



Key

Showcase(s) Theme

1	Sports
2,3,4	Elders and Youth
5	Humor (Indian Cars and Rez Dogs)
6,7,8	Schools
9	Cross-Cultural Relationships
10,11,12	Little Elk's Retreat, Community Events, and Pageants
13,14	Tribal Council and Indian Reorganization Act
15,16	Camp Meetings and Spirituality
17	Art
18,19	Housing
20,21,22	Employment and Health Services
23	Introductory Panel

Ziibiwing Center Themes: Music, Saganing, Allotment, and Weddings



"Our family went to Indian camp meetings. We use to go every Summer. We would stay there a whole week at the Indian camp meeting."

We went to Pinconning; there was an Indian church there. The white pastor from the town of Pinconning would preach in English and my dad would translate the sermon in Chippewa 1910. That is how my dad got started in the ministry."

- Hazel LaVoie

"It was fun growing up on the reservation. The tribe offers a lot of programs. Back in the 80s there wasn't as much programs as there are now, because our tribe didn't have as much money. But ever since I knew they've always offered things for the youth to do."

- Cubby Sprague



"Indian Methodist Church declared any pow wow to be illegal and immoral. The church forbade any Indian to participate in a pow wow."

- Carl Ritter



We are proud of what we have accomplished in our time and thankful for the decisions our ancestors made during their time. We are looked upon and respected by other tribal nations as notable strategists and visionaries. The programs and services we offer our people serve as models for others to follow.

The *Enduring Spirit of Our People*, sustained through the generations, comes from the love we have for our children, life, and nature, and from our care and deep respect for others. We have pulled together as a people to overcome life's obstacles to secure a better future for our children and their children yet to come.



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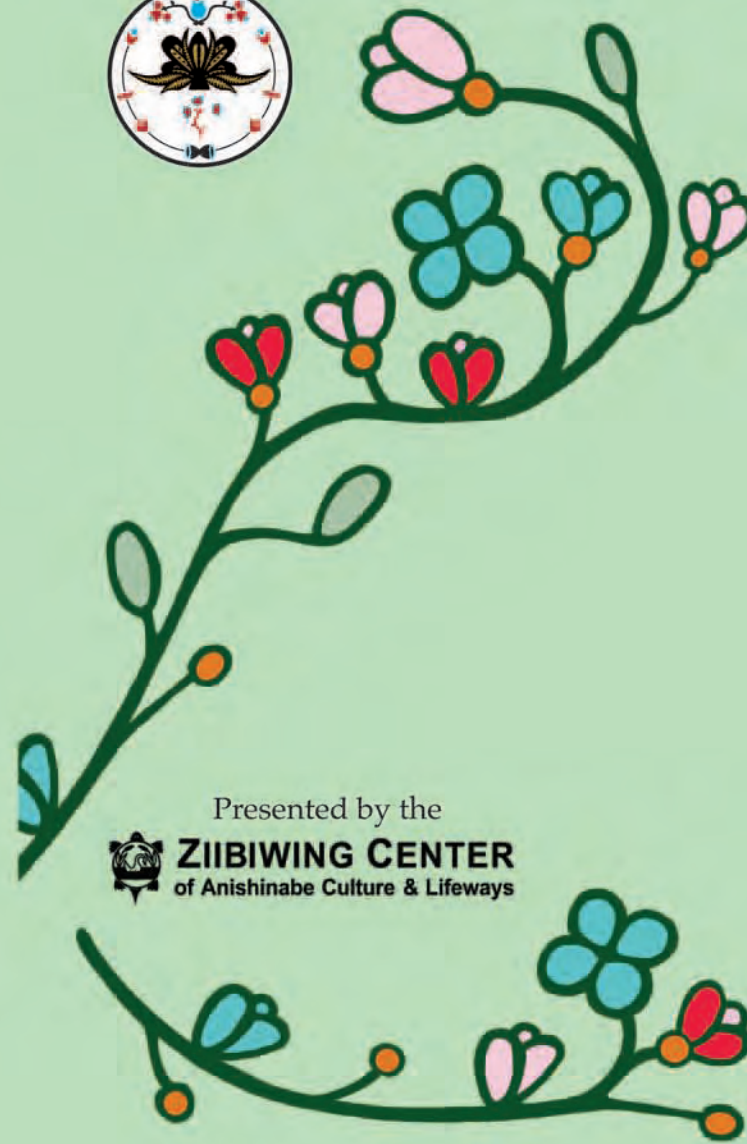
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The Enduring Spirit of Our People

A photographic retrospective of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan



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The story of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan is one of faith, perseverance, and resiliency.

Gitche Manido, the Great Mystery, provided our people with many gifts that gave us the endurance and strength to survive decades of tremendous change. Our teachings tell us that all things are balanced in this world; we experience good and bad days, happy and sad moments, as well as prosperous and poverty stricken times. During the time of colonization, our ancestors were subjected to warfare, diseases, land theft, broken promises, boarding schools, and forced assimilation, but despite these challenges to our very survival, we have overcome.

Throughout time, our people have had the foresight to prepare for the winds of change. We have relied on our traditional teachings, gut instinct, and common sense to secure a future for our tribal nation. Our Anishinabe values, rooted in the Seven Grandfather teachings (bravery, love, wisdom, humility, truth, respect, and honesty), and our deep spirituality are the guiding principles in decision-making for the next Seven Generations. These principles enable our tribe to provide economical, educational, social, and spiritual improvements for our people, and for the people of central Michigan.

In recent history, the creative spirit of our tribe is witnessed by looking at the remarkable decisions we have made and the risks that we have taken to build our modern tribe. We invested land claim payments, long overdue from the treaty era, into a tribal investment portfolio. We built a self-funded gaming empire from small local bingo games using donated bingo equipment. Today our tribe is the largest employer in Isabella County.