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‘Supporting education and fostering greater inclusion’



Dancers celebrated the heritage over two days at the Pow Wow. DON REID/COLDWATER REPORTER

Schools, governments can apply for MI Native heritage funding

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Grant funding is now available to support education and cultural awareness projects across Michigan through

the Native American Heritage Fund’s latest application cycle.

Applications for the 2026 grants are open to public and private K-12 schools, colleges, universities and local government units statewide, according to a community announcement. The fund-

ing is intended to support initiatives that build understanding of Native American history, culture and contributions while encouraging stronger relationships between Native and

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Statewide cash-support program for parents expands to Calhoun County

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A statewide maternal and infant support program is expanding to Calhoun County, offering direct payments to eligible families during pregnancy and a child’s first months of life.

Community leaders, health care providers and local partners gathered at

Grace Health in Battle Creek to mark the launch of RX Kids, according to a community announcement. The program became available beginning July 1 to qualifying residents in Battle Creek, Albion, Springfield and Sheridan Township.

RX Kids provides \$1,500 during pregnancy, followed by \$500 per month for the first six months after a child is born. The initiative is designed to offer finan-

cial stability at a critical stage for families, according to the announcement.

Partnerships drive expansion in Calhoun County

The Battle Creek Community Foundation is serving as the local fiduciary for the program, working with Grace

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Early voting sites and hours set

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Registered voters in Calhoun County can cast ballots early at two designated sites ahead of the Aug. 4 primary election.

Early in-person voting will be offered for nine consecutive days before the election, according to a community announcement. The option, approved through Michigan’s Proposal 22-2, allows registered voters to submit ballots in person prior to Election Day.

Voting sites will be open from July 25 through Aug. 2. Voters who already received an absentee ballot can also choose to submit that ballot in person using tabulators at early voting locations.

Election Day voting will continue at each voter’s assigned polling place, not at early in-person voting sites.

Where to vote early in Calhoun County

Two locations will serve voters based on where they are registered.

Marshall County Building
315 W. Green St., Marshall
Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This site serves residents in the city of Albion, city of Marshall, Albion Township, Athens Township, Burlington Township, Clarence Township, Clarendon Township, Convis Township, Eckford Township, Emmett Charter Township, Fredonia Township, Homer Township, Lee Township, Leroy Township, Marengo Township, Marshall Township, Newton Township, Sheridan Township and Tekonsha Township.

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