote if you have not already.

For more information, contact: The Tribal Clerk’s Office 989-775-4051

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**Public Notices**

**June 12 - Aug. 18, 2023**

**Monday - Friday**

Come in and have a seat and eat:

- Breakfast: 7:30 – 9 a.m.
- Lunch: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Saginaw Chippewa Academy**

7498 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Call 211 or Text Food to 877-877 to find a safe site near you.*

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**School/Sport Physicals**

At Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center

Available Wednesdays and Thursdays in July Starting July 12th

- Please bring in physical form with parent part completed before physical.
- We also are asking to arrive ½ hour before you see provider.
- The medical assistant completes part of the exam before the provider comes into the room.
- Please call for available openings ASAP

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**Golf Competition**

**Thursday, July 20, 2023**

Pleasant Hills Golf Club
4652 E. Millbrook Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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

- Age groups:
  - Seniors 65 and over
  - Ladies all ages
  - Youth 17 and under
  - Coed - all ages invited

- Format: Two person scramble

Register online: www.sagchip.org/mifo/

- Cost: $37 for 18 holes
- *SCC Golf Members: $27
- *Lunch: $8
- *Optional skins entry: $10 Extra
- *50/50 tickets: 1 for $1 or 6 for $5
- *Participants receive: sleeve of logoed golf balls and tees

For more information, please contact:
Bernie Sprague at 989.775.5309 or 989.400.1838 or BSprague@sagchip.org

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**Eating and Drinking**

**TRIBAL YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY**

July 25 & 26, 2023
9a.m. - 4p.m. | Saginaw Chippewa Police Department

Open to Tribal community youth, 12-18 years of age

Activities include:

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

Registration required

**Deadline:** Friday, July 7
- Register in person at the Tribal Police Department
- A waiver and acknowledgment form must be signed
- Limited to 20 spots

For more information, please contact:
- Tribal Dispatch: 989.775.4700
- Sgt. Craig Wilson: cawilson@sagchip.org
The Seven Grandfather TEACHINGS

Nbookaadewin – 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, appreciate, and mirror the needs of others.

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

Zaawandae’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.

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

Tribal Observer Subscription Form
Please send $30 for the annual subscription. Make checks out to SCIT.

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To place an advertisement, please contact the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4096 or Observer@sagchip.org for more information.

Announcements - Including birthday, wedding, engagement, congratulations, etc., costs $10 and is open to Tribal Members, community members and employees. Double-sized announcements are $20.

Political ads - All political ads will be 1/4 page and have a red border stating as such. The cost is $250. Political ads may include, but are not limited to, any opinion or advertisement that is political in nature and/or any Letter to the Editor that does not conform to guidelines.

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Subscription rates are $30 per year.

Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee Currently Two Vacancies

The Planning Department is soliciting letters of interests for adult Tribal Members interested in serving on the Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee for a Tribal Council appointed two year term. Per Ordinance 11, section 102, subdivision 2 and the approved Ordinance 11 Committee By-Laws. The current two year term will end on Nov. 14, 2024. Please submit a letter of interest along with your qualification and experience to:

Donald Seal
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Planning Department
7500 Soaring Eagle Boulevard
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
dseal@sagchip.org

Letters of interests accepted until all vacancies are filled.
Tuesday, July 18, 2023
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. | 8251 Germania Rd., Cass City, MI
Share a traditional teaching from your family, or just come and listen and embrace the culture in a beautiful and sacred setting.
• Bring your lawn chair
• Sack lunch provided
• Skirts for women
• Free & open to the public

Honing the Memegwesi (Little People):
Offering Bundle for the Sanilac Potteryshop
Memegwesi are known to protect Anishinabe children, sacred medicines and sacred places. Teachings about the Memegwesi tell us they protect the people against sickness. In the spirit of reciprocity and respect, we give them a gift to thank them for their important work.

Suggested gifts for the Memegwesi:
• Needle & thread
• Backlaces & fr scraps
• Dry corn & wild rice
• Buffalo jerky & dried fish
• Maple sugar candy
• Small copper items
• Little clothing & hats
• Pennies
• Little tools

For more information, please contact:
MLHadden@sagchip.org or 989.775.4751

Nimkee Clinic & Pharmacy will be open:
Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
A medical provider will be on-call: 989-317-2088
• After regular business hours • Fridays • Weekends

Teladoc is available:
*General Medicine Only*
Free for UIM-registered patients, scan the QR Code to download the app.

Nimkee will be closed:
Monday, July 3 & Tuesday, July 4, 2023
The Pharmacy will be open:
Monday, July 3, 2023 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

NEW HOURS
Effective May 22 – Sept. 3, 2023
Nimkee Clinic & Pharmacy will be open:
Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
A medical provider will be on-call: 989-317-2088
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ZIBIWINING CENTER of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways
Collections Committee Vacancies
Attention Tribal Members
The Zibiwining Center is seeking interested individuals to serve on its Collections Committee.

The Zibiwining Center is a designated space 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 Anishinabe must be recognized, perpetuated, communicated and supported.

Interested members need to:
• Meet every second Wednesday of the month from 1 - 2 p.m.
• Implement the ZC’S purpose to enlighten and educate tribal and community members of the world to the culture, heritage, history and goals of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

For more information, contact and send letters of interest to:
William Johnson, Curator/Operations Manager
Email: WJohnson@sagchip.org
Phone: 989.775.4700

Housing hazardous tree program
The SCIT Housing hazardous tree program began in October 2022 and was created to provide financial assistance to Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members to mitigate dangers or threats to their primary residence posed by hazardous trees.

Definition: a hazardous tree is a tree that has defects, in an upright or in part, that may cause damage to Primary residence and/or out buildings.
The program has been a great success and has helped 17 Tribal Members – 12 elders and five members from all three districts and one out of state member.
The program has exhausted all funds available at this time.

SCIT Housing, with Tribal Council and Administration, will review the Program to see if we should continue it for the next fiscal year.
If you are in need of hazardous tree consultation, please email: scithousingbilling@sagchip.org to be added to the list.

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

Submissions will be featured on a memorial board
• It’s important to remind us all of the light that grows dim throughout the loss of our loved ones. To lend a voice to those who cannot speak, to bring awareness through education, and to bring families together by sharing their stories.

Vendors needed
Calling all Tribal crafters and artists who would like an opportunity to sell their items at the fourth annual Statewide Tribal Opioid Summit free of cost. This does not include any sponsorships or companies to promote or sell any business-related items. Please submit under sponsorships for the summit.

Vendor spaces are free for all Native crafters and artists.
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sent to boarding schools or to be raised by non-Native families—all with the aim of erasing who they are as Native people and tribal citizens. These were acts of unspeakable cruelty that affected generations of Native children and threatened the very survival of Tribal Nations. The Indian Child Welfare Act was our Nation’s promise: never again.

Tribal Nations fought hard to pass the Indian Child Welfare Act, and I am proud to have joined them in the ongoing efforts to defend it. Vice President Harris and I will continue to stand with Tribes to protect Native children, honor tribal sovereignty, and safeguard the essential principles of the Indian Child Welfare Act.”

Statement from Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo)

“Today’s decision is a welcome affirmation across Indian Country of what presidents and congressional majorities on both sides of the aisle have recognized for the past four decades.

For nearly two centuries, federal policies promoted the forced removal of Indian children from their families and communities through boarding schools, foster care, and adoption. Those policies were a targeted attack on the existence of Tribes, and they inflicted trauma on children, families, and communities that persists to this day.

Congress passed the Indian Child Welfare Act in 1978 to put an end to those policies. The Act ensured that the United States’ new policy would be to meet legal and moral obligations to protect Indian children and families and safeguard the future of Indian Tribes.”

Statement from National Congress of American Indians President Fawn Sharp (Quinault Nation):

“This victory now means the extraordinary vision of Tribal Leaders who fought so long and hard to pass ICWA in 1978 is now perfected and will be the law of the land for generations to come. Our children, our future and our very existence as Native people will no doubt continue to survive and thrive just as our Creator intended and ancestors envisioned. Our prayers were answered and today we honor every voice that joined us to make clear Tribal Nations have an inherent sovereign right to protect the interests of our children and future.”

Statement from National Indian Child Welfare Association, Association on American Indian Affairs

“Today’s decision is a massive victory for Native children, Native families, and the future of Native peoples. The Court’s decision affirmed that the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) is constitutional, putting the best interests of Native kids first, and is grounded in tribal sovereignty. This ruling respects the work that Tribal Nations have done for millennia to ensure Native kids stay connected to their families, communities, and cultures wherever possible. Not only will this ruling allow Indian Country to continue to advocate for the best interests of Native children, but it also reaffirms what we have said and known all along: Tribal Nations are sovereign nations. Similar to states or foreign countries, Tribal Nations have the inherent powers of self-government and have the right to provide for the social, economic, safety, and cultural needs of their citizens. For too long, ICWA’s opponents have used cases like Haaland v. Brackeen to try to undermine tribal sovereignty. Today, the Justices have sent a clear message that these biased, ahistorical attacks have no legal foundation and will not be tolerated. We hope this decision will lay to rest the political attacks, but let this case show that Indian Country and its many bipartisan allies are united in defense of Native children and of tribal sovereignty.

Today’s ruling is a ringing endorsement of the protections that ICWA requires. The ruling reinforces that ICWA is binding federal law. The court’s opinion adds momentum to collective efforts to increase ICWA compliance, enact state-based ICWA laws that build on ICWA’s strong foundation, and continue to support tribal child welfare and justice systems.

Indian Country stands together in joy with the countless allies who have supported us throughout this case.”

Statement from Cherokee National Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr.

“Today, the Supreme Court once again ruled that ICWA, heralded as the gold standard in child welfare for over 40 years, is constitutional. Today’s decision is a major victory for Native tribes, children, and the future of our culture and heritage. It is also a broad affirmation of the rule of law, and of the basic constitutional principles surrounding relationships between Congress and tribal nations. We hope this decision will lay to rest the political attacks aimed at diminishing tribal sovereignty and creating instability throughout Indian law that has persisted for too long. The Court once again demonstrated that it understands the legitimacy of ICWA and what it means for tribes, families, and children. By ruling on the side of children’s health and safety, the U.S. Constitution, and centuries of precedent, the justices have landed on the right side of history. With these latest political attacks on ICWA now behind us, we hope we can move forward on focusing on what is best for our children.”

**At the 35th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics**

Register your family online

**Free to SCIT Members & their families**

Register online at www.sagchip.org/MIFO

**For all SCIT participants.**

Check out the 2023 Team SCIT T-shirt!

**For all SCIT participants.**

**Must be picked up before 11 a.m. on event day.**

For more information, please contact: Jaden Harman, Nimkee Fitness Coordinator at 989.775.4694
Tribal descendant appointed by Gov. Whitmer to Ferris State University Board of Trustees

Ruth’s Chris Steaks Prime steaks and their signature sizzle may have put the restaurant on the map, but guests can also enjoy fresh seafood, scratch-made side dishes and desserts, craft cocktails and choice wines, all served with the sort of hospitality that would make its namesake proud.

Prime steaks and their signature sizzling steaks to her signature sizzling steaks to Ruth’s Chris Mt. Pleasant also offers its unbeatable Happy Hour, which includes mouthwatering food and full-size appetizers, hand-crafted cocktails and wine starting at only $9 from 4-6 p.m. every Sunday through Friday.

For your participation in the survey, you will be entered into a drawing and have the chance to win a $100 gas card.

Required Information:
- The principal address and contact information of the contractor including dba credentials
- Current event license
- Proof of insurance (indicate level of professional and general liability coverage)
- Provide two recent references with contact information

Evaluation metrics: a points system will be used to compile a total score for each submission based on the following:
- Submit information in writing, format should be no larger than 8.5” x 11”
- Total cost for services
- Not on the federal government’s debarred list
- Better Business Bureau Rating
- Experience with home inspections
- Ability to meet the deadline
- Native Preference shall be a consideration
- Small, woman, minority and service disabled veteran-owned business, if yes, provide documentation.

For more information, please contact:
Tonia Kequom, Property Manager
- Email: tokequom@sagchip.org
- Phone: 989-775-4229
Remembering the children through a day of memoriam and fellowship: Celebrating the 89th anniversary of the Mount Pleasant boarding school’s closing

It was a day to speak in the language, to honor tradition and culture on the grounds where it was all once forbidden. Tuesday, June 6th celebrated the 89th anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School’s closing.

The Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School operated from June 30, 1893 to June 6, 1934 with an average enrollment of 300 students per year. The students were forcibly taken from their families. The day-long “Honoring, Healing & Remembering” began with a 7 a.m. sunrise ceremony at Mission Creek Cemetery with George Martin, Steve Pego and Ogitchehadaw. The remainder of the day continued on the boarding school grounds.

A ceremony was held for a new eagle staff created by Paul Walker, a Bear Clan member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The eagle staff is dedicated to the MIIBS students and lists the names of the 227 students whom died at the school.

Walker, a survivor of the Holy Childhood of Jesus Catholic boarding school in Harbor Springs, Mich., said “from 1931-1976 he was incarcerated” during his attendance at the school.

Walker, of Freeland, Mich., said he prayed to the Creator and asked if he was meant to make a healing staff for Indian boarding school survivors. The next day, he said he was asked to create that staff.

The staff is made of medici nal birch, bald eagle feathers and healing cedar which “stays alive all year round” to honor the youth. Emcee Joseph Sowmick announced it was time for the grand entry and flag song, performed by Onion Creek Drum. Those walking in grand entry wore the names of the deceased students on cards, strung around their necks.

Robert O. Davies, president of Central Michigan University, was in attendance to provide remarks at precisely 10:30 a.m. “Today is an opportunity to acknowledge the injustices of the past, while working collectively to ensure tragedies like this never happen again,” Davies said.

Davies mentioned CMU’s collaborating efforts with the Tribe involving educational initiatives, including a grant to increase the number of certified Indigenous educators.

Amy Perschbacher, City of Mount Pleasant mayor, was also in attendance to provide remarks. “We cannot erase the trauma that happened here but we can hold hands and move forward showing the generations today, and those of tomorrow, that we will build, and we’re committed to build, a better world together,” Perschbacher said.

Tribal Elder Steve Pego led the sacred pipe ceremony. “I looked up to the elders when I was young and now I get to stand here and retell their stories,” Pego said.

The student roll call—during which each of the deceased student names were read and honored with a drum beat—was read by William Johnson, curator/office manager of the Ziibiwing Center, and Isabelle Osawamick, Anishinaabe outreach specialist, as boarding school survivors stood next to them.

“I’m always honored to call out the names of the students with Isabelle Osawamick. The Onion Creek Drum resounded beautifully in remembrance of them,” Johnson said. “The Student Roll Call ‘Remembering the Deceased’ is a very emotional time during the day’s events. We felt happy that we made it through the role call with grace and respect.”

Music selections by the band Brothers in Music were played during lunch. A MIIBS Committee update was provided by Marcella Hadden, tribal historic preservation officer, and architect Christian Nakarado presented a keynote address to discuss what’s ahead for the MIIBS buildings.

In regards to the reuse of some of the buildings, Nakarado said it was important to “develop priorities for preservation and renovation.”

“Our of the seven existing buildings, we’ve identified three key buildings that are the most likely candidates for reuse for a variety of reasons, including: size, historical significance, physical condition, simplicity of lay out, cost of rehabilitation,” Nakarado said. “We have decided to prioritize three buildings at the heart of the former boarding school site: the work shop, the gymnasium and the main classroom building (or auditorium building).”

The work shop building, Nakarado said, is relatively small in size, and has a simple rectangular shape, basement, open first floor and a second floor with a series of smaller spaces.

The gymnasium building is relatively larger with classroom spaces, an open second floor, and a tall ceiling space. There are three second-priority buildings: the larger girls’ dormitory, the home economics building which functioned as the superintendent’s house, and small girls’ dormitory located at the southwestern end.

When the community was surveyed about the usage of the buildings, the key findings of preference were for: language revitalization, storytelling, traditional and contemporary arts, healing and treatment for historical trauma, and boarding school museum and memorial.

“The overall strategy we’ve developed is to change the buildings as little as possible while stabilizing and repairing them back to an architectural state quite close to what exists today,” Nakarado said, adding new windows, doors and repairs will be added. The plan is to use the “light-touch approach” with no major changes to interiors; the most respectful way to honor the children that once attended the school, Nakarado said.

“Let the silence within each building speak for itself,” Nakarado said, mentioning the goal of any updating.

Christian Nakarado is “trying to think carefully” of what will become of the 15 acres surrounding the building. A possible garden, large space for gathering or memorials were mentioned. A boarding school survivors panel was held and included four survivors from Holy Childhood of Jesus Catholic boarding school

A panel of the Harbor Springs boarding school survivors speak (left to right: Linda Cobe, Kim Fyke, Sharon Walker-Skutt and Marilyn St. Onge-Wakefield) as emcee Joseph Sowmick moderates the discussion.

Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson (far left) speaks shortly after a ceremony for the new eagle staff—dedicated to the boarding school students—is held at the 2023 Honoring, Healing and Remembering on June 6 at the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School grounds. Survivors of the Holy Childhood of Jesus Catholic Boarding school in Harbor Springs, Mich. stand with the chief.

Harbor Springs boarding school survivors are photographed with their quilts made from the “Quilts for Survivors” group based in Canada.

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On May 31, shovels once again touched Mother Earth as Tribal Council joined Housing Department officials and dignitaries for a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) groundbreaking. 

Tribal Council Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts began with a blessing, and a sacred fire was on site along with the Onion Creek Drum.

Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez served as emcee of the event and intro-duced Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson for opening remarks. “It is truly a dream come true to see this project move forward and it all began under the (2019) Ekdahl administration,” Jackson said. “We were sitting in Council chambers and we talked about the needs of our people and how we could help them achieve their family’s dreams and dreams for themselves. I would like to personally thank Ron and also the (Tim) Davis administration for continuing and bringing the realization of the previous administration. And I especially would like to thank my fellow Council mem-bers who have been here to help break ground on another facility to help Tribal Members.”

Samuel Anglin, PSH coordinator for the Housing Department, said this project is more than just affordable housing to the Tribe.

“This project is about establishing a com-munity based on the concepts of Housing First and Harm Reduction Models, Anglin said. “We want to get rid of the stigma of addiction and mental health and treat peo-ple in a respectful manner. This lodge concept will allow people with common issues to come together to empower, encourage and build from each other in a safe living environment.”

We, as indigenous peo-ple, have lived a PSH model for a millennium.”

Anglin acknowledged each of the tribal councilors that helped secure the funding, provide the vision and direc-tion for this project.

“A change of heart can come from the community goes to the SCIT Housing Manager Rosalie Maloney and the SCIT Of-fice of Grants & Contracts for the guidance and support through this proj-ect,” Anglin said. “I look for-ward to what the journey for the next year for the ribbon cut-ting ceremony. Miigwetch!”

Housing Manager Rosalie Rosaline said her trust by hearing the history of the project and said the ini-tial idea for the effort started in 2018.

“Shortly after taking the position as Housing man-ager for the Tribe, I came to realize the Tribe had a hous-ing problem on the Isabella Reserva-tion. Tribal Members were calling me for housing assistance because they were being shut out rental housing because landlords have some very strict rules,” Maloney said. “These are our mem-bers that struggle with sub stance use disorders and men-tal health issues. Sometimes they were losing their housing because they just can’t main-tain it on their own.”

Maloney said under Housing’s existing program she had nothing better to offer them and identified four barri-ers to obtaining housing: lack of financial resources (first month’s rent, last month’s rent and security deposit all due at once), poor or no crime his-tory (many related to substance use disor-ders) and lack of employment.

“Maloney also said the survival grant application scored 96 out of 100 points! That got us the starter funds of nearly $4 million,” Maloney said. “I’d also like to thank the project team: Construction Manager Tom Kequom, Accounting Department (Jackie Reger, Sue Kollman and Brandi Judkins), Tribal Administrator Dustin Davis and Ruben Mosqueda, Planning Code Compliance Officer Ed Howard, Legal Department General Counsel Sean Reed and his team, SCIT Direc-tor of Utilities Shannon Peters and the IT Department.”

Dale Johnson Jr., vice presi-dent of JR Heineman & Sons Construction, spoke of the project and has worked with Kequom and Anglin and with Ziibiwing Center in the past.

“The need for this proj-ect and to have our firm be a part of it is a blessing for us,” Johnson said. “As a contrac-tor, all the work that has taken place before the project got to us, we are truly honored to put it all together for you. We know it’s a competitive bid process and we get that, but this win is for the com-munity as well.”

Scott Winchester (Thunder Clan), Pokagon Potawatomi tribal liaison of Seven Generations A&E Firm, brought project design boards with Director of Construction Services Steven Zimmerman. “As a tribal company, we are honored to be a part of this beautiful project and to be a part of your team…” Winchester said. “A part of what we do, doing the architecture and construc-tion is to bring culture into the design components, and we will bring all those needs and services you want provided into this building.”

Onion Creek Drum gave an honor song prior to the groundbreaking.

A tentative grand opening is scheduled for the fall of 2024.

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in Harbor Springs, Mich. – Sharon Walker-Skutt (Saginaw Chippewa), Marilyn St. Onge-Wakefield (Sault Ste. Marie of Chippewa Indians), Kim Frye (Sault Ste. Marie of Chippewa Indians) and Linda Cobe (Luc Vien Desert Tribe of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians). Cobe was a 5-year-old first grader when she first attended the school.

“Such a tender age when you get pulled that young,” Cobe said, mentioning the children were told to give away their belongings from home – no clothing, toys or books.

Cobe said she remembers getting up to get one of the nun’s hugs and watching other chil-dren get beaten.

Frye attended the boarding school during ages 9 to 14 – from 1970 to 1974.

Don’t put me in a Catholic cemetery or I will come back to haunt you,” Frye said through her tears.

“I’m just learning to be Indian. I had no idea about any of it,” Frye continued. “This is my first gathering with Native people.”

St. Onge-Wakefield attended the school for 2 and a half years, beginning at age 5.

She said during the Catholic confessional, the Father had her stand there and tell him her confession.

On the day her and her siblings had to return to the school when summer was over, St. Onge-Wakefield said they would hide behind furniture.

Skutt said the sisterhood of the other survivors has helped in her healing process.

The audience was very engaged when the panel spoke. Audible gasps could also be heard during some of the remarks.

We were able to have four board survivors tell their story, to tell their (experience), and give a true and honest look into their young lives…” said Marcella Hudson, tribal historic preserva-tion officer. “Stories like theirs aren’t always easy to hear but are definitely a part of our past. We can never let happen again to Anishinabea children and families.”

The event concluded with a beautiful, emotional jingle dress healing dance, and a celebratory round dance and giveaway. A traveling song was performed by Strong Women Singers.

The event was held by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and its Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways and Tribal Historic Preservation Office, and Central Michigan University. The event is held annually on June 6.
39th Annual
July 28, 29 & 30, 2023

Grand Entry
Friday: 7 p.m. | Saturday: 1 p.m. | Sunday: 12 p.m.

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**SCIT Powwow**

**July 28, 29, & 30, 2023**

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

1. **Be on time.** The SCIT Powwow Committee is doing everything possible to ensure that activities begin and run smoothly. Please cooperate in this regard.

2. **Appropriate dress and behavior are required in the arena.** Anyone unwilling to abide by this rule will be asked to leave by the arena director. (If you are going to dance, try to wear dance clothes.)

3. **Pointing with fingers is considered poor manners by some nations.** If you must point, use your head and nod in the direction you wish to indicate.

4. **The seating around the arena is reserved for dancers in regalia.** Seats with blankets, shawls or regalia items on them are taken and should not be bothered. Do NOT sit on someone else’s blanket unless invited. Uncovered seats are considered available.

5. **No pets allowed; they should be left at home.** The arena is a sacred place from the time it is blessed until the powwow is over. At no time should pets be allowed in the arena.

6. **Respect the head male and female dancers.** Their role entitles them to start each song or set of songs. Please wait until they have started to dance before you join in. In some traditions, it is considered improper to pass the head male or female dancer within the arena.

7. **Some songs require you to be familiar with the routine or have special eligibility rules in order to participate.** Trot dances, snake, buffalo, etc. require particular steps or routines. Veteran dances may be restricted to veterans, combat veterans or, in some cases, the relations of veterans. If you are not familiar with a particular dance, observe and learn. Watch the head dancers to learn the procedures.

8. **Most powwows are nonprofit and depend upon donations, raffles, blanket dances, etc. for support. Donations are encouraged as a way to honor someone.** Any participant can drop money onto the blanket to aid with the powwow expenses.

9. **Certain items of religious significance should be worn only by those qualified to do so. Respect the traditions.** Never intentionally touch another dancer’s regalia, personal property without permission.

10. **Giveaways, attributes of Indian generosity, are held at many dances.** They are acknowledgments of appreciation to recipients for honor or service given to the people. When receiving a gift, the recipient thanks everyone involved in the giving.

11. If you wish to ask for a special song from a drum, talk to the arena director first and make sure the master of ceremonies is informed. It is traditional to make a gift (monetary or otherwise) to the drum for special requests.

12. **Before sitting at a drum, ask permission from the head dancer.** Do not touch a drum without permission. The drums are sacred, and it is believed that anyone who takes a place behind the drums has been selected by the Creator to be there. No one drums without special permission, and no one sits in the drumming area without special permission. Great offense is taken if you choose to sit in this area. You should never turn down an invitation by anyone, especially elders, during a powwow.

13. **Ask permission before taking pictures of dancers.** Pictures may be taken with the permission of the dancers but not during dedication dances (veterans songs, flag songs or prayers). These special songs are for special requests.

14. **At any time you are uncertain of procedure, etc., please check with the emcee, arena director or head singer.** They will be glad to help you with your questions.

15. **Unless you are sure spectator seating will be provided, bring a chair.** Remember that the seating immediately around the arena is for dancers only.

16. **Be aware that someone standing behind you may not be able to see over you. Make room, step aside, sit or kneel if someone is behind you.**

17. **Alcohol, recreational drugs and firearms are prohibited at all powwows.**

18. **If you see a lost feather, or you yourself drop a feather, do not pick it up.** Notify the nearest veteran, the head veteran, head male dancer or arena director immediately.

19. **In some places it is okay for adults to dance while carrying infants or small children.** In other places this is considered contrary to local etiquette. Ask before doing so.

20. **Always stand during special songs.** This includes grand entry, flag songs, veteran songs, memorial songs, prayer songs or any other song that the emcee designates. It is also customary to remove hats for the duration of that song.

21. **Always listen to the emcee.** He will give all of the information you need as well as entertain you and keep you posted about news. Any questions you have can be answered by him. He will let you know when you need to stand and when you may sit after honor songs. He will also announce intertribal dances and other invitations for guests to participate.

22. **Supervise your children so that all may enjoy the event without distraction.**

23. **If you have a question, ask.** Most dancers, singers, elders and staff are happy to help. Offer a cold drink or other small, symbolic gifts to those who help you.

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**Understanding the Path**

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**Women’s Jingle**

This dance is aptly named for the tin cones (jingles) that cover the dancer’s dress literally from head to foot. The movements of the dance are bouncy and energetic so that the jingling of the dresses matches the beat of the drum and provides a constant rhythmical accompaniment to each song. To be a jingle dancer, you must have dreamt about being one. With each step that these dancers are taking, they are praying for a sick friend or relative. The dress is made of cloth yarn is used. The dance movements are also distinctive and its colorful and distinctive regalia.

**Men’s Fancy**

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

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**A Quick Guide to the Six Main Ojibwe Dancing Styles**

**Fancy Shawl Dance**

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

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**Men’s Grass**

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

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**Women’s Traditional**

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

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**Men’s Traditional**

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

Mary Jackson
35 years of service

Eve Bailey
30 years of service

Eve Bailey, table games supervisor, was honored for reaching 30 years of service. Human Resources Director Louanna Bruner shared the following about Bailey:

“I’ve started working in table games in 1991. She quickly advanced into the role of a Pit Boss and became a floorman in 1998. Her daughter CeCee says, ‘My mom has built a beautiful life with my dad, raised her kids and gets to enjoy time with her grandchildren and she makes us all feel like her number one. Every woman who she is, is who she is at home too. We are happy to see her being acknowledged for her 35 years of service.’

That’s the way to do it Eve, keep him chasing you!”

Cliff Russel said, “From the early days in the card room where you and Trudy would have…a competition of who could fit more scrunchies in their hair to present day,
you’ve been a consistent, reliable member of SECR Table Games. You’re contributions to the department do not go unnoticed and we’re blessed to have had the pleasure of working with you over the years.”

The Family Fun Day was held in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall on June 21. The free event featured food and activities for employees and their families.

Mary Jackson, table games supervisor, shared the following about Jackson:

“Mary started her career in the part-time blackjack-jack dealer. She ventured out of the table games department into security where she worked was in Security at the floor person in 1998. She returned to table games in 1991. She quickly advanced into the role of a Pit Boss and became a floorman in 1998. Her husband Fred said she’s seen a lot of changes in table games from the card room’s long hours, to reluctantly having to move into the new casino. I remember that too; seems like most of table games preferred the card room! Fred shared she started when she was 18; 30 years later and she’s still young! Fred did let me know that he’s not too far behind Eve in years at the casino.

Junior Adults (Women) 18-35

Place Grass Fancy Traditional
1st $1,100 $1,100 $1,100
2nd $800 $800 $800
3rd $600 $600 $600
4th $400 $400 $400

Junior Adults (Men) 18-35

Place Grass Fancy Traditional
1st $1,100 $1,100 $1,100
2nd $800 $800 $800
3rd $600 $600 $600
4th $400 $400 $400

Teen Girls (6-11)

Place Grass Fancy Traditional
2nd $110 $110 $110
3rd $125 $125 $125
4th $100 $100 $100

Teen Boys (12-17)

Place Grass Fancy Traditional
1st $500 $500 $500
2nd $300 $300 $300
3rd $200 $200 $200
4th $125 $125 $125

Senior Adults (Men) 36-49

Place Grass Fancy Traditional
1st $1,100 $1,100 $1,100
2nd $800 $800 $800
3rd $600 $600 $600
4th $400 $400 $400

Senior Adults (Women) 36-49

Place Grass Fancy Traditional
1st $1,100 $1,100 $1,100
2nd $800 $800 $800
3rd $600 $600 $600
4th $400 $400 $400

Golden Age (Men) 50-59

Place Combined
1st $1,100
2nd $800
3rd $600
4th $400

Golden Age (Women) 50-59

Place Combined
1st $1,100
2nd $800
3rd $600
4th $400

Platinum Age (Men) 60+

Place Combined
1st $1,100
2nd $800
3rd $600
4th $400

Platinum Age (Women) 60+

Place Combined
1st $1,100
2nd $800
3rd $600
4th $400

DRUM CONTEST

1st place: $8,000
2nd place: $6,000
3rd place: $5,000

Iron Man Drum Special: Contestants 18 years and older will dance multiple songs until disqualified by being bucked off song or other reason. Drummers’ choice for songs. Last contestant dancing with last three contestants placing. Three places 300/200/100

Iron Women Jingle Side Step Special: Contestants 18 years and older will dance multiple songs until disqualified by being bucked off song or other reason. Drummers’ choice for songs. Last contestant dancing with last three contestants placing. Three places 300/200/100

Youth Hand Drum Special: Youth ages 6 to 17 years must perform one song. Three places 150/100/50

ADULT HAND DRUM SPECIAL: Adults 18 years and older with two or more contestants per group. Each group will perform one song. Judges select top three contestants. Three places 300/200/100

Women Back-Up Singers: Contestants 3 years and older, with two or more participants per group, will sing two or more songs of a song azapella style. Three places 250/150/100

All payouts are subject to change*

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ENTERTAINMENT

Monster Truck
Madness 9
Saturday, July 1
7:00 p.m.
Outdoor Event Area
Tickets: $25 General Admission

Five Finger Death Punch
with I Prevail
Sunday, July 23
8:00 p.m.
Outdoor Concert
Tickets: $30, $90, $106, $131

Pitbull
with Lil Jon
Sunday, July 9
8:00 p.m.
Outdoor Concert
Tickets: $37, $89, $105, $130

Kane Brown with Chris Lane & Restless Road
Thursday, August 3
7:00 p.m.
Outdoor Concert
SOLD OUT!

WPBA SOARING
EAGLE MASTERS 2023
July 13 - 16
Session times vary
Entertainment Hall
Tickets: starting at $20

Carrie Underwood with Colbie Caillat
Thursday, August 24
8:00 p.m.
Outdoor Concert
Tickets: $54, $141, $173, $204

Beers, Brats & Burgers
Dine & Drink Series
Saturday, July 22
7:30 p.m.
Entertainment Hall
Tickets: $50 General Admission

An Evening with James Taylor
Saturday, August 26
8:00 p.m.
Outdoor Concert
Tickets: $36, $81, $98, $114

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If fans wanted tickets to the Willie Nelson and Jelly Roll concert, they had to act fast. It sold out almost immediately. The two artists performed – and even met for the first time – during the Saturday, May 27 show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. This was the second outdoor show of the season.

The music legend – whom is now 90 years old – Willie Nelson performed a one-hour set beginning at about 8:10 p.m. Sitting side-by-side with his talented son, Lukas Nelson, whom also sings, plays guitar, and writes songs. The father and son both sported guitar picks, cowboy hats, long hair (Willie’s in his signature braids) and wore black.

Willie and his band members – sporting an upright bass, percussion, piano and harmonica players – got the show started with “Whiskey River,” “Stay a Little Longer” and a mesh up of “Funny How Time Slips Away/Crazy.”

Lukas took the vocals and bass, percussion, piano and an upright nature braids), and wore black.

Willie had a satisfying set, mixing torch songs and ballads of Austin.”

Willie left the stage, the lights went out, lighting turned the golden eyes lit up the screen, and out walked Jelly Roll and his bandmates. He may look serious with face, neck and body tattoos and a rough-around-the-edges appearance, but Jelly Roll came out grinning with his gold teeth shining.

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Godsmack, Bullet for My Valentine deliver fiery performances at Soaring Eagle

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Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted Godsmack, Bullet for My Valentine and From Ashes to New on Friday, May 26. The outdoor concert stage was the second-to-last stop of Godsmack’s “Best of Times World Tour.”

The show proved to be quite the spectacle, with Godsmack’s members providing tight, groove-ridden and intense pyrotechnic-infused performances. Lead singer Sully Erna proved he was still one of the greatest frontmen in the game.

As the curtain dropped to begin the show, a wall of fire illuminated the stage during the opening drum beats of “When Legends Rise.”

The music continued with the angst-riddled “Cryin’ Like a B” followed by the forceful hits “1000hp” and “Something Different.”

The set featured a trio of new songs in “You and I,” “What About Me” and “Surrender.” The songs were released in February 2023 on the band’s eighth studio album “Lighting Up the Sky.”

The hits continued with masterful performances of “Bulletproof,” “Awake” and “Voodoo.”

Singer Sully Erna and drummer Shanon Larkin duel on separate drum sets during “Batalla de los tamboros.”

The regular set ended with “Whatever,” but the band wasn’t through with the night as they soon returned for an encore performance of “Under Your Scars.” This was followed covers of Aerosmith’s “Dream On” and The Beatles’ “Come Together.”

Godsmack closed out the night with a fiery performance of fan favorite “I Stand Alone.”

Taking to the stage before Godsmack was Welsh heavy metal band Bullet for My Valentine. The band kicked off their set with “Your Betrayal,” “Waking the Demon” and “Piece of Me.”

Next up were the hit songs “Knives,” “Over It,” “4 Words (to Choke Upon)” and “Shatter.”

Bullet for My Valentine closed out with two of their biggest hits in “Tears Don’t Fall” and “Scream Aim Fire.”

American rock band From Ashes to New opened for both bands, taking to the stage first that night. The band performed many of their biggest hits including “Nightmare,” “Heartache,” “Hate Me Too,” “Crazy” and “Through It All.”

Although it rained throughout the entire evening for this outdoor show, fans were all smiles and loving the nostalgia of the country classics.

Brooks and Dunn – made up of Kix Brooks and Ronnie Dunn – came out on stage ready to entertain, starting the set with “Brand New Man,” “Put a Girl in It” and “My Next Broken Heart.”

As the rain didn’t slow down, Kix Brooks addressed the crowd dressed in ponchos, raincoats and hats.

“I mean, I’m from Louisiana and this ain’t really raining, is it?” he said. “You ladies are all dressed up for nothing!” Brooks said, as the audience erupted in applause and holliers.

Perfectly timed before performing “Mama Don’t Get Dressed Up for Nothing,” Kix addressed the rain-soaked crowd.

“I bet you ladies took a lot of time getting ready for this evening, didn’t you?” he said. “You ladies are all dressed up under those parkas. Got ponchos over two hours of work out there. Guys, we’re still gonna play. You didn’t get dressed up for nothing!”

The energetic duo’s set including some of their greatest hits including “Play Something Country,” “Cowgirls Don’t Cry,” “My Maria” and the gospel-inspired “Believe.”

Opening for Brooks and Dunn that evening was country music artist Scotty McCreery. Scotty McCreery walked out alone on stage and began the opening lines to “In Between Matters to Her.”

His set continued with “Small Town Story,” “Feelin’ It,” and what McCreery said is his wife’s favorite song, “It Matters to Her.”

“We’re going to play a lot of the new stuff and a lot of the old, from the American Idol days, McCreery said. McCreery rose to fame after winning the 10th season of American Idol in 2011.

McCreery played his hit songs including This Is It,” “Five More Minutes” and “You Time.” He also performed covers including Randy Travis’ “Forever and Ever, Amen” and Alan Jackson’s “Chattahoochee.”

Audience ‘boots, scoots and boogies’ right on down to outdoor Brooks and Dunn show

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

There’s a good chance when someone hears the opening lines: “Out in the country past the city limits sign/Where there’s a honkytonk near the county line” they may run straight to the dance floor to “too many cold!”

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Godsmack frontman Sully Erna performs “Something Different” during the May 26 outdoor concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Audience ‘boots, scoots and boogies’ right on down to outdoor Brooks and Dunn show

Although it rained throughout the entire evening for this outdoor show, fans were all smiles and loving the nostalgia of the country classics.

Brooks and Dunn – made up of Kix Brooks and Ronnie Dunn – came out on stage ready to entertain, starting the set with “Brand New Man,” “Put a Girl in It” and “My Next Broken Heart.”

As the rain didn’t slow down, Kix Brooks addressed the crowd dressed in ponchos, raincoats and hats.

“I mean, I’m from Louisiana and this ain’t really raining, is it?” he said. “You ladies are all dressed up for nothing!”

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Delegation of MSU scholars take environmental field trip to SCIT facilities

JOSEPH SOWMICK
Public Relations Manager

On June 15, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe hosted a delegation of 12 Michigan State University students from the Hal and Jean Glassen Scholars Program. The delegation was led by the program director Jim Schneider, a certified wildlife biologist for the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

The students toured the water treatment facilities, the Seventh Generation greenhouses and maple syrup processing facilities, and the Ziibiwing museum. Isabelle Osawamick, Anishinabe outreach specialist, offered a language teaching for the scholars in Anishinaabemowin and highlighted words used in indigenous agriculture. The students also enjoyed a lunch prepared by the Seventh Generation staff and participated in the Sacred Fire teachings.

Student Mackena Rhadigan (Macomb, Mich.) is working toward a fisheries and wildlife major with a concentration in conservation biology and was impressed everyone was so willing to share.

“Everyone we met on the reservation was beyond welcoming and it was lovely to have the opportunity to talk to (Natural Resource Specialist) Jennifer (Bailey) about the conservation work you’re doing in Mt. Pleasant. I really enjoyed learning more about your greenhouse as well as the sacred fire,” Rhadigan said.

“I was deeply touched by the emphasis on gift-giving in Anishinaabe culture, and since visiting have found myself searching for ways to give meaningful gifts to my friends and family as well. I really enjoyed my time… and will carry the lessons I learned from the visit through the rest of my career as a conservationist.”

Madison Janes (Monroe, Mich.) is an incoming senior studying environmental studies and sustainability.

“As a future natural resource specialist myself, I truly only understand what the reservation is like once you go out and see it for yourself,” Janes said. “It was so immersive to learn about the cultural past of the Anishinaabe, as well as everything the tribe does in the present day, from the Seventh Generation greenhouses to the Water Treatment Facility. The great things the Tribe is doing will stay with me for a lifetime. Everyone we spoke to was informative and answered our questions; I learned so much. It was such a fantastic experience that everyone should have.”

MSU Junior Erin Henthorn is majoring in fisheries and wildlife with a minor in science, technology, environment and public policy.

“I am so grateful that you shared with us the meaning of the eagle feather and how we can strive to walk the good path with everything we do,” Henthorn said. “At the water plant, I saw how much pride the operators take in providing safe and constant water to the community. Working with water is more than a job, it is a passion, it is a calling. It was inspiring to meet such passionate and genuine people.”

Migizi Economic Development contributing to tribal security

FRITZ KUHLMAN
Marketing Manager

Migizi Economic Development is in the process of completing several noticeable projects around the Reservation.

The removal of the apartment buildings on Broadway has been completed, the canopy replacement at the Sagamok store is almost finished, and the initial stage of upgrades to The Hill campground is nearing the end.

While these projects are visible to all members, Migizi collaborates, almost daily, with other Tribal units and departments to generate improved results through sharing knowledge and expertise.

As a result, Migizi is often approached to support Tribal properties that need to be renovated and restored or advised in developing best practices to drive improved performance.

Examples of Migizi’s collaboration include The Hill Campground, a detailed plan for the RV park in Sagamong development and marketing of Tribal apparel, entry into the hemp business, a future Tribal Community Center, and the purchase of both commercial and recreational land such as the former Mid-Michigan College building and the Lodge property in Tawas.

Migizi EDC currently provides sponsorship for Native Fest, back-to-school events in both Mount Pleasant and Saganing, Orange Shirt Day, Freedom Walk, Michigan Indian Family Olympics, and many more.

Migizi’s Property Management division provides fee-based plowing and mowing of Tribal lands as requested. In addition, tools held as Migizi assets are loaned to other Tribal departments to increase efficiencies and reduce costs for the Tribe.

Through the Economic Development Department, the Tribe is able to secure its energy buying with the use of the Saganing substation. This capability allows significant energy cost savings to Tribal entities in Saganing. Studies are underway to determine if a substition in Isabella County is feasible, which could provide additional energy cost savings to the Tribe through powering businesses, residential properties, or both.

In fiscal year 2022, Migizi EDC paid $548,000 to the Tribe for shared services like IT and payroll services. In that same period, Migizi paid a further $159,000 in interest. Based on EBTTA, which means earnings before tax, depreciation, and amortization, which measure a business’s actual financial health, Migizi is net-cash positive by more than one million dollars. The company has demonstrated continued growth and generates positive cash flow for the Tribe.

In addition to Saganing Sagamok, Isabella Sagamok, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, residential and commercial real estate, agricultural land management, and the Cardinal Pharmacy, Migizi Economic Development Company has entered the space of 8a government contracting with Bakinaw Federal Contracting, the buying, and selling of energy, and is looking closely at financial services and other areas that could produce substantial Tribal income. These opportunities take time, resources, and effort to realize but offer an alternative path to Tribal financial independence.

While many of these business interests are unseen, Migizi Economic Development Company is focused on pursuing and growing these promising opportunities. While not apparent like the physical properties of the Tribe, these economic development efforts are set to yield significant and sustainable results that could lift the Tribe to new levels while providing financial security for future generations.
Health prevention and education moves outside at 2023 Summer Safety Fair

JOSEPH SOWMICK
Public Relations Manager

Health prevention and education took to the street as Tribal departments joined with various organizations and agencies throughout Michigan at the 2023 Summer Safety Fair on Saturday, June 3.

The weather was picture perfect for the event held at the Tribal public safety building on the corner of Leaton and Broadway in-head Park.

Sue Sowmick, Nimkee Public Health registered nurse, said Sunday, Safety Day is an opportunity to connect with the community to highlight public health services and equipment used during a given emergency.

“The spirit of the event provides the community the opportunity to get to know the men and women that serve in their roles as first responders. This fosters trust in our emergency workers and helps alleviate fear and anxiety in the community,” Sowmick said. “It provides an excellent opportunity to foster an environment of safety in the community, which also provides a fun, family activity for all ages.”

Sowmick estimated there were 339 people who signed to register for the four-hour event with 112 youth in attendance. First responders, however, indicated the number of people was well over 500, from what they saw.

Sowmick informed there were 16 Tribal departments and 13 community-based agencies who participated.

Participating Tribal departments included: Tribal Council, Tribal Police and Fire, Nimkee, Behavioral Health, Andawood Business Regulations, Project Aware, Recreation, Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services, Social Services Administration, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Migizi, Planning and Maintenance.


A special cake was made by Soaring Eagle pastry chefs for the dedication of first responder in the community.

It is wonderful to see the community come out to learn some new information and have fun. The Tribal Police had all of their equipment out with education brochures for families,” Sowmick said. “The officers also had helmets from the local Kiwanis club and children’s bikes to giveaway (donated) to promote healthy exercise with safety. The police dogs were also providing plenty of PR with young and old alike.”

Representatives from Detroit-based American Indian Health and Family Services were on site to bring awareness to their Sacred Bundle Project regarding youth suicide prevention.

“The Mt. Pleasant Fire Department brought their ladder truck to be on display as well as the Smoke House to educate families in what to do during a fire in their homes,” Sowmick said. “Also, we had Mobile Medical Response (MMR) to show the community what is in an ambulance in case they have not seen the inside of one.”

Sowmick continued, “(Council Member) Dave (Merrill Jr.) brought the family’s Slip N’ Slide and the Tribal Fire set a water hose up, and that was a huge draw with the kids. With the heat, it was a perfect day for it and some of the parents and grandparents joined in.”

Peer 360 Recovery Coach Anna Winters not only provided information about recovery, a recovery meeting was held at noon that was well attended. Isabella Substance Awareness Coalition gave out narcan along with providing education on how to use it.

Sowmick offered her sincere thanks to the community for coming out and to the booth participants and volunteers, and looks forward to next year’s event.

Tribal youth play “Kickball with the Cops” during Project Venture event

JOSEPH SOWMICK
Public Relations Manager

School is officially out and summer is here, and Tribal youth kicked it off with a fun game of “Kickball with the Cops.”

Tahsheenah Foley, youth program coordinator for Project Venture, and Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services (ACFS) worked with the Recreation Department and the Tribal Police to make the June 12 event a perfect kickoff to summer.

“We had a great turnout by inviting all 12-17 year olds to come join us... (at the) Broadway Park for a fun game,” Foley said. “This was my first Project Venture-hosted event and I was so happy to see the large turnout of both Tribal PD and our youth. We are looking forward to more summer fun events to come.”

Foley said the event had 23 youth who participated with the first responders also coming to the Saginaw Chipewa Fire Department.

“... We blended the teams so they were a mix of youth and PD. Samuel Cloud and Elijah Chivis were team captains and handpicked their teams,” Foley said. “Our scorekeeper was Project Venture parent volunteer Ashawnee Sprague and our food preppers were Carrie Huron with ACFS Prevention, Officer Joe Maxey and Ashawnee Sprague. Food contributions were made by (Recreation) Manager Ronnie Ekdahl and myself with Project Venture.”

Foley said hearing the teaser that the young people help remove the stigma to see the officers as people and help remove the space to see the officers as police and help remove the stigma that we so often see out here on the Rez,” Foley said. “It also gives PD the chance to see kids in their elements of just being kids and it helps builds rapport and trust. The youth are already talking about next year’s rematch. Actions speak volumes and simply showing up for them is one of the best things we can do to support them.”

Tribal youth and first responders pose for a photo in between fun games of kickball last month at the Broadway Park.

Smiles come out as bright as sunshine as the 2023 Summer Safety Fair sizzles.

Over an estimated 500 people attended the four-hour Saturday, June 3 event that included health prevention and family safety messages with first responders in the community.

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It was an evening to celebrate those making advancements in their educational journey. The Tribal Education Department held its 2023 graduation banquet on June 6.

Held in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort’s Entertainment Hall, the evening included presentations to graduates, dinner, remarks from Council members, and closed with an honor song.

More than 10 graduates were recognized for their higher education achievements.

Derek Johnson was honored for achieving his doctorate in global sports leadership from East Tennessee State University.

The following were honored for the completion of master’s degrees:
- Guadalupe Gonzalez, master’s degree in arts and letters from Michigan State University;
- Maia Spotted Tail, master of business administration from the University of Michigan-Flint;
- Luke Sprague, master of science in administration from Central Michigan University;
- Alicia Starkey, master of social work from Northern Michigan University.

Onica Miller (Central Michigan University) and Deidra Wilson (Spring Arbor University) were celebrated for achieving bachelor’s degrees.

The following Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College graduates were honored for receiving an associate degree:
- Sachet Ashman was recognized for completing a certificate in the manicuring/nail program from Creative Hair School of Cosmetology.
- Sachet Ashman (Manicuring/Nail Program)

The following were honored for graduating high school:

The following were honored for completing their GED:
- Nagweyabb Kahgegab and Tara Hunt.

Renata Borton, Marta Heslip, Kaya Willson and Kerry Byberg presented the awards to the high school graduates. Olivia Manitowaki-McCullough awarded the higher education recipients.

Tribal Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts provided the prayer and Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson provided welcoming remarks and congratulated the graduates.

“Be the outstanding leaders I know you can be,” Peters-Jackson said to the recent grads.

Tribal Council member Luke Sprague offered a keynote speech. Sprague discussed his educational journey as a full-time employee and parent.

Event emcee and Tribal Elder Joseph Sowmick expressed the importance of Tribal Members seeking higher education and working for the community.

This year’s Tribal graduates are celebrated and awarded during the Education Department’s annual banquet on June 6 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall.

**Breakfast & Lunch are on us!**

Up to four children 13 & under, registered to a guest room, will each receive two meal vouchers to use at Nbakade Family Restaurant each night of their stay!
July Promotions

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort

$1,000,000 Summer FREE PLAY GIVEAWAY

Win a share of over $1,000,000 in Premium Play!

Saturdays in July, August & September

Every half-hour from 12:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., six lucky ACCESS Club members will be drawn to each win $500 in Premium Play!

We’re giving away $75,000 in Premium Play every Saturday!

ACCESS Club members will receive one (1) entry for every 300 points earned on their ACCESS Club card from 12:00 a.m. June 24th, 2023 until 11:55 p.m. on July 29th, 2023.

Every Friday

7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Hourly drawings from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., where one lucky winner each hour will get the chance to win up to $5,000 in Premium Play!

Tuesdays, July 11 & 18

5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Earn 900 points with your ACCESS Club card to receive an entry for a chance to participate in hourly slot tournaments and win up to $1,000 cash! Up to twenty winners each hour from 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Every Friday

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

ACCESS Cardholders who are actively playing slots with their card inserted could win $100 cash! Five winners every hour from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Earn Entries Beginning June 25

Grand Prize on July 9

Earn one entry for every 1,000 points earned on your ACCESS Club card. Hourly drawings on July 9 from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. for $500 in Premium Play. At 11:00 p.m. two lucky ACCESS Club members will each win $500 in Premium Play and a pair of tickets to see Ed Sheeran in our Soaring Eagle Suite at Ford Field on Saturday, July 15!

Every Friday

6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

One winner each hour will be drawn to play our Shake It Up dice game and win up to $2,000 in cash!

Every Monday

6:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m.

Win up to $100 in Premium Play by earning points playing slots with your ACCESS club card. ACCESS Club members who earn 1,000 points can swipe at a promotional kiosk to play “Red, White & Swipe” to win a prize!

Every Wednesday

4:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m.

Earn up to $50 in Premium Play from 4:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m. by earning points by using your ACCESS card!

July 11, 18, 25 & 31

8:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m.

ACCESS Cardholders who qualify will receive bonus Premium Play on the dates above from 8:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m.

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You could win $100,000 in cash!

Saturdays & Sundays in July

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ACCESS Club members will receive one (1) entry for every 200 points earned on their ACCESS Club card from June 25th at 12:00 a.m. - July 26th, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. Earn 10X entries on Wednesdays. Additional restrictions may apply.

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Nearly 130 5k racers and one-mile fun walkers participate in the annual Human Race

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

On your mark, get set, go! Racers and fun walkers lined up on Remus Road by 6:30 p.m. for the 31st annual Human Race, hosted by Seventh Generation, on Wednesday, June 14.

The Human Race consists of both a 5k competitive run and a one-mile fun run/walk.

Fitness Coordinator Jaden Harman of Nimkee Fitness welcomed the participants and explained the route of the 5k, and Onion Creek Drum provided a song prior to the race’s start.

Hand-crafted cedar eagle feather awards went to the top three male and female finishers in 13 different age classifications in the 5k run and the top three one-mile fun run/walk.

A total of 71 runners completed the 5k.

Kevin Daum (category: male aged 40-44) won first place in the 5k with a time of 19:17:72.

Second place went to Steve Marr (male 24-29) with 19:29:86 and in third place was Tim Lambrecht (male 60-64) with 20:24:67.

The first female 5k finisher was Ellen Laurence (18-23), in overall 13th place, with a time of 22:58:22.

The second female finisher, in overall 21st place, was Jennifer Hodge (50-54) with an overall 21st place, was 22:58:22.

Second place went to Kaya Rose (female 14-17) with 7:34, and Kyven Rose (male 0-13) took third with 7:58.

A giant Slip ‘N Slide was waiting for participants near the finish line on the Seventh Generation lawn.

Participants received an event T-shirt and a post-race dinner.

“Everything from the weather, the dinner (those chicken wings though!), the friends, families and fellowship, and the excitement from the start line to the finish was simply amazing,” Harman said. “It especially warmed my heart to see all the families and familiar faces return to this great event and be active together.”

Harman said chi-miigwetch to the Seventh Generation staff for the hospitality and being a great host.

“Special thanks to all the volunteers who came to assist in making registration and course directing run smoothly,” he said. “Also, thank you to Tribal Police and Fire Department for guiding and making sure all the participants were safe on the roads. Congratulations to all who participated and gave valiant efforts.”

A total of 55 participants competed in the one-mile fun run/walk.

Alex Evans won first place in the one-mile with a time of 7:20.

June 14.

Police and Fire Department for directing run smoothly,” he said. “Also, thank you to Tribal

Schedule an appointment with the therapist or psychiatrist seven days a week (7 a.m. to 9 p.m. local time) from wherever you are.

Talk to a therapist or psychiatrist seven days a week (7 a.m. to 9 p.m. local time) from wherever you are.

Services offered: Anxiety, depression, not feeling like yourself, marital issues, stress and more.

In most cases the cost is waived, resulting in a $0 charge for the covered person.
### Tribal Community Calendar

**July 2023**

**Wednesday Warriors**
July 5, 12, 19, 26 & Aug. 2, 9, 16
- 7:00 Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel
- Registration: Recruit@sagchip.org
- Registration required for each event
- Open to all Native youth, grades 6 and up

**Chippewa River Cleanup**
July 5 | 10:30 a.m.
- Deerfield Park (Mt. Pleasant, Mich.)
- Registration: KJagger@sagchip.org
- Registration deadline: July 3, 2023

**Auricular Acupuncture**
July 6, 13, 20, 27 | 4 - 6 p.m.
- Behavioral Health
- 989-775-4850

**Traditional Healing with Joe Syrette**
*For July, please call to be added to waiting list*
July 12, 13 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Behavioral Health
- 989-775-4850 or dPeterson@sagchip.org

**Cruise In Car & Bike Show**
July 14, Aug. 11 | 5 - 7 p.m.
- Andahwod
- 989-775-4359 or depelcher@sagchip.org

**Teachings & Sweat Lodge**
With Traditional Healer Joe Syrette
July 18 | 1 p.m.
- Behavioral Health
- 989-775-4850 or dPeterson@sagchip.org
- Teachings in lodge: 1:3 p.m.
- Sweat begins: 5 p.m.
- Offered as prevention, an alternative to or for healing from opioid use disorder.

**Baby Celebration**
July 19 | 6 - 8 p.m.
- Seventh Generation
- jEklsson@sagchip.org or 989-775-4780

**Michigan Indian Family Olympics Golf**
July 20 | Check in: 9 a.m., tee off: 10 a.m.
- Pleasant Hills Golf Club
- 989-775-5309 or RBsprague@sagchip.org
- Two person scramble
- Registration: www.sagchip.org/MIFO
- Cost: $37 for 18 holes
- SCIT golf members: $27

**Michigan Indian Family Olympics**
July 21 | Registration opens: 7:30 a.m.
- New location! Shepherd High School (321 S. 4th, Shepherd, MI 48883)
- 989-775-4694 or JHaman@sagchip.org
- Pre-registration: www.sagchip.org/MIFO
- Free to SCIT Members and their families

**Native Fest: Indian Car Bingo**
July 25 | 6 - 9 p.m.
- Zilhizqis Center
- 989-775-4750

**Native Fest: Live Music & Comedy Night**
July 26 | 6 - 9 p.m.
- Zilhizqis Center
- 989-775-4750

**Annual Homecoming Meeting**
July 27 | Doors open at 9 a.m.
- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall
- 989-775-4000
- Meeting begins at 10 a.m. with grand entry
- Open to all ages, Tribal ID required

**Recreation**
- Drop In Basketball
  - 5:30-8:30 p.m. | Tribal Gym
  - Eagle Feather Teachings
  - 1:30-3 p.m. | B. Health
  - Elders Breakfast: 9-10 a.m. | Andahwod
  - Sacred Fire Lunch: 6 p.m. | B. Health
  - Ice Cream Social: 2 p.m. | Andahwod
  - Tribal Ops closed
  - Administrative Closure
  - Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. | B. Health

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**Toyota Scion Credit Union Payroll**
- 10 a.m. | Andahwod
- Registration deadline: July 19, 2023

**Saginaw Chippewa Powwow**
July 28 | Grand entry: 7 p.m.
- Queen of the Rez
- 989-775-4000

**Freedom Walk**
July 29 | Doors open and registration at 7 a.m.
- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Prevention@sagchip.org
- Welcome and opening prayer: 7:30 a.m.
- Honoring people in recovery: 8 a.m.
- Walk begins: 9 a.m.

**Basketball Summer League**
Thursdays from July 6 - Aug. 31 | 5 - 8 p.m.
- Nimke Fit Park's indoor basketball court
- Registration: 989-775-4322 or NSawmick@sagchip.org
- Championship games: Sept. 7 & 14
- 5-on-5 basketball league
- $400 team fee. Fee needs to be paid by week two or team will forfeit.
- Need at least six teams to start
- Open to youth, ages 15 and up
- Each team must have two youth (15-18) on the roster
- Champion T-shirts; second place medals

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**Tribe Member Résumé Development**
Available through Human Resources
Any Tribal Members needing assistance in creating or updating their resume are encouraged to contact Betsey Alonzo to set up an appointment at the following:

Betsey M. Alonzo, Tribal Development Coordinator
Email: Balonzo@sagchip.org | Phone: 989-775-5643
PUBLICATION OF HEARING: TO PUTATIVE FATHER, FOR CHILD BORN MARCH 22, 2015 WITH MOTHER, ASHLEE KESHICK (DECEASED)

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court Children’s Division. Case No. 20-4CW-0033. The Court has taken jurisdiction of the minor in reference to the case number listed above. A hearing for Motion of Putative Father, for Child Born March 22, 2015 with Mother, Ashlee Keshick (Deceased) will be held on July 20, 2023 at 10 a.m. in the courtroom at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 before the Honorable Michelle Horn. It IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the putative father personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

PUBLICATION OF HEARING: TO SHANNON ELIGE AND SAMUEL ARNOLD IN THE MATTER OF ONE MINOR CHILD

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court Children’s Division. Case No. 16-5CW-0278. Of date: birth of 08-13-2014. The Court has taken jurisdiction of the minor in reference to the case number listed above. A hearing for Petition to terminate the paternity of and for the reduction of the child support obligation of the Father of the above minor will be held on the 21st day of November, 2023 at 10 a.m. in the courtroom at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 before the Honorable Michelle Horn. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Shannon Eligé and Samuel Arnold personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LORNE ROY JACKSON:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800. Opening to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months of experience working as an Electri-]
The 2023 Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow was held Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11.

The annual powwow was held at the Saganing powwow grounds in Standish, Mich., located just across the road from the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Hotel.

Both days began with grand entries at 1 p.m., with a hand drum contest occurring Sunday.

Inclement weather on Sunday forced the powwow to move indoors at the nearby Saganing Tribal Center.

During the grand entries, Head Veteran David Merrill Jr. led the way in the arena with members of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society and flag carriers following.

Head dancers were chosen each day. On Saturday two sets of head dancers were chosen – Gary Gibson-Odawa and Ofelia Zapata in the first set, and Kewaquam Gibson and Beth Bush for the second.

Sunday’s head dancers were Gary Gibson and Faith Carmona Pego.

Joe Medicine served as master of ceremonies, with Leroy Shenosky as arena director.

Serving as fire keeper was Steven Oldman.

Kchi Mukwa Singers served as host drum, with Look Out Hill as co-host. Other invited drums included Southern Straight and Sturgeon Bay Singers.

The SCIT Powwow Committee shared a message after the event.

“Chi-miigwech to all the participants and the vendors, we would not have had a great weekend without you,” the committee said. “Chi-miigwech to all who made the weekend great. We will see everyone next year to do it again!”

Head Veteran David Merrill Jr. (front right) leads the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society and flag carriers during the Saturday grand entry.