

(Moon of the Leaves Turning Color)

## TRIBAL **SEPTEMBER** 2021 **OBSERVER**

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Upcoming Tribal Election dates: Sept. 10 – last day to register to vote in the Primary Election, Sept. 14 – candidate list posted

### Ruth's Chris Steak House to open as signature steakhouse at Soaring Eagle

#### **RUTH'S HOSPITALITY** GROUP

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. - Ruth's Chris Steak House is bringing its timeless American steakhouse food and signature "sizzle" to Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. The restaurant will become the signature steakhouse for the Resort, and the brand's fourth location in Michigan.

"We are looking forward to welcoming Ruth's Chris to our Soaring Eagle property. Thank you to the Soaring Eagle and Ruth's Chris teams for making this vision a reality," said Tribal Chief Tim J. Davis.

dedicated to providing a comfortable, inviting and memorable experience to all of our guests," said Cheryl Henry, president and CEO of Ruth's Hospitality Group, Inc. "We look forward to serving those enjoying a visit to the Soaring Eagle Resort & Casino."

"At Ruth's Chris, we are

Ruth's Chris specializes in custom-aged USDA Prime steaks expertly prepared and served on 500-degree sizzling hot plates. Made-from-scratch sides are prepared from Ruth's original recipes and are perfectly portioned to share. Guests can also choose from

Editor

The medications and sharps

"Tribal Police weighed the

were properly disposed of by

the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal

medications that were turned

in at the Drug Take Back Event

and it totaled 31.6 pounds of

12 to 4 p.m.

Police Department.

a variety of seafood options, soups, salads and decadent desserts all sourced from the freshest ingredients available.

Mike Bean, CEO of the Saginaw Chippewa Gaming Enterprises, said: "We are pleased to partner with Ruth's Chris to bring this outstanding brand to Soaring Eagle. We look forward to offering the great Ruth's Chris experience to our valued guests."

In addition to its indulgent menu, Ruth's Chris offers an award-winning spirits program with a wine list that features more than 200 labels, premium wines by the glass and handcrafted cocktails.



Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort currently features five dining options, such as Siniikaung Steak & Chop House, Legends Diner, ASCEND Sports Bar & Lounge, Central Deli & Slice Pizza, and Little Eagle Café.

Ruth's Hospitality Group, Inc., headquartered in Winter Park, Fla., is the largest fine

dining steakhouse company in the U.S. as measured by the total number of company-owned and franchisee-owned restaurants, with more than 140 Ruth's Chris Steak House locations worldwide specializing in USDA Prime grade steaks served in Ruth's Chris' signature fashion - "sizzling."

## **Features**

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A total of 31.6 pounds of medications is collected and weighed by Tribal Police during the Aug. 4 Drug Take Back event.

Drug Take Back event collects 31.6 pounds of expired, unused medications

the home, medicine cabinet, etc. and ultimately destroyed in a safe manner by the Tribal Police Department."

Those who dropped off



The "In Plain Sight Teen Room" walk through trailer is provided by the Michigan State Police.





just medications," said Shuna Stevens, prevention coordinator for Behavioral Health. "There were also large quantities of packaging from the medications that will go to recycling. This was a great job getting a lot of drugs out of unused or expired meds received a voucher for \$5 in premium play at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and were entered into a raffle prize drawing.

The "In Plain Sight Teen Room" walk through trailer,

Behavioral Health Programs, Tribal Police, Michigan State Police, Cardinal Pharmacy, Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Migizi Economic Development Co.

provided by the Michigan State

tion of several different depart-

ments and agencies including:

The event was a collabora-

Police, was also onsite.

Radio stations My 104.3 and



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Kelly Woodworth (left) and **Christina Osawabine (right)** enter participants into the raffle for prize drawings.

95.3 WCFX were in attendance and broadcasting live.

#### receives toward GED grant

#### **AMANDA FLAUGHER**

SCTC

#### Dean of Students

The American Indian College Fund is pleased to announce the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College (SCTC) has been approved to receive a grant under the 2021-2022 Native Students Stepping Forward: Dollar General High School Equivalency Completion Program.

The grant award is in the amount of \$30,000 for the term of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. This funding supports tribal colleges and universities to improve, expand, and sustain high school equivalency and GED programming that result in strong student success outcomes. Student success includes increased enrollment, retention, and graduation rates, as well as strengthened pathways to college and career readiness.

SCTC's GED Program is currently open. The lab hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. SCTC is also a certified testing center and official testing is

available by appointment.

SCTC's program has assisted and supported 47

### programming

community members in earning their GED credential.

Due to the success of the program and the dedication of SCTC's staff, we are able to continue such great work for the community. If you know someone interested in completing their GED, please have them contact studentservices@ sagchip.edu or stop by campus. We'd love to see you.

## Public Notices



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### Keith "Smiley" Davis

#### September 26, 1961 - August 6, 2021

Keith "Smiley" Davis of Kingston, age 59, passed away suddenly on Friday, Aug. 6, 2021 as the result of injuries sustained in a four-wheeler accident.

Keith was born Sept. 26, 1961 in Caro, Mich., the son of the late William Sr. and Dorothy (Weiler) Davis. Keith was a self-employed man of many talents, from cutting wood to woodworking, roofing, construction and working on cars.



He was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

Keith enjoyed fishing, hunting, watching NASCAR, especially #6 Mark Martin. He also enjoyed driving his own race car, canoeing, camping and horseshoes.

Keith is survived by two daughters, Kristal Davis of Deford, Sarah Davis and Wesley Wilcox of Kingston; grandchildren, Ashtian Davis, Brentyn Langmaid, Chandler, Kaylynn and Aiyana Wilcox; the mother of his daughters, Barb Davis; siblings, Cheryl Berlin of Vassar, Connie and Larry Truett of Clio, Sam and Roger Tabako of Caro, Jim and Joy Davis of Kingston, Loralee and Bill Worth of Caro, Marc and Karen Cantlin of Snover; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Keith was preceded in death by two siblings, Lorali Berlin and William "Pat" Davis.

In keeping with Keith's wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial gathering will be held at a later date.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to the Family Discretionary Fund, c/o Sarah Davis or Kristal Davis, 205 West Sherman Street, Caro, MI 48723.



#### **Attention Tribal Members:**

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

#### To create an account, go to:

www.sagchip.org/user/signup.aspx



Samsung Galaxy Tablets

### Deer Season 2021

#### Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

Community Engineer Donald L. Seal, Planning Department

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the 2021 Deer Season shall begin Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021, and will close on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022 unless ordered otherwise

#### Further restrictions shall be as follows:

- Sept. 7, 2021 Oct. 31, 2021 shall be bow only on all Tribal Trust and Tribal Fee Lands.
- Nov. 1, 2021 Feb. 1, 2022 shall be gun only as per the official map located on the Tribal website or the Tribal Planning Department.

#### The 2021 Deer Season will allow for the harvest of five deer as follows:

- Three antlerless\* Antlerless gives the ability to take an anterless deer or a deer with antlers less than three inches in length (Ordinance 11, Section 103, Subdivision 2)
- One restricted (restricted to four or more one inch minimum points on one side)
- One antlered (any size antlered)

#### Licenses and harvest tags will be available starting Sept. 3, 2021, at the Tribal Planning Department office at \$10 per harvest tag. Only five tags are allowed.

"Other Indians" may not hunt on Tribal Trust or Tribal owned Fee Land. Other Indians as defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 52.

#### Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105, Subdivision 5(B). Animal harvest must be reported within 72 hours of take by phone, email or online.

- Please Refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.
- Hunter orange is in accordance with Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 5 and harvest reporting is to be in accordance with Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105, Subdivision 5(B)
- Tribal lands designated for hunting are approved by the map located at the Tribe's Planning Department.

Tree stands/blinds are only permitted on Tribal property one week before the start of deer season as stated above and must be removed two weeks after deer season close date as stated above; remaining items will be confiscated. No screw-in tree steps, spikes, etc. are permitted except bow/gun hooks. Tree stands/blinds must have name and address affixed in a visible area, or they will be subject to confiscation.

### **Special Elder and Mentored** Youth Deer Hunt 2021

#### Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

Community Engineer Donald L. Seal, Planning Department

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the 2021 Special Elder and Mentored Youth Deer Hunt shall begin Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021, and will close on Monday, Sept. 6, 2021, unless ordered otherwise. Further restrictions shall be as follows:

- Tribal Member Youth for the purpose of this hunt are defined as ages 10 years to 17 years of age.
- Youth Participants ages 14-17 must be accompanied by a Tribally Licensed Adult Mentor at least 21 years of age under Tribal Ordinance 11.
- Youth Participants ages 10 up to 14 must be accompanied by a Tribal Licensed Parent or Guardian.
- Persuant to Ordinance 11, Section 105, Subdivision 2(B): under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a licensed parent or guardian.

## **Powwow Committee Seeking Members**

The SCIT Powwow Committee is now seeking interested members to join.

Interested individuals may submit letters of interest to: powwowcommitee@sagchip.org

#### Small Game Season 2021

#### Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

Community Engineer Donald L. Seal, Planning Department

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 106 subdivision 3 the 2021 Small Game Season shall begin Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021, and will close on Thursday, March 31, 2022, unless ordered otherwise.

The 2021 Small Game Season will allow for the bag limits as listed:

- Pheasants shall be limited to male pheasants only with a limit of five per day.
- Badger, beaver, muskrat, mink, pine martin, fisher and otter are <u>all closed</u> to small game hunting.
- Badger, beaver, muskrat, mink and otter will be open for Trapping Season. Bag limits per Trapping Season Order.
- Bobcat is limited to two tags only whether hunting, trapping or combination of seasons.

#### Small game species are defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 103 subdivision 66.

Licenses will be available starting Sept. 24, 2021, at the Tribal Planning Department office.

Animal harvest must be reported within 72 hours of take by phone, email, or online.

- "Other Indians" may not hunt on Tribal Trust or Tribal owned Fee Land. Other Indians as defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 52.
- Please Refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.

### **Migratory Bird Season** 2021/2022

#### Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

Community Engineer Donald L. Seal, Planning Department

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 109 Subdivision 3 the 2021/2022 Migratory Bird Season shall begin Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021, and will close on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2022, unless ordered otherwise.

The 2021/2022 Migratory Bird Season will allow for the Bag limit as listed. Non Toxic Shot Only. Migratory bird season daily bag limit:

- Ducks: 20\*
- Woodcock: 10
- Common Snipe: 16
- Mourning Dove: 25 • Sandhill Cranes: 1

• Canada Geese: 20\*\*

- Coots & Gallinules: 20

• Mergansers: 10\*\*\*

- Sora and Virgina Rails: 20

#### at the Tribal Library

#### > Tablets are checked out at the Tribal Library

#### **>** Tablets connect to Wi-Fi only

Patrons will need access to Wi-Fi in order to use.

#### • Libby app is pre-installed

Access thousands of titles which include eBooks and eAudiobooks.

#### Returning the tablet

Please do not place in the drop box. Bring them inside.

### For more information:

- https://saginaw.ploud.net/
- Phone: 989-775-4508



- Email:
- Anne Heidemann: AHeidemann@sagchip.org
- Kimberly Condon: KCondon@sagchip.org
- Lee-Anne Disel: LDisel@sagchip.org

- The mentor is not allowed to carry any hunting device (firearm, bow or crossbow) in the field while accompanying the youth hunter.
- Ages 10 years to under 14 years are only eligible to use a bow for this hunt.
- Ages 14 years to 17 years are eligible to use a bow or firearm for this hunt.
- Tribal Elders for the purposes of this hunt is defined as 50 years of age or older.
- The license for this hunt may not be assigned to a proxy hunter.

#### The 2021 Special Elder and Mentored Youth Hunt will allow for the harvest of one deer.

Licenses and harvest tags will be available starting Friday, Aug. 27, 2021, at the Tribal Planning Department office at \$10 per harvest tag. Only one tag is allowed for this special hunt.

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105, Subdivision 5(B). Animal harvest must be reported within 72 hours of take by phone, email or online.

- All other portions of Tribal Ordinance 11 must still be followed.
- Please Refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.
- Hunter orange is in accordance with Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 5 and harvest reporting is to be in accordance with Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105, Subdivision 5(B)

- Ducks 20 per day, including no more than five each of the following species: hen mallard, wood duck, redhead, scaup, black duck, pintail and canvasback. Possession *limit is not to exceed two times the bag limit.*
- \*\* 20 per day Canada Geese aggregate. Coot, gallinule, sora and Virginia rail is 20 in the aggregate.

\*\*\*No more than 5 hooded mergansers in the aggregate.

Reporting within 72 hours of harvest is mandatory per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105, Subdivision 5(B).

A small game license is also required as per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 109, Subdivision 2.

Licenses and harvest tags will be available starting Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2021, based upon the **USFWS Final Rule Publication date of Tuesday** Aug. 17, 2021 at the Tribal Planning Department office. Fee is \$10 per license.

- "Other Indians" may not hunt on Tribal Trust or Tribal owned Fee Land. Other Indians as defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 52.
- Please Refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations. Hunters must observe all other basic Federal Migratory bird hunting regulations in 50 CRF part 20.

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## **Election Timeline**

2021 Primary & General Elections

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

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

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

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

Sept. 14 | Final Candidate List Posted

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nov. 3 | General Election Results Posted

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

## 2021 Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Elections

### District 1 Change of Location

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

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



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

#### **Regular Tribal Council Sessions**

- First Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.
- Inside the Council Chambers of the Black Elk Government Complex
- Meetings are open to Tribal Members.
- Anyone wanting to be added can call (989) 775-4004.

#### **Regular Council Session Dates**

• Sept. 7 • Oct. 5 • Nov. 2

### **Meritain Connect**

Did you know that you can Manage your own Health care program, you can create your own personalized member website, it's called Meritain Connect. When you log in, you will find everything you need to know about your benefits; from eligibility, to enrollment, to what's covered. **Registration for Meritain Connect is an easy three-step process.** 

1 Go to www.meritain.com. Then, in the top right corner, click Register.

2 Next, select Member under I am a and enter your group ID. You can find your group ID on the front of your member ID Card. Then, click Continue. Please note: you may set up a login for yourself, as well as any children under age 18 who are covered by your plan. For privacy purposes, you spouse and dependents over the age of 18, covered by the plan, must each establish logins to access their individual information.

#### 3 You will need to fill in your:

- Group ID (located in your member ID Card)
- Member ID (located in your member ID Card)
- Date of Birth, Name, Zip Code and Email address

A username will be provided to you. After you create a password and confirm your email address – you're done! You'll automatically be logged into your new Meritain Connect account. The next time you log in go to www.meritain. com, just use the same username and password from step 3.

\*Note: Please protect your insurance information



## Public Notices

## Tribal Elder Delmar Jackson Sr.

will be 80 on September 18<sup>th</sup> From, his loving family



### Tuesdays • June 1 - Oct. 5

#### 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Farmers Market Pavilion

Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads

#### **Items include:**

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

## Community Input Needed

SCIT Housing requests community input to help us plan future projects. You are invited to participate in a Tribal Census Survey. One gift card will be allotted for each completed survey.

If you would like to participate please go to:

https://glitc.iad1.qualtrics.com/ jfe/form/SV\_bNQbDOgzqKf948u

• The survey is now open.

• Closes Sept. 30 at midnight.





#### **Attention Tribal Members:**

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this time.

## 2022 ANNUAL REPORTS

are now being accepted

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

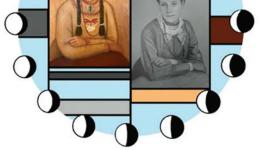
#### Tribal Clerk's Office hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### Notarization is required

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

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

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



## CALL FOR ART!

The Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts (RRCA) announces a call for art by Native American artists. Registration is open until Sept. 10, 2021.

**First Americans: Native American Art Exhibition** November 8 - December 31, 2021 Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts

**Exhibit information and artist submission form is available at:** https://ramsdelltheatre.org/firstamericans/

## Public Notices



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## Tribal Council

#### Chief

Tim J. Davis | District One

Sub-Chief Joe Kequom | District Three

Treasurer Maia Spotted Tail | District One

Secretary Jennifer L. Wassegijig | District One

Sergeant-at-Arms Martha Wemigwans | District One

Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts | District One

Council Member Ronald F. Ekdahl | District One

Council Member Theresa Jackson | District One

Council Member Chip Neyome | District One

Council Member Carmen Otto | District One

Council Member Gayle Ruhl | District One

Council Member Ron Nelson | District Two

## The Seven Grandfather TEACHINGS

#### Nbookaawin – Wisdom

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

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

<mark>Minaadendamoowing</mark> – Respect

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

**Zoongide'ewin** – Bravery To be brave and have courage is to recognize our moral and mental strength and to do what is appropriate.

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

#### Dibaadendiziwin – Humility

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

#### **Debwewin** – Truth

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



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

#### Pine River Golf Club

2244 Pine River Rd., Standish, MI 48658

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

• Mulligans: \$5 each, limit two per player **Sponsors:** Saganing Powwow Committee, Soaring Eagles Landing Marketing and Frank Cloutier extraordinaire

#### All proceeds benefit the 2021 Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow

For more information, please contact: Darcy Pilar at DaPilar@sagchip.org or 989.775.4141

### Fall Wild Turkey Season 2021

#### Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

Community Engineer Donald L. Seal, Planning Department

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 Subdivision 6(B) the 2021 Fall Wild Turkey Season shall begin Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021, and will close on Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021, unless ordered otherwise.

The 2021 Fall Wild Turkey Season will allow for the harvest of one turkey, either sex.

Licenses and harvest tags will be available starting Sept. 10, 2021, at the Tribal Planning Department office at \$10 per tag. Only one tag allowed.

• "Other Indians" may not hunt on Tribal Trust or Tribal owned Fee Land. Other Indians as defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 52.

#### Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105, Subdivision 5(B). Animal harvest must be reported within 72 hours of take by phone, email or online.

• Please Refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.



#### Victims of Crime Program update

The overall objective for the Victim of Crime program is to promote long-term safety and emotional healing of victims of crime. The Victim of Crime promotes the program by following federal guidelines



for allowable activities only, including but not limited to: crisis intervention, safety planning, information on victims' rights and the criminal justice process, personal advocacy, assistance with filing crime victim compensation, restitution requests, victim impact statements and personal protection orders.

#### Hours

- Monday: 8 a.m. 5 p.m. at Behavioral Health
- Tuesday: 8 a.m. -12 p.m. at Tribal Court and 1 - 5 p.m. at Behavioral Health
- Wednesday: 8 a.m. 5 p.m. at Behavioral Health
- Thursday: 8 a.m. -12 p.m. atTribal Court and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. at Behavioral Health
- Friday: 8 a.m. 5 p.m. at Behavioral Health

Office Phone Number: 989-775-4814

Cell Phone Number: 989 -330-2759

2800 S. Shepherd Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

# COMMUNITY Service

SCTC classes could count toward your community service hours!

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

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

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

## Community Wi-Fi now available

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

- Network name: SCITCommunity
- Password: community

## Tribal Observer

Boozhu! The Tribal Observer, a monthly newspaper, is published on the first of each month. To contact Tribal Observer staff, please call 989-775-4096 or email observer@sagchip.org. To change your mailing address, please contact the Tribal Clerk's office at 989-775-4055. Community advertisements will not be accepted over the phone.



## Submissions from the Tribal community are encouraged and can be sent to:

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe c/o Tribal Observer 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

#### Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

Story ideas, articles and photographs from the community are always welcome. The Tribal Observer reserves the right to edit and/or refuse any submissions or advertisements for publication. The Tribal Observer is published by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and is subject to an editorial review process.

The views expressed within the Tribal Observer do not necessarily reflect the views of the Tribal Observer, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort or its employees or any other enterprise of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The Tribal Observer works to uphold the highest integrity in news reporting and supports the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968.

## **Tribal Observer Advertising**

If you would like to place an advertisement, please contact the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4096 or Observer@sagchip.org for more information.

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

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

## **Tribal Observer Subscription Form**

Please send \$30 for the annual subscription. Checks may be made out to SCIT.

| Name:    |        |           |  |
|----------|--------|-----------|--|
| Address: |        |           |  |
| City:    | State: | Zip code: |  |

**Please mail form to:** Tribal Observer 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

#### **Contact Information:**

Phone: 989-775-4096 Email: Observer@Sagchip.org www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver 5 | Naanan

#### Intertribal Open

#### **MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

The Intertribal Open Golf Tournament was held at PohlCat Golf Course on Friday, July 23.

Held during the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow weekend, the tournament featured a three-person scramble scramble format and a separate youth division.

Golfers were treated to goodie bags, door prizes and a banquet following the tournament.

The event was organized by the SCIT Recreation Department. Sponsors included Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Central Michigan University, PohlCat Golf Course and Rosewood Healthcare.

# Golf Tournament held



Golfers survey the green during the Intertribal Open Golf on July 23.



during

Observer photo by Matthew Wright

#### powwow weekend

Observer photo by Matthew Wright

A putting contest was hosted by **Central Michigan University.** 

Public Notices



Youth division winner:

**Aiden Raphael** 



Championship flight winners: Erik Rodriguez, Shane Kelly and Chase Owl



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

First flight winners: Luke Sprague, Jimmy McCarthy and Joe Genia



Second flight winners: Ron Sanders and Hunter Genia Jr. (not photographed: Aaron)

#### Migizi launching Bakinaw Federal Contracting, provides career opportunities for Tribal Members

#### FREDRICK KUHLMAN

Marketing Manager

Migizi Economic Development Company is progressing quickly with the launch of Bakinaw Federal Contracting, an exciting new Tribal business with the potential for very high and long-lasting returns. Bakinaw Federal Contracting will provide career opportunities to Tribal Members in science, technology, engineering and math, and has the potential to generate substantial revenue for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe through contract fulfillment for the Federal Government.

Bakinaw has recently been awarded the status of an 8(a) company. A designation reserved for small, disadvantaged businesses that provide access to the highlyprofitable arena of government service and production contracts. This accreditation is an important step as the certification process is lengthy and challenging.

Migizi Controller Marcy Malson and Theresa Giorlando, manager of retail operations, worked closely with the Bakinaw leadership team and the Tribe's legal counsel to attain this rare designation.

This designation allows the Tribe to receive solesource contracts that are not limited in size, unlike most other 8a contractors. Sources for these contracting prospects are government entities, including the Department of Defense. In addition, Bakinaw Federal Contracting will provide further opportunities to other

Tribal entities and commercial organizations.

Bakinaw leadership has crafted a relationship with an established organization that previously participated in the 8(a) realm. This early partnership will help to ensure a successful entrance into the world of government contracting eliminating many obstacles faced by most start-up organizations.

In addition to Migizi CEO Robert Juckniess, Bakinaw Federal Contracting will be helmed by Martin Toomajian, a business executive with a long and successful career forming and leading organizations active in the government contracting arena.

Due to the vast size of the government contracting business, there is an opportunity to serve many sectors. Initially, Bakinaw Federal contracting will focus on providing technical and professional support for federal agencies.

The organization's current target markets exist in agriculture, interior, defense, education, environment and health. However, Bakinaw was structured to provide a great deal of flexibility in its operation, thus allowing the company to work with almost any federal client. The future may see Bakinaw Federal Contracting engaged in projects such as providing select staff to research and development laboratories, assuming managerial roles for existing projects, or developing and implementing training programs for clients.

With the scale and scope of available government contracts, achieving 8(a) certification offers a substantial advantage for entry into this lucrative business

world. This designation will provide lasting and significant benefits to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe leading to many new and exciting roads.

The development of Bakinaw Federal Contracting fulfills Migizi's role as a seventh generation project by providing for the economic wellbeing of the generations yet to come.





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## Saginaw Chippewa Tribe uses energy as key economic development tool

#### ANDY BALASKOVITZ

(Editor's note: The following article is a reprint from Tribal Business News, published on July 26, 2021, and is written by Andy Balaskovitz. Balaskovitz works as the managing editor of MiBiz, a regional business publication based in Grand Rapids, Mich. He also compiles the daily Midwest Energy News digest and previously served as a journalism fellow for Midwest Energy News from 2014-2020.)

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. ---The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan is taking energy sovereignty to new levels after establishing its own utility to purchase power at wholesale prices to attract commercial and industrial developments onto Tribally-owned land.

Over the past few years, the Tribe has built a power substation on Tribal property in Saganing in the eastern Lower Peninsula of Michigan. The substation is connected to the nearby bulk power transmission system, allowing the Tribe to service certain facilities through cheaper wholesale power purchases. The substation currently supports seven buildings, including the Tribe's casino and hotel, a wastewater treatment plant and a commercial laundry facility.

However, the power connection and newly-created Tribal utility is positioned to do much more. Tribal economic development officials are targeting new industrial and commercial developments through the promise of cheaper electricity combined with tax advantages.

Following the COVID-19

casino gaming revenue, Saginaw Chippewa officials say the Tribe's energy plan has emerged as a central economic development and diversification tool.

"We're using that as the driver of economic development: Getting cheap power and figuring out ways to monetize that," Kevin Blaser, business growth, development and energy specialist with Migizi Economic Development Co., said during a recent roundtable discussion with tribal economic developers across Michigan. Migizi is the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe's economic development arm. "We're really focusing on building the energy assets - not a lot of tribes have done that."

Indeed, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe's entry into the energy space goes beyond building local generation such as solar panels to power tribal operations. Although the substation has been energized for less than two years, officials envision it as a draw for companies looking to relocate to tribal land.

#### Feds support development

The U.S. Department of Energy has invested more than \$100 million since 2010 to support nearly 200 tribal energy projects, a "good chunk" of which include hardware and generation, said Lizana Pierce, senior engineer, project officer and deployment supervisor at the DOE's Office of Indian Energy.

Interest is also growing in the type of Tribal utility that the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe created, Pierce added.

"There's lots of interest in developing generation locally," Pierce told Tribal Business News. She added that interest in solar pandemic that severely restricted and battery storage to make up local "microgrids" is also growing in Indian Country.

According to the DOE, the Tohono O'odham Utility Authority created in 1970 by the Tohono O'odham Nation was one of the first tribally owned and operated electric utilities in the country.

"Twenty-five years later, TOUA has grown to a mature utility, but now it faces the possibility of low growth due to insufficient economic activity. This could find TOUA holding contracts for capacity it does not need," according to a 2010 report commissioned by the DOE.

The Navajo Tribal Utility Authority was established in January 1959 to address a lack of utility service on the Navajo 27,000-square-mile Nation's reservation. Other electric utility enterprises are operated by the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, the Cow Creek band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, the Ak-Chin Indian Community and the Gila River Indian Community.

The nonprofit Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association (MTERA) - a coalition of member tribes across the Midwest — formed in 2014 to help tribes pursue self-sufficiency through energy.

#### How it works

After building the substation, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe can make wholesale power purchases directly through the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), the regional grid operator that serves 15 states and Manitoba Province in Canada.

The Tribe also worked closely with the Michigan Electric Transmission Co., a subsidiary of ITC Holdings Corp. that owns the transmission lines, to interconnect the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe's substation to the power grid.

ITC has roughly 240 customers, or "stakeholders," connected to its system in Michigan and Iowa, said Daryl Poprave, ITC's manager of stakeholder relations. Those 240 customers include utilities, electric cooperatives and independent power producers Poprave said the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe has created the only tribal utility authority in Michigan. "It's very unique," he said. "They report to the federal government and aren't beholden to the state of Michigan's regulations. It streamlined a lot of the permitting process. ... It is a job creator in a county that's very small and also statistically very poor." While other tribal electricity generation projects may have to connect to the incumbent utility's distribution grid, the Saginaw Chippewa project operates independently. "What we're doing is completely different," Blaser said. "We're bypassing the utilities and we're directly connected right to



Tribal **Community** 

The Tribe's power substation on Tribal property in Saganing is photographed. The substation is connected to the nearby bulk power transmission system, allowing the Tribe to service certain facilities through cheaper wholesale power purchases.

the bulk power system. Then we created our own tribal utility that allows us to sell power to nontribal entities. It's what we're using as the tip of our economic development spear."

Poprave noted that connecting to the transmission grid opens opportunities for the tribe to build its own wind or solar projects in the future.

Blaser's role is to find potential customers to connect to the Tribe's energy system within a designated area on Tribal land targeted for industrial or commercial entities. The Tribe may be able to deliver further economic benefits by buying equipment that it could then lease to potential companies and lumping wholesale power prices into the deal to realize the Tribe's tax benefits.

The Tribe also can help potential companies meet sustainability goals by contracting for power from a wind energy project in Iowa, Blaser said as an example.

"We can do a lot more in terms of helping these companies manage their power, hedge their power costs and reduce their power costs," Blaser said.

#### Diversification, creating a template

The COVID-19 pandemic underscored the need for tribes to diversify their revenue streams beyond casino gaming. The months-long shutdown of in-person casino gaming "increases the value of these economic development efforts," Blaser said. "Having a broader GDP that augments the gaming and entertainment side is really important."

Poprave said the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe's project may ultimately benefit other tribes in Michigan exploring a similar enterprise.

"Obviously, what happens when you do something like this for the first time is there might be some inefficiencies," Poprave said, adding that ITC worked closely with the Tribe on operational safety.

The DOE's Pierce said financing, access to capital and tribal leadership turnover are also key barriers as tribes seek to operate in the energy space.

Poprave noted that, like most construction projects, tribal energy installations are "all about location, location," and being near energy infrastructure can help reduce costs.

"But it's really the will — the want to see you can own your energy future," Poprave said.

As one of the few tribes in the U.S. to create its own electric utilities, Saginaw Chippewa Tribe officials hope to offer a blueprint for others.

"Unlike gaming, we're not trying to compete for the same gaming patron," Blaser said of the Tribe's energy enterprise. "It's less of a zero-sum game. ... Those particular structures are ripe for collaboration."

The challenge now is articulating the economic benefits to potential customers given the relatively unique structure of the enterprise.

"We're operating with a white sheet of paper," Blaser said.

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## Forty-nine Tribal youth complete the 2021 Summer Youth Worker program

#### LOUANNA BRUNER

Anishnabe Workforce Developer

This year, 49 Tribal Member youths completed the Summer Youth Worker program. The program allows youth between 14-18 years of age to gain work experience during the summer.

The youth are placed in various departments in all of the Tribe's entities including Tribal Operations, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and the Hideaway RV Park.

Nineteen of the summer youth workers maintained perfect attendance for the entire program.

Our youth not only excelled in their work environment, but many of them participated with other nonprofits to provide services at the Isabella County Soup Kitchen and the Lansing Food Bank with the Saturday morning food distribution. This makes me feel confident that our Tribe will have a long and prosperous future.

Azaryah (Zari) Dye and Mattea Gonzalez were hired as crew leaders to supervise the youth workers.



Forty-nine young Tribal Members complete the 2021 Summer Youth Worker program. The program allows youth between 14-18 years of age to gain work experience in several Tribal departments and entities during the summer. Workers also volunteer at the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen, food drives and Andahwod events.

Zari, who worked previously as a youth worker shared, "It was a great experience to see our youth work very hard in their departments. It made me very proud because they are so young and yet willing to spend their summer working for our Tribe."

This year we had two youth workers who were able to participate even though they did not reside in the surrounding area -Rayleigh Bennett from Lansing,

Mich. and Jasmine Kopke came the furthest distance for her first job, all the way from Las Vegas!

We would like to thank all of the host departments that took the time to host and mentor a youth in their departments with

special thanks Tribal Council for their continuous support of this program. Most importantly, miigwetch to all of the youth that participated in the 2021 Summer Youth Program. We look forward to seeing you next year!

## 2021 Michigan Indian Family Olympics SCIT results

#### 1 Mile Run

- 7-9, Male: Ezekiel Haught (Gold)
- 10-12, Male: Juan Hernandez (Silver)
- 41-54, Male: Michael McCreery (Gold) • 10-12 Female: Teleah Hernandez (Silver),
- Keyana Hernandez (Bronze)
- 13-15 Female: Riana Chippewa (Silver)
- 33-40 Female: Christina Otto (Bronze)

#### **10 Meter Tot Trot**

- 1-2 Male: Niigaani Quigno-Ready (Gold), Ace Schocko (Silver)
- 1-2 Female: Ella Pelcher (Silver)

#### 100 Meter Run

- 16-18 Male: Kentae Pollard (Bronze)
- 33-40 Male: Clayton Nedwash Jr. (Silver)
- 41-54 Male: Michael McCreery (Gold)
- 16-18 Female: Kyrah Bennett (Gold)
- 33-40 Female: Christina Otto (Gold), Jacqueline Haught (Silver), Nicole Nedwash (Bronze)

- 13-15 Female: Riana Chippewa (Gold)
- 19-24 Female: Carli Sprague (Gold) • 33-40 Female: Christina Otto (Gold),
- Nicole Nedwash (Silver), Jacqueline Haught (Bronze)

#### **50 Meter Run**

- 5-6 Male: Jeremiah Haught (Gold), Donnell Pollard (Silver)
- 7-9 Male: Ezekiel Haught (Gold), Joshua Pelcher Jr. (Silver)
- 10-12 Male: Danny Leonard (Gold), Juan Hernandez (Silver)
- 65+ Male: Mert Flory (Silver)
- 5-6 Female: Amaris Haught (Silver) • 10-12 Female: Teleah Hernandez (Silver),
- Keyana Hernandez (Bronze)

#### **500 Meter Row**

- 10-12 Male: Mataeo Flory (Silver)
- 25-32 Male: Kyle Ready (Gold)
- 33-40 Male: Ronald Ekdahl (Gold)
- 65+ Male: Flory Mert (Gold)

• 33-40 Female: Rachel Bailey (Gold), Rosemary Ekdahl (Silver), Christina Otto (Silver), Nicole Nedwash (Bronze)

#### **Basketball Shot**

- 25-32 Male: David Merrill Jr. (Silver)
- (Gold), Teleah Hernandez (Silver), Tru
- Quigno (Silver), Emma Henry (Silver)
- 19-24 Female: Demmie Jackson (Gold),
- Alexandra Pelcher (Bronze)
  - 25-32 Female: Aleigha Reinsberg (Bronze) • 33-40 Female: Jessica Flory (Gold)
- Rosemary Ekdahl (Gold),
- Jacqueline Haught (Silver), Carrie Johnson (Bronze)
  - 41-54 Female: Sheligh Jackson (Silver)

- 16-18 Female Bella Benzinger (Gold), Kyrah Bennett (Silver)
- 19-24 Female: Alexandra Pelcher (Gold), Demmie Jackson (Bronze), Quinnlan Burger (Bronze)
- 25-32 Female: Ashley Bennett (Gold), N'kai Quigno-Ready (Silver), Aleigha Reinsberg (Bronze)
- 33-40 Female: Jacqueline Haught (Gold) Rosemary Ekdahl (Bronze)
- 41-54 Female: Gayle Ruhl (Gold), Sheligh Jackson (Bronze)
- 55-64 Female: Sheridan Pelcher (Gold)

#### **Free Throw Shot**

- 55-64 Male: Joseph Sowmick (Silver) • 65+ Male: Phil Sprague (Gold), Kenny Sprague (Silver),
- Mert Flory (Silver) • 55-64 Female: Susan Kequom (Silver), Evelyn Flory (Silver)
- 65+ Female: Kayle Crampton (Gold), Rose Wassegijig (Bronze)

- 7-9 Female: Kaya Owl (Gold)
- 10-12 Female: Keyana Hernandez (Silver) • 13-15 Female: Nevaeh Flory (Silver)
- 16-18 Female: Bella Benzinger (Gold) Kyrah Bennett (Silver)
- 19-24 Female: Demmie Jackson (Gold), Alicia Raphael (Silver), Alexandra Pelcher (Bronze)
- 25-32 Female: Aleigha Reinsberg (Gold) • 33-40 Female: Rosemary Ekdahl (Silver),
- Jacqueline Haught (Bronze)

#### The Farmer Steps It Up

- 10-12 Male: Mataeo Flory (Bronze)
- 33-40 Male: Ronald Ekdahl (Gold)
- 19-24 Female: Alicia Raphael (Gold) • 33-40 Female: Rachel Bailey (Gold),
- Christina Otto (Silver), Rosemary Ekdahl (Bronze)
- Long Jump
- 5-6 Male: Noah Nedwash (Gold), miah Haugh

- - 65+ Female: Kayle Crampton (Gold)

- 10-12 Male: Mataeo Flory (Silver)
- 13-15 Male: Caleb Burger (Bronze)
- 41-54 Male: John Chippewa (Bronze)
- 10-12 Female: Keyana Hernandez
- 13-15 Female: Nevaeh Flory (Gold)
- Carli Sprague (Silver),

#### 20 Meter Tot Trot

• 3-4 Female: Lana Ekdahl (Silver)

#### **30 Burpees For Time**

- 13-15 Male: Caleb Burger (Silver)
- 25-32 Male: Kyle Ready (Gold)
- 33-40 Male: Ronald Ekdahl (Gold)
- 41-54 Male: Robert Hart (Silver)
- 13-15 Female: Bailey Burger (Gold)
- 16-18 Female: Mackenzie Burger (Gold)
- 19-24 Female: Quinnlan Burger (Gold)
- 33-40 Female: Rachel Bailey (Gold)
- 41-54 Female: Gayle Ruhl (Gold)

#### 400 Meter Walk

• 55-64 Male: Bernard Sprague (Bronze)

#### 400 Meter Run

- 5-6 Male: Jeremiah Haught (Gold), Noah Nedwash (Silver)
- 7-9 Male: Ezekiel Haught (Gold), Gage Sprague (Silver)
- 10-12 Male: Danny Leonard (Gold)
- 41-54 Male: Michael McCreery (Gold)
- 5-6 Female: Amaris Haugh (Silver)
- 10-12 Female: Teleah Hernandez (Gold)

- 10-12 Female: Teleah Hernandez (Bronze)
- 13-15 Female: Nevaeh Flory (Gold), Bailey Burger (Bronze)
- 16-18 Female: Mackenzie Burger (Gold)
- 19-24 Female: Alciia Raphael (Gold), Quinnlan Burger (Bronze)
- 33-40 Female: Christina Otto (Silver), Rachel Bailey (Bronze)
- 41-54 Female: Gayle Ruhl (Silver)
- 55-64 Female: Evelyn Flory (Silver)
- 65+ Female: Kayle Crampton (Bronze)

#### 90 Second Shuttle Run

- 5-6 Male: Marcell Schocko Jr (Gold)
- 7-9 Male: Sean-Jacob Flory (Bronze)
- 10-12 Male: Mataeo Flory (Gold)
- 13-15 Male: Caleb Burger (Bronze)
- 25-32 Male: Kyle Ready (Gold) • 41-54 Male: Robert Hart (Gold)
- 7-9 Female: Kaya Owl (Silver)
- 10-12 Female: Madison Darby (Silver), Quigno Tru (Bronze)
- 13-15 Female: Bailey Burger (Silver)
- 16-18 Female: Mackenzie Burger (Gold)
- 19-24 Female: Alicia Raphael (Gold), Quinnlan Burger (Silver)
- 25-32 Female: Heaven Wemigwans (Gold)

#### **Corn Hole Toss**

• 5-6 Male: Kyle Quigno-Ready (Gold), Donnell Pollard (Gold), Whitney Thomas (Silver), Marcell Schocko Jr (Bronze)

- 7-9 Male: Ezekiel Haught (Gold), Tyrell Trepanier (Silver)
- 10-12 Male: Aiden Raphael (Gold)
- 13-15 Male: Christian Quigno-Grundahl (Gold), Caleb Burger (Silver)
- 16-18 Male: Jimaganish Martell (Gold)
- 19-24 Male: Angelo Franco (Gold)
- 25-32 Male: Kyle Ready (Gold)
- 33-40 Male: Keenan Davis (Gold)
- 41-54 Male: Robert Hart (Gold)
- 65+ Male: Kenny Sprague (Gold), Phil Sprague (Bronze)
- 5-6 Female: Kingsley Davis (Gold), Amaris Haught (Silver), Lily Roth (Bronze)
- 7-9 Female: Brooklyn Red Star (Gold), Bonnie Redstar (Bronze), Mia Saboo (Bronze)
- 10-12 Female: Emma Henry (Silver), Tru Quigno (Bronze), Teleah Hernandez (Bronze), Keyana Hernandez (Bronze) • 13-15 Female: Nevaeh Badger (Gold), Miah Perez (Bronze)

#### **Kids Bean Bag Toss**

• 1-2 Male: Niigaanii Quigno-Ready (Silver) • 3-4 Male: Abram Davis (Gold) • 1-2 Female: Ella Pelcher (Gold) • 3-4 Female: Lana Ekdahl (Bronze)

#### **Softball Throws**

- 5-6 Male: Kyle Quigno-Ready (Gold), Donnell Pollard (Silver), Whitney Thomas (Bronze)
- 7-9 Male: Ezekiel Haught (Gold), Sean-Jacob Flory (Silver), Isaiah Haught (Bronze)
- 10-12 Male: Aiden Raphael (Gold)
- 13-15 Male: Christian Quigno-Grundahl (Silver)
- 19-24 Male: Angelo Franco (Silver)
- 25-32 Male: Kyle Ready (Silver), David Merrill Jr. (Bronze)
- 33-40 Male: Keenan Davis (Gold)
- 41-54 Male: Michael McCreery (Gold), Robert Hart (Silver),
- John Trepanier (Bronze)
- 55-64 Male: Joseph Sowmick (Bronze)
- 65+ Male Kenny Sprague (Gold), Mert Flory (Bronze)
- 5-6 Female: Kingsley Davis (Silver)

- Donnell Pollard (Bronze)
- 7-9 Male: Joshua Pelcher Jr. (Silver)
- 10-12 Male: Danny Leonard (Gold), Bryson Roth (Bronze)
- 16-18 Male Kentae Pollard (Gold)
- 33-40 Male: Clayton Nedwash Jr. (Gold)
- 41-54 Male: Michael McCreery (Gold)
- 65+ Male: Mert Flory (Gold)
- 5-6 Female: Lily Roth (Gold)
- 7-9 Female: Melika Flory (Silver)
- 16-18 Female: Kyrah Bennett (Gold)
- 33-40 Female: Christina Otto (Gold), Nicole Nedwash (Bronze)

#### Golf

- Senior: Larry Sprague
- & Bean Sprague (Gold)
- Ladies: Darcy Crampton & Kay Crampton (Gold), Val Wassagijig & Karen Naganoshe (Silver), Paula Quigno & Diana Grundahl (Bronze)
- Youth: Jacob Quigno & Andre Leaureaux (Gold), Basil Naganosh & Tannen Williams (Silver)
- 18-49 Mens: Michael McCreery & Vinnie Kequom (Silver), Lucas Sprague & Brian Chippeway (Bronze)

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## Tribal Community

## Editorial: Environmental Team, Tribal College organize cleanup of Chippewa River

#### SHELBY CAIN

Environmental Outreach Coordinator

On July 21, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Environmental Team collaborated with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College to organize a cleanup of the Chippewa River. It was a beautiful day to enjoy the outdoors while also helping the environment.

We were honored to start the day with Tribal Elder Judy Pamp and Christa Gomez doing the water ceremony. Blessing and giving thanks to nibi (water) and asking for protection while being carried down the river by nibi.

The water ceremony is done by women. Anishinabek women have a special relationship with the waters, as women have the ability to give birth through the waters and have a responsibility to nibi. Women are the "water keepers." Women have a spiritual and cultural significance with the nibi.

Nibi is alive, it has a spirit. We are 60 percent of water. Nidi is sacred. Water is life. Everyone joined in by singing the water song, smudging, and offering semaa (tobacco) to nibi.

Soaring Eagle

After the ceremony, there was a brief overview of the Environmental Team's Water Quality Program.

"The Chippewa River watershed drains 288,252 acres and 23.3 percent of that watershed lies within the SCIT Reservation boundaries," said Kellie Beldyga, SCIT water quality specialist. "The Tribe's Water Program is building a long-term water quality database including physical, chemical, and biological parameters. These efforts help to determine the impact, current state, and maintain an awareness of emergency situations, on the water resources of the Tribe."

Volunteers collected trash from Deerfield Park to Meridian Park.

Kayaks were helpful for getting into areas that were hard to access by canoe. Trash was often found along the riverbank or stuck in the limbs of fallen trees. Canoes were great for holding large amounts of debris and items that wouldn't fit in the kayaks.

Not much garbage was found at the very beginning of the trip. However, as the group paddled, more and more trash was noticed. Some of the litter removed from the river included cans, bottles, pieces of plastic,



Volunteers from the July 21 cleanup pose next to the several bags of trash that they removed from the Chippewa River.

inflatable tubes, a shoe, a rug, plastic lawn chairs and much more.

The cleanup was a very successful event. In just a few hours volunteers were able to remove multiple bags of trash and filled canoes with debris.

Trash was not the only thing observed by the volunteers though. Throughout the event, there was plenty of wildlife to be seen – turtles, fish, birds, crayfish, insects, a beaver, and a deer.

By removing the garbage from the river we were making the river a cleaner and safer place for the wildlife to be.

Trash has a negative impact on the environment – harming habitats, releasing chemicals, and creating unsafe conditions for animals and humans.

Even small pieces of plastic

(also known as microplastics) can cause issues. These microplastics can be eaten by small animals that are low on the food chain. Those animals are then eaten by larger animals that are higher up on the food chain, causing it to accumulate in their bodies which can result in health problems or death.

We can help by practicing the "leave no trace" principles when engaging in outdoor activities such as disposing of trash and respecting wildlife. Cleaning up after ourselves and others is one simple thing that we can do that has a positive impact on the Mother Earth.

We wanted to say chi-miigwetch to all of the volunteers who came out to help us clean the river, to Isabella County Parks and Recreation for disposing the collected trash, and



Courtesy of Shelby Cain

Volunteers start the cleanup at Deerfield Nature Park and remove trash as they paddle to Meridian Park.



Courtesy of Shelby Cair

One of the volunteers works to remove an inflatable tube that is trapped in a fallen tree.

to the Environmental Team and Tribal College staff who organized the event and helped load and unload vessels. This would not have been possible without all of your help. Chi-miigwetch!



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## Eleven young Tribal community members complete 2021 Youth Police Academy

#### NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Eleven young Tribal community members completed the 2021 Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Youth Police Academy, held throughout one full day on Tuesday, July 20 at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department.

From 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. that day, the youth cadets partook in a driving course with golf carts, shooting courses with non-lethal ammunition, K-9 demos and police equipment/tool displays.

The event concluded with a cookout and kickball game.

The academy was open to Tribal community youth 12 to 18 years old.

Lillyan Barton, Samuel Cloud, Nani Dudek, Wayne Jackson, Wenonah Jackson, Angelita Martinez, Jorge Martinez, Justin Perez, Biidaasge Sprague, Sereniti Cole and Jaylah Kequom completed the academy.

"Cadets learned the importance of physical fitness and completed a mock police academy entrance exam," said Chief of Tribal Police Harry Ambs. "Cadets learned safe driving skills and tested their skills on an emergency vehicle operations course, using golf carts. Cadets learned the skills and capabilities of the Tribal Police's K9 unit. Cadets also took part in a session on safe firearm handling and tested their skills on a marksman and an obstacle course using realistic paint-projectile training guns."

Ambs said the cadets seemed the most surprised to learn "the real life lessons of safe vehicle/ORV operations and safe firearm handling that were able to be taught in a fun and exciting way."



Eleven young Tribal community members attend the Youth Police Academy with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department on Tuesday, July 20.

When Ambs was asked what he personally enjoyed most about this year's academy, he said, "the officers and youth connecting and building relationships. We were blessed this year with a great group of kids and wonderful, dedicated officers."

Ambs said challenges with planning were mostly caused by the pandemic.

"The uncertainty of knowing the status of COVID in the community delayed the announcement of this year's academy making the planning phase very short," he said. "There was also a need to provide the safest environment near the department.

for community children to participate. This made the majority of this year's academy occur outside."

The demos were held in the Tribal Police parking lot or in the lawn area

## Housing Department welcomes Lacey Mandoka, rental/utility program admin.

#### HOUSING DEPARTMENT

It is with great pleasure the Housing Department welcomes Lacey Mandoka as the new emergency rental assistance program administrative assistant.

Lacey brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Housing team. Lacey has worked at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in the Food & Beverage Department and Seventh Generation in Tribal Operations.

She is currently working on her associate degree at Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.

Lacey enjoys a good scary movie and traveling. Lacey said she likes going to Tribal community events like is

Saginaw а Chippewa Tribal Member and strongly believes in "the importance of learning your traditions."

Photos courtesy of Chris Bemai

Lacey Mandoka

She wants the Tribal community to know, "I am here to help everyone out who needs rental and utility assistance. Please let your family and friends know."

Lacey Mandoka can be reached 989-775-4588 or LMandoka@sagchip.org.

## **Rental and Utility Assistance Now Available**

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

#### **Eligible households:**

- Total household income is below 80 percent of the 2020 median family income
- A household member qualified for unemployment benefits, or
- The household has experienced a reduction in household income, or
- · The household has incurred significant costs due to COVID-19, and
- · The household is experiencing housing instability

#### Types of assistance included:

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

powwows, sober celebrations, and family fun events.

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- due to COVID-19
- The household is located in one of the following counties: Arenac, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Mecosta, Midland, Osceola, and Montcalm
- · Members of the SCIT residing anywhere and meeting the above criteria



| Income Eligible means total household income does not exceed the following |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| 2021   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |  |

| 2021    | Person   | Persons  |
|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 80% FMI | \$36,150 | \$41,300 | \$46,450 | \$51,600 | \$55,750 | \$59,900 | \$64,000 | \$68,150 |

#### **Applications are available:**

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

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

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

## Housing Department welcomes Roland Jackson as maintenance worker

#### HOUSING DEPARTMENT

It is with great pleasure to welcome Roland Jackson as the Housing Department's new maintenance worker. Roland brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Housing team. Roland has worked at the Ziibiwing Center as a grounds keeper and at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort as a laundry attendant.

Roland is a hardcore video gamer and his favorites include "Call of Duty" and "Halo." Roland also enjoys rap and hiphop. He believes he "can rap with the best of them like Royale Blood and G-Easy." Roland is a proud Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member.

He enjoys attending powwows to "see the community come together, laugh with family, and enjoy the food." Roland also strongly believes in "the power of fry bread."



**Roland Jackson** 

Roland proudly said, "I am here to help out the tenants and the Tribal community any way that I can. I can't wait to meet everyone."

Please welcome Roland the next time you see him. Roland can be reached at 989-775-4534 or RolaJackson@ sagchip.org.

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## Students perform plays for family on last day of Niibing Program

#### NIKI HENRY

#### Curriculum Instructional Coordinator

On the last day of this year's reading-centered Niibing program, the lunchroom of Saginaw Chippewa Academy was bursting with students' friends and family. All gathered to watch each class perform a play the students had spent weeks practicing and preparing for.

"This year, each group spent five weeks planning for the last day of the program where they performed a play for their families," said Deb Smith, higher education manager.

Students worked hard, rehearsing their roles and creating costumes, props and scenery with the help of the DK-12 staff.

"The students did a great job, and we were so happy to see their families in the audience," Smith said.

Group one, consisting of kindergarten and first grade students, performed a version of "The Three Little Pigs," with Student Support Advisor Renata Borton narrating while Gloria Mulbrecht, student support tutor, assisted with the performance. Gunner Stevens played the part of the wolf, and Gracelynn Lozicki and Kenson Pope played the pigs.

"Our students loved wearing the hats and getting into character," Borton said. "Each of them would encourage one another, by helping get supplies. If they were shy, they would work together to say lines, and they showed excitement about how they wanted to play their part. It was joyful to watch our students problem solve, work together, and encourage one another."

Group two presented "Good Night, Zoo Animals," with the help of student support tutors Kim Saboo and Ashley Higgins. This group of first and second grade students took to the stage with homemade, hand-held stick puppets.

Genesis Pope and Ariana Sheanan were narrators while Mia Saboo was the zookeeper. Emilio Mena-Drake was the monkey; Marcell Schocko was the bear; Lily Roth was the hippo; Gimiwan Traver

was the zebra; Hailey Jackson Foley was the elephant; and Whitney Thomas was the lion.

Group three's second and third graders brought barnyard banter into school with their performance of "The Mouse Trap." Student Support Advisor Marta Heslip and Debee Buckley, student support tutor, managed the stage and helped students in their roles, as follows: Ashlynn Merril as Lamb and Chicken, Alexis Sheanan as Mouse, Kesey Chippewa as Cow and Woman, and Kiley Chippewa as Man and Doctor.

Buckley mentioned that Connor Reed, Abigail Farrell, Naomi Farrell and Malakaih Perez were not in attendance for the actual play but did help prepare.

"The story was about how things can affect a lot of people and all should be willing to help," Heslip said.

"Yes," said Buckley. "The lesson of the story was, 'Remember when one of us is in trouble, we are all at risk. We need to help those who need us.""

"It was awesome to see the kids so excited about putting this play together," Heslip said. "We had four students who played double roles, and they did a tremendous job."

"They were also great at preparing the scenes with props and backdrop materials," said Buckley.





Tribal **Community** 



Photos courtesy of Niki Henry

## Students perform a play for their families during the last day of the Niibing program, held at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy.

Group four performed "The Stinky Cheese Man," an entertaining version of "The Gingerbread Man."

Student Support Advisor Tammy Baker and Student Support Tutor Lori Lumbert-Gillis helped the third and fourth grade students prepare and perform their roles. Players were as follows: Caylee Chippewa was the Stinky Cheese Man, Kaya Owl was both Girl and Old Man, Angela Peck was Old Woman, Shad Traver was Cow, Elijah Quigno was Fox and Morgan Pelcher was Boy.

Group five was led by Student Support Advisor Anita Hall and Student Support Tutor Mark Ojeda-Vasquez.

"The fourth graders did 'Opossum's Tail', a wonderful lesson about humility," Hall said. "The class put a lot of effort into our props and thoroughly enjoyed themselves."

Students in group five are as follows: Caleb Sprague, Emile Jackson, Bryson Roth, Gabreil Quigno, Aubree Hilleger, Mile Davis, Mingan Merrill and Kijate Cueller.

Group six, comprised mainly of fifth grade students and led by Student Support Advisor Kari Noack and Student Support Tutor Kerry Byberg, presented "How the Sun and the Moon Came to Be in the Sky."

This Snohomish tale came from "Pushing Up the

Sky- Seven Native American Plays for Children" by Joseph Bruchac. Troy Richardson narrated while Zaagidiwin Traver played the part of Sun. Aiyana Sheanan was Moon; Natalia Martin was Gopher; and Serenity Cole was Rabbit.

"Our students were very creative with their characters and really enjoyed using their imagination to complete this play," said Noack.

An additional part of the program this year was read alouds by guest readers. Each week, a reader would visit all six classrooms and share a picture book with the students.

"Our guest readers were Alice Ricketts from Tribal Council, Alexis Syrette from Project Aware, Dave Meshkowzii from TEAB/ Tribal Police, Olivia Meshkowzii from Higher Education, and Niki Henry from Tribal Education," Smith said. "Also, each week the students received a copy of the book so they could share with their families."

"Niibing 2021 was a great success," Smith said. "Our students were learning while still having fun."



## Sept. 18 & 19, 2021

Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds 7957 E. Remus Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

## Friday, Sept. 17:

Lacrosse and bonfire at 6 p.m.

## **Grand Entries**

## Fall preparation: Yard waste and/or brush and hazardous tree removal

#### КІМ ОТТО МССОУ

Administrative Assistant II, Planning

As we prepare for fall, here are a few things to be aware of regarding yard waste and/ or brush and hazardous tree removal.

Yard waste and/or brush cannot be disposed of in the weekly Granger trash pickup. However, you may take the yard waste and/or brush to the Isabella County Material Recovery Facility located at 4208 E. River Rd., Mt. Pleasant. They are open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There is a nominal charge for yard waste and/or brush that can be found at *isabellacounty.org/ departments/recycling-center/ resources/acceptable-materials/.* 

The Planning Department/ Environmental Team has a new program for Tribal Elders (age 55 and above) that live on Tribal Trust Property or Allotted Land for Hazardous Tree Removal. It is a program that will provide up to \$500 to have a hazardous tree removed by an insured tree removal contractor.

A hazardous tree is defined as, "A tree that has defects, in whole or in part, that may cause damage to permanent dwellings

or and/or out buildings resulting in personal injury or death."

Hazardous tree(s) must be evaluated by a member of the Planning Department staff and be found to meet the required qualifications before the program will pay \$500 for service.

Wood produced from hazardous tree removal needs to be left on-site, provided to Tribal Members for personal use only, and may not be sold for profit.

This is a grant-funded program and is subject to change.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this article, you may call (989) 775-4014 or email kmccoy@ sagchip.org.

Saturday 9/18: 1 & 7 p.m.

• Feast at 5 p.m. (for participants)

#### Sunday 9/19: 12 p.m.

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- Emcee: Jason Whitehouse
- Arena Director: Mike Demain

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### Caucus

## Committee

on Monday, Aug. 2.

#### 2021 sworn

## in

## Council

#### NATALIE SHATTUCK

#### Editor

The following 2021 Caucus Committee Members were sworn in on Wednesday, July 28, by Chief Tim J. Davis in the Council Chambers: Chair Karan Naganashe: tellers Angela Trofatter and Joseph Sowmick; clerks Sheligh Jackson and Stacy Mandoka; and alternate Darryl Jackson.

Rosanna Keshick, alternate, was unable to attend that day and was sworn in separately

The chairperson is responsible for the certification of the election, and reporting the election results.

In conducting the election, the clerks make a record of each eligible voter presenting himself\herself at the polls. The clerks require each voter to sign in and are responsible for verifying that the person is in fact the registered voter they claim to be.

The tellers act as secretary for the Caucus Committee.



Caucus Committee members are sworn in on Wednesday, July 28, by Chief Tim J. Davis in the Council Chambers.

The teller tallies all votes in the presence of three disinterested parties at the close of Election Day.

Alternates replace any Caucus Committee member. Each has their own role to

by

help determine the election



Observer photo by Matthew Wrigh Rosanna Keshick (right), alternate, is sworn in on Monday, Aug. 2. by Sub-Chief Joe Kequom.

results in accordance with the Tribal Constitution and Tribal Ordinance 4.

## Simon Quigno: Signed to play lacrosse and football at Trine University in Indiana

#### **DAN NINHAM**

(Editor's note: The following article was originally published on NDN sports, the "no. 1 online resource for Native American sports news," on ndnsports.com and has been reprinted by the Tribal *Observer with permission.*)

Trine University will be getting a top recruit in two sports next year.

Simon Quigno, 18, lives in Mount Pleasant, Mich. He competed in lacrosse and football for Swartz Creek High School.

"My tribe is Saginaw Chippewa, my spirit name is Aankwaad Nimkee, meaning thundercloud, and I am a member of the bear clan," Simon said.

"My main athlete accomplishment is being the first Native American to be named to the All-Metro lacrosse team," said Simon.

"My tribe has influenced me because when I play on a field I always remember and I was taught to thank Mother Nature for allowing us to play on her back and to entertain



Simon Quigno, 18, is photographed during a lacrosse game for Swartz Creek High School. Quigno paints a red hand print on his face to raise awareness for Missing and

Murdered Indigenous Women.

the Creator as we play the Creator's game," said Simon.

"My mentor is my grandmother who influenced me to run with my head down and also on a swivel," said Simon. "She always told me 'if anyone hurts my grand baby I will hop the fence to be by your side.' My grandmother helped me find the love I have for sports. She taught me to pray before you play. She taught me to love my team like they're my brothers and most importantly have fun."

"My grandmother taught me how to overcome a loss with more practice and celebrate a win with more practice," said Simon. "She lives an hour and 45 minutes from me and still made every game. She taught me that every outcome could've been worse."

During 16 games of the lacrosse season his senior year, Simon shot 99 times and scored 35 goals with seven assists including 4 minutes and 30 seconds in the penalty box.

"The red hand print on my face is for MMIW (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women) including our sisters in Indian Country," said Simon. "I wear that hand print to raise awareness for my sisters who our Tribe has lost."

"My teammates at first didn't know why I wore the hand print until I told them why and they all accepted it and supported me. The fans did the same," added Simon.

Simon will be attending Trine University in Angola, Ind. next school year to play lacrosse and football.

"I also played football and I'm going to continue playing

football in college at Trine University," said Simon. "Football was supposed to be a sport to keep me in shape for lacrosse but I fell in love with the sport allowing me to get my anger, depression, sadness, and my fear of failing and compact that into one hit and I loved that feeling so much, to be free."

During his high school senior football season as a defensive end, he had 26 tackles, 10 sacks, one field goal blocked, and four fumble recoveries.

"Simon is a great human being," said Joe Spencer, head football coach at Swartz Creek High School. "Very courageous. Strong work ethic. Positive. Has a ton of integrity. I'm proud to know Simon and I know he will find his way to great outcomes in his future endeavors."

"Some of the things that popped out to me initially in the recruiting process was Simon is a very athletic player," said Karl Zimmerman, head men's lacrosse coach at Trine University. "He has a high compete level. He comes from an athletic family."

"Throughout the recruiting process he has been a great communicator, an ambassador for his high school team, and he has high expectations for himself," added Karl Zimmerman.

"At Trine we want our student-athletes to be prepared to succeed, lead, and serve," said Zimmerman. "I have no doubt he will be a great addition to the university and lacrosse program."

"He's a very passionate person," said Jacob Kingsley, Trine University head football coach. "I could tell this through our conversations throughout the recruiting process. You can see that he plays with that same passion on the field. He has good quickness off the edge and plays with a high motor. We're excited to see what he's going to bring to the team the next four years."

Simon Quigno knows where he is going in his college future.

"I'm taking it to the next level," he said.

http://www.ndnsports.com/ simon-quigno-chippewasigned-to-play-lacrosse-andfootball-at-trine-university-in/

## September 2021 Tribal Elder Birthdays

**12)** Myria Carr Wayne Dutton Michael Chamberlain Jeffrey Pigeon Jr.

Darcy Crampton Barbara Huffine Kristine Smith Lela Walker

**25)** Cynthia Floyd L. E. Reed Jr. **Rita Bills** Mark Godbey Kevin O'Brien

- 1) Timothy Walraven Timothy Pete
- 2) Jamie VanDerSteen

3) Deanna Campbell Joyce Ervin Diane Leksche Mark Ojeda-Vasquez Nancy Coleman Bonnie Jackson Michelle Yoder

- 4) Garland Moses Laura Schaad
- 5) Genevieve Chippeway Camille Grice Ronald Jackson Lance Peters Arthur Steele Jacqueline Baker Sherry Obrecht Tracey Olivier Marion Roth

- 6) Andrew Naganashe Christopher Fallis
- Mark Chapoton 7) Elizabeth Hughes Salina Jackson Dianna Goodwin Forrest Jackson Robert Waynee Jr.
- Barbara Bennett-Fleming 8) Sharon Cole Florence White Amelia Hinton
- Michelle Colwell 9) Wilma Bennett David Chatfield
- 10) Dawn Briggs Judith Hunt Kimberly Lewis Patricia Tarkowski
- **11)** Darlene Watkins

- David Stevens
- 13) Louanna Bruner Shellie Pelcher Darci Tucker Loralee Werth
- 14) Doreen Eggleston Jeffrey Brown Eugene Ives Jr. Julie Treib
- **15)** Gary Rueckert Sr. Andrew Byce Sr. Rodney Dutton
- **16)** Tonya Fallis Karen Gibson Evelyn Grills Sharll Hudson Richard Nahgahgwon Joseph Smith Sr.
- **17)** Roger High Jon Beaulieu Sr. Clifford Collins

- **18)** Delmar Jackson Sr. 19) Brenda Gardner
- **20)** Charles Jackson
- **21)** Perry Bailey Jr. Michael Bearden Brian Peters
- 22) Melissa Chippeway Lori Nahdee Angela Peters
- **23)** Judith Mays Louise Smith
- **24)** Jerry Douglas Maurice Pego Jr. Theodore Stevens Sr. Garry Douglas Jennifer Jones Selene Moore Cherin Rossbach Sandra Rubin-Warner

Rose Raslich **Richard Starkey** 

- 26) Matthew Seger Martin Curry Keith Davis Lucinda Graverette-Smith Janet Kerns Alexander Walraven
- 27) Sheridan Pelcher David Wilson Tonia Bliss
- **28)** Fitzgerald Stevens
- **29)** Agnes Flynn Dianne Nelson Jerome Pigeon Jr. Marcella Wing
- **30)** Donald Chippewa Sr. Sonja Sowmick Thomas Kerns Jr.

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## Tribal **Community**

## Exciting three-on-three basketball action featured at annual RezBall tournament

#### **MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

The Recreation Department hosted RezBall 2021, a threeon-three basketball tournament, on Wednesday, Aug. 11. The annual event was held in the parking lot of the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

Players received a free lunch and event T-shirt.

Teams from four different divisions vied for the first-place trophies. Second-place finishers were also awarded medals for their efforts.

sions were as follows:

• Middle school boys: Pop Tarts (Kannen Quezada, Zhaawan Martell and Trevor Isham Jr. Managed by Isaiah Rodriguez)

• High school boys: Native Soldiers (Jaden Osawabine, Oscar Smith, Glendon Bennet and Joc Keshick)

• Adult men: GR's Finest (Jaleil Holt, Jacario Holt, Jonny Day and Jesse Pablo)

• Middle School Girls: Tom and Jerrys (Jayla Trepanier, Braylee Trepanier and Natalie Donley)

• High school girls: Rez Gurlz (Asalia Quigno, Alberta Trepanier, Alexis Trepanier, Bird Hendrickson)

• Adult women: The Legends The winners of the divi- (Aleigha Owl, Rosemary Saboo, Tay Smith and Tamara Ortiz)

• 5th and under (co-ed): The Bears (Aiden Raphael, Joseph and Tommy Andreas) Observer photos by Matthew Wright

















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ACCESS Club members will receive one (1) entry for every 300 points earned on their ACCESS Club card from 12am August 29th, 2021 until 10:55pm on September 25th, 2021.



#### FRIDAYS 7:00PM-11:00PM

One winner drawn each hour from 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm to win a share of \$16,000 in cash and Premium Play! At 11:00 pm one lucky winner of \$10,000 in cash and \$2,500 in Premium Play!



#### SUNDAYS 9:00AM-11:59PM

HERO card holders can earn \$10 in Premium Play for every 800 points earned on slots. Up to \$50 total.



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



#### TUESDAYS 10:00AM-10:00PM

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#### MONDAYS 9:00AM - 9:00PM

Hourly drawings from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm for \$1,200 in cash! Grand Prize Drawing at 9:00 pm for 1 winner of \$5,000 cash!



#### FRIDAYS 10:00AM - 10:00PM

Three winners each hour from 10:00 am - 9:00 pm for \$100 in Premium Play. At 10:00 pm three winners will be drawn to win \$3,000 in cash! Plus, earn Premium Play by playing slots!



#### SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 5 & 12 12:00PM - 9:00PM

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## Entertainment

### Kid Rock performs two evenings at Soaring Eagle with special guest Grand Funk Railroad

#### NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort held two nights of concerts from Kid Rock with special guest Grand Funk Railroad. The first show on Saturday, Aug. 14 sold out so quickly that a second one was added Sunday, Aug. 15 to the outdoor summer concerts.

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began with Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'" after the lyrics "born and raised and south Detroit" blasted. A video montage was then played on the large screens and ended with Kid Rock's silhouette. Then, he appeared on stage.

Kid Rock's two-hour set

Kid Rock and his band launched into "Greatest Show on Earth" with a lot of pyrotechnics, flames and streamers.

"American Bad Ass" and "First Kiss" followed.

Both shows featured plenty of rock, pyro, patriotism, attitude and energy.

The singer, songwriter and rapper alternates between rock, hip hop, country and heavy metal. Other songs performed included "Rock Bottom Blues," "Devil Without a Cause," "Wasting Time," "Cocky," "All Summer Long," "Johnny Cash," "Cowboy," "Po-Dunk" and "Picture."

The 50-year-old performer ended his concert with "Rock n Roll Jesus," "Only God Knows Why," "Born Free," "Bawitdaba" and "Shake, Rattle and Roll," a Big Joe Turner and His Blues Kings cover.

The opening band for both evenings, Grand Funk Railroad, is an American rock band. The band was popular during the 1970s, but clearly still has a large following.

The band's name is a playon-words of Grand Trunk Western Railroad, a line that runs through the band's hometown, Flint.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Kid Rock performs during his first of two outdoor shows at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Saturday, July 14.

Grand Funk performed (bass), Max Carl (vocalist/ "Shinin' On," Carole King guitarist), Tim Cashion (keycover "The Loco-Motion" and boardist) and Bruce Kulick "Walk Like a Man," followed (guitarist). by a long drum solo during The band also performed a which band members left the cover of "The Star Spangled Banner," "Some Kind of stage and let the drummer, Don Brewer, get to it. Brewer is the

Wonderful," "I'm Your Captain (Closer to Home)" and "We're an American Band" during members are Mel Schacher their one-hour opening set.

### Soaring Eagle hosts Shinedown, Theory of a Deadman and Pop Evil on Aug. 6

#### MATTHEW WRIGHT

Max Carl (left) and Bruce Kulick (right) of Grand Funk

Railroad, the opening band, are photographed.

#### Staff Writer

Live rock 'n' roll was back, and out in full force on Friday, Aug. 6 at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. The trio of Shinedown, Theory of a Deadman and Pop Evil all took to the outdoor concert stage for memorable performances.

The members of Shinedown electrified the atmosphere in the crowd right away, as they jumped into the hit songs "Cut the Cord," "Unity" and "Fly From the Inside."

Next up was the catchy chorus of "State of My Head," followed by "If You Only Knew," "45" and "Save Me."

Lead singer Brent Smith's larger-than-life vocals impressed during the hit song "Diamond Eyes (Boom-Lay Boom-Lay Boom)".

The catchy, pop/rock love

The band also played a range of music from their six studio albums including the hit singles "How Did You Love," "Get Up," "Bully," "Monsters" and "Second Chance."

Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

To close out the night, Shinedown performed a cover of the classic Lynyrd Skynyrd song "Simple Man" followed by the powerful vocals of "Sound of Madness."

Canadian rock band Theory of a Deadman took to the stage prior to Shinedown.

Their set kicked off with a bang, playing their hit songs "Lowlife," "Blow" and "World Keeps Spinning."

The acoustic-infused ballad "Santa Monica" was followed by "So Happy" and "Not Meant to Be.'

Theory of a Deadman also played "History of Violence," "Angel" and "Hate My Life."

The band closed out the



only continuous band member.

Along with Brewer, current

Shinedown perform "Cut the Cord" on the Soaring Eagle outdoor concert stage on Aug. 6.

Mainstream Rock Chart.

The homegrown talent of Muskegon, Mich.-based rock band Pop Evil opened the concert. The band played several of their most popular songs, including "Deal with the Devil," Footsteps," "Breathe



song "I'll Follow You" was night with "Rx" and "Bad followed by the hard hitting "Enemies" and "Devil."

Girlfriend." Both songs reached No. 1 on Billboard's



Theory of a Deadman playing their hit song "Low Life."

"Trenches" Again," and "Waking Lions." All five songs reached No. 1 on Billboard's Mainstream Rock Chart.

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

Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Members of Pop Evil come together at center stage during "Deal with the Devil."



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## First annual Wewebanaabiiwin Youth Fishing Tournament held on Aug. 13

#### **MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

The first annual Community Wewebanaabiiwin Youth Fishing Tournament was held on Aug. 13.

Young anglers took to the shores, with some using canoes to fish the deeper water of Grewes Lake at the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park.

The event was held as part of American Indian Sobriety Month.

Many Tribal Departments collaborated to make the event a success, including: the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, Behavioral Health, Seventh Generation, Recreation, Youth Council, Tribal Police, Tribal Fire, Tribal College and the Soaring Eagle Hideway RV Park.



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#### use and the effects it has on kids and young **E-cigarette** adults

#### **INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN**

With the back to school season here, it's time to talk about e-cigarette use and the effects on students.

From the Food and Drug Administration, from 2017

- 2018, current e-cigarette use - defined by use on at least one day in the past 30 days – by high school students increased 78 percent, from 11.7 to 20.8 percent, accounting for a troubling 3.05 million American high school students using e-cigarettes in 2018.

In addition, the proportion of

STEPS TO Health Aug. 30 - Sept. 26, 2021 Choose from the 3 categories to make "steps" to a healthier you: **Exercise:** 20 minutes of quality exercise, 10K Steps for

Nutrition: Two servings of vegetables, 60 ounces of water, utilize the plate method at two meals, and more!

five days, 2x at Nimkee Fitness, and more!

current e-cigarette users in high school who reported use on 20 days or more in the past 30-day period increased from 20 percent to 27.7 percent between 2017 and 2018.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the most e-cigarettes contain nicotine - the addictive drug in regular cigarettes, cigars and other tobacco products. A recent CDC study found that 99 percent of the e-cigarettes sold in assessed venues in the United States contained nicotine. Some e-cigarette labels do not disclose that they contain nicotine, and some e-cigarettes marked as containing 0 percent nicotine have been found to contain nicotine.

Nicotine can harm the developing adolescent brain. The brain keeps developing until about age 25. Using nicotine in adolescence can harm the parts of the brain that control attention, learning, mood, and impulse control.

The CDC notes the use of e-cigarettes is unsafe for kids, teens and young adults. Most e-cigarettes contain nicotine. Nicotine is highly addictive and can harm adolescent brain development, which continues into the early to mid-20s. E-cigarettes can contain other harmful substances besides nicotine. Young people who use e-cigarettes may be more likely to smoke cigarettes in the future.

The CDC describes e-cigarettes as electronic devices that heat a liquid and produce an aerosol, or mix of small particals in the air. E-cigarettes come in many shapes and sizes. Most have a battery, a heating element, and a place to hold a liquid.

Some e-cigarettes look like regular cigarettes, cigars, or pipes. Some look like USB flash drives, pens, and other everyday items. Larger devices such as tank systems, or "mods," do not look like other tobacco products.

E-cigarettes are known by many different names. They are sometimes called "e-cigs," "e-hookahs," "mods," "vape pens," "vapes," "tank systems," and "electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS)." Using an e-cigarette is sometimes called "vaping."

If you or your teen would like free help to quit using e-cigarettes, Native Americans in Michigan may call 1-855-5AI-QUIT (1-855-524-7848) or visit aiquitline.com for free culturally tailored quit coaching. You may also call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) for free help.

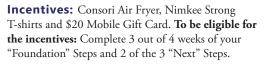
## **Important Benefits Update: TRIBAL MEMBER INSURANCE**

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Self-Care: 7-8 hours of sleep, 10 minutes of meditation, make a message appointment, and more! \*See log sheet for more options

Rules: First choose two healthy "Foundation" Steps that you want to maintain for the next four weeks. A minimum of one step must be picked from each category by the end of week four. Pick habits that you're not currently doing.

- Week 1: Accomplish your Foundation Steps this week
- Week 2: Choose another step along with your Foundation Steps
- Week 3: Choose a NEW step along with your Foundation Steps
- Week 4: Choose a NEW step along with your Foundation Steps



#### Log Sheet:

Stop in to Nimkee Fitness to sign up and pick up a log sheet OR email Jaden at jharman@sagchip.org to sign-up or return log sheet by Sept. 28

For more information, contact: Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690



Nimkee Fitness

Saginaw Chippewa is excited to announce an *additional plan offering for all TRIBAL MEMBERS* that takes effect on January 1, 2022. Compare the current medical plan to the new offering below. To elect or waive this new coverage, please take action during Open Enrollment, which will take place during the month of October into mid-November.

| Madical                                | Curren          | t / 2022 Buy Up   | \$2,000 HDHP   |                      |  |
|--|-----------------|---|--|----------------------|--|
| Medical                                | In-Network      | Out-of Network  | In-Network   | Out-of Network       |  |
| Deductible<br>Single/Family            | \$500/\$1,000   | \$1,000 /\$2,000  | \$2,000 /\$4,000   | \$4,000 /\$8,000     |  |
| Out of Pocket Maximum<br>Single/Family | \$3,000/\$6,000 | \$6,000 /\$12,000   | \$4,000 /\$8,000   | \$8,000 /\$16,000    |  |
| Coinsurance<br>Plan Pays/You Pay       | 80%/20%         | 60%/40%   | 80%/20%  | 60%/40%              |  |
| Office Visit<br>PCP/Specialist         | \$30/\$60       | 40% after deductible  | 20% after deductible   | 40% after deductible |  |
| mergency Room \$250                    |                 | 20% after deductible  |  |                      |  |
| Prescription Copays                    |                 |   |  |                      |  |
| Generic                                | \$10            |   | 20% after deductible   |                      |  |
| Preferred                              |                 | \$30  | 20% after deductible   |                      |  |
| Non-Preferred                          |                 | \$60  | 20% after deductible   |                      |  |
| Specialty                              | 20%             | 6 (\$250 max)   | 20% after deductible   |                      |  |
| Member Contributions                   |                 | lan will have a premium cost. If<br>or this plan will be deducted<br>upita check. | New plan offering effective January 1, 2022. If elected, this plan will be free of charge. |                      |  |





#### Wearing purple in September brings awareness to gynecological cancers

#### JENNA WINCHEL

Women's Health Nurse

All month long in September, by wearing purple, you are helping bring educational awareness to the community on gynecological cancer (cervical, uterine/endometrial, ovarian, vaginal and vulvar cancers).

Here are a few facts to consider:

• Most cases of cervical cancer are now preventable with the HPV vaccine

• Endometrial cancer, also known as uterine cancer, is the most common gynecological cancer and usually occurs around the time of menopause.

• Only 15 percent of all ovarian cancer cases are detected at the earliest, most curable stage.

• Vaginal and vulvar cancers affect the tissue lining of the vagina and the inner edges of the labia.

Almost all cervical cancer is caused by the persistent infection of human papillomavirus or HPV.

Symptoms may include but not limited to: bleeding after intercourse, excessive discharge and abnormal bleeding between periods, vaginal odor and pain.

You can reduce your risk by getting the HPV vaccine before you become sexually active, have your children vaccinated starting at ages 11 or 12, and receive regular Pap test with HPV testing as recommended by your health care provider.

More than 90 percent of women diagnosed with endometrial cancer say that they have experienced abnormal vaginal bleeding prior to their diagnosis. Symptoms may include but not limited to: abnormal vaginal bleeding, after menopause, bleeding persistent pain in lower pelvic area and pain during sexual intercourse.

Some risk factors include: taking estrogen, obesity, late menopause (after age 52), diabetes, never becoming pregnant, high blood pressure, and family history.

One in 71 women will develop ovarian cancer in her lifetime. Symptoms may include but not limited to:

bloating, urinary urgency/frequency, pelvic/abdominal pain. Risk factors may include: family history of gynecologic cancers, increase age, and infertility/not bearing children.

You can detect and prevent vaginal or vulvar cancer early by getting the HPV vaccine before you become sexually active or as advised by your medical provider, schedule your regular women's health check-ups and closely monitor for symptoms.

Vaginal cancers symptoms may include but not limited to: unusual vaginal bleeding, bleeding after intercourse, pain, issues with urination and bowel movements, watery discharge or lump/mass in the vagina.

Vulvar cancer symptoms may include but not limited to: chronic itching, abnormal bleeding and discharge, skin color changes, bump or lump with wart-like or raw surfaces, or an open sore.

It is important for a woman to see her doctor if she is having any symptoms; however, some women will have no symptoms, so getting vaccinations and regular Pap test plus HPV test when recommended is key to preventing cervical cancers.

The above information was composed by the #IWishIKnew campaign to help spread awareness on the above listed cancers; for more information visit www. foundationforwomenscancer. org

#### Joint statement from HHS Public Health and medical experts on COVID-19 booster shots

(Editor's note: The following news release comes from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, website at cdc.gov and was released on Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021.)

On Aug. 18, public health and medical experts from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released following statement on the the Administration's plan for COVID-19 booster shots for the American people.

The statement is attributable to Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); Dr. Janet Woodcock, acting commissioner, Food and Drug Administration (FDA); Dr. Vivek Murthy, U.S. surgeon general; Dr. Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH); Dr. Anthony Fauci, chief medical advisor to President Joe Biden and director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID): Dr. Rachel Levine, assistant secretary for health; Dr. David Kessler, chief science officer for the COVID-19 Response; and Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith, chair of the COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force:

effective in reducing risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death, even against the widely circulating Delta variant. Recognizing that many vaccines are associated with a reduction in protection over time, and acknowledging that additional vaccine doses could be needed to provide long lasting protection, we have been analyzing the scientific data closely from the United States and around the world to understand how long this protection will last and how we might maximize this protection. The available data make very clear that protection against SARS-CoV-2 infection begins to decrease over time following the initial doses of vaccination, and in association with the dominance of the Delta variant, we are starting to see evidence of reduced protection against mild and moderate disease. Based on our latest assessment, the current protection against severe disease, hospitalization, and death could diminish in the months ahead, especially among those who are at higher risk or were vaccinated during the earlier phases of the vaccination rollout. For that reason, we conclude that a booster shot will be needed to maximize vaccineinduced protection and prolong its durability.

"We have developed a plan to "The COVID-19 vaccines begin offering these booster shots authorized in the United States this fall subject to FDA conductcontinue to be remarkably ing an independent evaluation

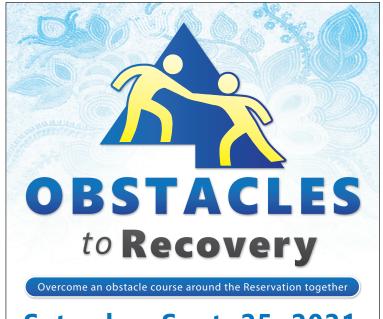
and determination of the safety and effectiveness of a third dose of the Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines and CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) issuing booster dose recommendations based on a thorough review of the evidence. We are prepared to offer booster shots for all Americans beginning the week of Sept. 20 and starting 8 months after an individual's second dose. At that time, the individuals who were fully vaccinated earliest in the vaccination rollout, including many health care providers, nursing home residents, and other seniors, will likely be eligible for a booster. We would also begin efforts to deliver booster shots directly to residents of long-term care facilities at that time, given the distribution of vaccines to this population early in the vaccine rollout and the continued increased risk that COVID-19 poses to them.

"We also anticipate booster shots will likely be needed for people who received the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine. Administration of the J&J vaccine did not begin in the U.S. until March 2021, and we expect more data on J&J in the next few weeks. With those data in hand, we will keep the public informed with a timely plan for J&J booster shots as well.

"Our top priority remains staying ahead of the virus and protecting the American people from COVID-19 with safe, effective, and long-lasting vaccines especially in the context of a constantly changing virus and epidemiologic landscape. We will continue to follow the science on a daily basis, and we are prepared to modify this plan should new data emerge that requires it.

"We also want to emphasize the ongoing urgency of vaccinating the unvaccinated in the U.S. and around the world. Nearly all the cases of severe disease, hospitalization, and death continue to occur among those not yet vaccinated at all. We will continue to ramp up efforts to increase vaccinations here at home and to ensure people have accurate information about vaccines from trusted sources. We will also continue to expand our efforts to increase the supply of vaccines for other countries, building further on the more than 600 million doses we have already committed to donate globally."

https://www.cdc.gov/media/ releases/2021/s0818-covid-19booster-shots.html



## **Three Members Needed**

For the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Health Board

- 1.) Must be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- 2.) Must be at least 18 years of age
- 3.) Must have strong interest in the health services provided and the health problems within the Saginaw Chippewa community

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

### Deadline: Oct. 31, 2021

For more information, please call Karmen Fox at 989.775.4631

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

Mail or bring to the Nimkee Clinic: Attention: Karmen Fox 2591 S. Leaton Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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

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

### Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021

#### **Broadway Park**

#### **Obstacle course**

- ▶ 15 different stations (designed for all ability levels and ages)
- Each station symbolizing steps to the recovery process
- ▶ 2-5 people per team
- First wave begins at 10 a.m. and continues every 15 minutes until 12 p.m.
- Check-in begins: 9:30 a.m.

#### Post event activities

- Lunch for all
- Tailgate games and bounce house
- Friendly corn hole tournament • beginning at 12:30 p.m.
- Door prizes

#### To register a team, contact:

Jaden Harman, Fitness Coordinator Phone: 989.775.4694 | Email: JHarman@sagchip.org



Long sleeve shirts for the first 150 registrants













## **Event Planner**



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## SEPTEMBER 2021 | Tribal Community Event Planner

#### Lacrosse Wednesdays

Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 6 - 8 p.m.

- Box on Broadway (behind Public Safety building)
- 989-775-4780 or 989-400-6644
- Beginner to all levels welcome, no equipment needed

#### Birria Taco People's Powwow Fundraiser

Sept. 1 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. (or until gone)

- Seventh Generation
- Tacos, beans and rice: \$10

#### Labor Day Family Picnic

Sept. 6 | 12 - 5 p.m., food served at 12:30 p.m.

- Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground
- Recreation@sagchip.org
- Family bingo (1 p.m.), door prizes, bag and sack race, egg toss, side attractions and musical chairs
- Bean bag tournament at 1 p.m, 16 team limit, single elimination, players must be at least 13 years fo age.
- Two players per team, prizes for the final four teams
- Contact Bernie Sprague at 989.775.5309

#### SafeTALK: Suicide Alertness for Everyone

Sept. 9 | 1 - 4:30 p.m.

- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort
- Registration: https://p2p.onecause.com/sc2
- Registration code: safeT2021
- info@srrn.net or 989-781-5260

#### Saganing Powwow Golf Outing Fundraiser

Sept. 10 | 10 a.m. shotgun start

- Pine River Golf Club (Standish, Mich.)
- 989-775-4141 or DaPilar@sagchip.org
- Three player scramble, \$80 per player
- First and second place prizes
- All proceeds benefit the 2021 Saganing Powwow

#### **Project Venture After School Schedule**

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

- ACFS
- DWinn@sagchip.org or 989-775-5804
- Sept. 8: Getting to Know You/Project Venture
- Sept. 15: Contributing Confidently
- **Sept. 22:** What does it mean to be a young Native American Youth today?
- Sept. 29: Project Venture Outside of School

#### **Recovery on the Rez**

Thursdays | 6 p.m.

- Fridays | 11:30 a.m.
- Behavioral Health
- Join us in person for a non judgmental mutual aide support group that welcomes all styles of recovery
- Tuesday Zoom Meetings at 2 p.m.
- Zoom ID: 82912188791 | Password:123456

#### Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow

Sept. 11, 12 | Grand entry at 1 p.m. both days

- Powwow Grounds (2750 Worth Rd., Standish, MI)
- 989-775-4000 or powwowcommittee@sagchip.org
- Admission: \$3 daily, \$5 weekend, \$1 for children
- Hand drum contest on Sunday

## Grandparents Day Celebration featuring the Whispering Pines Mobile Zoo

Sept. 11 | 12 - 4 p.m., lunch served at noon

- Andahwod CCC & ES
- 989-775-4300
- Food, games and prizes
- Please do not attend if you have been exposed to COVID-19 or if you are sick.
- Masks available, not required outside.
- Entry to building for restroom only, mask required.

#### **Estate Planning Presentation**

#### Sept. 16 | 12 - 1 p.m.

- View online at: https://tinyurl.com/mils-presentation
- Registration: https://tinyurl.com/Estate-Planning-Signup
- A comprehensive free presentation
- Protect your loved ones with proper planning
- Brought to you by Michigan Indian Legal Services & Pro Bono attorney Dian Kuhn Huff

#### **Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training**

#### Sept. 16, 17 | 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort
- Registration: https://p2p.onecause.com/sagchip2
- Registration code: SagChip25
- 989-781-5260 or info@srrn.net

#### People's Traditional Powwow

- Sept. 17 | Lacrosse and bonfire at 6 p.m.
- Sept. 18 | Grand entries at 1 & 7 p.m.

#### Sept. 19 | Grand entry at 12 p.m.

- Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds
- Feast at Saturday at 5 p.m. (for participants)
- Hand Drum Contest on Sunday (Jackson Family)

#### Walk in my Mocs Writers' Series

Sept. 21 | Workshop 12-2 p.m., public reading 7 p.m. • Location: TBD

- aschmidt@sagchip.edu
- Featured writers: Kim Blaeser, Heid Erdrich, Gordon Henry and Gwen Westerman Griffin.

#### **Obstacles to Recovery**

Sept. 25 | Starts at 10 a.m., check in at 9:30 a.m.

- Broadway Park
- Registration: JHarman@sagchip.org or 989.775.4694
- Overcome an obstacle course around the Reservation
- Long sleeve shirts for the first 150 registrants

## **SEPTEMBER 2021** | Tribal Community Calendar

| Monday                                 | Tuesday  | Wednesday                         | Thursday  | Friday  | Sat./Sun.  |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|
| www.sagchip.or                         | out the <b>bal Observer NLINE</b>  | •                                 | 2<br>Sacred Fire Lunch<br>12 1 p.m.   7th Gen<br>Auricular Acupuncture<br>4-6 p.m.   Behavioral Health<br>Community Sewing Nights<br>5-8 p.m.   7th Gen   | 3<br>Active Parenting Now<br>10:30 a.m 12 p.m.   ACFS<br>Recovery on the Rez<br>11:30 a.m.   Behavioral Health  | 4<br>5   |
| 6<br>Tribal Center Closed<br>Labor Day | 7<br>Native Farmers Market<br>10 a.m 2 p.m.<br>Drums Out<br>6-8 p.m.   7th Gen   | 8                                 | 9<br>Sacred Fire<br>7:30 a.m 4 p.m.   7th Gen<br>Auricular Acupuncture<br>4-6 p.m.   Behavioral Health<br>Community Sewing Nights<br>5-8 p.m.   7th Gen   | 10<br>Active Parenting Now<br>10:30 a.m 12 p.m.   ACFS<br>Recovery on the Rez<br>11:30 a.m.   Behavioral Health | 11<br>12   |
| 13                                     | 14<br>Native Farmers Market<br>10 a.m 2 p.m.<br>Drums Out<br>6-8 p.m.   7th Gen  | 15<br>Tribal Observer<br>Deadline | 16         Sacred Fire Lunch         12 1 p.m.   7th Gen         Auricular Acupuncture         4-6 p.m.   Behavioral Health         Community Sewing Nights         5-8 p.m.   7th Gen         SCTC STEAM Meeting         121 p.m.   SCTC | 17<br>Active Parenting Now<br>10:30 a.m 12 p.m.   ACFS<br>Recovery on the Rez<br>11:30 a.m.   Behavioral Health | 18<br>19   |
| 20                                     | 21<br>Native Farmers Market<br>10 a.m 2 p.m.<br>Drums Out<br>6-8 p.m.   7th Gen  | 22                                | 23<br>Sacred Fire<br>7:30 a.m 4 p.m.   7th Gen<br>Auricular Acupuncture<br>4-6 p.m.   Behavioral Health<br>Community Sewing Nights<br>5-8 p.m.   7th Gen  | 24<br>Tribal Center Closed<br>Michigan Indian Day   | 25<br>26   |
| 27                                     | 28<br>Native Farmers Market<br>10 a.m 2 p.m.<br>Bingo with Friends<br>10:30 a.m.   Saganing<br>Drums Out<br>6-8 p.m.   7th Gen | 29                                | 30<br>Sacred Fire Lunch<br>12 1 p.m.   7th Gen<br>Auricular Acupuncture<br>4-6 p.m.   Behavioral Health<br>Community Sewing Nights<br>5-8 p.m.   7th Gen  | Tibe of Michigan  | <ul> <li>SECR Payroll</li> <li>SCIT Per Capita</li> <li>SCIT Payroll</li> <li>Curbside Recycling</li> <li>Waste Collection* *Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</li> </ul> |

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## **Tribal Observer Classifieds**

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

#### **100 Employment**

#### **Tribal Operations**

#### Secondary Language Immersion Specialist

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

#### **IT Support Tech**

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Two years help desk experience or bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field. Experience with Windows Server and Desktop OS and Microsoft Office Suite.

#### **Central Plant Operator**

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of experience in a Central Plant, mechanical equipment environment, or licensed HVAC.

#### **Elementary Teacher**

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education or related field. Master's degree preferred. Experience with current assessment requirements, federal and state standards. Two years teaching experience preferred. Preference will be given to those with proficiency in speaking the Ojibwe language.

#### **Strategic Grant** Specialist

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business administration, communications, economics, or related field. Three years' experience in grant writing and grant administration. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered.

#### Elementary

#### **Counselor - AWARE**

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work or counseling from an accredited program. One year experience in mental health services working with children and

SCTC Adjunct Faculty Open to the public. Master's degree required in identified discipline. Previous teaching experience preferred. Part time for Fall 2021: biology, business, Native American studies, history, computers and art.

#### **Dental Assistant**

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Graduate of a dental assisting program or two years of dental assisting experience. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered.

#### **Clerical Pool**

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

#### **ACFS Director** - Social Services

Open to the public. Master's degree in social services, human services or related field. Full licensure required. Five years social services experience. Two years' experience in a supervisory capacity. Experience working with tribal communities or other diverse, minority or disenfranchised groups.

#### Associate General Counsel

Open to the public. Juris Doctor from an ABA accredited law school. Experience as a practicing attorney, familiarity with federal Indian law preferred. Member of the Michigan State Bar Association and in good standing.

#### **Occupational Health RN**

Open to the public. Associate degree in nursing. Licensed Registered Nurse. Three years' experience in nursing. Experience with OSHA regulations and recordkeeping.

#### **Dental Hygienist**

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Graduate of a dental assisting program or two years of dental assisting experience. Certification to expose dental radiographs.

#### SCTC Tutor

Open to the public. At least 60

cian Certification, Comp TIA A+ Certification, Comp TIA N+ Certification. Experience with Windows Server and Desktop OS and Microsoft Office Suite.

#### **Resident Service** Manager

Open to the public. Registered Nurse. Bachelor's degree in Nursing preferred. Three years long term care experience. One year in a supervisory capacity. Experience and knowledge of services to assisted living services, adult foster care services and homes for the elderly.

#### Soaring Eagle

#### **Table Games Dealer**

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to obtain certification from the SECR Table Games Department for each game associate deals.

#### **Chief Executive Officer**

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in finance, business administration, hospitality or related field, 15 years of combined gaming/hotel/resort hospitality experience. Ten years in a managerial capacity. Three years senior management level at a destination resort/gaming property with over 1000 employees with Class III gaming experience. Excellent communication. interpersonal, finance, and computer skills. Desired qualifications: Master's degree. Destination four diamond resort gaming property and Tribal gaming property experience. Tribal gaming experience.

#### **Guest Room** Attendant FT

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

#### **Guest Room** Attendant PT

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

#### Maintenance

school diploma or GED. Michigan massage tcertification with 600 total hours required for massage certification.

#### **Guest Relations Representative PT**

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

#### **Culinary Supervisor**

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

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#### **Maintenance Worker**

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

#### F&B Shift Supervisor

Open to Public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Associate degree preferred.

#### **Casino Ambassador**

Open to public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months of heavy cash handling or hospitality experience in a fast paced, high pressure environment.

#### Chef

Open to Public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Five years of casual dining, high volume, hotel culinary experience, or comparable restaurant experience. Two years supervisory experience.

#### Front Desk Agent PT

Open to public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. One year customer service experience and cash handling experience.

#### **Security Officer PT**

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Security or surveil-

Security Officer PT

vehicles and rigs that require a Chauffeur license. Experience with operating warehouse equipment including forklifts.

#### Line Cook

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, or six months of Saganing internal Culinary training.

#### F&B Attendant FT

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

#### **F&B Attendant PT**

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

#### Laundry Attendant

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

#### Waitstaff FT

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



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#### Waitstaff PT

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

#### Beverage

#### Waitstaff FT

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

#### Beverage Waitstaff PT

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

#### Guestroom Attendant FT

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

#### Guestroom **Attendant PT**

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

#### **F&B Custodial Worker**

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



#### Appointment not needed

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

#### If vaccinated, face masks not required

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



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families of children with severe emotional disturbances.

#### Physician

Open to the public. Medical degree or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. Current board certification in specialty. Two years' experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting preferred. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

#### **Chief Financial Officer**

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

completed credits towards a College degree with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above. Strong mathematics and/or English background ability to demonstrate competence in SCTC MTH 230, MTH 120, ENG 101. ENG 102, and ENG 130 or equivalent is higher preferred.

#### **Certified Nursing** Assistant

High school diploma or GED. Certified Nursing Assistant. One year nursing experience preferred. Experience with older adults preferred.

#### **Technical Services** Technician II

Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field or three years IT support desk experience with one of the following certifications: Microsoft Certified Desktop Support Techni-

#### Supervisor

Open to internal department and Tribal Members. High school diploma or GED. Three years maintenance experience.

#### **F&B** Custodial Worker PT

Open to the public. Must be at least18 years of age. Must be able to pass ServSafe certification.

#### Line Server PT

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

#### **Cosmetologist PT**

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

#### **Massage Therapist**

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

lance experience preferred.

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

#### Maintenance Worker

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

#### **Bartender PT**

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

#### **Inventory Control Driver-Warehouser**

Open to Public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. One year receiving or warehouse experience. One year experience in driving

## 2021 0 S P TAL

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 2 PLAYER SCRAMBLE

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

#### EVENT DETAILS

- MAT: 2 Player Sci ble (18 holes) .ITY: Must be a Saginaw Chipper Iribe, Tribal Ops or Migizi Enterpri
- \$40 per player (\$80 per te
- Served from 11:30am 1:00pr
- GIFT: all regis at registration

#### HOLE CHALLENGES



d Sprague at (989) 775-5309 to sign up, ask questions or to be a part of the Volunteer Team

Sponsorships are available for \$20 and will help pay for bottled water and goody bags!

# ENTERTAINMENT





## MEGADETH and LAMB OF GOD

TIM MCGRAW

with LAUREN ALAINA

Saturday, September 18 | 8:00PM

**Outdoor Concert** 

**Ticket Prices:** 

\$41, \$116, \$138, \$152

**ONSALE NOW!** 

with TRIVIUM & HATEBREED Friday, September 24 | 6:00PM

> Ticket Prices: \$24, \$40, \$69, \$72 ONSALE NOW!

SNOOP DOGG with WIZ KHALIFA Sunday, Sept. 26 | 6:00PM

> Ticket Prices: \$24, \$65, \$82, \$94 SOLD OUT SHOW!



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#### BARENAKED LADIES Friday, October 1 | 8:00PM Entertainment Hall

Ticket Prices: \$44, \$54, \$72, \$78 ONSALE NOW!



## ICE CUBE

Saturday, October 9 | 8:00PM Entertainment Hall

> Ticket Prices: \$59, \$72, \$85, \$92 ONSALE NOW!

## **REO SPEEDWAGON**

Saturday, October 16 | 8:00PM Entertainment Hall

> Ticket Prices: \$44, \$54, \$72, \$78 SOLD OUT SHOW!

### GOO GOO DOLLS

Friday, October 22 | 8:00PM Entertainment Hall

Ticket Prices: \$69, \$89, \$102 & \$109 ONSALE NOW!

## **KUMBIA KINGS**

Saturday, October 23 | 8:00PM Entertainment Hall

> Ticket Prices: \$25 General Admission ONSALE NOW!

Tickets can be purchased at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Saganing Eagles Landing Box Offices from 9AM-10PM. Tribal Members must present Member ID at the Box Office upon purchase.



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