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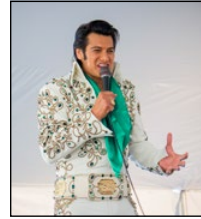
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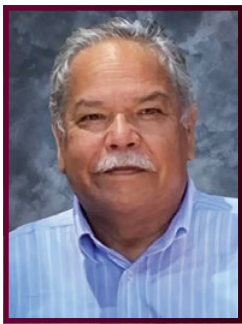
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In loving memory of FORMER TRIBAL CHIEFS RON FALCON AND DENNIS KEQUOM



RONALD ALLEN FALCON

October 31, 1953 – June 10, 2024
Served as Tribal Chief from 1991-1993



DENNIS VINCENT KEQUOM II

October 14, 1952 – July 11, 2024
Served as Tribal Chief from 2009-2013

Recovery, sobriety celebrated during Freedom Walk on July 27

MATTHEW WRIGHT
Staff Writer

A total of 304 community members came together for a celebration of recovery and sobriety during the 35th annual Freedom Walk on Saturday, July 27. Held during the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow weekend, the annual event began with breakfast served at 7:30 a.m. in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

Tribal Council Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts offered a prayer to bless the meal.

Tribal Council Secretary Jennifer Wassegijig provided opening remarks.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Freedom Walk participants stand in solidarity to support sober lifestyles at the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow grounds on Saturday, July 27.

“We can find ourselves as we relate to some of the struggles other families have gone through,” Wassegijig said. “But I do find it a true blessing when we are able to share tears of joy as we fondly remember those who have walked, celebrate the ones in recovery and be here to support the ones that are ready.”

Wassegijig continued, “It’s a beautiful thing to see everyone come together to keep these

memories alive and it brings in light on why we are walking for freedom today. So when you walk today, remember those that have walked on, remember those that are in recovery, and remember those that are still finding their way. This is just the beginning of your healing journey. Chi-miigwetch and God bless us all!”

Tribal Council Sergeant-at-Arms Christina Otto also shared remarks.

“To all the families who are breaking generational trauma and approaching upon on a healthy lifestyle,

we see you and appreciate you,” Otto said.

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Annual Homecoming Meeting held during powwow week

The annual Homecoming Meeting was held on Thursday, July 25 at 10 a.m. in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort’s Entertainment Hall.

The event began with a welcome by Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez and a grand entry, with Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society members, performed by Onion Creek Drum.

After breakfast, Chief Tim J. Davis provided updates from Tribal remarks, followed by



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Chief Tim J. Davis

updates from Tribal Council members.

Tribal Members may view the Homecoming Meeting in its entirety by logging in at www.sagchip.org/start.aspx



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Eight individuals (plus two not photographed) are honored with cedar eagle feathers for embodying and demonstrating what it means to walk a life on the Red Road to wellbriety.

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Public Notices



Dennis Vincent Kequom II

October 14, 1952 - July 11, 2024

Dennis Vincent Kequom II, 71, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Thursday, July 11, 2024, at Andahwod Senior Center. His passing came two hours and 20 minutes after the passing of his mother, Cynthia Floyd, in the same room.



Vince was born Oct. 14, 1952, in Mt. Pleasant, son of Dennis Vincent and Cynthia (Fisher) Kequom. His marriage to Esther Chamberlain was blessed with two children, Dennis "Vinnie" Kequom III and Dana Lynn Kequom.

After graduating from Mt. Pleasant High School, he worked as a roofer. He spent the next 32 years at Dow Chemical, retiring as a fabricator. He married Marie Wheaton on May 23, 1981, in Isabella County, Michigan.

Vince was a thrill seeker. He enjoyed time on his motorcycles and often visited Cedar Point. Some of his favorite pastimes were collecting guns, knives and archery bows, playing billiards, golfing, fishing, and hunting.

When his children were younger, he loved to take them camping all over Michigan. Vince was an incredible and devoted father. He and Marie traveled on the motorcycles to Sturgis, S.D., the Bike Run at the Gathering of the Nations in New Mexico, and made frequent trips to the Upper Peninsula.

More than anything, he enjoyed the peace and quiet of sitting in front of his garage in the company of his dogs and cell phone.

Vince served two terms as the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Chief and was a proud member.

He is survived by his loving wife, Marie; two children, Dennis "Vinnie" (Tonia) Kequom of Mt. Pleasant, Dana Lynn (Chip) Neyome of Mt. Pleasant; grandchildren, Skyler, Tina, Kobun, Hunter, Caleb, Andrew, and Emmett; extended family; and faithful canines, Sophie and Bo Jangles.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dennis Kequom; mother Cynthia Floyd (by a few hours); step-father, Marvel Floyd; granddaughter, Autumn Neyome.

His funeral and mother's funeral were celebrated together at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, at Charles R. Lux Family Funeral Home with Alice Jo Ricketts officiating. The family received friends on Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. and one hour before the service on Wednesday. A luncheon followed in Lincoln Reception Center (attached to the funeral home).

Memorial contributions may be made to Dalis to the Rescue or Humane Animal Treatment Center (HATS).

Cynthia Velma Floyd

September 25, 1927 - July 11, 2024

Cynthia Floyd, 96, of Mount Pleasant passed away Thursday, July 11, 2024, at Andahwod Senior Center. Her passing came two hours and 20 minutes prior to the passing of her son Dennis Vincent Kequom II, in the same room.



Cindy was born Sept. 25, 1927, in Rosebush, Mich., daughter of the late Marvin Fisher and Dora Collins. Her marriage to Dennis Kequom Sr. was blessed with a son, Dennis Vincent II.

Cindy was employed by various places including Central Michigan Community Hospital, Michigan Bulb in Grand Rapids, county carnivals, and farms, harvesting fruits.

Cindy married Marvel Floyd on Feb. 2, 1979, in Grand Rapids.

She enjoyed shopping, traveling with seniors on trips, and helping at the Sowmick Center. Her best friend was Dorothy Netmop who predeceased her in April of 2024.

She was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Cindy leaves behind her grandchildren, Dennis "Vinnie" (Tonia) Kequom of Mt. Pleasant, Dana Lynn (Chip) Neyome of Mt. Pleasant; great-grandchildren, Skyler, Tina, Kobun, Hunter, Caleb, Andrew, and Emmett; daughter-in-law, Marie Kequom of Mt. Pleasant; extended family; and beloved canine, Scruffy.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Marvel Floyd; three infant children, Johnny, Rebecca, and Diana; and great-granddaughter, Autumn Neyome.

Her funeral and son's funeral were celebrated together at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, at Charles R. Lux Family Funeral Home with Alice Jo Ricketts officiating. The family received friends on Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. and one hour before the service on Wednesday. A luncheon followed in Lincoln Reception Center (attached to the funeral home).

Memorial contributions may be made to Dalis to the Rescue or Humane Animal Treatment Center (HATS).

Julie Ann Snyder

November 9, 1947 - June 24, 2024

Julie Ann Snyder, age 76, of Mount Pleasant, passed on Monday, June 24, 2024, surrounded by family after a brief battle with cancer.



Julie was born Nov. 9, 1947, in Battle Creek, Mich. to Leonard J. Pamp (Pamptopee) and Stella R. Pamp (Bennett); granddaughter to Levi Pamp (wife Elizabeth Pamp [Paul]) and Charles Bennett (wife Rose Bennett [Peters]).

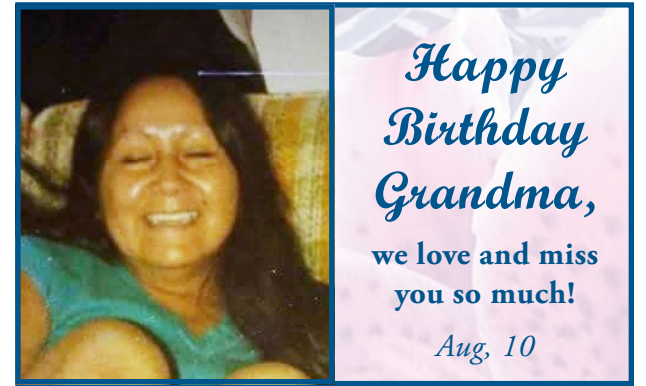
Julie was a member of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi.

Julie is survived by her daughters Dawn Briggs, Donniss and Mark Szydowski, Douglas (Anna) Snyder, 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Julie was preceded in death by her son Duane Snyder, parents, grandparents and one grandson.

Funeral services took place at Clark Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 11 a.m. with Dale Anderson officiating. Interment followed at Woodland Cemetery. A luncheon was held after graveside committal at the Housing Pavilion, 7363 E. Broadway, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858. Visitation began at 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi (NHBP) annual powwow.



Tuesdays • June 4 - Sept. 17

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 sell produce/plants/other.
- You must be Native American to be an art vendor.

Now featuring:

Produce grown on SCTC's Food Sovereignty Garden

Mshkikiikaan

(The Place of Medicine)



Like us on Facebook!

For more information, contact:

Jasmine Gonzalez, Market Master

989.775.4629 | JaGonzalez@sagchip.org

Wewebanaabiiwin Youth Fishing Tournament
Friday, Aug. 9, 2024
Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Registration start at 8 a.m.
Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park
 5514 E. Airport Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Free event, open to the public

- Age groups: 5 to 9, 10-13, and 14 to 17
- Canoes are limited to a first-come, first-serve basis
- Adult must be in the canoe with any youth 13 & under
- Hot dogs, hamburgers and side dishes
- Trophies will be awarded for the first three places
- Many raffle giveaways (must be a participant to enter)

For more information, please contact:
 989.944.0495 or KeRicketts@sagchip.org

September 2024 Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits or Child Mino Shkiziwin Applications

Forms are available now.
**You must fill out ONE form completely.*

Deadline: Friday, Aug. 2, 2024 by 5 p.m.

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

Notarization is required

- Forms are available by mail, email and online at www.sagchip.org
- Post marked forms, email or faxed will not be accepted
- 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 Business Regulations at 989-775-4175**

Public notice of unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members

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

Tribal Member Name	Date of Death
Acuna, Alyssa Lynn	02/08/2023
Bird, Kevin Lee	07/11/2023
Campbell, Tiffany Ann	04/08/2023
Carpenter, Vivian	08/08/2023
Davis Sr., Marvin Lee	12/05/2022
Falcon, Ronald Allen	06/10/2024
Funnell, Nancy Caroll	02/11/2024
Glavas, Cree Summer	10/18/2023
Glover, Jessie B	05/06/2023
High, Roger Wayne	04/16/2023
Meredith, Vivian June	07/19/2023
Phillips, Lu Ann	03/09/2023
Poulos, Barbar Jean	01/28/2024
Quayle Jr., William H.	07/29/2023
Smielewski, Susan M.	07/11/2023
Underwood, Aloma	03/08/2023
Roy, Barbara Ann	08/08/2022
Smielewski, Susan	07/11/2023
Underwood, Aloma	03/08/2023



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

• Aug. 6 • Sept. 3 • Oct. 1



Huron-Manistee National Forests

Camping Available Camping fees are waived

Go to Rec.gov

- Select Huron-Manistee National Forest

Select your dates and campground

When checking out:

- Fill in your personal information
- Apply an eligible pass discount:
 - * Pass type: Tribal fee waiver
 - * Tribal Name: Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- Check the box: Tribal ID Card
 - * Make sure to have your Tribal ID card when checking in at the campground

For more information, contact:

Kim Otto McCoy, Planning
(989) 775-4014 or KMcCoy@sagchip.org



FIFTH ANNUAL OPIOID SUMMIT

"Raising Awareness, Taking Action, Saving Lives"

Presented by the Bureau of Indian Affairs
and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

Save the Date! Oct. 28 & 29, 2024
SECR Entertainment Hall

For questions or more information, contact:
989.775.4805 | Carjackson@sagchip.org

Submissions Needed

The fifth annual Statewide Tribal Opioid Summit Committee is requesting the communities support for submittal of a picture and a written brief story of remembrance of their loved one who would like a chance to share with others due to opioid, alcohol substance misuse and suicide.

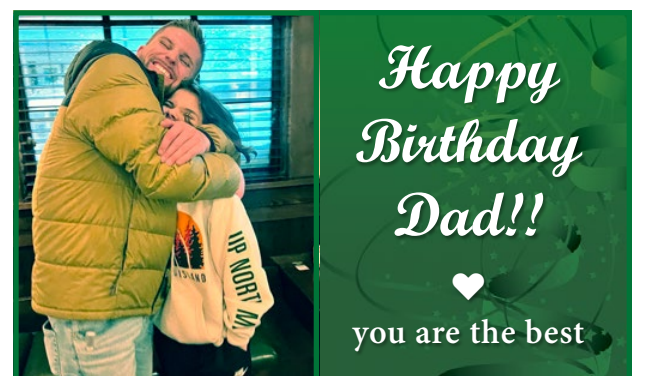
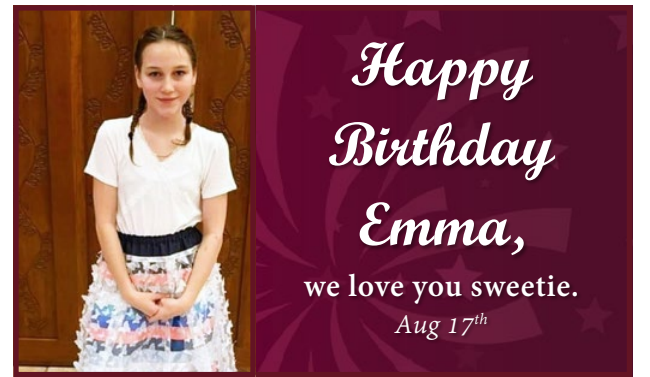
- The Summit will pay a memorial tribute on Oct. 28 & 29, 2024 at the Soaring Eagle and Casino & Resort in the Entertainment Hall.
- To fondly remember of the lives lost, to lend a voice to those who cannot speak, to bring families together to share their stories and to bring awareness through education. Let's also band together to stop the stigma and shame.



Please send a photo along with a brief description to share of your loved one to:

Carol Jackson at Carjackson@sagchip.org

- A memory board will be created of your loved one to share with participants at the summit.
- For more information, please visit: www.sagchip.org



30th annual Gathering of the Eagles Hessel Powwow

Aug. 16-18, 2024 | Hessel, Mich.

- Powwow Grounds next to Kewadin Hessel Casino

People's Traditional Powwow

Aug. 24-25, 2024 | Mount Pleasant, Mich.

- 7597 E. Remus Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Newberry Powwow

Sept. 7, 2024 | Newberry, Mich.

- 4935 Zee Ba Tik Ln., Newberry, MI 49868

GVAIL 63rd Annual Traditional Powwow

Sept. 7-8, 2024 | Grand Rapids, Mich.

- 2001 Monroe, Grand Rapids, MI 49505

For more information, please visit:

<https://calendar.powwows.com/events/categories/pow-wows/pow-wows-in-michigan/>

NIINDIBAAJIMOWINAN: DIGITAL STORYTELLING



SIGN UP HERE

August 19-20

10 AM - 3:30 PM

Ziibiwing Cultural Center

6650 E Broadway Rd,
Mt Pleasant, MI 48858



COME TELL US YOUR STORY

HISTORIC PRESERVATION GATHERING WORKSHOP

Come share a story and a meal with us. Capture your story in a meaningful way with the use of technical editing software.

Catering provided and space is limited





For more information contact:

Kehli Henry - henry1ka@msu.edu
Gordon Henry - henryg@msu.edu
Tayden Davis - davist49@msu.edu
Kevin Leonard - leonard1@msu.edu

2025 Annual Reports

Forms available now

Deadline: Friday, Nov. 1, 2024

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 2025 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



Ziibiwing Center Community Digital Archive ASSISTANCE NEEDED

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

You can view the current development at this temporary web address:
<https://cdsc-wsu.org/ziibiwing-center/home>

For more information, please contact:

- Email: ZiibiwingQuestions@sagchip.org
- Phone: 989-775-4733 or 989-775-4748




Tribal Council

Chief
Tim J. Davis | District One

Sub-Chief
Luke Sprague | District One

Treasurer
Maia Spotted Tail | District One

Secretary
Jennifer L. Wassegijig | District One

Sergeant-at-Arms
Christina Otto | District One

Chaplain
Alice Jo Ricketts | District One

Council Member
Brad Bennett | District One

Council Member
David Merrill Jr. | District One

Council Member
Frank J. Cloutier | District Three

Council Member
Ron Nelson | District Two

Council Member
Samantha Chippeway | District One

Council Member
Theresa Peters-Jackson | District One



Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center

Orchard Lab Services

Open for walk-ins, or skip the line and schedule an appointment 989-775-4687
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Please remember to bring all outside lab orders with you or fax directly to Nimkee Clinic at 989-775-4680.
Lab will remain closed for all Federal Holidays

For more information, please call: 989-775-4600

Pharmacy Services

Nimkee Pharmacy hours:
Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Meijer Pharmacy hours:
Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Cardinal Pharmacy hours:
Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For more information, please call: 989.775.4608

Same-day appointments

We want to ensure that all patients have a positive experience at Nimkee Clinic. If you have a same-day appointment, we kindly ask that you focus on addressing any urgent issues during your visit. To give your non-urgent concerns the attention they deserve, we may schedule a follow-up visit. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Same-day appointments are scheduled for 15-30 minutes

To schedule your appointment, please call: 989.775.4600

District 1 SCIT Elders Hazardous Tree Removal PROGRAM

Maximum \$1,000 per District 1 SCIT Elder homeowner

Requirements:

- ▶ 55 years and over
- ▶ Reside within District 1 jurisdictional boundaries
- ▶ Hazardous tree(s) must be evaluated by Planning Department staff

Documentation needed:

1. Proof of homeownership
2. Provide at least one estimate from insured tree removal contractor

Wood is for Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Elder homeowner, other Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Elder, or Tribal department use and may not be sold.

Contact information:
Kim Otto McCoy, Planning Department
• Phone: 989-775-4014
• Email: KMcCoy@sagchip.org



Working Together To Protect Our Environment

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.



Nimkee Fitness

24/7 ACCESS


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

Access prohibited: It is prohibited to enter the facility after business hours without filling out the 24/7 access paperwork.

Staff: Fitness staff will be available from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to assist with the access paperwork.

Yoga Class | Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact:
Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690



OBSTACLES to Recovery

Overcome an obstacle course around the reservation together


Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024
Broadway Park

Obstacle course




- Fifteen different stations (for all ability levels and ages)
- Each station symbolizing steps to the recovery process
- First wave begins at 11 a.m. and continues every 15 minutes until 1:30 p.m.
- Create a team or just come and join others in the fun!
- Please show up 20 minutes prior to your start time

To register a team, contact:
Jaden Harman: 989.775.4694 | JHarman@sagchip.org

Post event activities: Lunch, bounce house and door prizes



Long sleeve T-shirts for the first 125 participants

TRIBAL OBSERVER

Boozhu! The Tribal Observer, a monthly newspaper, is published on the first of each month.

- To contact Tribal Observer staff, please call 989-775-4096 or email observer@sagchip.org.
- To change your mailing address, please contact the Tribal Clerk's office at 989-775-4055.
- Community advertisements will not be accepted over the phone.

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

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



Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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

Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

Contact Information:
• Phone: 989-775-4096
• Email: Observer@Sagchip.org
• www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver



Rental Assistance Program

SCIT Housing Department is now taking applications for rental assistance

- ▶ Open to low-income Native households within Michigan's lower peninsula
- ▶ Assistance is limited to SCIT's eight county service area as defined by HUD: Arenac, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Montcalm, Mecosta, Midland and Osceola.
- ▶ Applicant must be a member of a federally-recognized tribe
- ▶ Must meet HUD income limits: www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html
- ▶ First come, first serve
- ▶ Will pay the security deposit and first month's rent while funds last.



For more information, please contact:

Miranda Pelcher-Miley | 989-775-4532 | MiPelcher@sagchip.org

Annual HUD income limits for affordable housing programs in Arenac and Isabella counties

FY 2024 Income Limits Summary

Based on 2024 U.S. Median Income: \$97,800

1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
\$54,768	\$62,592	\$70,416	\$78,240	\$84,499	\$90,758	\$97,018	\$103,277

If household income is at or below these amounts, you are income eligible.



School & Sport Physicals

At Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center

Upcoming dates:

- Aug. 8: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Aug. 22: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Aug. 28: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Sept. 4: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- ▶ Physical forms can be printed or picked up to be filled prior to the physical.

To schedule your appointment, please call: 989-775-4672 or 989-775-4679



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



June 17 - Aug. 16, 2024 Monday - Friday

Come in and have a seat and eat:

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

Saginaw Chippewa Academy

7498 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

**This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*

Call 211 or Text Food to 877-877 to find a safe site near you.

Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.



Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations Announcement

New Department Name!

The former Business Regulations & Tax Department is now the Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations.

Contact information and updated forms can be found online at:

- www.sagchip.org/BusinessRegulations
- www.sagchip.org/forms.aspx

Mno Shkiziwin Open Enrollment Period is Aug. 1 - Nov. 1, 2024

All new applications and requested changes must be submitted by Nov. 1, 2024 at 5 p.m. to take affect January 2025.

Please call or email the Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations with any questions.

- **Latasha, Licensing Specialist:** (989) 775-4175
- **Chris, Director:** (989) 775-4105
- **Email:** OTLR@sagchip.org

Elder Parking Permits

Elder Parking Permits are available at the Office of Tribal Licensing and Regulations. Please visit the office to complete an application and pick up new or replacement permits.

License Plates

Friendly reminder for any Tribal Member who carries a SCIT License Plate on their vehicle:

Please stop by the office any time there is a change in your personal information since your last renewal, including name, contact information, physical/ mailing address, or Driver's License renewal.

Sagamok Loyalty Cards

Sagamok Loyalty Cards for eligible Tribal Members are available at the Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations. Pick yours up ASAP to continue receiving Fuel and Tobacco tax discounts at Sagamok!



Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College second annual



Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024

Registration: 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Race starts: 9 a.m.

Fee: FREE

Course: 5805 Pickard St., Mount Pleasant

Grass trails on the old Waabooz Run Golf Course

Awards/gifts: Overall male and female awards, participant keychain, custom T-shirt to first 150 participants

Registration: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/MountPleasant/SCTCMshiikeh5KRunWalk>

For more information, contact:

Jayme Green | 989.317.4760 ext. 241 | jagreen@sagchip.edu



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The 36th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics takes place: Team SCIT takes home gold

KYLA HENRY

Summer Youth Worker

The 36th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics (MIFO) took place Friday July 19, 2024, and kicked off the day with track and field events at Central Michigan University's Bennett Track and Field.

This year had more than 700 participants. There were a total of nine tribes competing. At the end of all the events, Team Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe came out on top, and in first which left them taking home the gold medal.

Following in second place was Gun Lake Tribe of Pottawatomis Indians and leading in third was Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

Other competing Michigan tribes/communities included: Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, American Indian Health and Family Services, Hannahville Indian Community and Grand River.

The Michigan Indian Family Olympics' opening ceremonies began at 9 a.m. with grand entry – with flag carriers and MIFO families and participants walking around the track.



Both grand entry and flag song was sang by the Blue House drum/singers. Following the flag song, Tribal Council Sergeant-at-Arms Christina Otto provided a prayer.

On Thursday, July 18, the MIFO golf match was held at Maple Creek Golf Course. That following afternoon corn hole and pickle ball took place at Island Park.

All competitions started at 9:30 a.m. Each participant got a chance to compete in their own age group and a numerous amounts of events such as: several track events, long jump, basketball shots, fitness circuits, archery, lacrosse, softball throws, bean bag toss, baby crawl, tug-of-war, and much more.

As the day went on and while results came in, Erik Rodriguez, Joseph Sownick and Kyla Henry, of the Public Relations Department, made announcements for participants to hear. The Information



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Veterans and flag carriers lead the Friday, July 19 grand entry to commence the 36th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics at Central Michigan University's Bennett Track & Field.



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Blue House Singers, Tribal Council Sergeant-at-Arms Christina Otto, flag carriers and tribal banner carriers are photographed on the track after the flag song.

Technology Department kept updating the scores throughout the day online on the sagchip.org website.

Gold, silver, and bronze were awarded to the top three finishers that competed in different age/categories groups at the competition.

"... Michigan Indian Family Olympics was another amazing day," said Jaden Harman,

MIFO head coordinator. "The healthy competition shared by all the tribes is always a beautiful scene. And seeing the laughter, joy, and each participant giving their best efforts tops it off. Not to mention we had some awesome summer weather.

"Chi-miigwetch to all the volunteers! This grand event couldn't be done without you. It truly takes an army of a community to put this on. The Family Olympics committee greatly appreciates all your efforts in making this event run smooth!"



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The MIFO Golf Competition was held at Maple Creek Golf Course on Thursday, July 18.



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Competitors take off from the starting line during the one-mile run.



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Participants, led by veterans and flag carriers, complete the walk of the opening ceremonies.

2024 Team Results

First Place:

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe 532 points

2nd: Gun Lake Tribe of Pottawatomis Indians 447 points

3rd: Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians 329 points

4th: Nottawaseppi Huron Band Potawatomi 235 points

5th: Pokagon Band of Potawatomi 199 points

6th: Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 63 points

7th: American Indian Health and Family Services 16 points

8th: Hannahville Indian Community 13 points

9th: Grand River 3 points



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Members of the Team SCIT 12 & under tug-of-war team



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2024 Michigan Indian Family Olympics SCIT results



10 Meter Tot Trot

- 1-2, Female: Alizah Nuganash-Jackson, (Bronze)

20 Meter Tot Trot

- 3-4, Male: Niigaanii Rueckert (Gold), Oliver Flory (Bronze)
- 3-4, Female: Wasaybiya Wemigwans (Gold), Ella Pelcher (Silver)

Baby Crawl

- Female: Ava Pelcher (Gold), Ember Meshkowitz (Silver), Mia Rueckert (Bronze)

Pre/Post Natal Walk

- Female: Tiana Escobar (Silver)

50 Meter Run

- 5-6, Male: Mateo Terrell (Bronze)
- 10-12, Male: Jaiden Mandoka (Bronze)
- 65+, Male: Merton Flory (Bronze)
- 5-6, Female: Lana Ekdahl (Gold), Avalina Terrell (Bronze)
- 7-9, Female: Kingsley Davis (Bronze)
- 10-12, Female: Leela Saboo (Silver)

100 Meter Run

- 16-18, Male: Alex Taylor (Gold)
- 19-24, Male: Elijah Otto (Bronze)
- 41-54, Male: Michael McCreery (Gold), Markus Chamberlain (Silver)
- 13-15, Female: Isabella Saboo (Gold)
- 19-24, Female: Nelxine Navejar (Silver), Sage Chupco (Bronze)
- 25-32, Female: Alicia Ramirez (Gold), Lydia Judson (Bronze)
- 33-40, Female: Christina Otto (Gold), Rosemary Ekdahl (Bronze)
- 41-54, Female: Nicole Nedwash (Silver), Guadalupe Gonzalez (Bronze)

400 Meter Run

- 13-15, Male: Jeremiah Perez (Bronze)
- 41-54, Male: Markus Chamberlain (Gold), Keith Riley (Silver)
- 65+, Male: Merton Flory (Silver)
- 19-24, Female: India Perez (Gold), Nelxine Navejar (Bronze)

- 25-32, Female: Alicia Ramirez (Silver), Francis Whitney (Bronze)
- 33-40, Female: Christina Otto (Silver)
- 41-54, Female: Nicole Nedwash (Silver)

1 Mile Run

- 5-6, Male: Mekhi Jordan (Gold), Emskoozid Navejar (Silver)
- 10-12, Male: Kevin Jordan (Silver)
- 41-54, Male: Markus Chamberlain (Gold)
- 5-6, Female: Alvia Ekdahl (Gold), Autumn Ekdahl (Silver)
- 7-9, Female: Kamila Leureaux (Bronze)
- 10-12, Female: Leela Saboo (Silver), Nayeli Jordan (Bronze)
- 16-18, Female: Kendal Markery (Silver)
- 19-24, Female: India Perez (Gold), Nelxine Navejar (Bronze)
- 33-40, Female: Christina Otto (Silver), Betsy Ekdahl (Bronze)

Archery

- 16-18, Male: Isaiah Rodriguez (Gold), Kadenn Rose (Silver), Jimi-James Flory (Bronze)
- 19-24, Male: Logan Hippensteel (Silver)
- 33-40, Male: Luke Sprague (Silver)
- 41-54, Male: Daniel Bennett (Gold)
- 65+, Male: Alvin Jackson (Bronze)
- 16-18, Female: Jodie Henry (Bronze)
- 19-24, Female: Sydney Jackson (Bronze)
- 25-32, Female: Alicia Ramirez (Silver)
- 33-40, Female: Leah Denhof (Bronze)
- 41-54, Female: Felicia Otto (Bronze)

Lacrosse Speed Shot

- 7-9, Male: Abram Davis (Silver)
- 16-18, Male: Kadenn Rose (*Gold), Jonny Higbie (*Gold), Isaiah Rodriguez (Bronze)
- 19-24, Male: Niij-Zhik Quintero (Gold)
- 25-32, Male: Joseph Shomin (*Silver)
- 33-40, Male: Keenan Davis (Silver)
- 41-54, Male: Michael McCreery (Silver)
- 7-9, Female: Nina Nahmabin (Bronze)
- 16-18, Female: Kaya Rose (Silver)
- 19-24, Female: Kaila Garcia (Gold), India Perez (Bronze)
- 25-32, Female: Maureen Rueckert (Silver)
- 33-40, Female: Rosemary Ekdahl (Silver)
- 41-54, Female: Felicia Otto (*Gold)
- 55-64, Female: Loreen Flory (Silver), Bonnie Sprague (*Bronze)

Basketball Shot

- 10-12, Male: Kruz Chamberlain (Gold), Sean-Jacob Flory (*Silver), Elijah Quigno (*Silver), Joseph Espinosa (*Bronze)
- 13-15, Male: Aiden Raphael (*Silver), Kyven Rose (*Bronze)
- 16-18, Male: Christian Quigno (*Silver), John Wemigwans (*Silver), Kadenn Rose (Bronze)

- 19-24, Male: Elijah Otto (*Gold), Leonard Showmin (*Gold), Brandon Mosby (*Silver), Anthony Morales (*Bronze)
- 25-32, Male: Joseph Shomin (Bronze)
- 33-40, Male: Keenan Davis (Silver), Brian Wemigwans (*Bronze)
- 41-54, Male: Henry Robinson (*Silver), Kelly Chamberlain (*Silver), Markus Chamberlain (*Bronze), Eric Flory (*Bronze)
- 55-64, Male: John Henry (*Bronze)
- 65+, Male: Merton Flory (*Bronze)
- 10-12, Female: Bonnie Redstar (Gold), Brooklyn Redstar (Silver), Faye Wemigwans (Bronze)
- 13-15, Female: Isabella Saboo (Silver)
- 16-18, Female: Kaya Rose (Gold), Nevaeh Flory (Bronze)
- 19-24, Female: Alicia Raphael (Gold), Mattea Gonzalez (Bronze)
- 25-32, Female: Morgan Trepanier (Gold), Olivia Maniowabi (*Silver), Whitney Francis (*Bronze)
- 41-54, Female: Charla Riley (Gold)
- 55-64, Female: Loreen Flory (Silver)

Bean Bag Toss

- 3-4, Male: Niigaanii Rueckert (Silver)
- 65+, Male: Merton Flory (Silver), Alvin Jackson (Bronze)
- 41-54, Female: Lacey Mandoka (*Bronze), Ndaus Pego (*Bronze)
- 55-64, Female: Bonnie Sprague (Gold)

Long Jump

- 5-6, Male: Mekhi Jordan (Silver), Ace Schocko (Bronze)
- 7-9, Male: Marcell Schocko Jr. (Gold), Thomas Saboo (Silver)
- 10-12, Male: Kruz Chamberlain (*Gold), Jaiden Mandoka (Silver), Gage Sprague (Bronze)
- 16-18, Male: Isaiah Rodriguez (Gold), Christian Quigno (Silver), James Hendrickson (Bronze)
- 19-24, Male: Brandon Mosby (Silver)
- 33-40, Male: Keenan Davis (Bronze)
- 41-54, Male: Michael McCreery (Gold), Markus Chamberlain (Silver)
- 65+, Male: Merton Flory (*Bronze)
- 5-6, Female: Lana Ekdahl (Silver)
- 7-9, Female: Kingsley Davis (Gold), Lily Roth (Bronze)
- 10-12, Female: Leela Saboo (Gold)
- 13-15, Female: Isabella Saboo (Bronze)
- 16-18, Female: Kaya Rose (Gold)
- 19-24, Female: Binayshee Hendrickson (Gold)
- 33-40, Female: Rosemary Ekdahl (Bronze)
- 41-54, Female: Treva Martin (Silver)

Fitness Circuit

- 5-6, Male: Mekhi Jordan (Silver)
- 7-9, Male: Noah Nedwash (Bronze)
- 10-12, Male: Kruz Chamberlain (Gold)
- 7-9, Female: Lily Roth (Bronze)
- 10-12, Female: Nayeli Jordan (Bronze)
- 13-15, Female: Ava Mena (*Silver), Isabella Saboo (*Silver)

Softball Throws

- 5-6, Male: Mekhi Jordan (Gold), Niigaanii Quigno-Ready (Bronze)
- 7-9, Male: Marcell Schocko Jr (Gold)
- 10-12, Male: Sean-Jacob Flory (Bronze)
- 16-18, Male: Isaiah Rodriguez (Gold), Kadenn Rose (Silver), Jonny Higbie (Bronze)
- 19-24, Male: Brandon Mosby (Silver)
- 25-32, Male: Joseph Shomin (Silver)
- 41-54, Male: Markus Chamberlain (Gold), Bobby Barnes (Bronze)
- 5-6, Female: Lana Ekdahl (Silver)
- 7-9, Female: Aubree Rueckert (Silver)
- 10-12, Female: Leela Saboo (Bronze)
- 13-15, Female: Isabella Saboo (Bronze)
- 16-18, Female: Kaya Rose (Gold), Nevaeh Flory (Bronze)
- 19-24, Female: Izabella Benzinger (Gold)
- 25-32, Female: Aleigha Reinsberg (Gold)
- 33-40, Female: Rosemary Ekdahl (Silver)
- 41-54, Female: Felicia Otto (Silver), Guadalupe Gonzalez (Bronze)

Obstacle Course

- 5-6, Male: Mekhi (Gold), Jordan Ace Schocko (Silver)
- 7-9, Male: Marcell Schocko Jr. (Gold), Thomas Saboo (Bronze)
- 10-12, Male: Kruz Chamberlain (Gold)
- 5-6, Female: Avalina Terrell (Bronze)
- 7-9, Female: Aubree Rueckert (Silver)
- 10-12, Female: Leela Saboo (Silver)

Golf

- Seniors: Bernard Sprague and Kenny Sprague (*Gold)
- Men's: Larry Faber and Foster Faber (Gold), Kelly Chamberlain and Vinnie Kequom (Silver)
- Women's: Gayle Ruhl and Paula Quigno (Gold), Rosemary Ekdahl and Jacqueline Haught (Bronze)
- Coed: Luke Sprague and Kristi Navarro (Gold), Samantha Chippeway and Kadenn Rose (Silver), Kendra Taylor and Josh Walters (Bronze)
- Youth: Aiden Raphael and Andre Ramirez (Gold)

**Denotes a tied medal*

To view full results for every Tribe, please visit:
<https://www.sagchip.org/mifo/Event>



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Freedom Walk

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Ten individuals were honored with cedar eagle feathers. They were selected for being an individual in recovery who has embodied and demonstrated what it means to walk a life on the Red Road to wellbriety. This included Alice Jo Ricketts, Aryl Ruffino, Cheyanna Palacios, Clifton Chippewa, Jonathan Laske, Kathleen Hart, Louanna Bruner, Nick Miller, Richard Stubbs Jr. and Nicole Nedwash.

A women's hand drum group provided an honor song prior to the walk, which began at 9 a.m.

Participants were given specially designed 2024 Freedom Walk T-shirts. The logo on

the shirt was created by Richard Stubbs Jr.; the winner of a logo design contest held prior to the event.

Freedom Walkers began by heading south on Leaton Road. The route continued south until the walkers reached Tomah Road. From there, they proceeded east until reaching the powwow grounds at The Hill Campground.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police worked to secure a safe route on the 1.5-mile journey.

The event was a collaboration between Behavioral Health Programs, Project Aware, Tribal Police, Tribal Fire, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Public Relations, Healing to Wellness and the PEER360 Recovery Alliance.



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18TH ANNUAL People's Traditional POWWOW

Aug. 24 & 25, 2024

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Grand Entries

Saturday 8/24: 1 & 7 p.m.

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Sunday 8/25: 1 p.m.

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▶ Corn eating contest

▶ Hand Drum contest

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▶ Bike giveaways

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Dignitaries

- **Emcee:** Jason Whitehouse
- **Head Veteran:** Ray Cadotte
- **Arena Director:** RJ Smith
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- **Co-Host Drum:** River Wild
- **Invited Drums:** Sharp Feather and Southern Straight
- *** \$1000 drum split for non-invited drums**
- **Head Dancers:** Chosen each session
- **Sound:** Rezonance Productions



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ENTERTAINMENT



Lynyrd Skynyrd & ZZ Top
The Sharp Dressed Man Tour
 Friday, August 9
 7PM
 Outdoor Concert
 Tickets: \$38, \$99, \$117, \$147



Bourbon & Bacon
 Featuring Musical Performance
 By Highway Men
 Saturday, September 21
 7:30PM
 Entertainment Hall
 Tickets: \$50



Jason Aldean
Highway Desperado Tour 2024
 Friday, August 16
 7PM
 Outdoor Concert
 Tickets: \$54, \$144, \$178, \$209



Evanescence
WSG Halestorm and In This Moment
 Saturday, September 28
 6:30PM
 Outdoor Concert
 Tickets: \$38, \$86, \$104, \$119



Keith Urban
WSG Morgan Wade
 Saturday, August 24
 8PM
 Outdoor Concert
 Tickets: \$42, \$124, \$146, \$163



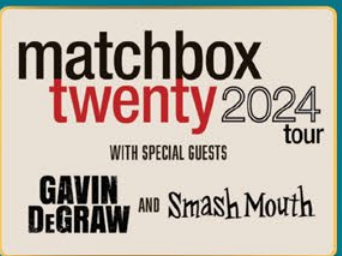
Little River Band
WSG Atlanta Rhythm Section
 Saturday, October 5
 8PM
 Entertainment Hall
 Tickets: \$35, \$47, \$58, \$64



Blake Shelton
WSG Chayce Beckham
 Saturday, September 7
 8PM
 Outdoor Concert
 Tickets: \$62, \$152, \$186, \$217



Tom Segura
Come Together
 Sunday, October 20
 7PM
 Entertainment Hall
 Tickets: \$72, \$94, \$107, \$114



Matchbox Twenty
2024 Tour WSG Gavin Degraw and Smash Mouth
 Friday, September 20
 8PM
 Outdoor Concert
 Tickets: \$40, \$105, \$130, \$155



Barenaked Ladies
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Mnadendan Gdenwewninaa "Honor Our Language" theme for 40th annual SCIT Powwow

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Spring and early summer flew by, and in the blink of an eye, it was already time for the annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow.

This year celebrated the 40th annual Saginaw Chippewa Mnadendan Gdenwewninaa "Honor Our Language" Jiingatamok (Powwow) on July 26-28.

Located near The Hill Campground on the powwow grounds at 7525 E. Tomah Rd. in Mount Pleasant, grand entries began at 7 p.m. Friday, 1 p.m. Saturday and noon on Sunday.

This year's dignitaries included: Head Veteran Raymond Cadotte, Masters of Ceremonies Joel Syrette and Brian Moore, Host Drum Bear Creek, and Arena Directors Wayne Cleland and Mark Kingbird Sr.

Judge dignitaries included: Drum Judge Harvey Dreaver, Male Dance Judge Wayne Silas Jr. and Female Dance Judge Star Silas.

This year, the head dancers were chosen daily.

Friday's head dancers were Wes and Tracy Cleland. Saturday's head dancers were Joe and Shelly Bointy. Sunday featured double head dancers: Ladybird Jack and Brando Jack, and Tyrone Shawana and Mackenzie Jacobs.

The flag song followed the grand entry and serves as an equivalent to the national anthem. It honors



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The grand entry of the 40th annual Saginaw Chippewa Mnadendan Gdenwewninaa "Honor Our Language" Jiingatamok (Powwow) begins during the Saturday afternoon session on July 27.

veterans, past and present, who have fought for and defended Native people.

On Saturday afternoon, Tribal Council Sergeant-at-Arms Christina Otto provided a prayer. Sub-Chief Luke Sprague addressed the crowd and introduced the Tribal Council members in attendance.

Sprague requested a moment of silence to honor former Tribal chiefs Ron Falcon and Dennis Kequom; both of whom passed away recently.

An abundance of dance specials were featured throughout the weekend including:

Women's fancy dancers and fancy bustle dancers, woodland men's dance, women's traditional team, head-to-head grass dance, old school jingle, youth hand drum, adult hand drum, tiny tot, sweetheart (couples dance to multiple two-step style songs), and much more.

Sunday featured a special dance and honor song for the late Delmar Jackson Sr.

New this year, Tribal Council sponsored a Sunday singers special – a team dance for singers to participate, one-day only. First place received \$2,000.

Drum contests were held throughout the weekend; cash was the prize. First place winners received \$10,000.

The 2024 Powwow Committee members include: Darcy Pilar, Elizabeth Chivis, Carla Bennett, Dabian Sprague, Seryna Acuna, Niibin Sprague, Elizabeth Smith, Jackie Mannie and Reba Navajar.

This year's SCIT Powwow logo was created by Maggie Jackson.

Stay tuned to the September 2024 Tribal Observer for the list of this year's powwow contest winners.



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Saturday's head dancers, Joe and Shelly Bointy, are photographed in the powwow arena during an intertribal dance.

Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck





40TH ANNUAL SAGINAW CHIPPEWA

JIINGTAMOK
Mnadendan Gdenwewninaa
"Honor our Language"

Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck





Tribal Police Sergeant completes motorcycle school, trains Tribal officers in basic course

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor



In 2022, Sgt. David Feger of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department completed a month-long (160 hour) Harley Davidson police motorcycle instructor school in Mississippi.

Because he completed this school, Feger can train other Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police officers interested in patrolling or participating in community events on a police motorcycle.

Feger put on a school course for two officers in summer 2023, and finished another three months ago in May 2024.

According to Feger, the training is a two-week long (80 hours) basic course.

Typically, two officers are trained at a time as the Tribal Police Department currently owns two motorcycles.

The course, Feger said, starts with the basics, including, “How to walk a bike, get on and off a bike, how to ride in straight lines, riding on the road, and getting through all of the motorcycle’s gears, before riding.”

Feger said motorcycle training is expensive;

typically at least \$3,500. He said he has saved the Tribe funds by teaching the police officers the motorcycle skills he learned during the instructor course.

While the police motorcycles are for patrol, they are mainly used for processions including funerals, parades, and special events (the Special Olympics Torch Run and Redrum domestic violence awareness motorcycle ride.)

Feger shared some motorcycle tips.

“If the bike is going to go down, don’t try to catch it,” he said. “A bike weighs nearly 1,000 pounds, (the person riding has to have the strength) to be able to pick up a fallen bike.”

He invited the community to stop by whenever they see



Courtesy of Saginaw Chippewa Police Department

The two Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police motorcycles are photographed with a 2024 Tribal Youth Police Academy cadet.

the motorcycle course being put on, which will be held at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College on Pickard Road.

Feger is available to answer motorcycle safety information at 989-775-4703 or by email at DFeger@sagchip.org.

August 2024 Tribal Elder Birthdays

1) Eroc Zocher
Jeffrey Braley
Mary Cargill
William Stevens

2) Jason Casner
Janet Chamberlain
Victoria Fisher
Patrick McClain

3) Carl Benz
Kelly Willis-Benally
David Bailey
Gary Harris
Laurie Newton

4) Kenneth Douglas
Joseph Anderson
Danny Russell
Toni Swalley
Jean Flamand

5) Carla Bennett
Brenda McMillin
Rosalie Stevens

6) Trisha Trasky
Marcella Hadden
Ricky Snyder
William Thibult
William Zocher

7) Michael Floyd Sr.
David Otto
Veronica Bos
Victoria Carini
Dawn Jackson

8) Fabian Cantu
Pamela Floyd

9) Kevin Chamberlain
Sandra Stevens
Michael Hart
Cecelia Wieland
Leslie Klein

11) Debra DeFrens
Phillip Mena
Dorothy Shawano
Theresa White
Diane Jones

12) Rosalie Maloney
Michelle Otto
Ronald Nelson
Bruno Wemigwans
Edward Cross
Margaret Jackson
Kenneth Kendall
Beverly Morse

13) Mark Bailey
James Falcon
Carol Brame
John Henry
Christina Keshick

Kelly Merrill
Tonya Rosa

14) Varen Cleveland
Todd Darby
Eric Voorheis

15) Joni Heiss

16) Marilyn Bailey
Sandra McCreery
Brian Quigno
Sharmaine Brooks
Lakeda McLemore
Angela Miller

17) Kevin Fisher

18) Brenda Nolan
Michelle Pena

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Diane Garrett
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Kimberly Crandall
Anthony Hart

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Ronald Collins Sr.
Carrie Wemigwans
Donnis Szydowski

23) Roger Jackson
Maynard Kehgegab Sr.
Janice Dennis
Lisa Gregurek-Clemens
Glenna Sehl

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Sarah Silas
Bessie Velasquez
Scott Warren
Charles Ritter

27) Colleen Wagner
Michael Schramm

28) Mary Jackson
Gregory Dean
Brian Stevens
Teresa Van Alstine
Tracey Klich

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John Velasquez
Kenneth Francis
Rhona Mays

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2023 Annual Water Quality Report (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. Immunocompromised 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).

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). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals 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 stormwater 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 stormwater 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 stormwater 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.

Description of Water Treatment Process

Your water is treated in a "treatment train" (a series of processes applied in a sequence) that includes coagulation, flocculation, sedimentation, filtration, and disinfection. Coagulation removes dirt and other particles suspended in the source water by adding chemicals (coagulants) to form tiny sticky particles called "floc," which attract the dirt particles. Flocculation (the formation of larger flocs from smaller flocs) is achieved using gentle, constant mixing. The heavy particles settle naturally out of the water in a sedimentation basin. The clear water then moves to the filtration process where the water passes through sand, gravel, charcoal or other filters that remove even smaller particles. A small amount of chlorine or other disinfection method is used to kill bacteria and other microorganisms (viruses, cysts, etc.) that may be in the water before water is stored and distributed to homes and businesses in the community.

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 5 minute shower uses 4 to 5 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!
- Visit www.epa.gov/watersense for more information.

Cross Connection Control Survey

The purpose of this survey is to determine whether a cross-connection may exist at your home or business. A cross-connection is an unprotected or improper connection to a public water distribution system that may cause contamination or pollution to enter the system. We are responsible for enforcing cross-connection control regulations and insuring that no contaminants can, under any flow conditions, enter the distribution system. If you have any of the devices listed below please contact us so that we can discuss the issue, and if needed, survey your connection and assist you in isolating it if that is necessary.

- Boiler/ Radiant heater (water heaters not included)
- Additional source(s) of water on the property
- Underground lawn sprinkler system
- Decorative pond
- Pool or hot tub (whirlpool tubs not included)
- Watering trough

Source Water Protection Tips

Protection of drinking water is everyone's responsibility. You can help protect your community's drinking water source in several ways:

- Eliminate excess use of lawn and garden fertilizers and pesticides - they contain hazardous chemicals that can reach your drinking water source.
- Pick up after your pets.
- If you have your own septic system, properly maintain your system to reduce leaching to water sources or consider connecting to a public water system.
- Dispose of chemicals properly; take used motor oil to a recycling center.
- Volunteer in your community. Find a watershed or wellhead protection organization in your community and volunteer to help. If there are no active groups, consider starting one. Use EPA's Adopt Your Watershed to locate groups in your community, or visit the Watershed Information Network's How to Start a Watershed Team.
- Organize a storm drain stenciling project with your local government or water supplier. Stencil a message next to the street drain reminding people "Dump No Waste - Drains to River" or "Protect Your Water." Produce and distribute flyers for households to remind residents that storm drains dump directly into your local water body.

Additional Information for Lead

If present, elevated levels of 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. Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

How can I get involved? Call the water plant at (989) 775-5141

Where does my water come from? Wells / ground water

Source water assessment and its availability Sanitary Survey

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 or MRDLG	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)	THAT	80	22	THAT	THAT	2023	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Inorganic Contaminants								
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	.11	THAT	THAT	2023	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Additional Contaminants

In an effort to insure the safest water possible the State has required us to monitor some contaminants not required by Federal regulations. Of those contaminants only the ones listed below were found in your water.

Contaminants	State MCL	Your Water	Violation	Explanation and Comment
			No	

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
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	THAT	60	ND	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Unit Descriptions

Term	Description
ppm	Parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	Parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
THAT	NA: not applicable
ND	Not detected
No.	NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.

Important Drinking Water Definitions

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.
Important Drinking Water Definitions	
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	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
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	State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
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	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:	Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level

For more information please contact:

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Tribal Youth Police Academy: Tribal youth cadets learn police tactics throughout two days

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Tribal youth had the opportunity to learn how police officers serve the community as the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department hosted the annual Tribal Youth Police Academy on July 23-24.

The academy was held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days at the Tribal Police Department.

Day one involved a welcome/registration, two-hour physical fitness tests, defensive tactics, lunch, evidence teachings, motorcycle demos (checking out the police motorcycles up close during a driving course), a Q-and-A session and more.

The cadets, ranging from 12 to 18 years old, also visited the Tribal Fire Department to learn about fire equipment. Some cadets tried on fire gear and operated some of the equipment.

Photos courtesy of Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police

Back at the police department, cadets were challenged with lifting the best fingerprint.

“All cadets were eager to dust for prints and cast impressions,” the Tribal Police shared in a social media post.

Day one also included demonstrations of the effects of a Taser and practicing the technique to properly handcuff.

Day two included shooting courses (using safe, non-lethal ammunition), K-9 demos and more.

A driving course was set up in the back parking lot of the Tribal Police Department.

“Utilizing golf carts, the cadets were given instruction on how to best maneuver the course,” the Tribal Police Department shared in a social media post. “After several practice runs, the cadets completed two timed runs.”

Registration for the youth academy was required, and was limited to 20 spots for youth.



American Indian Dance Performance at Ziibiwing



Observer photos by Matthew Wright

The Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways hosted dance demonstrations on July 11. Held in the grand entrance lobby, the free event featured educational demonstrations of four different dance styles. This included men’s traditional, men’s grass, women’s traditional and jingle-dress dances.

Niibing Program 2024



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Niibing Program 2024 students and staff pose for a photo during their second to last day on Wednesday, July 24, in the Saginaw Chippewa Academy building. Next year, the program and school year will be housed in the new Tribal school. The Niibing Program is a five-week program for students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

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Country music star Miranda Lambert, with special guest Chris Lane, returns to Soaring Eagle

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

Country music artist Miranda Lambert made her return to Soaring Eagle's outdoor concert stage on Saturday, July 6. Chris Lane set the tone as he opened the show for Lambert and delivered his country hits.

Miranda Lambert set the pace with the catchy, upbeat "Fastest Girl in Town" to begin her performance, followed by "Kerosene" and "Baggage Claim."

Lambert's portion of the show began shortly after 9:15 p.m. She performed for an hour and a half, and incorporated an appropriate mix of hits intermingling with a few new songs.

She continued on with "Heart Like Mine," "Famous in a Small Town" and "Bluebird."

"I've got a brand new one I'm going to try on you tonight – somebody yelled it earlier," Lambert said to the crowd. "It's about somebody who you need to get the hell away from because they don't serve you anymore. In my case, I wrote this one about Randy. So, whoever, your Randy is (sing along)."

"Dammit Randy" was co-written by Lambert, Jon Randall and Lambert's husband, Brendan.

Showcasing her clear vocals as she played guitar, Lambert kept the show flowing with "Vice," "In His Arms," "The House That Built Me," "All Kinds of Kinds," "Automatic,"



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Country music artist Miranda Lambert returns to the Soaring Eagle's outdoor stage on Saturday, July 6.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Chris Lane shares a "hats-off" moment with the crowd as he opened for Miranda Lambert.

"Tin Man," "If I Was a Cowboy," her newest single "Wranglers," "Geraldene" and "Tequila Does"/"Tequila."

The show came to a close with "White Liar," "Mama's Broken Heart," "Little Red Wagon," "Drunk (And I Don't Wanna Go Home)," and ended with a bang during "Gunpowder & Lead."

Country music artist Chris Lane, a North Carolina native, opened the show about 8 p.m. and performed a 45-minute set.

Lane's musical career shot to success in 2014 shortly after he released his debut single, "Broken Windshield View."

During "Fix," he tossed

out cans of beer to audience members.

In addition to "Fix," two more of his singles went to No.1 on Hot Country Songs and Country Airplay, including "I Don't Know About You" and "Big, Big Plans."

He set the mood right for an evening full of today's country music hits.



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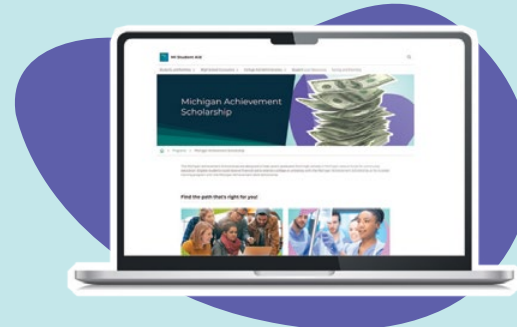


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Monster Truck Madness 10 roars in to Soaring Eagle on July 21

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The motorized spectacle of Monster Truck Throwdown roared its way to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on July 21.

The 10th edition of Monster Truck Madness featured all of the signature speed, high-flying thrills that fans crave.

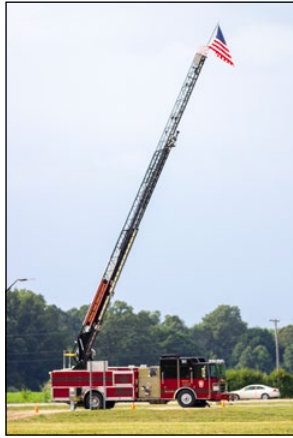
A track party took place prior to the event – fans were able to see the trucks up close, meet the drivers and even take a ride in a specially-built monster truck.

This year's truck line up featured many fan favorites including Blockhead, Avenger, Dirt Crew, Axe, Lil' Miss Dangerous, Sinistar, Bad Company, Dozer, Rat Nasty, Virginia Giant and more.

The event featured side-by-side racing through an obstacle and a ramp-filled dirt course.

The freestyle event thrilled fans, with drivers performing thrilling stunts including wheelies, donuts and gaining huge air during jumps.

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

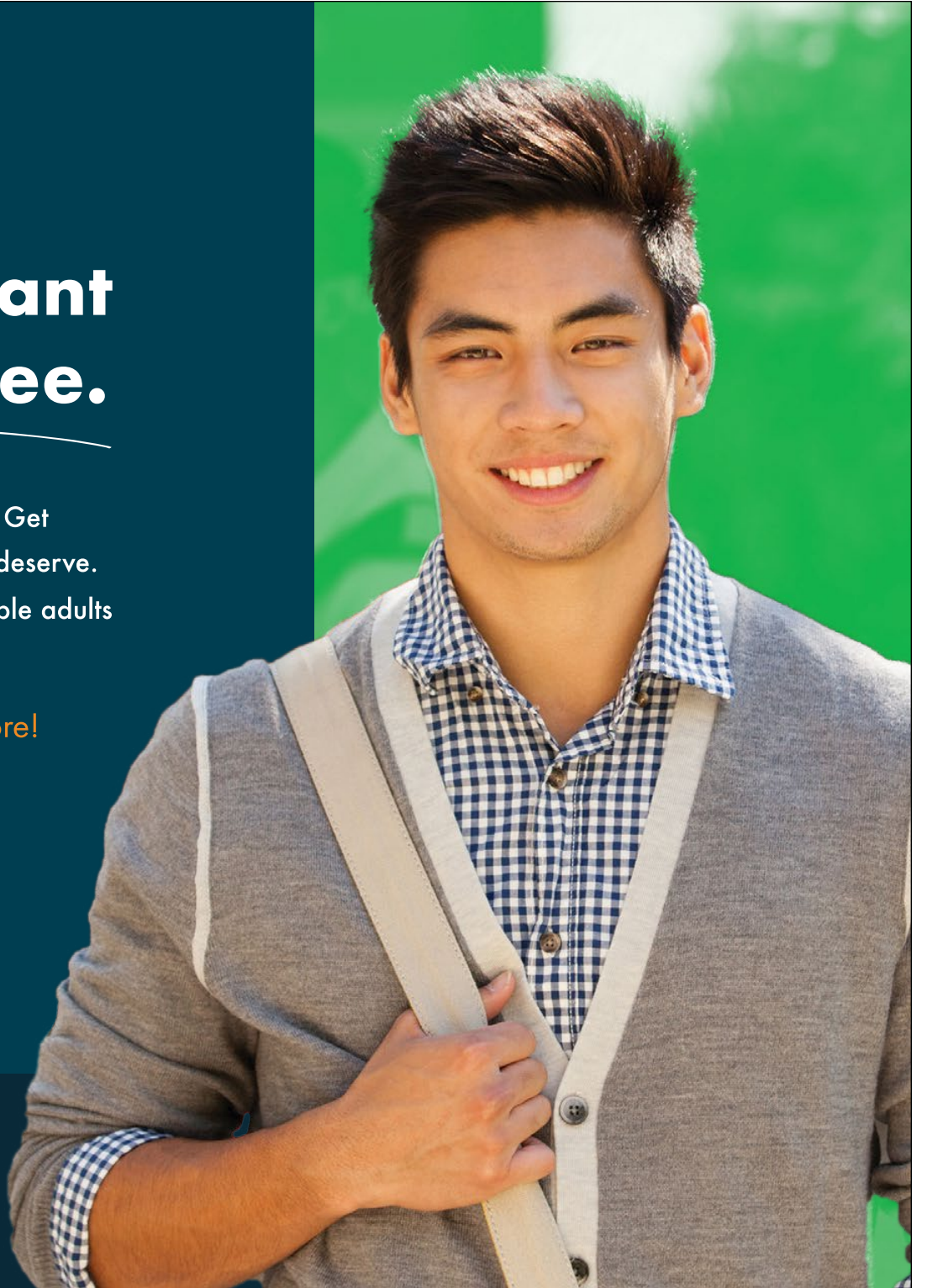


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New Sault Tribe clinic will help those battling addiction

Naandwejgegamiig, or "Healing Place," will provide medically assisted treatment programs to help people overcome alcohol and opioid use disorders

(Editor's note: This article is provided by Martin Waymire of Lansing, Mich. and submitted to the Tribal Observer by Josh Hovey.)

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. – The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians announced last month the opening of a new health clinic specifically designed to combat drug and alcohol addiction.

The Naandwejgegamiig, or "Healing Place," will be the first clinic within the Sault Tribe Health Division to specifically serve patients struggling with opioid and alcohol use disorders by offering medically-assisted treatment programs.

The clinic will meet an important need in the Eastern

Upper Peninsula where people often drive long distances for specialized addiction treatments. It will be open to all patients, both tribal and non-tribal, with no prior referrals necessary.

"Addiction is a horrible disease that can trap anyone, regardless of their social status. It's something that has been especially damaging to Native American communities both here in the U.P. and across the country, so the Sault Tribe is very proud to be able to offer a safe and effective place for those seeking help," said Sault Tribe Chairman Austin Lowes.

Lowes noted that the Sault Tribe Board of Directors had begun planning for a medically-assisted treatment clinic more than a year ago and that

the need was also identified as part of the tribe's health-care revitalization efforts.

The state Department of Health and Human Services reported 2,536 opioid deaths in Michigan in 2021. According to the National Center for Drug and Alcohol Statistics, the number of deaths in Michigan related to excessive alcohol use has averaged at 4,548, with nearly 60 percent stemming from chronic causes such as use disorder and liver problems.

Research has proven that medication can help relieve withdrawal symptoms and the psychological cravings caused by chemical imbalances in the body when a person is working to overcome substance abuse issues.

Patients receiving outpatient addiction treatment at Naandwejgegamiig will be administered evidence-based medication by trained nurse practitioners who are overseen by a physician.

Teresa Plummer will serve as Naandwejgegamiig supervisor. She is a certified family nurse practitioner with a Master of Science in nursing and a specialization in addiction medicine.

Dr. Lowell Styer is the collaborating physician who will oversee all prescribed treatments.

Prior to joining the Sault Tribe Health Division, Plummer worked at MyMichigan Health where she treated more than 200 patients throughout the Upper Peninsula and northern Michigan.

"I've had the opportunity to work closely with Teresa during my career as a medical social worker helping patients overcome addiction, and I've seen firsthand the dedication and attentive care she provides to her patients," said Chairman Lowes. "We are very fortunate to have her lead addiction treatment on behalf of the Sault Tribe Health Division."

The Naandwejgegamiig is located at 2861 Ashmun St. in Sault Ste. Marie. It will be open Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Patients seeking addiction treatment should call 906-635-8877 to schedule an appointment. All forms of insurance are accepted, and no one seeking treatment will be turned away based on their insurance or lack thereof.

MDHHS, Michigan 211 launch on-demand grief and bereavement support services

(Editor's note: This article has been released by Michigan Department of Health & Human Services and was submitted to the

Tribal Observer by Lynn Sutfin on MDHHS's behalf.)

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of

Health and Human Services (MDHHS), in partnership with Michigan 211, has launched a new website dedicated to increasing access to grief and

bereavement support services and resources.

The website was made possible through a \$490,000 grant to the MDHHS Division of Maternal and Infant Health from the Michigan Health Endowment fund. This funding also provided for grants to improve partnerships between hospitals, community-based organizations and hospice, and activities designed to address the critical need for support following the death of a mother or infant and to provide linkages to ongoing support for grieving families, communities and care providers.

"There was a need for a statewide system to support individuals dealing with the loss of a loved one," said Elizabeth Hertel, MDHHS director. "Each person's grief experience is affected by their relationship to the deceased as well as the circumstances surrounding the loss. This partnership offers on-demand access to a wide range of bereavement support services through 211 to help Michigan families navigate loss."

Each year in Michigan, 80 to 90 people die while pregnant or within the year following pregnancy, and 700 infants

die before their first birthday.

"The deaths of mothers and infants and the resulting grief can impact families and communities for generations," said Jennie Pollak, Michigan 211 executive director. "Grief journeys are individual, lifelong and require ongoing assistance, including support immediately following a death. We're honored to help navigate resources to support this journey."

Any member of the community, including bereaved families and health care professionals, will be able to access resources and services through the site or by calling 211.

Individuals will be able to search for resources and services before and immediately following a death, including perinatal hospice, palliative care, burial and cremation services; financial assistance; mental health support; resources and services for maternal and infant loss; and resources and services for sudden loss.

Users will be able to search for services by ZIP code.

In addition, 211 specialists have been trained to assist callers in locating grief and bereavement services.

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Andahwod Continuing Care Community and Elder Services District One Elders' August 2024 Newsletter

Boozhoo! Andahwod Elder Services will not send a monthly newsletter after September 2024. That issue will be the last issue to be sent by mail.

Elder information and the Andahwod menu will be available in the Tribal Observer! You may also check the Andahwod webpage for information. If you would like to still receive the newsletter please fill out the form on the next page. Miigwetch!

Yes, I would like to receive a mailing copy of the District One Elder monthly newsletter. Please bring this to Andahwod. Miigwetch.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____



Andahwod Phone Numbers

- **Gayle Ruhl:** 989.775.4305
Administrator
- **Careena Meyers:** 989.775.4315
Support Services Manager
- **Patty Kequom:** 989.775.4302
Activities Assistant
- **Sandra Pelcher:** 989.775.4300
Administrative Assistant I
- **Galina Kolb:** 989.775.4301
Resident Care Manager
- **Denise Pelcher:** 989.775.4339
Activities Coordinator
- **Dawn Chippewa:** 989.775.4308
Billing/Administrative Assistant II
- **Sheligh Jackson:** 989.775.4307
Elders Advocate
- **Maintenance:** 989.775.4313
- **Nurse's Station:** 989.775.4319

Grant Assistance for Tribal Elders

There are grants available for Tribal Elders in the community. Depending on the grant qualifications, the Tribal Elder may need to gather documentation pertaining to grant eligibility. For example repair quotes, shut-off notice, etc. The following grants are available to Tribal Elders, as funding is available. You may contact the listed department for more information.

- **Emergency Minor Assistance Program (EMAP):**
Sheligh Jackson, Andahwod 989-775-4307
- **Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP):**
Sheligh Jackson, Andahwod
- **Elders Assistance Home Repair Program:**
Kim Otto-McCoy, Planning Dept. 989-775-4014
- **Elders ADA Accessibility Program:**
Kim Otto-McCoy, Planning Dept.
- **Hazardous Tree Program:**
Kim Otto-McCoy, Planning Dept.

Drums Out Social

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2024

6 - 8 p.m. | Andahwod

- Drummers will meet and sing on the front lawn
- Food trucks may be on site
- All invited
- Bring own lawn chairs

For more information, please contact:
Andahwod: 989-775-4300 | 7th Generation: 989-775-4780

Dehydration Warning Signs and Symptoms

Everybody needs water for essential functions like regulating body temperature, blood pressure maintenance, transporting nutrients, helping rid the body of wastes, and lubricating joints.

Insufficient fluids can lead to dehydration, which can cause constipation, electrolyte imbalances, urinary tract infections, renal stones, kidney problems and loss of balance. Serious dehydration requires immediate attention — see the signs and symptoms in the chart to the right.

Dehydration

- Dry mouth
- Dry, pale skin
- Tiredness
- Dizziness
- Decreased urination
- Dark colored urine
- Muscle cramps
- Sunken eyes

Severe Dehydration

- Rapid heart rate
- Extreme fatigue
- Fainting, disorientation
- Dizziness
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea lasting more than 24 hours
- Trouble walking

For severe dehydration, seek help right away!

Rock hunting in Charlevoix - July 2024

Denise Pelcher, Patty Kequom, Judy Banister, and Ellie Van Horn took a daytrip to Charlevoix. They also enjoyed lunch and visited shops.

Andahwod Elder Services plans short day trips for the residents and community elders. Check the upcoming events list to see upcoming trips.



August 2024 Andahwod events

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| Daily Coffee Break
2:30-3:30 p.m. | Bingo with Friends
Aug. 12 1-3 p.m. | Bay City Shopping
Aug. 15 Leave at 9 a.m. | Antique Shopping
Aug. 21 Leave at 10 a.m. |
| Euchre
Thursdays 5:30 p.m. | Saganing Bingo with Friends
Aug. 13 Leave at 9 a.m. | Name that Tune
Aug. 19 2:30-3:30 p.m. | Birthday Bingo & Potluck
Aug. 24 12-3 p.m. |
| Chair Yoga
Fridays 2 p.m. | Elders Breakfast
Aug. 14 & 28 9-10 a.m. | Language Bingo
Aug. 20 1-3 p.m. | Yoder's Flea Market |

**Activities and events are subject to change.

For more information, please call: 989.775.4339

Andahwod still has 2024 pocket calendars available. Stop by and pick one up.

Wellness Lodge & Sauna

Open Daily 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. | Elders Only



AUGUST 2024 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 To order, please call kitchen at 989-775-4314 <small>*Warning: Consuming under cooked foods or eggs could lead to a Food Borne Illness **Warning: Please inform cashier/staff of any severe food allergies you may have prior to sitting down. Thank you</small>			1 Chicken Pot Pie Pork Chops w/Applesauce	2 Sloppy Joes w/Tator Tots Taco Salad	3 Cream of Mushroom Soup Chicken Wing Basket
	4 Chef Choice	5 Corn Bread Casserole Chicken Noodle	6 Chicken & Waffles Southwest Chicken Bowl	7 Cheesy Cream of Asparagus Soup Ribs w/Baked Potato	8 3 Meat Pizza Chicken Caesar Salad	10 Cheeseburger Soup Steak Dinner
	11 Chef Choice	12 French Onion Soup Cobb Salad	13 Chicken Bacon Swiss Sandwich w/Baked Fries Chili	14 Chicken Wild Rice Soup w/Half Sandwich Turkey Bacon Wrap	15 Oriental Chicken Salad Alfredo w/ Breadstick	17 Chicken and Dumplings w/Side Salad Open Faced Roast Beef Sandwich
	18 Chef Choice	19 Spanish Chicken Soup Fish Sandwich	20 Grilled Chicken w/Mashed Potatoes Beef Tips w/ Noodles	21 Potato Soup w/Fry Bread Strawberry Balsamic Salad	22 Meat Lasagna Shepherd's Pie	24 Meatloaf w/Mashed Potatoes Baked Chicken Dinner
	25 Chef Choice	26 Chicken Gnocchi Soup Pizza	27 Pork Tacos Goulash	28 Tomato Soup w/Grilled Cheese Chef Salad	29 Chili Dogs w/Fries Ribs w/Mashed Potatoes	31 Chef Choice



AUGUST 2024 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Community Sewing Nights

Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 5-8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • 989-775-4780 or TJackson@sagchip.org

Manoomin (Wild Rice) Tool Workshops

Aug. 5, 6 | 1-5 p.m.
 • Push poles
 Aug. 12, 13 | 4-8 p.m.
 • Winnow baskets
 • Tribal College Community Room
 • 989-317-4827 or khart@sagchip.edu

SCTC STEAM^{AG} academic catch-up activities

Aug. 7, 14 | 1-2 p.m.
 • Tribal College Community Room
 • 989-317-4827 or khart@sagchip.edu
 • 8/7: Technology - Ojibwe Star Teaching
 • 8/14: Mathematics

Saganing Back to School Event

Aug. 8 | 12-2 p.m.
 • Saganing Tribal Center
 • 989-775-5820 or TiNelson@sagchip.org
 • Event open to DK-12 services/SCIT Members

Isabella Back to School Event

Aug. 13 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.
 • The Hill Campground
 • 989.775.4071 or dsmith@sagchip.org
 • Event open to DK-12 services/SCIT Members

Mshiikenh 5K Run/Walk

Aug. 17 | 9 a.m., registration from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
 • 5805 E. Pickard St., Mt. Pleasant
 • 989-317-4760 ext. 241 or jagreen@sagchip.edu

Drum & Dance Social

Aug. 14 | 6-8 p.m.
 • Andahwod CCC & ES
 • 989-775-4780 or TJackson@sagchip.org

Manoomin (Wild Rice) Program

Aug. 15 & Sept. 6, 13 | Meet at SCTC at 8:30 a.m.
 • Tawas property (1 Kunze Rd., Tawas, Mich.)
 • 989-317-4827 or khart@sagchip.edu
 • Are you interested in learning about our “food that grows on water”? We’ll share the cultural significance and proper protocol. You’ll see the stages of growth and acquire skills to harvest.

Niindibaajimowinan: Digital Storytelling

Aug. 19-20 | 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 • Ziibiwing
 • Registration: Henry1ka@msu.edu
 • Space is limited
 • Come share a story and a meal.
 • Capture your story in a meaningful way with the use of technical editing software.

Teachings & Sweat Lodge

Aug. 22 | Teachings at 1 p.m., sweat begins at 5 p.m.
 • Behavioral Health
 • 989-775-4850

Bagodowe Engiitaading (Lacrosse Tournament)

Aug. 23 | Meal served at 4 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds
 • 989-775-4782 or DAJackson@sagchip.org
 • Please arrive by 4:30 p.m. for draft picks
 • Ages 14 and under starts at 5 p.m.
 • Ages 15 and up starts at 6 p.m.
 • Co-ed tournament, teams will be drafted
 • Participants receive T-shirts

18th annual People’s Traditional Powwow

Aug. 24 | Grand entries at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
 Aug. 25 | Grand entry at 1 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds
 • 989-775-4780 or TJackson@sagchip.org
 • Feast Saturday for all participants
 • Open to the public, free admission

Traditional Healing with Joe Syrette

Aug. 27, 28 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 • Behavioral Health
 • Appointments: 989-775-4850

Sweat Lodge

Aug. 28 | Arrive at 4 p.m., sweat begins at 5 p.m.
 • Behavioral Health
 • 989-775-4850

Overdose Awareness & Remembrance Day

Aug. 31 | 6-8 p.m.
 • Housing Pavilion
 • Prevention@sagchip.org

Mahnoomin (Wild Rice) Camp

Sept. 21, 22 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 • 7th Generation
 • 989-317-4827 or khart@sagchip.edu
 • Join us at camp to learn about Manoomin and how to preserve our “food that grows on water.”

Obstacles to Recovery

Sept. 21 | First wave begins at 11 a.m.
 • Broadway Park
 • Registration: 989-775-4694 or JHarman@sagchip.org
 • Obstacle course: 15 different stations (designed for all ability levels and ages)
 • Create a team or just come and join others in the fun!

AUGUST 2024 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling 	 <p>Check out the Tribal Observer ONLINE www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver</p>	1	Auricular Acupuncture 4-6 p.m. B. Health Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health	2	Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health
5	6	7	8	9	10
Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health	Regular Council Session 9 a.m. Council Chambers Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Farmers Market Pavilion Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom	Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m. 7th Gen Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health	World Indigenous Peoples Day Ziibiwing Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health	Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health
12	13	14	15	16	17
Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health	Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Farmers Market Pavilion Bingo with Friends 10:30 a.m. Saganing Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom	Elders Breakfast 9-10 a.m. Andahwod Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	Active Shooting Training 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saganing Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health	Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health	Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health
19	20	21	22	23	24
Tribal Observer deadline Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health	Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Farmers Market Pavilion Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Blue Jay Bash 5-7 p.m. Shepherd High School	Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	Elders Breakfast 10 a.m. Saganing Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m. 7th Gen Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health	Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health	Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health
26	27	28	29	30	31
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Observer Classifieds: To place your ad, call the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4096, email observer@sagchip.org, call to make an appointment in the Observer offices in the Black Elk Building or mail to Tribal Observer, Attn.: Classified, 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Please have all submissions and payment in by deadline. Classified rates are \$10 for 15 words or less and 75 cents per additional word. Any thumbnail image costs an additional \$15.

Apply to job postings online at www.sagchip.org. * Job postings are subject to change daily.

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Tribal Operations

Waste Water Operator II
Open to the public. Sign on bonus: \$1,000 upon six month anniversary, \$1,500 upon one year anniversary. Eligible employer for Public Student Loan Forgiveness as a nonprofit. High school diploma or GED. 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. Sign on bonus: \$1,000 upon six month anniversary, \$2,000 upon one year anniversary. Eligible employer for Public Student Loan Forgiveness as a nonprofit. High school diploma or GED. Five years' experience in wastewater/water field or directly related experience in plumbing or mechanical plant operations.

Water Operator III
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Sign on bonus: \$1,000 upon six month anniversary, \$2,000 upon one year anniversary. Eligible employer for Public Student Loan Forgiveness as a nonprofit. Must be at least 18 years of age. Five years of water operator or related experience. Training in hydraulics, physics, biology, science, or related field will help in learning this field.

Chief Financial Officer
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting or related field. Ten years in-depth experience in financial management with increasing responsibilities for a multifaceted role; direction, and planning required. Five years experience as a CFO or controller/comptroller, preferably in a government or nonprofit organization. Certified public accountant. Significant experience in or knowledge of government, nonprofit accounting, including sophisticated fund and grant accounting, compliance and reporting.

Victims Advocate
Open to the public. Associate degree in human services related field, or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. One-year experience working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. Experience with

federal grant reporting, tracking, and evaluation desired.

Early Childhood Manager
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education or related field. Two years experience and training with early childhood programs. One year in a supervisory capacity.

Residential Support Technician
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite. Desired qualifications: Previous experience in the substance abuse field. Experience in a residential treatment center. Experience with Native American traditions and culture.

Resident Care Manager
Open to the public. Bachelors or higher in nursing preferred. Three years long-term care experience required. Experience and knowledge of services to assisted living services, adult foster care services and homes for the elderly.

Registered Medical Assistant - Andahwod
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Registered or certified medical assistant license. Minimum of one year experience working as a medical assistant in an outpatient medical clinic.

Registered Medical Assistant - Nimkee
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Registered or certified medical assistant license. Minimum of one year experience working as a medical assistant in an outpatient medical clinic.

Project Coordinator Native Connections
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social sciences. Master's degree preferred. Two years' experience in clinical social work or behavioral health service delivery.

Maintenance Worker
Open to the public. One year experience with basic maintenance and grounds keeping. Experience with operation, maintenance, and janitorial equipment desired.

Physician
Open to the public. Medical degree or doctor of osteopathic medicine. Current board certification in specialty. Medical license for MD or DO in the State

of Michigan. Two years' experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting.

Associate General Counsel
Open to the public. Juris doctor from an ABA accredited law school. Experience as a practicing attorney. Licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan; or must be licensed in another state and become licensed in the State of Michigan following the next available bar exam; or by reciprocity no later than six months after date of hire. If not licensed in any state, then must become licensed in the State of Michigan following the next available bar exam.

Paralegal
Open to the public. Associate degree from accredited institution. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered. Bachelor's degree in administration preferred. Supervisory experience preferred. Directly related work experience means substantive work experience of at least one year under the supervision of a licensed attorney or of a paralegal that includes at least five of the essential duties and responsibilities provided in this position description. Excellent communication, writing, research, and computer skills.

Grant Analyst PT
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business administration, or related field. One year experience in administration of federal grants and contracts, and grant writing. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered.

Grants and Contracts Compliance Coordinator
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting. Five years' experience in governmental fund accounting and grants and contracts management, including desk audit preparation, financial management and assistance with oversight of grants from beginning through closing review.

Dentist
Open to the public. I.H.S. & N.H.S.C. loan repayment eligible clinic. Eligible Employer for Public Student Loan Forgiveness as a nonprofit. DDS/DMD degree from an accredited school. Michigan

licensed dentist. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position. Two years working dentist experience desired. DEA Controlled Substance License or ability to obtain upon hire.

Dental Hygienist PT
Open to the public. Two years working experience in dental hygiene desired. Michigan registered dental hygienist license. Certification to expose dental radiographs. Two years working experience in dental hygiene desired.

Community Project Manager - AWARE
Open to the public. Grant funded position through Sept. 30, 2028. Bachelor's degree in education, social work, counseling, or human services related field. Experience in project management, communications and working with school systems and community collaborations and partnerships. Obtain HIPAA certification within five business days of hire.

HR Compensation Manager
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in human resources, accounting, business or related field. Three years compensation experience specifically in job evaluation, market salary analysis and salary survey participation and interpretation. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered. One year in a supervisory capacity. Experience using HR Management systems. Desired qualifications: one year nursing experience and experience with older adults.

Clinical Therapist - RTC
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. Experience with co-occurring diagnosis and treatment.

Interim Clinical Therapist - RTC
Open to the public. Interim position. 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. Experience with co-occurring diagnosis and treatment. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple organizations and community systems.

Interim Clinical Therapist - Int Care TM
Interim position. 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. Experience with co-occurring diagnosis and treatment.

Clerical Pool
Open to SCIT Members only. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Clerical experience is a plus. Please submit an application if you are interested in working temporarily in an office setting.

General Labor Pool
Open to Tribal Members and community members. Must be at least 18 years of age. Under the supervision of department supervisor or manager, perform general labor tasks to assist staff in housekeeping, grounds work and general maintenance and repair of buildings.

AWARE SMHA Project Co-Coordinator
Open to the public. Grant-funded position. Grant funding through Sept. 30, 2028. Master's degree in counseling, social work, humanservices or related field. One year of experience in mental health services working with children and families of children with severe emotional disturbances. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple organizations and community systems.

Resident Care CNA PT
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be able to effectively communicate with residents and all members of the health care team and have good computer skills.

Kitchen Equipment Technician
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of experience in commercial food equipment repair. Must have a current and must be able to maintain a current universal refrigerant certification.

Culinary Supervisor
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of restaurant or banquet cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility. Must be able comprehend house training and pass standardized written culinary competency test by at least 60 percent.

F&B Chef
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Four years of upscale, high volume, hotel kitchen experience, or similar restaurant experience. Two years supervisory experience. Formal education in the form of a culinary degree from an American Culinary Federation (ACF) accredited school may be accepted to satisfy part of the work experience requirement.

Master Plumber
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Ten years of experience as a licensed plumber which includes a combination of apprentice, journeyman and master plumber. Must have a current and maintain a State of Michigan master plumber's license and a State of Michigan plumbing contractor's license.

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

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

Food & Beverage Custodial Worker
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Kitchen cleaning experience desired.

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.

Bartender FT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Bartending experience desired.

Bartender PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Bartending experience desired.

Beverage Bartender PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Bartending experience desired.

Guestroom Attendant FT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three months of housekeeping experience desired.

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 Saganing internal culinary training.

Beverage Waitstaff FT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Restaurant server experience desired.

Beverage Waitstaff PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Restaurant server 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.

Summons and Complaint Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY NETMOP:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800. Estate of Dorothy Netmop. Date of Birth: October 11, 1925. Notice to creditors: The decedent, Dorothy Netmop, died April 8, 2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Mary Floyd, personal representative, or to both the Tribal Probate Court at 6954 East Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. Personal Representative: Mary Floyd, 7550 Ogemaw Dr., Mt. Pleasant MI 48858, 989-854-6804.



NativeFest brings in record number of Car Bingo participants, Music & Comedy Night entertains

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Honking horns are often a sign of an alert or danger, but in this case, they were associated with good fun. It was the annual NativeFest: A celebration of North American Indian culture kicking off with Indian Car Bingo on July 23.

“Honk if you get a bingo!” rang true in the Ziibiwing Center’s parking lot that Tuesday evening from 6 to 9 p.m.

Others sitting outdoors in lawn chairs or under the event tent had to make sure to yell “bingo!” loud enough for event volunteers and bingo callers Bernie and Bonnie Sprague to hear.

This year’s attendance had record-breaking numbers: a total of 165 cars and 335 people.

Fabulous prizes were awarded throughout the evening including a grand prize of \$1200 in gift cards. Registration was \$25 per person. The Ziibiwing Center made more than \$6,000 in revenue that evening.

“Chi-miigwetch to all of our supporters, our awesome summer youth workers for helping out, the volunteers and to Bernie (Sprague) and Bonnie (Sprague) for calling and entertaining the community,” the Ziibiwing Center said in a statement an hour after the event concluded.

The following evening, Wednesday,



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Elvis tribute artist Joseph Hall performs during the NativeFest Music & Comedy Night on July 24.

July 24, began the live Music & Comedy Night from 6 to 9 p.m.

The event welcomed balloon artists, bounce houses, caricature artists, pony rides, photo booths, a Anishinabe Performance Circle graduation from 6 to 7 p.m., and a comedy slam and games from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m., a live performance by Elvis impersonator, Joseph Hall, began. Hall has been paying tribute to the legacy of Elvis Presley since 2006. In 2008, he was on “America’s Got Talent” and made it as a top 10 contestant.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Anishinabe Performance Circle graduates are honored during the NativeFest Music & Comedy Night.

Hall performed nearly 30 songs including some of Elvis’ most well-known songs: “Burning Love,” “Trouble,” “Blue Suede Shoes,” “Shake, Rattle and Roll,” “Love Me Tender,” “Jailhouse Rock,” “All Shook Up,” “In the Ghetto,” “Viva Las Vegas” and much more.

Hall has worked with Elvis Presley Enterprises, Legends in Concert, and has been recognized as one of the top Elvis tribute artists in the world today.

NativeFest sponsors included: Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, Nbakade Family Restaurant, Project Aware, Sagamok, The Mahoney Group and Soaring Eagle Bingo.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Bingo callers Bernie (left) and Bonnie Sprague volunteer during NativeFest’s annual Car Bingo held in the Ziibiwing Center’s parking lot on Tuesday, July 23.

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

Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck and Matthew Wright



Anishinabe Performance Circle graduates

Not pictured: Colleen Green, Oliver Shanteau, Dante Velazco, Gabriel Gomalez, Kooper Koons, Kyleign Koons, Mia Velazco, Carmen Gonzales, Amelia Phillips, Isia Phillips, Reyna Phillips, Jozzlyn Shomin and Noah Nedwash

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Jacob Nedwash

Shoshana McCreery

Michael McCreery

Marcella Hadden