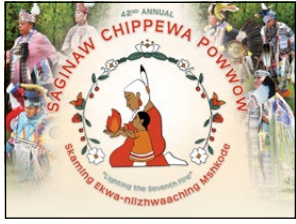




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Honoring, Healing & Remembering marks 92nd anniversary of MIIBS closing

MATTHEW WRIGHT
Staff Writer

The Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways hosted its annual Honoring, Healing and Remembering on Friday, June 5.

The annual event recognized the suffering, strength, and resilience of the children through a day of memorial and fellowship.

The Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School consisted of 37 buildings on 320 acres of land, with an average enrollment of 300 American Indian students per year in grades kindergarten through eighth. The school operated from June 30, 1893 to June 6, 1934. Daily life was very regimented.

Like other American Indian boarding schools, students were forbidden to speak their language, honor their culture, and practice their spirituality. The students performed work such as laundry, farm work, cleaning, and other manual labor for the majority of the school day. They also received basic academic instruction for the remainder of the day.

The day, recognizing the anniversary of the closing date, began with a 7 a.m. sunrise ceremony at the Mission Creek Cemetery.

The event continued at 9 a.m. on the MIIBS grounds,

located along Crawford Road in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

A light breakfast was served and the silent auction and 50/50 raffle began. All proceeds from the auction and raffle benefited the MIIBS security and maintenance projects.

The main event began with a grand entry and flag song provided by the Blue House Singers. Attendees joined the grand entry, carrying lanyards with the names of deceased MIIBS students.

Isabelle Osawamick, Anishinabe outreach language specialist, provided the opening prayer.

Chief Luke Sprague provided a welcome.

“Despite the suffering, and unjust treatment endured by our young and innocent ancestors who attended the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School, we stand here today as living proof of strength and resilience,” Sprague said. “We are committed to transforming this place, once intended to erase our culture and language, into a place of healing and celebration of our true selves – a people of dignity and pride, rooted in our indigenous homelands here in Michigan. Chi-miigwetch Anishinaabe. Our culture is still here, we are still here.”

Opening remarks were also given by Neil MacKinnon, president of Central Michigan University, and Boomer Wingard, mayor of the City of Mt. Pleasant.

A pipe ceremony and teachings were provided by elders Steve Pego and Beatrice Jackson.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

The grand entry during the Honoring, Healing and Remembering event is held on Friday, June 5 on the grounds of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Attendees carry the names of the boarding school children as a name card necklace during grand entry.

Paul Rafael (Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians) shared his story as a boarding school survivor. He was joined by other survivors while holding the “Survivors of Holy Childhood” staff. The school was located in Harbor Springs, Mich.

Next was the student roll call to remember the deceased. The names of each

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Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Charlee Brissette shares about The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS).



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Jo Troxell provides a presentation on the NABS Oral History Project.



Annual HOMECOMING MEETING

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Doors open at 9 a.m.

Meeting begins at 10 a.m. with Grand Entry

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall

*Open to all ages **Tribal ID required

All Tribal Members will be entered to win gas cards, concert tickets, and overnight stays upon checking in for the meeting.

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Wanda Yvonne “Mino Mikan Kwe (Good Trail Woman)” Brodie

March 5, 1937 – June 3, 2026

Wanda Yvonne “Mino Mikan Kwe (Good Trail Woman)” Brodie, age 89, of Fenton, Mich. passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 3, 2026.



Wanda was born March 5, 1937, in Flint, Mich., the daughter of Louis Henry and Emma (Gardner) Henry. Her father was Saginaw Chippewa, and her mother was Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. Her parents met at Haskell Indian School in Kansas, a connection that reflected the heritage Wanda carried proudly throughout her life.

Wanda graduated from Flint Technical High School and attended Flint Junior College. On June 19, 1954, she married the love of her life, Philip Dean Brodie. They shared nearly 60 years of marriage before his passing on Oct. 20, 2013.

Wanda retired from Michigan Bell, later AT&T, after many years of dedicated service.

She was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and a life member of the Fenton V.F.W. Auxiliary Post #3243.

Throughout her career with Michigan Bell and Ameritech, Wanda was respected for her leadership, communication skills, and dedication to helping others. She was a proud member of the Communications Workers of America (CWA) and served in several union leadership positions, including chief steward and vice president. She was also a facilitator for Quality of Work Life programs throughout Michigan and shared her skills as a co-teacher for Women Workers conferences at the University of Michigan and Michigan State University, where she helped others grow as leaders in the workplace.

Following her retirement, Wanda continued her lifelong commitment to service through volunteer work in the Native American community and organizations supporting grandparents raising grandchildren.

Wanda enjoyed reading, flowers, going to the casino, hunting in Rose City with Phil, and spending time at the lake. More than anything, she cherished time spent with her family. She always put everyone before herself and will be remembered as selfless, caring, warm, and full of joy.

Nothing brought Wanda more joy than being a wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She took great pride in her family and loved every opportunity to gather everyone together. She had a gift for making everyone laugh and was truly a joy to be around. Her humor and presence could brighten any room, and those moments will be cherished by her family forever.

Surviving are her children, Phyllis Brodie, Barbara Brodie, and David (Sharlene) Brodie; daughter-in-law, Cindy Brodie; grandchildren, Roxanne (Michael), Stephanie (Vern), Lisa (Troy), Danny (Kalyn), Travis, and Stevie (Sondra); great-grandchildren, Amber, Joey, Philip, Nathan, Sara, Evan, Gracie, Lovern III, and Elijah; sister, Winona Jean Hancock; sister-in-law, Rita Wylie; and several beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Philip Dean Brodie; her parents, Louis and Emma Henry; her son, Steven Brodie; her grandson, Ryan Nielson; and her sisters, Anita Henry and Linda (Paul) Schramm.

Wanda’s family would like to thank all those who were part her life and friendship throughout the years. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton with Chaplain Craig Dockery officiating. Burial followed at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Mich.

Those desiring may make contributions to the Fenton V.F.W. Auxiliary Post #3243.

Douglas L. Gage

June 11, 1950 – May 22, 2026

Douglas Lorne Gage, age 75, of Port Huron, Mich., passed away peacefully on May 22, 2026, and entered Heaven’s gates with joy.



Doug proudly worked for Detroit Edison for many years and was known affectionately as “Gadget.”

Doug had a special gift for electronics and loved putting things together, fixing problems, and figuring out how things worked. Whether it was a small project or a complicated device, Doug approached it with curiosity, patience, and joy. His creativity and clever mind were admired by everyone around him.

Doug was blessed with and is survived by three beautiful daughters: Tamara Wright, Marlena Fuchs and Paula Gage. Though Doug was naturally quiet and kept to himself at times, he loved his family deeply and carried that love with him always.

Doug will forever be remembered for his gentle heart, clever mind, his sense of humor, and his ability to fix just about anything. Though he will be deeply missed, his family celebrates the wonderful life he lived and the memories that will forever remain in their hearts.

Doug loved Jesus and lived his life with faith in his heart. His family finds peace knowing he is now in Heaven, reunited with loved ones and resting in eternal peace.

“Well done, good and faithful servant.” – Matthew 25:23

Services will be private.

Alicia Michelle Gonzalez

March 7, 1990 – June 17, 2026

Alicia Michelle Gonzalez, age 36, of Mount Pleasant, Mich., passed away Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.



Alicia was born March 7, 1990, in Grand Rapids, Mich., the daughter of Angela Gonzalez and David Young.

She was a graduate of Oasis High School, a descendant of the Saginaw, Swan Creek, Black River Band of Chippewa and earned her associate degree in Native American studies.

Her son and daughter were the light of her life; she raised them to be respectful, honest, creative, loving, and motivated. Alicia had a huge heart and loved to take care of everyone. She loved cooking and feeding people and making arts and crafts for her family and friends.

Alicia was a jack-of-all-trades and was so kind and helpful to all her loved ones, even in times of her own needs. Alicia knew how to light up a room with her beautiful smile and witty sense of humor. Alicia had a pure heart, staying true to herself and pushing through her hardest times. She was fierce and would do anything for her kids. She stuck up for all of those she cared for with her fists and tough attitude.

Alicia is survived by her son, David Ray Jackson (Nivaya Isom); daughter Alaynaray Josephine Jackson, both of Mount Pleasant; parents Angela Gonzalez and Luciano Escamilla; siblings Victoria Gonzalez of Mount Pleasant, Christina (Jose Jr.) Teneyuque of Saginaw, Jasmine (Adrian) Gonzalez-Pelcher of Mount Pleasant, Cypriano Escamilla of Mount Pleasant, Luciano Escamilla III of Mount Pleasant, grandparents Victoria (Adolfo) Espinoza of Saginaw, Mich., Jose Gonzalez (Diane Garza) of Alma, Mich.; close cousins Xavier Villarreal, Marcos Castillo, Kayla Young; her special person, auntie Consuelo Barron; nieces and nephews Akiveo Gonzalez-Hawkins, Angela Hawkins-Gonzalez, Sherry Gonzalez-Hawkins, Sophia Luna, Jose Teneyuque, Mateo Teneyuque, Giovanni Teneyuque, Calvin Francis, Cortez Gonzalez, Camilah Gonzalez-Pelcher, Emilio Pelcher, Baby Sylvia Gonzalez, Marcos Castillo Jr., Kayden Castillo; aunts and uncles Mary Gonzalez, Christina Gonzalez, Consuelo (Julian) Barron, Guadalupe Gonzalez, Monica Gonzalez, Michael (Linda) Sandoval, and Jose Gonzalez.

Alicia was preceded in death by her father David Ray Young; paternal grandparents Gilda (Belviso) and Raymond Young, brother Steven Lee Hawkins; special friend and father to her children, Mason Jackson; best friend Morgan Mena; loved one Kara Franco; grandma Charmaine Shawana; and aunt Luisa Cardenas.

Funeral services were held at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Gym on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 2 p.m. Burial immediately followed at Chippewa Township Cemetery. The family greeted friends on June 23, beginning at 12 p.m. until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Brenda Irene Ehren

June 5, 1947 – June 14, 2026

Brenda Irene Ehren, age 79 of Mount Pleasant, Mich., passed away at her home on Sunday, June 14, 2026.



Brenda was born to John Lawrence and Lennie Andrews (Prevatte) Hartlep in Midland, Mich. on June 5, 1947. She graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School with the Class of 1965.

Brenda worked as the food and beverage supervisor at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort for over 24 years. She loved to crochet, sew, plant flowers and do yard work. She also really enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Brenda is survived by her two sons, Scott Ehren of Shepherd and David Ehren of Mount Pleasant, granddaughter Courtney (Thomas) Foster, great-grandchildren Thomas Jr. and Jordan, her brother, John Hartlep of Satsuma, Ala., nieces Karie Sue Hartlep, Kacey Ann Hartlep Young, nephew Kevin Lawrence Hartlep, and dearest friends Margaret & Claire Lapham, Julie Otterbine and Terry Thomas (T-Bone).

Brenda was preceded in death by her parents, John and Lennie, and her sister-in-law, Cheryl Hartlep.

In accordance with her wishes cremation has taken place. There are no services scheduled at this time. Brenda will be laid to rest alongside her parents in Calvary Cemetery, Mount Pleasant.

Dale Garland Moses

July 2, 1995 – June 17, 2026

Dale Garland Moses “Doomers”, age 30 of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., passed away on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at McLaren Central Michigan.



Doomers was born to Christopher Roy Moses Sr. and Cheri Joyce North in Mount Pleasant, Mich. on July 2, 1995. He graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School with the Class of 2021.

Doomers worked for MMI. He was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and attended the Faith Indian Church of the Nazarene.

Doomers loved music, people, and the Detroit Tigers. He was a talented writer, great with electronics, he enjoyed food and boating with his teachers, fishing, playing in the water and riding on golf carts. He was also passionate about animals.

Doomers will be missed dearly.

He is survived by his parents, Christopher Moses Sr. of Mount Pleasant and Cheri North of Bay City, brother Christopher Moses Jr. of Mount Pleasant, and sister Amanda Jean Sowmick of Mount Pleasant, his uncles, Paul Moses and Scott Moses, Aunt Sharrie Moses, many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

Doomers was preceded in death by his grandmothers, Alfradetta Jenkins and Barbara Jean Ries, and Grandfather Garland Roy Moses.

A funeral service was held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Thursday, June 25, 2026 with Rev. Doyle Perry officiating. Visitation was held from noon until the time of service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family’s wishes, in care of Christopher Moses Sr., to assist with funeral expenses.

Tribal Education Advisory Board
VACANCIES

There are current vacancies for TEAB

Send letters/email of interest to:

- **Mail:** Tribal Education Administration
7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
- **Email:** CSharp@sagchip.org

Requirements:

- 1) Must be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- 2) Must be at least 18 years old
- 3) Must not be employed by the Education Department

SCIT ELDER
TRIBAL JACKETS

Available to order
by SCIT elders.

To order or for more
information, please contact:
Andahwod at 989-775-4300

AT THE 38TH ANNUAL MICHIGAN INDIAN FAMILY OLYMPICS

Register your family online

- www.sagchip.org/mifo/Participant/Create
- Or scan QR code →

Pre-register by July 9 to be guaranteed a Team SCIT T-shirt.

Free to SCIT Members & their families
**This is an alcohol, smoke and drug-free event.*

Thursday, July 16, 2026

Check-in opens: 8 a.m. | Shotgun start: 9 a.m.

Golf scramble at The Pines Golf Course
1022 Clubhouse Dr., Lake Isabella, MI 48893

- Register online at www.sagchip.org/mifo
- Cost: \$35 per player
- Format: Two-person scramble

Friday, July 17, 2026
CMU's Bennett Track & Field

- Registration open from 7:30 - 11 a.m.
- Opening ceremonies begin at 9 a.m.

Track & Field competitions and games
Baby crawl, tot trots, elder walks, archery, various dashes and runs, softball throw, long jump and more!

Contact: SPifer@sagchip.org or 989.775.4694



"WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR FUTURE"

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

Regular Tribal Council Sessions

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

Regular Council Session Dates

• July 7 • Aug. 4 • Sept. 1

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits or Child Mno Shkiziwin Applications

Forms available now

**You must fill out ONE form completely.*

Deadline: Friday, July 31, 2026 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 at www.sagchip.org
- Post marked forms, email or faxed will not be accepted
- The Tribal Clerk's office must have the original form
- For questions regarding the TCWP, call the Tribal Clerk's Office at 989-775-4051

Parents/guardians have the option to participate in the Mno-Shkiziwin program

- For questions regarding the Mno-Shkiziwin Program call 989-775-4175

20TH ANNUAL PEOPLE'S TRADITIONAL POWWOW



Aug. 29 & 30, 2026

Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds

7957 E. Remus Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Open to the public • Free admission

Grand Entries

Saturday, Aug. 29: 1 & 7 p.m.

- Dinner served at 5 p.m. for participants

Sunday, Aug. 30: 1 p.m.

Dignitaries

- Emcee: Jason Whitehouse
- Arena Director: RJ Smith
- Head Veteran: Walker Stonefish
- Head Dancers:
Chosen each session
- Invited Drums:
Red Willow & Bad River
- Sound provided by:
Rezonance Productions



Contests

- ▶ Bass Drum: (Sponsor: Lenny Shomin)

Vendor information:

989-775-4780 or TJackson@sagchip.org



Tuesdays: June 2 - Sept. 1, 2026

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.

Welcoming NEW Healthy Food/Native Art

Vendors: Maple syrup, eggs, honey, seeds, cottage foods, plants, organic protein and wild rice.

- You do NOT have to be Native American to be a seller.
- You must be Native American to be an art vendor.

Now featuring: Produce grown on SCTC's Food Sovereignty Garden

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(The Place of Medicine)



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For more information, contact:

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NIMKEE DENTAL NOTICE: Missed appointments

Out of 102 days this year, Nimkee Dental has had:

- ▶ Three people per day not show up
- ▶ 306 appointment slots that have gone unused

* Every appointment is confirmed twice the day before via text/phone.

We are working hard for you. Please work with us, too.



RED SWAMP PRESENTS

Bagodowe Engiitaading (Lacrosse Tournament)

Friday, Aug. 28, 2026

Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds

7957 E. Remus Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

▶ Youth game (ages 14 and under) starts at 5 p.m.

▶ Adult game (ages 15 and up) starts at 6:30 p.m.

Bagodowe co-ed tournament

- Seven-vs.-seven, double elimination
- Games will be 10 minutes each
- You may bring your own teams
- A draft will fill incomplete teams
- No shoes, bare feet only

FEATURING:

- Food & craft vendors
- Door prizes

Room block with special group rate available at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort:

- Rate available until Aug. 7
- Available for Friday, Aug. 28 and Saturday, Aug. 29

▶ To book, visit: www.soaringeaglecasino.com

- Choose "Book Now" tab and change Promo Code to Group Code and enter group code: TL082826

▶ Or call: 1.877.232.4532

Contact: 989-775-4782 or DAJackson@sagchip.org



2027 Annual Reports

Forms available now

Deadline: Friday, Oct. 30, 2026

Tribal Clerk's Office hours:

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Notarization is required

- Forms available by mail, email and at www.sagchip.org
- No postdated forms, emails or faxes accepted

Your 2027 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



GOLF COMPETITION

Earn points for your Tribe!

Thursday, July 16, 2026

The Pines Golf Course

1022 Clubhouse Dr., Lake Isabella, MI 48893

Check-in opens at 8 a.m. | Shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Age groups:

- Youth 17 and under
- Men, 64 and under
- Seniors, 65 and over
- Ladies, all ages
- Coed: all ages invited

Format: Two-person scramble

Register online: www.sagchip.org/mifo/

Cost: \$35* per player

Admission includes: 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, skins and proximities

Note: This number is based off of 82 players, the price may increase if more than 82 players register

Contact: 989.775.5309 or BSprague@sagchip.org



37TH ANNUAL

Freedom Walk Saturday, July 25, 2026

Location: Wii Maajiikwad

2875 Gikendasso Way, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

7:00 a.m. – Doors Open and Registration

7:30 a.m. – Welcome and Opening Prayer

7:45 a.m. – Breakfast Served

8:00 a.m. – Invited Speakers in Recovery

9:00 a.m. – Walk Begins



Contact: Prevention@sagchip.org

Tribal Member RÉSUMÉ Development

Available through Human Resources

Any Tribal Members needing assistance in creating or updating their resume are encouraged to set up an appointment by contacting:

Human Resources Training & Development at 989-775-5600




Tribal Council

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Council Member
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Michigan Department of Education Office of School Support Services Food Service Program

MEET UP and EAT UP

Monday - Friday: Until Aug. 21
Not available: July 3, 24 and Aug. 6
 Breakfast: 7:30 - 9 a.m. • Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Wii Maajikwad (2875 Gikendaaso Way)
**This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*


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(READ EVERY DAY)
SUMMER READING PROGRAM

June 8 - July 31, 2026

Stop by the Tribal Library to sign up and pick up your Summer Reading packet.
 ▶ Everyone of all ages welcome to join!

Don't forget, we are now located inside the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal college.
 5805 E. Pickard
 Mt. Pleasant MI 48858
 Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
saginaw.ploud.net



For more information, please contact:
 ▶ Lee-Anne Disel: LDisel@sagchip.org
 ▶ Kimberly Condon: KCondon@sagchip.org
 ▶ Or call us at: 989-317-4789

The Seven Grandfather TEACHINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCIT POWWOW COMMITTEE

CONCERT AND GAS CARD Package Raffle



PACKAGE INCLUDES:
 Two front row tickets to Mary J. Blige (July 23 at SECR) & \$150 gas card

Drawing: Friday, July 10, 2026
 12 p.m. | Black Elk Building

Tickets: ▶ One for \$5 ▶ Three for \$10

Contact Powwow Committee members:
 Darcy Pilar, Elizabeth Chivis, Carla Bennett, Dabian Sprague, Seryna Acuna, Niibin Sprague, Elizabeth Smith, Naomi McCormack, Noelle Wells or Brianna Yahbay.
All proceeds benefit the Saginaw Chippewa and Saganing powwows


Email: Powwowcommittee@sagchip.org

Native Fest

A Celebration of North American Indian Culture

Indian Car Bingo
 Tuesday, July 21, 2026 • 6-9 p.m.

- Registration: 4:30 p.m.
- Fabulous prizes
- \$30 per person
- Open to the public
- Rain or shine




Youth Council will be selling food both nights.

Kids' Night
 Wednesday, July 22, 2026 • 6-9 p.m.

- All night fun!
- Activities and games for the whole family!
- Rain or shine

Collection Showing: Personal Artifacts
 On display July 20-23, 2026

Sponsored by:



**All proceeds will support education and cultural programming at the Ziibiwing Center.*

ZIIBIWING CENTER of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways
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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.

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

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

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

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Please send \$30 for the annual subscription. Make checks out to SCIT.

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 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.
 Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver



ZIIBIWING CENTER
of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways

50/50 RAFFLE Fundraiser

Tickets sold: April 2, 2026 - Aug. 31, 2026
Drawing held: Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2026

Ticket cost: One for \$5 or five for \$10
Sold exclusively at Ziibiwing's Gift Shop: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., M-F (except for holidays, closings)
• Do not need to be present to win.
* Half of the proceeds will go to the Ziibiwing Center towards programming, cultural activities, and facility needs of the Center.
Contact: ChRiley@sagchip.org or 989-775-4756

LANGUAGE CAMP

July 14 | Welcome Dinner at 5 p.m.
July 15-16 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (meals provided)
Seventh Generation (7957 E. Remus Rd.)

Wenpab (Free) | Bi-bzindan (come and listen)

FEATURING
Barb Nolan • Frances Kaboni • Mabel Lewis-Hill
Mary Lou Manitowabi • Isadore Toulouse • James Fox
Alphonse Pitawanakwat • Theodore Flamand • Brian Peltier

Friday, July 24, 2026

Mt. Pleasant Country Club
3686 E. River Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

- Door prizes
- Lunch provided

Three-person scramble
Shotgun start at 9:30 a.m.

- **Cost:** \$100 per person (\$300 per team)
- Skins included
- Number of flights based on number of entries
- Teams can be co-ed
- Two players must be tribal members or descendants of any tribe or employee of Tribal Ops/Migizi/SECR/SELG.

Registration deadline: Friday, July 3 at 12 p.m.
* Registrations after Friday, July 3 will require an additional \$10 per player. No registrations will be taken after Friday, July 17.

To register or for more information:
NSawmick@sagchip.org or 989.775.4522

Michigan Powwows Summer 2026

- ▶ **July 3-5:** Bahweting Homecoming Powwow (Sault Ste. Marie)
- ▶ **July 7:** Kchi Wiikwedong Anishinaabek Powwow (Traverse City)
- ▶ **July 11-12:** Sweetgrass Moon Powwow (Hopkins)
- ▶ **July 17-19:** Sugar Island Powwow (Sugar Island)
- ▶ **July 24-26:** Saginaw Chippewa Powwow (Mount Pleasant)
- ▶ **July 24-26:** Maawanji'iding (Baraga)
- ▶ **Aug. 8-9:** Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow (Harbor Springs)
- ▶ **Aug. 15:** Blue Water Traditional Pow-Wow (Port Huron)
- ▶ **Aug. 28-29:** Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow (St. Ignace)
- ▶ **Aug. 29:** Nibiikaa Pow Wow (Escanaba)

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WOULD LIKE TO GIVE

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TRIBAL YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

July 21 & 22, 2026
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. | SCIT Police Department

Open to Tribal community youth, ages 12-18

Activities include:

- Driving course (using golf carts)
- Shooting courses (using non-lethal ammunition)
- K-9 demos
- Equipment/tool displays

Registration required
Deadline: Friday, July 3, 2026 by 5 p.m.

- Register in person at the Tribal Police Department
- A waiver and acknowledgment form must be signed
- Limited to 20 spots

For more information, please contact:

- ▶ Tribal Dispatch: 989.775.4700
- ▶ Sgt. Craig Wilson: CaWilson@sagchip.org
- ▶ Officer Joe Maxey: JMaxey@sagchip.org

ZIIBIWING CENTER
of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways

EVENT PARKING

SUMMER CONCERT PAID PARKING FUNDRAISER

Cost: \$15 per vehicle

- Parking can be purchased starting two hours before the concert starts up until one hour after.
- Must remove vehicles from property by 5 p.m. the next day.
- Must place paid parking ticket visibly in front windshield.
- Free Premium Play will be given while supplies last.

- Proceeds will support our events and programming.
- To check for a shuttle ride to the casino, please call 989-775-0007.

Concert	Start Time	Purchase Timeframe
July 3 - Jelly Roll	8 p.m.	6-9 p.m.
July 11 - Shinedown	7 p.m.	5-8 p.m.
July 16 - Alanis Morissette	8 p.m.	6-9 p.m.
July 17 - Jordan Davis	8 p.m.	6-9 p.m.
July 19 - The Lumineers	8 p.m.	6-9 p.m.
July 23 - Mary J. Blige	8 p.m.	6-9 p.m.
Aug. 5 - Jonas Brothers	8 p.m.	6-9 p.m.
Aug. 14 - Eric Church	8 p.m.	6-9 p.m.
Sept. 3 - Rod Stewart	8 p.m.	6-9 p.m.
Sept. 11 - NE-YO	8 p.m.	6-9 p.m.
Sept. 12 - Kane Brown	8 p.m.	6-9 p.m.

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Seeking Tribal Members/Descendants

Currently seeking individuals that can provide guided tours of the Ziibiwing Center's Permanent Exhibit

- **Audience:** mostly K-12 school groups
- **Stipends:** \$25 for one guided tour and \$40 for two guided tours daily.
- **Training:** We will provide free training and call a few days before the guided tour is needed.
- Scheduled on an as-needed basis.
- The guided tour includes two pre-recorded shows one about creation and the other is about tribal identity.

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT:

- **William Johnson, Curator/Operations Manager**
WJohnson@sagchip.org | 989-775-4730
- **Raymond Cadotte, Visitor Services Representative**
RCadotte@sagchip.org | 989-775-4757

K-5TH GRADE ENROLLMENT

Enrollment packets can be picked up at:
Wii Maajikwad (2875 Gikendaaso Way)

With the enrollment packet, please provide a copy of the following documents:

- Birth Certificate
- Health insurance card
- Immunization records (must be up-to-date)
- Annual physical
- Dental records
- Tribal affiliation information (federally recognized tribe)

- If your child needs updated documents listed above for next school year, please schedule those appointments as soon as possible.
- If you are waiting on records or upcoming appointments, you may still return the enrollment packet and submit any other documentation on the first day of school.

Kindergarteners must be 5 years old by Sept. 1.
Contact: Central Registration at 989-775-4453

Recreation Department

New extended hours

Normal Hours: M-F, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- South gym available for community
- Check in at the Recreation office
- Weight room available
- Youth in grades 5th and under need to be accompanied by an adult.

Extended Hours:

- ▶ **Wednesdays:** 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Saturdays:** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- Two basketball courts available: one 5-on-5, and one open court.
- Open weight room
- Youth in grades 5th and under need to be accompanied by an adult.

Wii Maajikwad/Recreation Center
2875 Gikendaaso Way, Mt. Pleasant MI, 48858
Contact: Recreation@sagchip.org



Nimkee
Memorial Wellness Center

Bringing Your Health Home: CHR Medication Delivery is Here!

Open to District 1 & 2 SCIT elders, ages 60 and older

Skip the trip to the clinic and let us come to you. The Nimkee Clinic Community Health Representative (CHR) team is now offering free medication delivery to our community members.

HOW IT WORKS:

- 1: Call the Nimkee Pharmacy to refill your prescription.
- 2: Request CHR Delivery through Public Health.
- 3: A trusted CHR will bring your meds right to your door!

- Delivery is subject to service area boundaries and medication eligibility.
- Exclusions apply to controlled substances and specialized prescriptions.
- Contact Nimkee Pharmacy for details.

Whether it's a busy schedule or a lack of transportation, we're here to make sure you never miss a dose.

Call 989-775-4695 to get started!

Don't Let Spring Ailments Slow You Down!

From allergies and sports injuries to "oops" moments on the water or in the woods, Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center has you covered.

INJURIES:

- Lacerations
- Sports injuries
- Fish hook removal
- Splinter removal

ACUTE CARE:

- Rashes
- Ear/nose/eye foreign objects
- Abscesses
- Ingrown toenails
- Infections
- Same-day sick visits

We look forward to serving you and keeping our community healthy!

Same-day visits available, call: 989.775.4679

Let's Stay Connected The Right Way!

We love serving our community, and we want to make sure your medical questions get the attention they deserve via an approved and secure means of communication.

Why the change? We are experiencing higher volumes of communication that are coming into the clinic via emails and text messages that aren't encrypted. To keep your "PHI" (Protected Health Information) safe from prying eyes, Nimkee staff will only communicate anything PHI related through authorized, encrypted channels.

PLEASE USE THESE "GREEN LIGHT" METHODS:

- 1: **Patient Portal:**
Log in anytime to send a message.
2. **Clinic Phone: 989-775-4679.**
Call us during business hours.
Monday-Friday; 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Note: If you've sent a text or an email to a staff member's personal account and haven't heard back, it's because we are protecting your privacy! Please call the office or use the portal so we can assist you properly. If you need assistance setting up your portal, call our office and a staff can assist!

2591 S. Leaton Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Open: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Phone: 989.775.4600
www.sagchip.org/nimkee

Pride Month events held by Great Lakes Bay Pride and the Michigan Two-Spirit & Indigequeer Coalition



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Members of the Michigan Two-Spirit & Indigequeer Coalition pose for a photo with Tribal Council after being presented a commemorative plaque on June 2. The plaque contains the full text from Resolution No. 25-113, which was adopted by Tribal Council on June 18, 2025. The resolution declares and affirms its support of the full equality and dignity of all tribal persons, including two spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender members of the tribal community,

To honor Pride Month in June, Great Lakes Bay Pride and the Michigan Two-Spirit & Indigequeer Coalition hosted the Mt. Pleasant Pride Festival on Saturday, June 20 at the Broadway Park from 2 to 5 p.m.

The fifth annual festival included local 2SLGBTQIA+ vendors and community resources, massages by Three Oaks Therapeutics, a performance by the Harmony Diversity Choir, yoga, food trucks, and much more.

The festival concluded with an after party drag show from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Swan Creek Ballroom in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.



Photos courtesy of Quinn Pelcher & Lee Ann Ruffino





SCIT distributes \$3.2 million during Spring 2026 2 percent distribution

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe hosted its semi-annual 2 percent distribution on Thursday, May 28 in Isabella County, and on Friday, May 29 in Arenac County for the Spring 2026 distribution.

The SCIT dispersed funds, to qualifying local units of government and public schools, derived from Class III gaming at its properties: Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel.

Since 1994, the Tribe has shared in excess of \$300 million supporting many important projects throughout the region.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Isabella County 2 percent recipients fill the seats during the distribution held on Thursday, May 28 in the Black Elk Building.

The SCIT distributed a combined \$3,216,038.14 during this distribution.

Local government officials in Isabella County accepted grants totaling \$1,145,188.06 at the 10 a.m. distribution held in the Black Elk Building. The educational leaders in Isabella County received an additional \$1,098,066.46.

On May 29, \$583,670.17 was distributed in Arenac County to local units of government, with the local school districts receiving \$389,113.45. This distribution was held at 2 p.m. in the Saganing Tribal Center.

Please see the breakdown of all amounts on the accompanying tables to the right.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

On behalf of the Mt. Pleasant Public School Board, Vice-President and SCIT Member Melissa Isaac speaks after the school district accepts its 2 percent funding.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Sub-Chief Craig Graveratte (left) is presented with a special commemorative plaque by Au Gres-Sims School District Superintendent Chris Ming (right) during the May 29 distribution in Saganing. The plaque reads, "Miigwetch (thank you) to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for two million dollars in contributions to our district and students. Your support makes a lasting impact, and helps build a brighter tomorrow for our community. Thank you for believing in our future."

Saganing Government

- Arenac County \$24,500
- Au Gres Township \$16,250
- City of Au Gres \$26,635
- City of Omer \$6,432.99
- City of Pinconning \$43,655.49
- City of Standish \$6,247.92
- County of Arenac \$126,236.86
- Deep River Township \$9,185
- Lincoln Township \$10,626
- Mason Township \$17,500
- Moffatt Township \$50,947.15
- Pinconning Fraser Fire Dept. \$40,000
- Pinconning Township \$1,844
- Sims Township \$10,000
- Standish Area Fire Authority \$40,000
- Standish Township \$22,270.94
- Sterling Area Fire Dept. \$40,000
- Turner Township \$15,000
- Twining/Mason/Turner Fire Dept. \$40,000
- Village of Twining \$20,000
- Whitney Township \$16,338.82

Total Government: \$583,670.17

Saganing Education

- Au Gres-Sims School District \$112,313.25
- Pinconning School District \$119,567.37
- Standish-Sterling Schools \$157,232.83

Total Education: \$389,113.45

Saganing Total: \$972,783.62

Isabella Government

- Chippewa Township \$204,280.41
- City of Mt. Pleasant \$229,000
- Deerfield Township \$21,058.75
- Denver Township \$7,500
- Isabella County \$394,036
- Isabella Township \$52,253
- Nottawa Township \$24,581.50
- Union Township \$32,505.40
- Village of Shepherd \$149,973
- Wise Township \$30,000

Total Government: \$1,145,188.06

Isabella Education

- Beal City Public Schools \$137,607.21
- Chippewa Hills Public Schools \$122,837.66
- Gratiot/Isabella RESD Schools \$189,222.85
- Mt. Pleasant Public Schools \$197,850.74
- Renaissance Public School Academy \$321,230
- Shepherd Public Schools \$129,318

Total Education: \$1,098,066.46

Isabella Total: \$2,243,254.52

Grand Total: \$3,216,038.14

PSA: FRAUDULENT FACEBOOK PAGE IMPERSONATING SCIT POWWOW

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT.

It has come to the attention of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe that a fraudulent Facebook page is impersonating the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Powwow and messaging individuals requesting money for sponsorships, vendor fees, and event attendance.

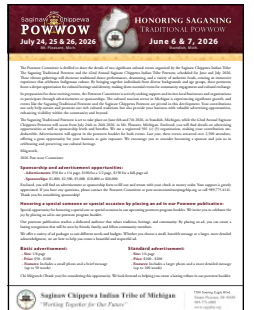
The SCIT Powwow Committee will NEVER solicit payments through Facebook messages, personal accounts, or unofficial pages. All official communication and payments are handled directly by a SCIT Powwow Committee Member – Darcy Pilar, Seryna Acuna, Niibin Sprague, Carla Bennett, Dabian Sprague, Naomi McCormack, and Noelle Wells. All vendor payments are paid directly to Darcy Pilar or Seryna Acuna who can be found in the Black Elk building, Monday – Friday; 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Darcy Pilar is located in the Treasury Department and Seryna Acuna is located in Human Resources. Checks and money orders are to be made out to SCIT Powwow and we also accept cash. Please DO NOT send money or share personal information with this fraudulent page.

The SCIT Powwow Committee does NOT have an official Facebook page for the powwow. For accurate information, please refer only to the official Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Facebook page, email communications, and the website - www.sagchip.org/pow-wow/

It should be noted that unauthorized use of the SCIT logo, branding, or official powwow flyers/photos is strictly prohibited. Any reproduction, distribution, or use of these materials for purposes other than personal viewing and sharing from official sources is not permitted.

Any questions can be sent to powwowcommittee@sagchip.org.

We appreciate your help in protecting the integrity of the SCIT community. Please share this message to assist in spreading awareness.



The official sponsorship letter is shown above.

Chi-miigwetch (big thank you) to our sponsors





Saginaw Chippewa Water Utility 2026 Consumer Confidence Report

Is my water safe?

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from?

Groundwater is pumped from four deep wells located on the reservation. This water is then softened and disinfected at the treatment plant, then pumped to the water towers and distribution system. The tribe does not incorporate fluoride into its treatment process.

Source water assessment and its availability

To protect source water, it's important to limit pollution from various sources. Dispose of hazardous waste properly: This includes used motor oil, paints, pesticides, and other chemicals. Do not pour them down drains or on the ground. Limit fertilizer and pesticide use: Use only what you need and follow label instructions. Check for leaks in water distribution pipes: Repair any leaks to prevent water waste. Use collected rainwater for gardening or washing: This can supplement your water supply and reduce consumption. Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket: Dispose of items like tissues, dead insects, and other non-flushable waste in a trash can instead. Avoid using wipes: They can clog pipes and end up in the environment. Source water assessment reports are available to the public. Contact Mark Bell at 989-775-5141 for more information.

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). As water travels over the surface of the land it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, contaminants, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of agricultural runoff or from human activity: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Water conservation tips

Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day or 100 gallons per person per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost and no-cost ways to conserve water. Small changes can make a big difference - try one today and soon it will become second nature.

- Take short showers - a five minute shower uses four to five gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath.
- Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair and shaving and save up to 500 gallons a month.
- Use a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Water plants only when necessary.
- Fix leaky toilets and faucets. Faucet washers are inexpensive and take only a few minutes to replace. To check your toilet for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it or replacing it with a new, more efficient model can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it and during the cooler parts of the day to reduce evaporation.
- Teach your kids about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely. Make it a family effort to reduce next month's water bill.

Monitoring and reporting of compliance data violations

No Violations

How can I get involved?

Nobody knows your community better than you do. We encourage you to take an active role in protecting the water resources in your community. The water quality standards for your community are designed to protect all waters for recreational use, wildlife, as well as growth and a balanced population of aquatic life.

For any questions or concerns contact Mark Bell at 989-775-5141 Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saginaw Chippewa Water Treatment Utility, 7377 E. Tomah Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

Description of water treatment process

Your water is treated by filtration and disinfection. Filtration removes particles suspended in the source water. Particles typically include clays and silts, natural organic matter, iron and manganese, and microorganisms. The water is also treated by disinfection. Disinfection involves the addition of chlorine or other disinfectants to kill bacteria and other microorganisms (viruses, cysts, etc.) that may be in the water. Disinfection is considered to be one of the major public health advances of the 20th century. Corrosion Control methods are implemented with the addition of Phosphate. Phosphate coats the interiors of pipes and prevents leaching of lead and copper from household plumbing and service line connections.

Additional information for lead

The system inventory does not include lead service lines. In 2024 a CDMSI materials inventory was done. Using construction blueprints and visual inspections we found no lead service lines in the system. Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Saginaw Chippewa Water Treatment Utility is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact The Saginaw Chippewa Water Treatment Utility (Public Water system Id: MI0003437) by calling 989-775-5141 or emailing mabell@sagchip.org. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Non-Lead Statement: Every service line owned by The Saginaw Chippewa Water Treatment Utility has been classified as non-lead. The methods used to make this determination:

1. Construction records and plumbing codes, such as local ordinances, international/national model plumbing codes, permits for replacing lead service lines
2. Water system records, such as capital improvement plans, standard operating procedures, engineering standards
3. Distribution system inspections and records, such as distribution system maps, tap cards, service line repair/replacement records, inspection records, meter installation records
4. Construction of the system is documented after a lead installation ban was in place
5. Visual Inspections at one or more locations, achieved by the following methods:
 - a. Potholing, or visual inspections at the meter pit
 - b. Inspection during meter repair, line replacement, or main repair
 - c. Customer identification

Lead service line inventory reports can be accessed by the public.

Please call 989-775-5141, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. for more information.

For more information, please contact:

Mark Bell
Saginaw Chippewa Water Treatment Utility

Address: 7377 E. Tomah Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Phone: 989-775-5141



Special Notice for Availability of Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Data

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Availability of Monitoring Data for Unregulated Contaminants for The Saginaw Chippewa Water Utility:

Our water system has sampled for a series of unregulated contaminants. Unregulated contaminants are those that don't yet have a drinking water standard set by the EPA. The purpose of monitoring for these contaminants is to help the EPA decide whether the contaminants should have a standard. As our customers, you have a right to know that this data is available. If you are interested in examining the results, please contact Mark Bell at 989-775-5141.

Saginaw Chippewa Water Utility | 7377 E. Tomah Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

This notice is being sent to you by The Saginaw Chippewa Water Utility. | StateWaterSystem ID#:5293201 | Date: 6/5/2025

Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

Contaminants	MCLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Detect In Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source		
				Low	High					
Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products (There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)										
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	54	26	54	2025	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection		
Contaminants	MCLG	AL	90th Percentile	Range		# Samples Exceeding AL	Sample Date	Exceeds AL	Violation	Typical Source
				Low	High					
Inorganic Contaminants										
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.029	0	1.2	0	2024	No	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead - action level at consumer taps	0	15	0	NA	NA	0	2024	No	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits



Tribal Education Department celebrates Class of 2026 graduates

KYLA HENRY

Leadership Apprentice,
Public Relations

The Tribal Education Department held its annual Graduation Banquet on June 9. The event was filled with enjoyment and excitement as it honored 2026 graduates.

Held in the Wii Maajikwad gymnasium, the event included the presentation of the graduates, with an opening welcome song, prayer, and remarks from Council members, a keynote speaker, and concluded with an honor song.

The following were honored for the completion of master's degrees: Anna Castro, masters of music: Music and human learning from the University of Texas-Austin; Sheligh M. Jackson, master of science in administration-health services administration from Central Michigan University; and Arionna Mejia, master of business administration from Central Michigan University.

The following were honored for achieving their bachelor's degree: Mackenzie Ann Allbee (Michigan State University), Izabella Benzinger (University of Michigan), Monica Bird (Central Michigan University),

and Elizabeth Smith (Northern Michigan University).

The following graduates were honored for earning their associate degree: Aimee Bird, Kristen Cantu, Cameron Fleming, Heaven Hart, Jessica Ice, Charles E Isham, Quincey Jackson, David Merrill Jr., Asalia Quigno-Grundahl, Phoenix Slater-Snowden, and Jeffrey Vasquez.

Gary Rueckert Jr. was recognized for completing his electrical certificate from Greater Michigan Construction Academy.

The following were honored for graduating high school: Logan Bird, Caleb Burger, Gage Chapa, Gracie David, Nikodin Davis, Alex Grice, Andrea Hawkins, Aaron Hendrickson, Kamryn Hiner, Trevor Isham, Caleb Kampf, Cooper Kampf, Zhaawan Martell, Mariana Mays, Masie Mena, Isaiah Otto-Powers, Quinn Pelcher, Javanni Perry, Miikawadizi Prout, Isaiah Rodriguez, Tayla Sizemore, Nixi Snyder, Hope Stevens, Kegan Stevens, Albert Trepanier, Cruz Vaquera, Gegak Webkamigad, Azrae Wemigwans, Oginiihns Zerbe, Ellie Patterson, Konner Hillegar, Layla Pigeon, Sandra Slater, Bree Sprague, Jayla Trepanier, Kerra White Pigeon,



Observer photo by Kyla Henry

Keynote speaker Alicia Raphael

Aviana Gomez, Aolani Gibbs, Raymond Lamach, Jayne Starkey, Analicia Palomo, Britnee Campbell, Foster Hoormann, Kannen Quezida, Alex Taylor, Isaac Jackson, LillyAna Bennett, Kaya Rose, and Killian D'Artagnan.

The following were honored for obtaining their GED: Jasmine Davis, Josiah Jackson, Auriyah Hunter, and Manajiwin Chippewa.

Renata Borton, Marta Heslip, Kerry Byberg, presented each award to the high school graduates. Olivia Manitowabi-McCullough awarded the higher education graduates.

Shortly after the welcome song by Blue House Singers, Tribal Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig provided the opening prayer. Opening remarks by



Observer photos by Kyla Henry

Several 2026 graduates are honored during the June 9 Tribal Education Department's Graduation Banquet.

Chief Luke Sprague followed.

Alicia Raphael then offered her keynote speech.

Raphael shared her educational journey after graduating high school in 2018.

"Our ancestors survived hardships we can hardly imagine... protected culture, language, identity, and community so future generations like us could have opportunities like this one," Raphael said.

Further into her speech she

said, "Our ancestors prayed for future generations they would never meet. Tonight, you are part of the answer to those prayers."

Attendants in the room expressed how proud they are of each and every graduate for completing milestones in their educational path as well as furthering that journey.

The banquet concluded with an honor song by Blue House Singers.

Saginaw Chippewa Water Utility 2025 Consumer Confidence Report

Undetected Contaminants					
The following contaminants were monitored for, but not detected, in your water.					
Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Violation	Typical Source
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	ND	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium (ug/L)	0	30	ND	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Additional Monitoring			
As part of an on-going evaluation program the EPA has required us to monitor some additional contaminants/chemicals. Information collected through the monitoring of these contaminants/chemicals will help to ensure that future decisions on drinking water standards are based on sound science.			
Name	Reported Level	Range	
		Low	High
N-ethyl perfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid (NErFOSAA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
N-methyl perfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid (NMeFOSAA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO DA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
lithium (mg/L)	0.0108	0.00929	0.0108
nonafluoro-3,6-dioxheptanoic acid (NFDHA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluoro(2-ethoxyethane)sulfonic acid (PFEEESA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluoro-3-methoxypropanoic acid (PFMPA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluoro-4-methoxybutanoic acid (PFMBA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluorobutanoic acid (PFBA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluorodecanoic acid (PFDA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluorododecanoic acid (PFDoA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluoroheptanesulfonic acid (PFHpS) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluoropentanesulfonic acid (PFPeS) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluoropentanoic acid (PFPeA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluorotetradecanoic acid (PFTA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluorotridecanoic acid (PFTrDA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluoroundecanoic acid (PFUnA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA

Unit Descriptions	
Term	Description
ppm	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
mg/L	mg/L: Number of milligrams of substance in one liter of water
NA	NA: not applicable
ND	ND: Not detected
NR	NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.

Important Drinking Water Definitions	
Term	Description
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variances and Exemptions	Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet a MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
MRDLG	MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level
90th Percentile	Compliance with the lead and copper action levels is based on the 90th percentile lead and copper levels. This means that the concentration of lead and copper must be less than or equal to the action level in at least 90% of the samples collected.

For more information, please contact:

Mark Bell
Saginaw Chippewa Water Treatment Utility
 Address: 7377 E. Tomah Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
 Phone: 989-775-5141



42ND ANNUAL

SAGINAW CHIPPEWA POWWOW



July 24, 25 & 26, 2026

Grand Entry

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

The Hill Campground

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

For camping reservations, please email powwowcommittee@sagchip.org or contact Seryna Acuna at 989.775.5643.

Please note: Elders, vendors and participants will have priority to the limited water and electric hook-up site during powwow weekend. All others will have access to the remaining sites available.

Hotel Information:

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

www.sagchip.org/pow-wow

**Free Admission **Drug and Alcohol Free Event*

Head Veteran: Ken Funmaker

Masters of Ceremonies:

Keveon Kingbird & Anthony Monoessy

Arena Directors:

Gabe Cleveland & Wayne Silas

Head Male Dance Judge:

Michael Roberts

Head Female Dance Judge:

Rebecca Roberts

Head Drum Judge: Harvey Dreaver

Host Drum: Under the Pines

Head Dancers: Selected daily

Dance Specials

- Chicken Dance Special
- Luck of the Draw Special
- Men vs Women Fancy Special
- Team Dance Special
- Grandpa/Grandson Special
- Grandma/Granddaughter Special
- Two-Step Special

For more information, please contact: PowwowCommittee@sagchip.org or 989.775.5643



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42ND ANNUAL SAGINAW CHIPPEWA

POWWOW

July 24, 25 & 26, 2026



UNDERSTANDING THE PATH

A list of powwow guidelines from the SCIT Powwow Committee

- Be on time.** The SCIT Powwow Committee is doing everything possible to ensure that activities begin and run smoothly. Please cooperate in this regard.
- Appropriate dress and behavior are required in the arena.** Anyone unwilling to abide by this rule will be asked to leave by the arena director. (If you are going to dance, try to wear dance clothes.)
- Pointing with fingers is considered poor manners by some nations.** If you must point, use your head and nod in the direction you wish to indicate.
- The seating around the arena is reserved for dancers in regalia.** Seats with blankets, shawls or regalia items on them are taken and should not be bothered. Do NOT sit on someone else's blanket unless invited. Uncovered seats are considered available.
- No pets allowed; they should be left at home.** The arena is a sacred place from the time it is blessed until the powwow is over. At no time should pets be allowed in the arena.
- Respect the head male and female dancers.** Their role entitles them to start each song or set of songs. Please wait until they have started to dance before you join in. In some traditions, it is considered improper to pass the head male or female dancer within the arena.
- Some songs require you to be familiar with the routine or have special eligibility rules in order to participate.** Trot dances, snake, buffalo, etc. require particular steps or routines. Veteran dances may be restricted to veterans, combat veterans or, in some cases, the relations of veterans. If you are not familiar with a particular dance, observe and learn. Watch the head dancers to learn the procedures.
- Most powwows are nonprofit and depend upon donations, raffles, blanket dances, etc. for support.** Donations are encouraged as a way to honor someone. Any participant can drop money onto the blanket to aid with the powwow expenses.
- Certain items of religious significance should be worn only by those qualified to do so.** Respect the traditions. Never intentionally touch another dancer's regalia, personal property without permission.
- Giveaways, attributes of Indian generosity, are held at many dances.** They are acknowledgments of appreciation to recipients for honor or service given to the people. When receiving a gift, the recipient thanks everyone involved in the giving.
- If you wish to ask for a special song from a drum, talk to the arena director first and make sure the master of ceremonies is informed.** It is traditional to make a gift (monetary or otherwise) to the drum for special requests.
- Before sitting at a drum, ask permission from the head singer.** Do not touch a drum without permission. The drums are sacred, and it is believed that anyone who takes a place behind the drums has been selected by the Creator to be there. No one sits in the drumming area without special permission. Great offense is taken if you choose to sit in this area. You should never turn down an invitation by anyone, especially elders, during a powwow.
- Ask permission before taking pictures of dancers.** Pictures may be taken with the permission of the dancers but not during dedication dances (veterans songs, flag songs or prayers). These special songs will be announced by the emcee. Under no circumstances may you enter the arena to take photos.
- If at any time you are uncertain of procedure, etc., please check with the emcee, arena director or head singer.** They will be glad to help you with your questions.
- Unless you are sure spectator seating will be provided, bring a chair.** Remember that the seating immediately around the arena is for dancers only.
- Be aware that someone standing behind you may not be able to see over you.** Make room, step aside, sit or kneel if someone is behind you.
- Alcohol, recreational drugs and firearms are prohibited at all powwows.**
- If you see a lost feather, or you yourself drop a feather, do not pick it up.** Notify the nearest veteran, the head veteran, head male dancer or arena director immediately.
- In some places it is okay for adults to dance while carrying infants or small children.** In other places this is considered contrary to local etiquette. Ask before doing so.
- Always stand during special songs.** This includes grand entry, flag songs, veteran songs, memorial songs, prayer songs or any other song that the emcee designates. It is also customary to remove hats for the duration of that song.
- Always listen to the emcee. The emcee will give all of the information you need as well as entertain you and keep you posted about news.** Any questions you have can be answered by the emcee, whom will let you know when you need to stand and when you may sit after honor songs. The emcee will also announce intertribal dances and other invitations for guests to participate.
- Supervise your children so that all may enjoy the event without distraction.**
- If you have a question, ask.** Most dancers, singers, elders and staff are happy to help. Offer a cold drink or other small, symbolic gifts to those who help you.

2026 SCIT Powwow Dancer Payouts

Junior Boys (6-11)			
Place	Grass	Fancy	Traditional
1st	\$200	\$200	\$200
2nd	\$150	\$150	\$150
3rd	\$125	\$125	\$125
4th	\$100	\$100	\$100

Junior Girls (6-11)			
Place	Jingle	Fancy	Traditional
1st	\$200	\$200	\$200
2nd	\$150	\$150	\$150
3rd	\$125	\$125	\$125
4th	\$100	\$100	\$100

Senior Adults (Men) 36-49			
Place	Grass	Fancy	Traditional
1st	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100
2nd	\$800	\$800	\$800
3rd	\$600	\$600	\$600
4th	\$400	\$400	\$400

Senior Adults (Women) 36-49			
Place	Jingle	Fancy	Traditional
1st	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100
2nd	\$800	\$800	\$800
3rd	\$600	\$600	\$600
4th	\$400	\$400	\$400

Teen Boys (12-17)			
Place	Grass	Fancy	Traditional
1st	\$400	\$400	\$400
2nd	\$300	\$300	\$300
3rd	\$200	\$200	\$200
4th	\$125	\$125	\$125

Teen Girls (12-17)			
Place	Jingle	Fancy	Traditional
1st	\$400	\$400	\$400
2nd	\$300	\$300	\$300
3rd	\$200	\$200	\$200
4th	\$125	\$125	\$125

Golden Age (Men) 50-59		
Place	Traditional	Fancy/Grass
1st	\$1,100	\$1,100
2nd	\$800	\$800
3rd	\$600	\$600
4th	\$400	\$400

Golden Age (Women) 50-59		
Place	Traditional	Jingle/Fancy
1st	\$1,100	\$1,100
2nd	\$800	\$800
3rd	\$600	\$600
4th	\$400	\$400

Junior Adults (Men) 18-35			
Place	Grass	Fancy	Traditional
1st	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100
2nd	\$800	\$800	\$800
3rd	\$600	\$600	\$600
4th	\$400	\$400	\$400

Junior Adults (Women) 18-35			
Place	Jingle	Fancy	Traditional
1st	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100
2nd	\$800	\$800	\$800
3rd	\$600	\$600	\$600
4th	\$400	\$400	\$400

Platinum Age (Men) 60+	
Place	Combined
1st	\$1,100
2nd	\$800
3rd	\$600
4th	\$400

Platinum Age (Women) 60+	
Place	Combined
1st	\$1,100
2nd	\$800
3rd	\$600
4th	\$400

Drum Contest					
1st:	\$12,000		2nd:	\$10,000	
3rd:	\$8,000		4th:	\$6,000	
5th:	\$4,000				

For more information:
 Phone: 989.775.4000
 Email: Powwowcommittee@Sagchip.org
 All payouts are subject to change



SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL COLLEGE 2026 FALL SEMESTER CLASSES

FALL 2026 REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL AUG. 21, 2026

Delivery	Code	S	Course Title	CR	Day	Room	Time	Instructor
O-A	ACC 115	1	Financial Accounting	3		ONLINE-Asynchronous		Long
F2F	ART 111\$	1	Beadwork I	3	T	ROOM 245	5:30 - 8:20 p.m.	Jackson
O-A	ART 115	1	Art Design	3		ONLINE-Asynchronous		Jackson
H	BIO 105*	1	Introduction to Biology	3		ONLINE- Lecture Class		Abbas
F2F	BIO 105A*	1	Introduction to Biology Lab	2	T	ROOM 232	3:30 - 5:20 p.m.	Abbas
F2F	BUS 110	1	Introduction to Business	3	T/R	ROOM 329	1:30 - 2:50 p.m.	Fowler
F2F	BUS 130	1	Business Ethics	3	M/W	ROOM 329	10:00 - 11:20 a.m.	Fowler
F2F	BUS 150	1	Business Law	3	T/R	ROOM 313	5:30 - 6:50 p.m.	Antrobus
F2F	BUS 170	1	Principles of Management	3	T/R	ROOM 249	9:00 - 10:20 a.m.	Fowler
F2F	BUS 200	1	Principles of Marketing	3	M/W	ROOM 249	5:30 - 6:50 p.m.	Wagner
F2F	BUS 201	1	Personal Finance	3	M/W	ROOM 329	1:00 - 2:20 p.m.	Fowler
O-A	BUS 215*	1	Business Communication	3		ONLINE-Asynchronous		Tyler
F2F	CPT 112*	1	Introduction to Computer Technology	3	M	ROOM 340	5:30 - 8:20 p.m.	Klopf
F2F	CPT 124*	1	Introduction to Spreadsheets	3	W	ROOM 340	5:30 - 8:20 p.m.	Long
O-A	ECO 202	1	Principles of Macroeconomics	3		ONLINE-Asynchronous		Wagner
F2F	ENG 101*	1	Composition I	3	M/W	ROOM 331	9:30 - 10:50 a.m.	Boleman
F2F	ENG 010*	1	Composition I Lab	2	M/W	ROOM 331	11:00 - 11:50 a.m.	Boleman
F2F	ENG 110	1	Introduction to Communication	3	T/R	ROOM 331	1:00 - 2:20 p.m.	Boleman
F2F	ENG 150*	1	Introduction to Literature	3	M/W	ROOM 331	3:30 - 4:50 p.m.	Boleman
O-A	ENG 202*	1	Composition II - WI	3		ONLINE-Asynchronous		Boleman
F2F	EVS 120*	1	Environmental Science	3	M/W	ROOM 235	1:00 - 2:20 p.m.	Miller
F2F	EVS 120A*	1	Environmental Science Lab	2	W	ROOM 232	2:30 - 4:20 p.m.	Miller
F2F	GEL 100	1	Environmental Geology	3	M/W	ROOM 235	10:00 - 11:20 a.m.	Miller
F2F	GEO 201	1	Weather and Climate	5	T/R	ROOM 235	1:00 - 2:20 p.m.	Miller
					R	ROOM 232	2:30 - 4:20 p.m.	Miller
F2F	MTH 012*	1	Quantitative Reasoning Lab	2	T/R	ROOM 314	10:00 - 10:50 a.m.	Crosswait
F2F	MTH 105	1	Intermediate Algebra	4	T/R	ROOM 330	1:00 - 2:50 p.m.	Rich
F2F	MTH 120*	1	Quantitative Reasoning	3	M/W	ROOM 314	10:00 - 11:20 a.m.	Rich
F2F	MTH 140*	1	Pre-Calculus	4	T/R	ROOM 330	9:00 - 10:50 a.m.	Rich
F2F	MTH 150*	1	The Teaching of Counting and Whole Numbers	3	M/W	ROOM 330	5:00 - 6:20 p.m.	Rich
F2F	MTH 023*	1	Statistics Lab	2	T/R	ROOM 314	1:30 - 2:20 p.m.	Crosswait
F2F	MTH 230*	1	Introduction to Statistics	3	M/W	ROOM 314	1:30 - 2:50 p.m.	Crosswait
O-A	NAS 103	1	Survey of Native American Studies	3		ONLINE-Asynchronous		Haviland
F2F	NAS 242	1	Topics in Native American Literature	3	T/R	ROOM 214	10:00 - 11:20 a.m.	Peters
O-A	NAS 250	1	Anishinaabe Art	3		ONLINE-Asynchronous		Jackson
O-A	NAS 254	1	Contemporary Native American Art	3		ONLINE-Asynchronous		Jackson
F2F	NAS 259	1	Anishinaabe History: Beginnings to 1600	3	M	ROOM 214	5:00 - 7:50 p.m.	Haviland
F2F	NAS 261	1	Survey of Native American History	3	M/W	ROOM 214	1:00 - 2:20 p.m.	Haviland
F2F	NAS 263	1	Contemporary Native American Issues	3	T/R	ROOM 214	1:00 - 2:20 p.m.	Peters
F2F	NAS 271	1	Indigenous Storytelling	3	T/R	ROOM 214	5:30 - 6:50 p.m.	Gonzalez
F2F	NAS 275	1	Modern Native American Resistance Movements	3	M/W	ROOM 214	3:00 - 4:20 p.m.	Peters
F2F	OJB 101	1	Ojibwe I	3	M/W	ROOM 214	10:30 - 11:50 a.m.	Roy
F2F	OJB 102*	1	Ojibwe II	3	M/W	ROOM 243	1:30 - 2:50 p.m.	Roy
F2F	OJB 201*	1	Ojibwe III	3	T/R	ROOM 243	10:30 - 11:50 a.m.	Roy
F2F	OJB 202*	1	Ojibwe IV	3	T/R	ROOM 243	1:30 - 2:50 p.m.	Roy
F2F	PHY 101*	1	General Physics I	3	T/R	ROOM 232	5:30 - 6:50 p.m.	Majorski
F2F	PHY 101A* \$	1	General Physics Lab	2	T/R	ROOM 235	7:00 - 7:50 p.m.	Majorski
F2F	PSC 120	1	American Government	3	T/R	ROOM 331	5:00 - 6:20 p.m.	Knott
F2F	REL 180	1	Introduction to Religion	3	T	ROOM 329	5:30 - 8:20 p.m.	Landen
H	SDV 102	1	Foundations for Student Success	3	M	ROOM 314	5:00 - 6:20 p.m.	Green

Definitions:

F2F: A regular course that meets face to face as indicated on the semester schedule.
H (Hybrid): There will be regularly scheduled face-to-face meeting times and online components within a hybrid course. The online components may be delivered synchronously or asynchronously. Both face-to-face meeting times and online delivery methods must be scheduled in the syllabus.
ON-A (Online Asynchronous): A course that meets via web-based technologies without regularly scheduled meeting times.
ON-S (Online Synchronous): A course that meets via web-based technologies and has regularly scheduled class times.
 *: Check co-requisite or pre-requisite requirements
 \$: Additional course fees apply
 Day: M=Monday, T=Tuesday, W= Wednesday, R=Thursday
 ***Course delivery methods are subject to change at any time.
 ***All courses are scheduled in Eastern Standard Time (EST)
 ***Classes with an enrollment FEWER than 5 students may be canceled.



ATTENTION NEW STUDENTS:

In order to register for classes you must take an Accuplacer® placement test and have at complete admission file.

Please call 989- 317-4760 to set up your Accuplacer® test or talk to Student Services.

Email: studentservices@sagchip.edu
 Website: www.sagchip.edu

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SCTC SUMMER EVENTS

- July 3 | Summer courses end (eight week)
- July 31 | Summer courses end (12 week)
- July 17 | Traditional Wigamig Kinoo'maage | 4-7 p.m. | SCTC South Campus at Mshkikiikaan
- Aug. 5 | Mshiikehn 5K | 5805 Pickard St. Registration: 5-6:15 p.m. Race starts: 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 13 | Big Campus Bash
- Aug. 19 | Fall Orientation

SCTC FALL EVENTS

- Aug. 14 | Admission deadline
- Aug. 21 | Fall registration ends via Empower at 11:59 p.m.
- Aug. 24 | Classes begin
- Aug. 28 | Add/drop ends via Empower at 11:59 p.m.
- Sept. 7 | Labor Day (campus closed)
- Sept. 25 | Michigan Indian Day (campus closed)
- Oct 10 | Open Mic Night | 1-4 p.m. Seventh Generation
- Oct 30 | Last day to withdraw
- Nov. 25 | Thanksgiving break (campus closes at 5 p.m.) *No night classes
- Nov. 30 | Thanksgiving ends (campus opens at 8 a.m.) *Classes resume
- Dec. 7-11 | Exam week
- Dec. 11 | Semester ends
- Dec. 14 | Final grades due to registrar

FREE!

MSHIIKEHN 5K RUN/WALK

Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2026
Registration/packet pick-up: 5-6:15 p.m.
Race starts at: 6:30 p.m.
Fee: Free
Register: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/MountPleasant/SCTCMshiikehn5KRunWalk>
Course: 5805 Pickard St. - Grass trails on the old Waabooz Run Golf Course
Awards/gifts: Overall male and female awards, keychain, custom T-shirt to first 100 participants
For more information, please contact:
JaGreen@sagchip.org or 989.317.4760

College Success Coaches - Joe Genia and Jayme Green

Joe Genia

Jayme Green

Schedule a check-in

SCTC is excited to have TWO student success coaches this year! Each success coach will have a cohort of students that will focus on goals related to SCTC's Strategic Planning goals. The success coaches will be reaching out to you and your students this week. If you have any questions, please contact: Jayme Green or Joe Genia.

5805 E. Pickard St. Mount Pleasant

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College is a tribally controlled land grant institution that reflects and promotes the unique culture of the Anishinaabe Community, designed with educational excellence to empower learners to reach their educational goals.

THE BIG CAMPUS BASH

CONNECT. DISCOVER. SUCCEED.

DATE: Thursday, August 13th

TIME: 2:30 PM - 6:30 PM

LOCATION: Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Campus

YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE!

Are you looking to get involved, find your community, or jumpstart your career? The Big Campus Bash is the ultimate kick-off event designed to bring our students together.

- MEET CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS:** Discover clubs and student groups that match your interests.
- CAREER FAIR:** Connect with local employers and explore future opportunities.
- BUILD CONNECTIONS:** Meet fellow students, faculty, and staff in a high-energy environment.

DON'T MISS OUT ON:

- FREE FOOD**
- FREE SCTC T-SHIRTS** (While supplies last!)
- BIG PRIZES & RAFFLES**

For more info: Email Jayme at jagreen@sagchip.edu



Reflecting on 10 years of offering successful GED program at SCTC

AMANDA FLAUGHER
Dean of Students, SCTC

One of our favorite parts of the work we do at SCTC is hearing our students' stories.

Stories of resilience, determination, and perseverance. Stories of individuals overcoming challenges, setting new goals, and taking meaningful steps toward a brighter future.

Today, we had the privilege of celebrating students who have successfully completed their GED through our program. While earning a GED is an important milestone, the journeys that led our students to this moment are what truly inspire us.

As we reflect on 10 years of offering this program, we are proud of the impact it has had throughout our community. What started as a small initiative has helped open doors, create opportunities, and change lives.



Photos courtesy of SCTC

Ten years later, we remain committed to supporting our students as they pursue their goals and build brighter

futures. Small but mighty – and making a difference, one student at a time.

Recreation Department, Wii Maajikwad team up for activity-filled field day

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Recreation Department helped finish off the school year with a bang as a field day was had at Wii Maajikwad on June 3.

The school enjoyed warm Michigan weather, while many fun and challenging events were held for the students to conquer as they succeed onto the next level.

The Wii Maajikwad staff and Recreation Department

came together to prepare an exciting day involving seven different games or challenges for students to showcase their skills and earn medals!

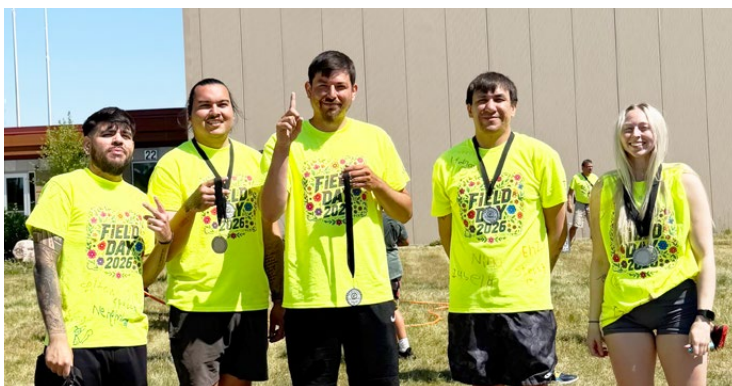
The challenges included: A quarter-mile run, tug o' war, egg toss, fill up the water bucket challenge, the Mummy Game, closest golf shot, and the longest softball throw.

After the hard work in the morning, the students earned a relaxing afternoon with ice cream and popsicles, and more than five bounce houses or race courses to enjoy. It was a great way to end the year!



Photos courtesy of the Recreation Department

Students and staff pose for a picture during the June 3 field day at Wii Maajikwad.



Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Land Grant Office

Traditional Wigamig Kinoo'maage

With Ogimaawab Joseph Sutherland

Friday, July 17, 2026 | 4-7 p.m.
SCTC South Campus at Mshkikiikaan (Place of Medicine)
6900 E. Remus Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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“Best of All Worlds Tour” features Sammy Hagar, Rick Springfield

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort kicked off its 2026 Outdoor Summer Concert Series with Sammy Hagar and Rick Springfield on Wednesday, June 17. The concert was part of their “Best of All Worlds Tour.”

Headlining that evening was rock heavyweight Sammy Hagar. He rose to prominence in the early 1970s with the rock band Montrose, before branching out in to a solo career. His stardom continued to grow after joining Van Halen in 1985 and serving as the legendary band’s lead singer until 1996.

The tour reunited Hagar with the Best of Both Worlds band, featuring original Van Halen bassist Michael Anthony, guitarist Joe Satriani, drummer Kenny Aronoff and keyboardist Greg Phillinganes.

Hagar began with the hit Van Halen Songs “Why Can’t This Be Love,” “Top of the World” and “Runaround.”

The show featured a plethora of Van Halen’s songs including “Best of Both Worlds,” “5150,” “Love Walks In,” “Cabo Wabo,” “Good Enough Right Now” and “Ain’t Talkin’ ‘bout Love.”

Hagar also played many hits from his solo career including



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Sammy Hagar (left), Joe Satriani (right), and Kenny Aronoff (back) perform during the June 17 outdoor concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

“There’s Only One Way to Rock” “Mas Tequila,” “Heavy Metal,” “I Can’t Drive 55” and “Eagles Fly.”

A highlight of the night featured Satriani, the legendary guitarist, playing lead guitar on his song “Satch Boogie.”

Hagar and the Best of Both Worlds Band fittingly ended the night with “Encore, Thank You, Goodnight.”

Performing before Hagar, was Grammy Award winning artist Rick Springfield.

Though he has been at it for over five decades, you would never guess it based on his performance that night. Springfield brought his music to life on the outdoor concert stage, with all of his energy, enthusiasm and skill on full display.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Rick Springfield performs the hit song “Affair of the Heart” on the outdoor concert stage.

Springfield began with a cover of Hagar’s “I’ve Done Everything for You.”

Up next were the heavy techno beats of “Affair of the Heart,” followed by “Venus in Overdrive.”

The hits continued with “Love Somebody” and “Don’t Talk to Strangers.”

In a surprise move, Springfield left the stage to sing while walking through

the audience during “Human Touch.”

To close out the night, Springfield played his number one single “Jessie’s Girl.” The perennial fan favorite song had audience members enthusiastically singing along to the chorus.

Opening the night was Tano Jones Reverly. The band is led by Detroit’s own Tano Jones who serves as the front man.

Comedy legend Jeff Foxworthy brings the laughs to Soaring Eagle

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted legendary comedian Jeff Foxworthy on Friday, June 12.

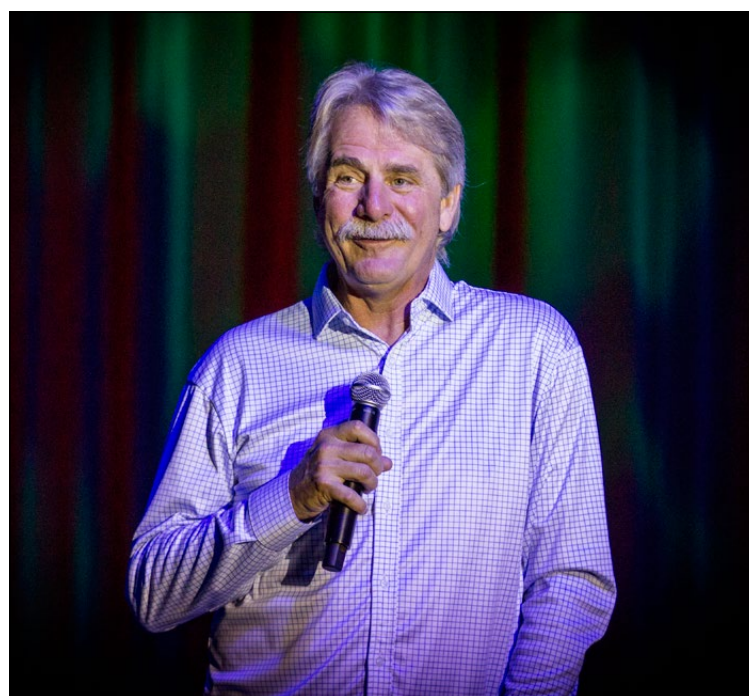
Spinning jokes and splitting sides are what Foxworthy does best. Regarded as one of the most respected and successful

comedians, he has amassed a huge following while becoming the bestselling comedy-recording artist in history.

Best known for his “You might be a redneck” jokes, Foxworthy was also instrumental in the formation and success of the Blue Collar Comedy Tour. The tour featured fellow comedians Ron White, Larry the Cable

Guy and Bill Engvall. Foxworthy’s natural feel for comedy was on full display; cracking up audience members with hilarious quips about everyday life, family and human nature.

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



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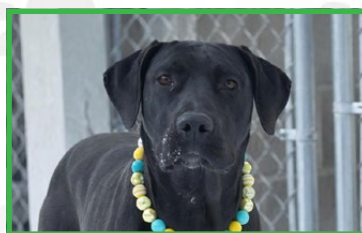
Jeff Foxworthy pauses before a punch line during his comedy show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on June 12.

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Community gathers for the 34th annual Human Race 5K and fun run/walk

KYLA HENRY

Leadership Apprentice,
Public Relations

Participants for both the 5K and fun run/walk both lined up at 5:50 p.m. for the 34th annual Human Race, hosted by Seventh Generation, on Wednesday, June 10.

Racers lined up on Remus Road, turned onto Leaton, cut through Nimkee's parking lot, ran on the sidewalk of Broadway, passed the woodshop building, then made their way onto the new road, and finally, ended their race at Seventh Generation.

Fitness Coordinator Seth Pifer of Nimkee Fitness welcomed all the participants and gave them a run through routes for both distances.

The Tribal Police Department led the way on their motorcycles as the runners and walkers followed behind swiftly. As the race started, Blue House Singers provided a song as participants glided by.

As runners came in, so did the results of both events. Hand-crafted cedar eagle feather awards were awarded to the top three finishers in 13 different age categories, along with the top three winners of the fun run/walk, and the top female and male finishers of the 5K.

Event T-shirts were handed out to all participants.

The overall male 5K runner was Dave Hofmann with a time of 18:13.

The overall female 5K runner was Teresa Martin with a

time of 27:40.

In the one-mile race, Hunter Genia finished first with a time of 9:35. Lilly Loonsfoot came in right behind Genia and took second with a time of 9:41. Alicia Raphael followed behind in third with a time of 10:26.

After the race concluded, participants enjoyed a dinner. A variety of flavored chicken wings, various sides, and lemonade were served. As everyone was enjoying dinner, the top three male and female finishers in 13 different age category for the 5K were announced.

Seventh Generation and Nimkee Fitness partnered together to host another successful Human Race.

"My favorite part about this event is seeing people from all around come together and spend time outdoors, while also exercising and improving/maintaining their cardiovascular health," Pifer said. "I'd also like to thank Seventh Generation for hosting this event and cooking the meal that is provided every year."

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Andahwod Continuing Care Community and Elder Services Elders' July 2026 Newsletter

Boozhoo elders! July will be a busy month for the tribal community! Andahwod CCC&ES is hosting the Elders Homecoming Powwow Trip on July 23-26. Agendas/itineraries will be available at registration. If you registered for the Elders Homecoming Powwow Trip, sign-in for the trip will be at the merchandise counter in the SECR Entertainment Hall. Participants must still check in at their hotel/lodging location.

Andahwod will be hosting an Ice Cream Social, open to all community members on Thursday, July 23 from 2-3:30 p.m.



COOLING STATION

Andahwod will serve as a cooling station during the summer months from 10 a.m.

- 5 p.m. SCIT elders are encouraged to come to Andahwod and visit, relax, or participate in a craft/activity.



ELDERS MINOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EMAP) GRANT

IS STILL AVAILABLE!

*Assistance for minor home and vehicle repairs.

*Must be a SCIT elder over 60



Courtesy photos

SCIT elders visit Nashville and Louisville from June 15-21 with Andahwod staff.

TRIBAL ELDERS MIJIM TENT AT THE SCIT POWWOW

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Lunch: 12-1:30 p.m. | Dinner: 5-6:30 p.m.

DETROIT TIGERS

SCIT elders will have a chance to attend a Detroit Tigers game on Sept. 27, 2026.

More information available online at: www.sagchip.org/senior/index.htm

JULY 2026 ANDAHWOD EVENTS

Coffee Break | Daily | 2:30 p.m.

Sewing | Tuesdays | 10:30 a.m.

Walking Club | Wednesdays | 1 p.m.

Euchre | Thursdays | 5:30 p.m.

Bonfire with Yard Games
July 4 | 6 p.m.

Movie in the CGA
July 6 | 2:30 p.m.

Elder Fishing at RV Park
July 7 | 5-7 p.m.

Elders Breakfast
July 8, 22 | 9-10 a.m.

Lost & Found Bingo
July 10 | 1-3 p.m.

Bingo with Friends
July 13 | 1-3 p.m.

Bible Study with Julie Pego
July 13, 27 | 6-7 p.m.

Language Bingo
July 14 | 1-3 p.m.

Birthday Bingo/Potluck
July 18 | 12-3 p.m.

Name that Tune
July 20 | 2:30 p.m.

Ice Cream Social
July 23 | 2-3:30 p.m.

For more information, please call Andahwod at: 989.775.4339
**Activities and events are subject to change.

SOARING EAGLE CASINO & RESORT TRIBAL ELDERS' BINGO

TUESDAY, AUG. 25, 2026

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Bingo Hall
Inside the Slot Palace (7566 Ogemaw Dr.)

More details to come!

*Open to all tribal elders (must provide Tribal ID)
*50 years of age and older

Contact: Andahwod at 989.775.4300

July 2026 Andahwod CCC & ES Menu

Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Dinner: 4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Menu subject to change Sugar free available upon request. Please call kitchen at 989-775-4314 by 10 a.m. for lunch and 3 p.m. for dinner.		*Warning: Consuming under cooked foods or eggs could lead to a food borne illness. **Please inform cashier/staff of any severe food allergies you may have prior to sitting down. Thank you.	1 Sandwich Station Pork Chops	2 Egg Salad Sandwich Chicken Wing Basket	3 Fiesta Friday Hamburger Gravy w/Mashed Potatoes	4 Chef's Choice
5 Chef's Choice	6 Goulash & Breadstick BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato & Veggies	7 Club Sandwich & Pasta Salad Famous Chicken Bowl	8 Elders Breakfast Chicken Soup Turkey Bacon Ranch Wrap	9 Beef Fajitas Three Cheese Chicken Penne	10 Fiesta Friday Beef Stew	11 Chef's Choice
12 Chef's Choice	13 Taco Salad Quesadilla Burger	14 Chicken Salad Sandwich Cuban Sandwich	15 Pea Soup & Half Ham Sandwich Pork Nachos	16 Beef & Cheddar Crispy Chicken Salad	17 Fiesta Friday Polish Sausage w/Sauerkraut	18 Chef's Choice
19 Chef's Choice	20 Chef Salad In & Out Burger	21 Nashville Chicken Hibachi Beef w/Veggies	22 Elders Breakfast Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup Pizza Burger	23 Soft Taco w/Beans Chicken Alfredo	24 Bacon Grilled Cheese Fish Fry	25 Chef's Choice
26 Chef's Choice	27 Street Taco Chicken & Rice	28 BBQ Joes & Onion Rings Salmon Over Rice	29 Potato Soup & Egg Salad Italian Sub & Side Salad	30 Swedish Meatball w/Egg Noodles Pizza	31 Fiesta Friday Chili w/Fry Bread	



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of the deceased students were read by Osawamick and William Johnson, curator/operations manager for the Ziiibwing Center.

Johnson shared the following message prior to the roll call.

“Often the veil of hurt and shame conceals our identity as Anishinaabe people,” Johnson said. “Sinful silence is common and has been accepted as our inheritance due to physical pain and confusion. Too often we shun decency, and neglect the privilege of our birthright to live as the creator intended. It is through love that we will prosper, and only by direct confrontation will we find peace in our hearts again. Let us be brave as our contemptuous adversary becomes our friend to forgive.

“May kind nurturing pave the way for our future, and never will we hold our children beneath our consideration. By honoring them, we respect the sacred circle of life, and reclaim it as our own. The spirit of the Anishinaabe people never left the students as they endured a

new way of life, and today that same spirit resounds with a promise that they will never be forgotten.”

The morning concluded with a lunch, tours of the outside of the buildings, and a musical performance by Brothers in Music.

The afternoon session began with Gary McLellan, director of cage and count for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, presenting a check to Ziiibwing for \$56,186.25. The money was donated by Soaring Eagle patrons to help Ziiibwing continue educational awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG).

The first keynote speaker was Charlee Brisette (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Ojibwe), oral history program co-director for The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS). The presentation covered updates on the different programs and the projects that are currently being worked on.

“At the coalition, we are leading the national efforts to address the ongoing impacts of the U.S.

Indian Boarding School policy,” Brisette said. “Our work is grounded in tribal sovereignty, cultural healing, accountability, truth, and justice.”

Brisette shared the importance of events such as Honoring, Healing and Remembering.

“We recognize that when stories are shared and honored, individuals can reconnect and understand,” Brisette said. “We know that healing does not happen alone. It happens when we’re together, we’re in community, we’re relating and connecting to each other. That’s what we are doing here today at this remembrance event.”

According to the website, www.boardingschoolhealing.org, “(NABS) is a leading national organization dedicated to advocating on behalf of Native peoples impacted by U.S. Indian boarding school policies. We seek truth through education and research, justice through advocacy and policy, and healing through Indigenous teaching and traditional gatherings.”

The second keynote speaker was Jo Troxell (Hannahville Indian Community), oral history program coordinator for NABS. The presentation provided an overview of the NABS oral history project.

The project is a series of video interviews with Indian boarding school survivors from across the United States. It was part of the Department of the Interior’s Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative that was started by former Secretary Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo).

“It was built to recognize the troubled legacy of Indian boarding school policies, with the goal of addressing their intergenerational impact and shed light on the importance



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A check for \$56,186.25 is presented to the Ziiibwing Center. The money, donated by Soaring Eagle patrons, aids in continuing to spread educational awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG).

Photographed left to right: Ziiibwing Curator/Operations Manager William Johnson, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Gage Colwell, and SECR Director of Cage and Count Gary McLellan.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Paul Rafael (last on the right) shares his story as a boarding school survivor. He is joined by other survivors while holding the “Survivors of Holy Childhood” staff.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Community members participate in the grand entry.

of the past,” Troxell said. “Deb (Haaland) knew that we needed a more personal instrumental way of collecting these stories, and that’s where this oral history project started.”

For more information on the project, please visit www.boardingschoolhealing.org/oral-history-project/

Marcella Hadden, MIIBS

Committee chair member and public relations manager, shared closing remarks and updates on the current and future status of MIIBS.

Volunteers from within the community performed a jingle dress healing dance.

The event concluded with a celebratory round dance and traveling song, and giveaways.

Snapping turtle relocated from Tribal Court



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Tribal Court Bailiff Kevin Ricketts catches a snapping turtle at the Public Safety Building on June 9. Ricketts relocated the turtle back into the marsh land behind the property without incident.



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JULY 2026 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Recreation Youth Basketball Open Gym

- July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Wednesdays) | 5-7 p.m.
- Wii Maajikwad (2875 Gikendasso Way)
 - Recreation@sagchip.org
 - Open to all middle and high school students
 - Must have gym shoes

Toddler Time

- July 7 | 1-3 p.m.
- Wii Maajikwad/Recreation (2875 Gikendasso Way)
 - Recreation@sagchip.org
 - Open to infants and toddlers

Sweat Lodge Construction

- July 7 | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Saganing Tribal Center (5447 Sturman Rd., Standish MI 48658)
 - SCompau@sagchip.org or 989-980-4213
 - With Ogimiwaab Joseph Sutherland

Native Farmers Market

- July 7, 14, 21, 28 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Farmers Market Pavilion (Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads)
 - SAMACHippeway@sagchip.org or 989-775-4629

Mnaajtoodaa (Let's Celebrate) Giin ina owe gimazina'igan? (Is this your book?)

- July 14 | 6-7 p.m.
- SECR Swan Creek and Saginaw ballrooms
 - AHeidemann@sagchip.org or 989-317-4470
 - The Tribal Libraries were awarded the IMLS Enhancement Grant to organize an opportunity for community members to create their own books.
 - Help us celebrate these new authors and receive free copies of their books with a chance to get them signed.

Language Camp

- July 14 | Welcome dinner at 5 p.m.
July 15, 16 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- 7th Generation (7957 E. Remus Rd.)
 - AShawboose@sagchip.org or 989-775-4506
 - Wenpaah (free)
 - Bi-bzindan (come and listen)

MIFO Golf Competition

- July 16 | Shotgun start at 9 a.m.
- The Pines Golf Course (Lake Isabella, Mich.)
 - BSprague@sagchip.org or 989.775.5309
 - Register online at www.sagchip/MIFO
 - Format: Two-person scramble
 - Cost: \$35 per player

Michigan Indian Family Olympics

- July 17 | Opening ceremonies start at 9 a.m.
- CMU Bennett Track & Field
 - SPifer@sagchip.org or 989.775.4694
 - Register online at www.sagchip/MIFO

Sexual Assault Survivor Support Groups

- July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Behavioral Health Lodge (2800 S. Shepherd Rd.)
 - SLloyd@sagchip.org or 989-775-4806
 - Join us for a safe space of support, connection, and outreach for survivors of sexual assault.

NativeFest: Indian Car Bingo

- July 21 | 6-9 p.m., registration starts at 4:30 p.m.
- Ziibiwing Center (6650 E. Broadway)
 - GHallwill@sagchip.org or 989-775-4750

NativeFest: Kids' Night

- July 22 | 6-9 p.m.
- Ziibiwing Center (6650 E. Broadway)
 - GHallwill@sagchip.org or 989-775-4750

Tribal Youth Police Academy

- July 21, 22 | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- SCIT Police Department (6954 E. Broadway)
 - CaWilson@sagchip.org or 989-775-4700
 - Registration deadline: Friday, July 3 by 5 p.m.
 - Open to Tribal community youth, 12-18 years of age

Homecoming Annual Meeting

- July 23 | 10 a.m., doors open at 9 a.m.
- SECR Entertainment Hall
 - PublicRelations@sagchip.org or 989-775-4096

Intertribal Open Golf Tournament

- July 24 | Shotgun start at 9:30 a.m.
- Mt. Pleasant Country Club (3686 E. River Rd.)
 - Recreation@sagchip.org or 989-775-4522
 - Registration deadline: Friday, July 3 at 12 p.m.
 - Three person scramble, \$100 per person

42nd annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow

- July 24 | Grand entry at 7 p.m.
July 25 | Grand entry at 1 p.m.
July 26 | Grand entry at 12 p.m.
- The Hill Campground (7525 E. Tomah Rd.)
 - PowwowCommittee@sagchip.org

37th annual Freedom Walk

- July 25 | Doors open at 7 a.m., walk begins at 9 a.m.
- Wii Maajikwad (2875 Gikendasso Way)
 - Prevention@sagchip.org

Grandmother Moon Ceremony

- July 30 | 6 p.m.
- Saganing Tribal Center (5447 Sturman Rd., Standish MI 48658)
 - SCompau@sagchip.org or 989-980-4213
 - Please bring your shakers

JULY 2026 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
<p><i>Niibing 4th Grade Community Service Project</i></p> <h1>CAN DRIVE</h1> <p><i>Supporting the People's Traditional Powwow</i></p> <p>Drop off cans at the Niibing 4-12 Program: Wii Maajikwad (2875 Gikendaaso Way, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858)</p> <p>For more information, please contact: 989-400-8796 or 398-245-4005</p>		<p>1</p> <p>Eagle Feather Teaching 1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Community Sewing Nights 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen Peer 360 at BH Lodge 6-7 p.m. B. Health</p>	<p>3</p> <p>TRIBAL OPS CLOSED In Observance of Independence Day Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. B. Health</p>	<p>4</p> <p>INDEPENDENCE DAY Fireside on the Rez 6-7:30 p.m. B. Health</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Drums Out 7:30-9:30 p.m. 7th Gen</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Elders Breakfast 9-10 a.m. Andahwod Eagle Feather Teaching 1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health Sweat Lodge with Joe Syrette 4 p.m. B. Health</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m. 7th Gen Community Sewing Nights 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen Peer 360 at BH Lodge 6-7 p.m. B. Health</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. B. Health</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Fireside on the Rez 6-7:30 p.m. B. Health AOVWS Meeting 2 p.m. Ziibiwing</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Sewing in Saganing 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saganing Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health Bingo with Friends 1-3 p.m. Andahwod</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Drums Out 7:30-9:30 p.m. 7th Gen</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Eagle Feather Teaching 1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Summer Cookout 12-1 p.m. Saganing Peer 360 at BH Lodge 6-7 p.m. B. Health</p>	<p>17</p> <p>TRIBAL OBSERVER DEADLINE Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. B. Health Traditional Wigamig Kinoo'maage Lodge Teachings 4-7 p.m. SCTC Mshkikiikaan (6900 E. Remus Rd.)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Fireside on the Rez 6-7:30 p.m. B. Health</p>
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<p>27</p> <p>Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health Two-Spirit Talking Circle 6-8 p.m. 7th Gen</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Drums Out 7:30-9:30 p.m. 7th Gen</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Eagle Feather Teaching 1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health Summer Baby Celebration 6-8 p.m. 7th Gen</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Summer Cookout 12-1 p.m. Saganing Peer 360 at BH Lodge 6-7 p.m. B. Health</p>	<p>31</p> <p>DEADLINE: Sept. 1, 2026 TCWP due by 5 p.m. Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. B. Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling



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Tribal Operations

Fresh Water Operator II

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must have three years of water operator or related experience.

Fresh Water Operator III

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must have five years of water operator or related experience.

Waste Water Operator II

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

Waste Water Operator III

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

ACFS Supervisor

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work, human services, or related field. Four years of social services: working with children and families experience. One year of experience in child welfare. One year of experience in a supervisory capacity.

Dentist

Open to the public. DDS/DMD degree from an accredited school. Michigan licensed dentist. Two years working dentist experience desired. DEA Controlled Substance License or ability to obtain upon hire.

Dental Hygienist

Open to the public. Registered dental hygienist. Two years working experience in dental hygiene desired.

Physician - IHS Same Day

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 desired.

AWARE Elementary Counselor/Family Outreach

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 families of children with severe emotional disturbances.

Registered Medical Assistant - Third Shift PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Registered or Certified Medical Assistant license. One-year experience in long term care or clinic setting desired.

Certified Nursing Assistant - Third Shift PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Certified Nursing Assistant. One year nursing experience desired.

Assistant Prosecutor PT

Open to the public. Juris Doctor from an ABA accredited law school. Member in good standing with the State Bar of Michigan.

Interim Transport CNA

Open to the public. Interim position. High school diploma or GED. Certified Nursing Assistant.

Interim Clinical Therapist

Open to the public. Licensed master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain full licensure within two years from date of hire.

Registered Medical Assistant - Same Day

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Registered or Certified Medical Assistant license. Must be knowledgeable in CPT and ICD 10 codes and medical terminology.

Community Development Director

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in urban planning, public administration, or a related field. Five years of progressively responsible experience in public works administration or community development and planning. Three years in a managerial/supervisory capacity.

Cultural Liaison

Open to SCIT Members only. Associate degree in Native culture/Indigenous studies or a related cultural discipline. Three years experience in the Anishinaabek culture, traditions, and history within the SCIT community. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple organizations and community systems. Minimum of three

years experience in developing and delivering programs and services. Minimum of two years experience in a leadership capacity.

Community Engineer

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in civil engineering, public administration, or related field; and at least three years of progressively responsible experience in public works administration and/or municipal engineering. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered. Experience with SCIT codes and ordinances such as the zoning ordinance and building code.

Pharmacy Technician

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Pharmacy technician license. One year experience working in a pharmacy desired.

Youth Project Coordinator

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education, social work, psychology, public health, public administration or related field. Three years of related experience required. Experience working with youth.

Maintenance Worker PT

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

LPN Assisted Living

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Licensed Practical Nurse. One-year long term care experience desired.

Prosecutor

Open to the public. Juris Doctor from an ABA accredited law school. Minimum of three years experience as a practicing attorney. Minimum of one year experience as a prosecuting attorney. Member of a State Bar Association and in good standing.

Prevention Specialist

Open to the public. Associate degree in human services or related field. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered. Experience with Native American traditions and cultural processes.

Tribal Code

Compliance Officer

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Associate degree in human services or related field. Five years' relevant experience including building construction,

inspection and ordinance enforcement. Communication and interpersonal skills to deal effectively with property owners, State, local, and tribal governmental representatives, builders, contractors, other office staff and community-at-large.

Internship

Unpaid internship within Tribal Operations or other tribal enterprises. Open to the public. Must be an enrolled student at a college or university, and provide SCIT with documentation of the university's requirements/scope of work for the required internship. Must currently have a cumulative 2.5 GPA.

Applications Specialist I

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field. One year experience in IT. Experience with ODBC connectivity, relational database, server hardware and connectivity. Experience with Windows Server and Desktop OS, Linux, UNIX, Disaster Recovery software and hardware.

Police Officer

Open to the public. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation.

Clerical Pool

Open to SCIT Members only. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent.

General Labor Pool

Open to Tribal Members and community members. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Soaring Eagle

Sous Chef

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Three years kitchen experience in a quality operation specializing in food production. One year in a supervisory capacity.

Pastry Sous Chef

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Three years kitchen experience in a quality operation specializing in food production. One year in a supervisory capacity.

Line Cook

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, or six months of SECR internal culinary training.

Kitchen Equipment Tech

Open to the public. Three years of experience in commercial food equipment repair. Must have a current and must be able to maintain a current Universal Refrigerant Certification.

Guest Relations Rep PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Experience in guest service, special events, promotions, and or cash handling.

F&B Cashier PT

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

Construction and Training Coordinator

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a minimum of 10 years' experience in either a facilities or skilled trade work environment. Must have a current valid State of Michigan master electrician, master plumber or builders license.

Entertainment Chauffeur

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a current and valid Chauffeur's License. Must be able to work all shifts such as weekends, graveyard, and holidays.

Call Center Agent FT

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

Call Center Agent PT

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

Saganing

Night Auditor

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

Cage Cashier PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cash handling or cashiering experience.

Maintenance Worker FT

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

Maintenance Worker PT

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

Players Club Representative PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Customer service experience desired.

Slot Attendant

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

Inventory Control Driver Warehouse

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year experience in driving vehicles and rigs that require a CDL license. Experience with operating warehouse equipment including forklifts and riding cleaning machines. Experience on stand-up or sit-down fork lifts or ability to be certified within 90 days of hire/transfer.

F&B Attendant FT

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

F&B Attendant PT

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

Line Cook

Open to the public. Six months of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, or six months of internal culinary training.

Beverage Waitstaff FT

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

Beverage Waitstaff PT

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

Bartender FT

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

Bartender PT

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

Guest Room Attendant

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

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT NOTICES

NOTICE OF HEARING AND IMMEDIATE EXCLUSION PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 3 SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE OF MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan has initiated exclusion proceedings against, Waabzhkiinangwegan "Giizhig" Osawamick pursuant to Ordinance 3 of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Waabzhkiinangwegan "Giizhig" Osawamick has been immediately excluded from all lands and property of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan pending further proceedings, except for the sole and limited purpose of attending the hearing scheduled in this matter.

A hearing in this matter shall be held on the 6th day of August, 2026, at 1 p.m. at 6954 East Broadway, Mount Pleasant, Michigan 48858, for the purpose of receiving evidence, making findings, and providing recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding whether the Respondent should continue to be excluded from Tribal lands pursuant to Ordinance 3.

The Respondent shall provide written confirmation to Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, Legal Department, 7500 Soaring Eagle Boulevard, Mount Pleasant, Michigan 48858 within ten (10) calendar days from the date of publication of this Notice that she will attend the schedule hearing, or to request a continuance of the hearing date. If the Respondent will be represented by an attorney at the hearing, the Respondent must provide a written notice of the name, address and phone number of the attorney to the Tribe at least five (5) calendar days before the date of the exclusion hearing.

Failure to provide written confirmation or request a continuance within the required time period may result in the Respondent being deemed to have waived the right to a hearing, and a default Order of Exclusion may be entered in the Respondent's absence.

This Notice is published pursuant to Ordinance 3 of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. The hearing scheduled herein is set no sooner than thirty (30) calendar days following publication of this Notice.



Annual Saganing Powwow weekend 2026: Rehabilitated eagle released

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Editor

The annual Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow took place this year on June 6-7.

The grand entries began at 1 p.m. both days and 4 p.m. on Saturday on Worth Road in Standish, Mich., located on the powwow grounds next to the Saganing Tribal Center and Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Resort.

Ray Cadotte led the way in the arena as this year's head veteran.

Head dancers were chosen daily for each session and included: Megan Oliver and Darrel Delabreau, Julie Whitepigeon and Stephan Oldman, and Janet Oliver and Mike Demain.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Head Veteran Ray Cadotte (right) leads the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society with Micheal McCreery (left) and Paul Walker (center) and flag carriers during the Saturday, June 6 grand entry.



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Megan Oliver (left) and Darrel Delabreau (right) serve as head dancers on Saturday. Joey Jimenez (center) was also honored as Miss Wii Maajikwad 2026-2027.

Miss Wii Maajikwad 2026-2027 (Royalty) Joey Jimenez, a Wii Maajikwad student, joined the head dancers on Saturday.

Mike Medawis served as emcee and Gabe Cleveland was the arena director.

Wind Eagle was featured as host drum. Invited drums included: Woodland Stream, Sturgeon Bay, The Platoon, Spirit Lake, Black River and Wind Eagle Jr.

The sound system was provided by Everything Audio Visual.

Powwow Committee specials with payouts included: Woodland men, jingle dress, northern traditional, and women's applique for ages 17 and older. The specials for 16 and younger included: Woodland

junior, grass dance, jingle dress, and girls' applique.

A unique and significant moment was held on Saturday afternoon when the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians partnered with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe to release its first rehabilitated eagle, publicly.

After suffering injuries from a vehicle collision and lead poisoning, the female eagle arrived at the LTBB Archie Kiogima Jr.-ba Migizi Aviary and Rehabilitation Center. The eagle came into the center's care through a partnership with the Association

to Rescue Kritters, according to a news release.

"For the Anishinaabe people, the migizi holds deep cultural significance," the media release stated. "As our messenger, the eagle carries prayers to the Creator and is one of the most revered beings in our teachings. Helping return a migizi to the skies is more than wildlife rehabilitation – it is a responsibility and honor."

The eagle's recovery took 62 days after intake before its release.

This was the first rehabilitated eagle release conducted LTBB's center.



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden

A rehabilitated eagle is released on Saturday on the Saganing Powwow Grounds.



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