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Soaring Eagle Resort celebrates 20th anniversary

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

A celebration of 20 successful years: Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort personnel, guests and Tribal Council celebrated the resort's 20th anniversary on Monday, Aug. 27 at 1 p.m.

Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez greeted the large crowd gathered in the hotel lobby, and Tribal Chaplain Diana Quigno-Grundahl provided an invocation.

Onion Creek drummers performed one birthday and one honor song as one male and one female danced in full regalia.

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl spoke to the crowd and thanked the past and current Tribal leaderships for the continued success of the resort.

"I'm excited for everything going on within the property and for what is to come in the future," Ekdahl said.

Casino CEO Raymond Brenny discussed the Soaring Eagle's improvements – new and upcoming.

"Thank you all for coming and celebrating this milestone anniversary with us," Brenny said.

Director of Hotel Operations Bernard Sprague recognized current employees who were



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Current Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort employees who were part of the opening team 20 years ago are recognized with Tribal Council during the resort's 20th anniversary celebration on Aug. 27.

a part of the opening team 20 years ago. Those employees received their choice of two tickets to any upcoming Soaring Eagle entertainment event.

Next, the chief cut the special anniversary cake, and all in attendance were invited to help themselves to the dessert and a variety of cupcakes.



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People's Traditional Powwow
Community members gather for Seventh Generation's powwow.

Soaring Eagle recognized with Academy of Country Music award nomination

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort received a 2018 Academy of Country Music (ACM) award nomination for Casino of the Year – Small Capacity.

Special award nominees were celebrated at the 12th annual ACM Honors on Wednesday, Aug. 22 in Nashville, Tenn., at the historic Ryman Auditorium.

Representing the Soaring Eagle at the ACM Honors were Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl and his wife, Rosemary, and Shad Snowden, talent buyer.

The criteria and voting procedures from this year's 53rd ACM awards were set by the ACM Board of Directors in accordance with the bylaws.

The industry awards, which included the Casino of the Year – Small Capacity, are voted on by the professional membership of the ACM in the final round of voting.

The Soaring Eagle's indoor venue was nominated due to its recognition as an "outstanding casino with a maximum capacity of 4,000 seats" and was selected by a professional panel of judges.

Nomination requirements included that the casino must have bought or promoted at



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl (right) and his wife, Rosemary, pose at the steps of the historic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn. after the ACM Honors ceremony on Wednesday, Aug. 22.

state for concerts, and now we are beginning to make a name for ourselves on a national scale. Although we did not win the award, this is a positive step in, what I believe is, our next driving force for getting patrons to our property."

Additional nominees in Soaring Eagle's category included Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort Event Center in Cherokee, N.C.; Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Tulsa, Okla.; and The Show at Agua Caliente Casino in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Not only were nominees recognized during the celebration at the Ryman Auditorium, but the evening also included live music and tributes celebrating recipients of the Academy of Country Music's Special Awards, Songwriter of the Year Award and Studio Recording Awards.

"To be nominated with some of the biggest entertainment venues in the nation, along with the biggest names in county music, is a great accomplishment and one I hope to continue to achieve," Ekdahl said.

Country music stars Lauren Alaina and Jon Pardi hosted the event that celebrated the off-camera category winners from the 53rd ACM Awards.

Alaina is the reigning ACM New Female Vocalist of the Year. She joined Kane Brown on the multi-platinum hit single "What Ifs," and she joined Jason Aldean's tour this summer.

Pardi is the reigning ACM New Artist of the Year. He produced three consecutive number one singles including "Dirt on My Boots," "Heartache on the Dance Floor" and "Head Over Boots."

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TOWN HALL MEETING

Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018
Eagles Nest Tribal Gym

Doors open at 11 a.m. | Meeting held from 12-2 p.m.

**Tribal ID required. **Open to all Tribal Members.*



Madonna Belle Sanders

Aug. 12, 1958 – Aug. 15, 2018

Madonna Belle Sanders, age 60, of Mount Pleasant passed away Wednesday, Aug. 15 at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Madonna was born on Aug. 12, 1958, in Delwin, the daughter of William and Georgiana (Bennett) Sanders. Madonna was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. She enjoyed going to the casino, traveling and caring for her cats.

Madonna is survived by her daughter Yolonda Sweet; nine grandchildren; siblings Elsie Sanders and William Wing; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Madonna was preceded in death by her son John Terrell, infant son Caleb Sanders, parents and siblings Harvey Bennett, Trudy Sanders and William Sanders Jr.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 1 p.m. with Rev. Robert Pego officiating. Interment followed in the Woodland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Ida Mae Ziehmer

Aug. 13, 1942 – July 24, 2018

Ida Mae Ziehmer, age 75, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Tuesday, July 24 at Medilodge of Mt. Pleasant. Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 28 at noon at Clark Family Funeral Chapel with Benjamin Evers officiating. Burial followed at Riverside Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Ida was born Aug. 13, 1942, in Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of William and Jennie (Phelps) Walldorff. She was a member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Moose Lodge in Clare. Ida loved karaoke, dancing and embroidery. Ida was a jokester; she was always happy with a smile and loved and cared for all people. In the past, she served as a 4H leader and coached Little League softball and baseball.

Ida is survived by her children Darwin (Meg) Ziehmer of Delaware, Michael Ziehmer of Montana and Kristine (Paul) Gonsorchik of Montana; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; brothers Larry (Dorlene) Collins of Alma and Ed (Sue) Phelps of Alma; sister Marlene Collins of Mt. Pleasant; and her first husband Roland Ziehmer of Montana.

Ida was preceded in death by her parents, special aunt and uncle who raised her Steve and Marion French, an infant brother and her aunt Bertha.

Patrick Alan "Head" Mena

April 25, 1959 – July 28, 2018

Patrick Alan "Head" Mena, age 59, of Mount Pleasant passed away Saturday, July 28 at the MidMichigan Medical Center in Midland.

Patrick was born on April 25, 1959, in Saginaw, the son of Daniel and Frances (Gross) Mena. Patrick was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. He was loved by many at the card room and the campgrounds, working more than 25 years for the Tribe. He enjoyed playing golf, traveling and playing poker. There was nothing more in life that Patrick loved than being a grandfather.

Patrick is survived by his daughter Morgan Mena; grandchildren Nickilah, Myleyah, Aaliyah and Emi; siblings Phillip "Jim" (Flora) Mena, Lawrence Mena, Lewis Mena and Elizabeth Mena; nieces and nephews Dawn Mena, Jimmy Mena, Bear Benz, Amanda Mena, Frances Mena, Madeline Mena, Anna Mena and Cody Mena.

Patrick was preceded in death by his son Nicholas Mena; parents; siblings Teresa Mena, Daniel Mena Jr. and baby brother Gary Alan Mena; and grandparents.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, Aug. 1 with Fred Cantu Jr. officiating.



Robert "Abe" Abraham

July 20, 1936 – June 29, 2018

Robert "Abe" Abraham, age 81, of Wyandotte passed away Friday, June 29. Robert was the beloved husband of Erma Abraham and the loving father of Michael (Sandra) Abraham, the late Karen Clarchick and the late Robert E. Abraham.

Robert was born in Mount Pleasant on July 20, 1936. At the age of 5, he moved to the Detroit area with his parents Pedro and Maria and sister Jeannie. Robert and his family ended up moving to Wyandotte around his seventh birthday.

Robert met his future wife Erma at the age of 8 and married her in 1956. He graduated from Wyandotte Roosevelt High School in 1955 and worked at McLouth Steel and, later, Mich-Con Gas Co. (DTE) until he retired in 1998.

Robert enjoyed many hobbies. He loved to play cards. He loved watching and playing hockey with his sons and coaching the boys of Wyandotte. He enjoyed boating and also enjoyed vacationing with his family and friends during the summer at Camp Dearborn and Port Huron. After the kids all moved out, Robert and Erma began to travel.

After his retirement, Robert and Erma spent a lot of time with his Tribe, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Mich., with whom they traveled all over the country. They also enjoyed gambling and having fun at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort with family. During this time, Robert and Erma spent their winters in Florida and their summers in Wyandotte with his family. Robert loved dogs and had one most of his life.

He was a devoted, no-nonsense husband and father who loved his wife and children; spoiling and always looking out for his grandchildren also brought him great joy.

Robert and Erma had many friends throughout life whom they laughed and enjoyed "partying" with. He also enjoyed "partying" with his daughter.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Erma, as well as his son Michael and his wife Sandra. He also leaves behind his grandchildren Joseph, Michael, Jonathan, Derek, Nicole, Christopher, Joshua, Stacey and Sarah; and his great-grandchildren Marcus, Marissa, Emma, Rosalie, Joseph, Evangeline, Kaitlyn, Sebastian, Abigail and Evelyn.

He now joins his deceased son Robert (Robbie) and his deceased daughter Karen in Heaven. Whether you knew him as Robert, Bobbie, Bob, Abe, Uncle Bob, Grandpa, Grandpa Abe, Old Grampy or Dad, he lives on in all of us exactly how you remember him. He will surely be missed. No one will ever forget that sweet smile and contagious laugh he shared each and every time he graced us with his presence. He lives on within each and every one of us in the memories we shared with him.



Thank you from the Patrick Mena Family

Dearest Community Members and Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Members,

I am the daughter of Patrick Alan Mena. I am very grateful to let you all know that I appreciate everything that everyone did during the loss of my father. My father was one of the greatest dads and he loved us kids and his granddaughters very much. Since we all have had our share of struggles with deaths in the community, my condolences also goes out to many who are mourning. These things are not easy to deal with and we request continued prayers to get through this huge loss.

Special thanks go out to the drummers, Pastor Fred, Fire Keepers and all the ladies who cooked the meal, and the beautiful flowers and plants are very beautiful. The money that was donated, and just going the extra mile is what you all did to help us with his funeral! These things really mean a lot to all of us. We feel blessed beyond measure and his journey was confirmed at the sacred fire because four beautiful bald eagles were flying over the lodge right at that perfect moment of releasing his Spirit to the Creator. Thanks Creator for confirming his journey. We also want to thank you all for being a part of my father's life! He sure was special and unique in his own way. For those of you who loved him will get to keep all those memories of him in your heart.

Morgan Mena
Aaliyah Mena, Myleyah and Nickilah Mena, and Emi Martinez (his granddaughters)
And of course, Teddy and Buddy (his boy dogs)

Ralph "Sam" Steele

Oct. 24, 1971 – July 27, 2018

Ralph "Sam" Steele, age 46, of Detroit, formerly of Mount Pleasant, passed away Friday, July 27 at his home.

A memorial gathering for Sam was held on Wednesday, Aug. 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Tribal Gym. Memorial contributions may be made to Sam's wife Autumn Steele to assist with expenses.

Sam was born Oct. 24, 1971, in Mt. Pleasant, the son of Raymond and Gladys Meshigaud Steele. He was a graduate of Chippewa Hills High School with the class of 1990.

Sam worked for 16 years at Soaring Eagle Casino as a pit boss, dealer, host and shift supervisor, and he worked in the poker room as well.

He married Autumn Ford in Memphis, Tenn. on Oct. 22, 1990. He was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and loved going to heavy metal concerts.

Sam is survived by his wife Autumn Steele of Detroit; son Scott Anthony Overfield of Ionia; daughter Mikayala Brook Cyphert (Daniel Moniz Jr.) of Mt. Pleasant; grandchildren Guiseppa "Joey" Tyler Squarcia Sheaves, Sophia Bella Overfield and Gabriel Meshigaud Moniz; brothers Doug Jackson, Eugene Jackson of Escanaba, Arthur Steel of Mt. Pleasant and Andrew Steele of Mt. Pleasant; sister Earlene Jackson of Escanaba; and brothers-in-law Mark Foster and Robert Foster both of Mt. Pleasant.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents, brother Daryle Jackson, nephew Warren Megenuph and mother-in-law Connie Foster.

Earlene D. Jackson

Dec. 26, 1960 – Aug. 22, 2018

Earlene D. Jackson "Ma-Ma Dukes," 57, of Escanaba, passed away Wednesday evening, Aug. 22 at OSF St. Francis Hospital. She was a Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member and a descendant of Hannahville Indian Community.

Earlene was born in Escanaba on December 26, 1960, to Wilford Jackson and Gladys A. (Meshigaud) Steele.

Earlene enjoyed spending time with her family, playing pool and darts and going to the casino. She loved ladybugs.

Among her survivors are her sons Joshua D. (Samantha) Jackson of Escanaba, Jared (Meshelle) Jackson of Bark River, Jeremy Jackson of California who is deployed overseas, Justin (Charlyn) Smith of Minnesota and Russel "Ralph" Little of Hannahville; step-daughters Dana, Kris, Lisa Mae and Lori Jo Megenuph all of Minnesota; grandchildren Mequon, Tthigwes, Serenity, Warren George III, Arias, Alaura, Kay-lee, Shanyce and Ceyenna all of Hannahville; great-granddaughter Shondreya; significant other Carl Olien of Escanaba; brothers Eugene Jackson of Escanaba, Andrew and Arthur Steele of Mt. Pleasant, Douglas Jackson of Roanoke, Va. and Brian Matrious of Minn.; sisters Stacey Yates of Escanaba and Lauren and Bonnie Matrious of Minn.; uncles Walter "Wally Bear" Meshigaud and Frank Meshigaud of Hannahville; nephews Jeremiah, Quinn, Raymond, Gabe, Greg, Joshua L. and Christopher C.; and nieces Kelli "Baby Girl" Jackson of Hannahville, Rebecca, Kayla, Felicia, Journey, Penny, McKenna, Summer, Ah-nung, Neemin and Bazhii; and numerous great nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by son Warren G. Megenuph Jr.; brothers Thomas, Daryle and Samuel; niece Christina Jackson; and nephew James Jackson.



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June - October
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- You must be Native American to be an art vendor.

For more information, please contact:
Brandon Schultz, Market Master
• Phone: 989.775.4663 • Email: bschultz@sagchip.org

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Attention

Per Loan Guidelines, your Annual Report must be filed in the Tribal Clerk's Office in order for your application to be processed. The currently accepted 2019 Annual Reports are available in the Clerk's Office and online at sagchip.org on the Tribal Clerk's page under "Frequently Requested Forms and Tribal Child Welfare Affidavit" tab.

Annual Reports can also be requested to be emailed to you by contacting the Clerk's Office 989-775-4055.



Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe | Community Engineer Donald L. Seal, Planning Department

Order Establishing Deer Season 2018

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the 2018 Deer Season shall begin Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, and will close on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019, unless ordered otherwise. The 2018 Deer Season will allow for the harvest of five deer as follows:

- Three antlerless*
- Two restricted (antlered or antlerless*)
 - One any-sized antlered
 - One restricted to four or more one-inch minimum points on one side

**Antlerless gives the ability to take an antlerless deer or a deer with antlers less than three inches in length.*

Licenses and harvest tags will be available starting Aug. 28, 2018, at the Tribal Planning Department office at \$10 per harvest tag. Only five tags allowed per license.

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

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

- Hunter orange is to be in accordance with Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 5.
- Harvest reporting is to be in accordance with Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 5(B).
- Tribal lands designated for hunting are approved by the map located at the Tribe's Planning Department.

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

Order Establishing Small Game Season 2018

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 106 subdivision 3 the 2018 Small Game Season shall begin Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, and will close on Sunday, April 28, 2019, unless ordered otherwise.

The 2018 Small Game Season will allow for the bag limit as listed:

- Pheasants shall be limited to male pheasants ONLY with a limit of five per day.
- Badger, beaver, muskrat, mink, pine marten, fisher and otter are ALL CLOSED to small game hunting.
- Badger, beaver, muskrat, mink and otter will be OPEN for TRAPPING season. Bag limits per Trapping Season Order.
- Bobcat is limited to two tags only whether hunting, trapping or a combination of seasons.

Small game species are defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 103 subdivision 66. Licenses will be available starting Aug. 28, 2018, at the Tribal Planning Department office. Fee is \$10 per license. Animal harvest must be reported within 72 hours of take by phone, email or online.

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

Order Establishing Fall Wild Turkey Season 2018

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the 2018 Fall Wild Turkey Season shall begin Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, and will close on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018, unless ordered otherwise. The 2018 Fall Wild Turkey Season will allow for the harvest of two turkeys, either sex.

Licenses and harvest tags are available starting Aug. 28, 2018, at the Tribal Planning Department office at \$10 per harvest tag. Only two tags allowed per license.

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

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

Order Establishing Migratory Game Bird Season 2018/2019

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 109 subdivision 3 the 2018-2019 Migratory Game Bird Season shall begin Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018 (contingent upon the USFWS Final Rule Publication prior to Sept. 1, 2018; if published after Sept. 1, the Season will commence upon the USFWS Final Rule Publication date) and will close on Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019 unless ordered otherwise. The 2017-2018 Migratory Game Bird Season will allow for the bag limit as listed. Non toxic shot only.

Migratory game bird season daily bag limit:

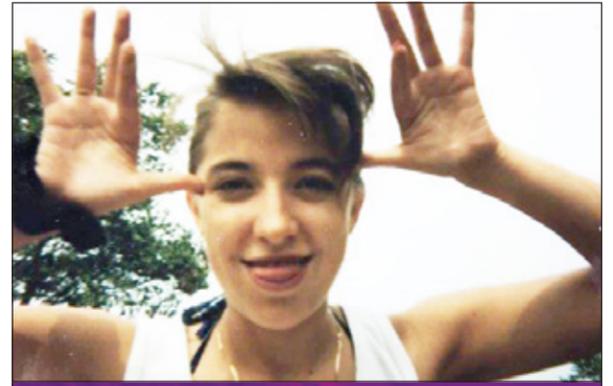
- Ducks - 20*
- Canada Geese - 20**
- Mergansers - 10***
- Woodcock - 10
- Common Snipe - 16
- Sora and Virginia Rails - 20
- Morning Dove - 25
- Coots & Gallinules - 20
- Sandhill Crane - One

* Duck -20 per day, including no more than five each of the following species: hen mallard, hooded merganser, wood duck, redhead, scaup, black duck pintail and canvasback. Possession limit is not to exceed two times the bag limit.

** 20 per day Canada Geese aggregate. *** No more than five hooded mergansers in the aggregate.

Reporting within 72 hours of harvest is mandatory per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 5(B). A small game license is required as per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 109 subdivision 2. Licenses will be available starting upon the USFWS Final Rule Publication date at the Tribal Planning Department office. Fee is \$10 per license.

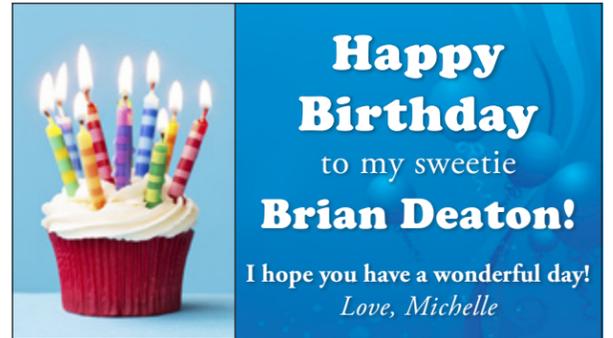
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- Other Indians as defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 52.
- Please Refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.



*Nab-nab nannab-nab!
This is how fabulous 50 looks!!*

Happy Birthday Leslie Klein!
We LOVE you at any age!!!

Xoxo, All of us in the Legal Department



Conservation Committee Seats

The Planning Department is soliciting letters of interests for adult Tribal Members interested in serving on the Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee (SCCC) for a Tribal Council appointed two-year term beginning Nov. 15, 2018. Per Ordinance 11, section 102, subdivision 2 and the approved Ordinance 11 Committee By-Laws.

Please submit a letter of interest along with your qualification and experience to:

Donald Seal
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan
Planning Department
7070 E. Broadway Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
dseal@sagchip.org

All letters of interests must be received no later than Friday, Oct. 26, 2018, at 3 p.m.

Public Notice

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
Dennis, Joel	10/13/2016
Jackson, Garth	10/05/2017
McDonald, Eva	06/09/2018
Pelcher, Lavern	03/09/2018
Rogers, Anthony	05/29/2018
Smith, Loretta	01/05/2018
Sprague, Gary	04/07/2017
Stanton, Goldie	01/03/2018

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Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings

The Regular Tribal Council Sessions occur at 9 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the Seniors Room of Tribal Operations, in accordance to the Tribal Constitution.

Meetings are open to Tribal Members.

Administration will announce ahead of time if meeting date or time changes for possible weather or emergencies. However, it is rare the times change.

Administration's administrative assistant III compiles and prepares the agenda.

Approximately two weeks prior to the meeting, an email is sent to Tribal Operations employees to remind them of the meeting and request any submissions for the agenda.

Any SCIT Tribal Member or other individual/department must submit a written request if they wish to be placed on the Regular Council Session agenda. Anyone wanting to be added can call (989) 775-4003.

Regular Council Session Dates

• Sept. 4 • Oct. 2 • Nov. 6

Cultural representative shares a helpful secret at feather wrapping workshop

NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

Ben Hinmon, cultural representative, revealed a helpful secret to participants in the Feather Wrapping Workshop that took place in the Seventh Generation craft room from 5 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 15 and 16.

Participants gathered feathers from home to learn a handy trick that would help them neatly and easily wrap the quill of the feathers in colorful thread.

Hinmon admitted that necessity was the mother of his inventive problem-solving technique as he explained that the feathers are much easier wrapped when they are clamped into an electric drill where a bit would normally go. When the drill is slowly activated after thread is affixed to the end of the feather, it speedily and tightly wraps the thread around the quill with a little guidance from the person holding the thread.



Observer photos Niki Henry

Participants of all ages learn a unique wrapping technique during the Feather Wrapping Workshop that took place in the Seventh Generation craft room on Aug. 15-16.

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.

Attention Tribal community: Task force participants needed

Would you like to participate on an event planning group to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Saginaw of 1819? The Treaty of Saginaw, also known as the Treaty with the Chippewa, was made between Gen. Lewis Cass and Chief Mash Kee Yosh, Chief John Okemos, Chief Wasso and other Native American tribes of the Great Lakes region (principally the Ojibwe, but also the Ottawa and Potawatomi) in what is now the United States, on Sept. 24, 1819.

The task of the group will be to plan event(s) for next year, 2019. Meetings will be held bi-monthly.

The first meeting will take place on:

Monday, Sept. 24 at 3 p.m.

Ziibiwing Center - Research Center Immersion Room

For more information, please contact:

- **Erik Rodriguez** | Public Relations Director | 989.775.4076
- **William Johnson** | Interim Tribal Historic Preservation Officer | 989.775.4730



Tribal Observer

Boozhu! The Tribal Observer, a monthly newspaper, is published on the first of each month. To contact Tribal Observer staff, please call 989-775-4010 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
7070 E. Broadway Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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

Tribal Observer Advertising

If you would like to advertise your business, please contact the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4010 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 \$500. 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

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Tribe receives Quality of Life Award during regional Chamber summit

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe received the Partners in Progress Quality of Life Achievement Award during the Aug. 1 Great Lakes Bay Regional Chamber Summit.

The seventh annual summit and luncheon was held from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Great Hall Banquet and Convention Center in Midland, Mich.

The summit is a regional collaboration of the Bay area, Midland area, Mt. Pleasant area and Saginaw County Chambers of Commerce.

The Tribe's award, sponsored by Great Lakes Bay Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau, was presented by Annette Rummel, president and CEO of the Bureau.

"The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan is invested and deeply rooted not only in Isabella and Arenac counties but throughout the entire Great Lakes Bay Region," the event program stated. "... The Tribe employs more than 3,600 people and provides seasonal employment for hundreds more."

Rummel mentioned the Tribe has donated more than one quarter of a billion dollars



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl accepts the Quality of Life Achievement Award on behalf of the Tribe during the Aug. 1 Great Lakes Bay Regional Chamber Summit in Midland.

to local schools and governments through 2 percent distributions, helping with public safety and infrastructure needs while providing the tools necessary for youth to become leaders in the region.

The Tribe received the award due to its economic development and regional growth, tourism of hosting more than 3.5 million patrons to its properties on an annual basis and promoting diversification, Rummel said.

"(The Tribe) donates to non-profit organizations and supports philanthropic initiatives that promote a sense of wellbeing in the region such as local soup kitchen

and food banks, the Humane Animal Treatment Society, Special Olympics and Isabella County Restoration House, among others," Rummel said.

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl accepted the award on behalf of the Tribe.

"Ensuring that all residents in our region share that sense of wellbeing and quality of life remains a top priority and one that the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe remains committed to," Ekdahl said in his acceptance speech. "We take great pride in being a collaborative and driving force of economic development and regional prosperity here in the Great Lakes Bay Region. By continuing to expand, grow and revamp our properties, we provide world-class entertainment for millions and provide opportunities for thousands of hard-working citizens right here in our region."

The chief's speech continued, "We understand that the collaborative efforts and ventures we pursue have an effect on all organizations throughout the region and help forge opportunities for continued growth and success. We thank each and every one of our partners and say 'chi-miigwetch' to those organizations who share the vision in making our region a staple that can be

recognized throughout the great State of Michigan.

"Understanding the needs of our communities only happens through establishing and maintaining open lines of communication and continued dialogue with all residents in our region," the chief said during his speech. "The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is supportive of our local economies by supplying them with the tools they need to be industry leaders. We remain committed in addressing those needs with our commitment to public safety and infrastructure improvements amongst others."

Also receiving an award was Herb Spence III, president and CEO of the Spence Brothers, the company providing construction management to the expansion of the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino. Spence received the Individual Achievement Award.

The Dow Chemical Company received the Large Business Award, and Tri-City Motor Speedway was honored with the Small Business Award.

Bret Hyble, president and CEO of the Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce, said award nominations come from staff or board members of the Chamber of Commerce.

The keynote speaker was Reiner Roghmann, vice

president of Operations, Canada and USA North, and site director for Michigan Operations of The Dow Chemical Company.

Roghmann joined Dow in 1991 as a chemical engineer in Stade, Germany, and continued to hold various positions within the company before achieving his current role.

Roghmann discussed the 2018 overview of the Dow merger, DowDuPont.

"We are subject to significant changes currently going on as we speak," Roghmann said. "... I feel very blessed to be a part of this company during this time of change."

Roghmann praised the local area.

"Dow will remain in Midland... we are very proud of our roots," Roghmann said, stirring applause.

Earlier in the program, Roghmann also accepted the Large Business Award on Dow's behalf.

The event ended by recognizing Bob Van Deventer, retired president and CEO of the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce, who was on his first day of retirement during the event.

Van Deventer said the annual summits help bring together the regional leaders who "had previously not known each other."

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Ceremony celebrates new pathway and honors those who helped make it a reality

NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

Bicyclists, runners, walkers and a large group of community members and pathway supporters gathered under the pavilion at Veterans Memorial Park in Shepherd on Aug. 1 to celebrate the completion of the Phase II section of the non-motorized Mid-Michigan Community Pathways.

This section of the 10-foot-wide trail is 6.8 miles long and connects Shepherd to Union Township.

Construction began this past spring, with paving beginning mid-June.

Steve Davidson, DPW superintendent for the Village of Shepherd and president Mid-Michigan Community Pathways Group, opened the event shortly after 5:30 p.m. by thanking all who came to the celebration along with the Friends Group of Gratiot and Isabella County, who coordinated with Shepherd Bar and Restaurant to provide appetizers for the occasion.

Davidson described the new trail way as “a 60-mile long pipe dream that has turned into more than a reality with the completion of Phase 2,” and he also noted that this phase was a bit different from the first phase completed between Alma and Ithaca.



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Representing SCIT, PR Director Erik Rodriguez (front row, center) joins other contributors and supporters of the pathway at the ribbon cutting celebration that took place at Veterans Memorial Park in Shepherd on Aug. 1.

“This phase involved property owners a little bit more on a personal level,” Davidson said, giving special thanks to the impacted resident and farmers who put up with construction “that seemed endless” and required patience with weather and traffic.

“A project of this magnitude isn’t done overnight,” Davidson said. “And there are so many unknowns and so many other things that had to be done to bring everything together.”

The biggest challenge, he said, was raising the \$2.2 million for construction costs.

“It doesn’t come easy, and it doesn’t fall from the sky,” Davidson said.

Contributors included the following: Michigan Department of Transportation with a MDOT

grant, Michigan Department of Natural Resources with a MDNR Trust Fund grant, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe with design engineering assistance and a construction match, Saginaw Wind, Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation, the Village of Shepherd, Consumer Energy, Rollin Kruschek Foundation, Union Charter Township, Mount Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce, W.E. Mark Foundation, Morbark LLC., Casey Hatfield, Elizabeth Oville, John and Carol Grossa, Steve and Mary Bradley, Rowe engineering and the Isabella County road commission.

Another challenge, according to Davidson, was the uniqueness of this section of

pathway, as it is not built in abandoned railway beds like the Pier Marquette and Fred Meijer trails are. This, he said, required a creative use of existing public right of ways such as power line and expressway right of ways.

Davidson said MDOT’s support helped overcome this challenge, as did Shepherd Public Schools, which allocated 10 acres of property on Wise Road to set aside as land abatement to help with impacted wetlands.

“So much has come to the table to make this happen,” he said.

“Driving down the road each day, you will see people using the trail,” Davidson said, mentioning that he himself has seen bicyclists, runners, walkers, a mom teaching her two young daughters to ride bicycles, chickens and cows. “Everybody is using the trail.”

He continued by saying, “One thing that stands out most is people are safe. They are not in the roadway. They are using the trail, and that is what it’s designed for. So, I get a little emotional when it comes to that.”

Davidson spoke of the next two phases of the project and encouraged those in attendance

to remain involved and supportive and to keep informed through the organization website at www.midmichiganpathways.org/ and its Facebook page www.facebook.com/midmichpathways/

Before the ribbon cutting ceremony and commencement of the event’s 5K run/walk, Wendy Oswald, president of the Isabella County Friends of the Mid-Michigan Community Pathways, spoke to the crowd to explain the group is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of path.

Oswald said the organization’s volunteers empty wastebaskets, fix cracks in asphalt and maintain signage and that they are able to do this through fundraisers and donations.

“As you can imagine, it’s 6.8 miles, so it’s not cheap to keep up with,” she said.

Oswald also explained there are five of the six benches located along this section of the trail that are still available for sponsorship.

“Anything you can do to support us, monetarily or just word of mouth... obviously we would just appreciate the support,” she said.

Erik Rodriguez, public relations director, attended the ribbon cutting ceremony on behalf of the Tribe.

Talking circles, mind mapping, spiritual principles offered at tradition training

SHUNA STEVENS

Prevention Coordinator

Behavioral Health Programs hosted the White Bison Inc.’s Daughters and Sons of Tradition facilitator training at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Tuesday, Aug. 7 through Thursday, Aug. 9.

Daughters of Tradition (DoT) and Sons of Tradition (SoT) are prevention programs that provide a character-building framework that enables youth to create healthy identities for themselves as young Native women or men.

This three-day facilitator training included several activities such as talking circles,

mind mapping, a review of White Bison’s spiritual principals, discussions about inter-generational trauma and curriculum review and practice in order for the facilitators to get hands-on experience for DoT and SoT programming.

There were 48 participants of this facilitator training, including attendees from 14 different Tribal departments, one Tribal Council member, one Youth Council member, representatives from the community and several representatives from Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi. This group was very diverse in knowledge, skills and

experience, which will be helpful in creating well-rounded DoT and SoT youth groups.

This training was incredibly moving. It provided great first-hand experience for the facilitators to see what might happen in the youth groups so they are better prepared for the emotions that go along with the healing process. The DoT and SoT weekly topic areas open up potential for healing and bonding to occur as long as the youth can feel safe and supported.

“It was beautiful to see the many caring individuals in our community putting a positive foot forward for our youth,” said Lorry Crawford of Behavioral



Courtesy of Shuna Stevens

A group of facilitators and attendees of the White Bison Inc.’s Daughters and Sons of Tradition training pose for a photograph on the staircase of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort last month during the program.

Health’s Native Connection Project. “The talking circles were heartfelt and healing. I think it is important to know where you come from and have deep roots in your traditional Native beliefs. Incorporating Sons and Daughters of Tradition into our community will give our sons and daughters the opportunity that most of us were not fortunate enough to have, their culture...”

Cecilia Stevens, Anishinaabe culture and language teacher at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, shared her takeaway and hopes for the program after training. She said she was thankful for the opportunity to be part of the training.

“Emotions the past three days were raw, real, and everyone could relate in their own way,” Stevens said. “To see the turnout from our community and neighboring tribal

communities was great to see, so many coming forward to step up for our youth and be there for them. I look forward to the coming months to see Daughters of Tradition and Sons of Tradition programs being active again in our communities and benefiting our youth. Miigwetch to the Prevention team at Behavioral Health for bringing this training to our community.”

In regard to next steps, Behavioral Health Prevention will be working with other newly-trained facilitators to ensure the youth groups benefit from the diversity of people, skills and knowledge that were at the facilitator training. There will be a lot of planning and coordination in order for the DoT and SoT youth groups to become a reality. Parents, caregivers, youth and providers, stay tuned for more information about these youth groups.

Ziibiwing Center hosts cradleboard workshop

NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

The Ziibiwing Center offered a five-day Dikinaagan (Cradleboard) Workshop on Monday, July 30 through Friday, Aug. 3.

Ziibiwing Assistant Director Judy Pamp led the workshop from 5 to 7 p.m. each night, sharing the teachings she received and overseeing the creation of the boards by the female and male pairs who attended the workshop.

Pamp said a man and a woman must make a cradleboard together.

“We have to have a balance of energy around the new spirit or baby,” she said.

“The men usually design the backboard, head bow, foot board and help put the cradleboard together,” said Pamp. “The women design the covering and make it.”



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Olivia and David Merrill Jr. work together to craft a cradleboard during Ziibiwing Center’s five-day Dikinaagan (Cradleboard) Workshop that took place Monday, July 30 through Friday, Aug. 3.

Pamp said the workshop and collaborative creative pairing has an additional purpose.

“This was also done to provide mentorship of the young, soon-to-be parents,” she said.



Behavioral Health provides fun, family-friendly events during American Indian Sobriety Month

NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

Behavioral Health Programs hosted several family-friendly activities during August's, American Indian Sobriety Month (AISM).

The month kicked off a few days early with Freedom Walk 2018 taking place Saturday, July 28.

Eagles Nest Tribal Gym doors opened for the event at 7 a.m. At 7:30 a.m., a prayer was offered before event participants enjoyed a continental breakfast provided by Nbadake Family Restaurant.

At 8 a.m., several speakers provided important messages of recovery, and the walk began at 9 a.m. Tribal Police and Fire Departments escorted the walkers from the gym as they traveled south on Leaton Road to Tomah Road until they reached the powwow grounds.



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Tahsheenah Foley helps out a young competitor during the AISM cupcake wars that took place in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym on Wednesday, Aug. 22.

A family game night also took place at Andahwod from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31.

Door prizes and dinner were provided that evening and every family left with a new board game.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

A Tribal youth puts the finishing touches on the cupcake she decorated for a chance to win a prize during the cupcake war event.

The second annual AISM Wewebanaabiiwin Youth Fishing Tournament took place at the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park from noon until 3 p.m. on Aug. 16.

The tourney was open to Tribal youth as well as young RV Park patrons, with contestants grouped into two age categories: ages 12 to 18 and 11 years old and under.

Trophies were awarded to the youth in both categories who

caught the three largest fish, and many giveaways were raffled off to all participants. Prizes included fishing poles, tackle boxes, lures and worms.

A hot dog cookout was also provided, and youth attendees also had the opportunity to participate in a photography scavenger hunt.

Cupcake Wars took place in the Tribal Gym from 1 to 3



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David Perez III (standing) helps a participant prepare to catch fish from his kayak during the second annual American Indian Sobriety Month Wewebanaabiiwin Youth Fishing Tournament that took place at the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park on Aug. 16.

p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 22.

Participants in this contest competed to win in three categories: Native pride, favorite season and sports.

Contestants were supplied with cupcakes, icing and edible decorations and competed for a variety of fun prizes.

Soaring Eagle's nomination

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The two hosts opened the show with one of the evening's award winners, Alan Jackson's '90s "Chasin' That Neon Rainbow."

Brian O'Connell, who Snowden said he works with on occasion, won his eighth ACM Award for Promoter of the Year.

"We love music, and we love what we do for a living," O'Connell said. "And, there's no better place to celebrate that than at the Ryman Auditorium."

Artist Joe Diffie channeled George Jones' "The Grand Tour" to honor the late songwriter Norro Wilson who received the Poet's Award.

Cam torched her way through Buck Owens' "Crying Time" to honor ACM co-founders Eddie Miller and Mickey and Chris Christensen (posthumously).

Sam Hunt received the Gene Weed Milestone Award.

Up-and-coming artist Kassi Ashton performed Hunt's "Body Like A Back Road."

"(I had my) first headlining tour last summer," Hunt said in his acceptance speech.

Ekdahl was the first in the Ryman to rise and give Morgan Evans a standing ovation after the musician's multi-instrumental performance of "Things We Drink To."

Evans' performance honored Rob Potts (posthumously), who discovered him. Potts received the Jim Reeves International Award.

Potts, of Australia, also discovered Keith Urban. Potts' son accepted the award on his father's behalf. Potts died in October 2017.

Darius Rucker received the Gary Haber Lifting Lives Award for his collaboration with several charitable causes.

To honor Rucker, Kip Moore presented his award, and Old Crow Medicine Show performed their version of "Wagon Wheel," which Rucker rerecorded. That version topped the charts.

Rucker gave his mother all the credit for his charity work.

"I don't do what I do for awards," Rucker said. "I do it because my mom taught me when I was a kid that, if you can help anyone less fortunate than you, that's what you're supposed to do."

Rhett Akins – father of musician Thomas Rhett – received Songwriter of the Year.

Presented by Lori McKenna, Akins' honor was delivered with a medley performance by Dustin Lynch and songwriters Dallas Davidson and Ben Hayslip.

Akins told a story that happened before his success in the music industry. He said he walked into an empty Nashville bar in which there was only a

bartender and a struggling musician anxiously awaiting to play for a crowd. Akins ended up talking to and keeping in touch with the musician, who ended up being Kenny Chesney.

Pardi performed "I Hold On" to honor the Merle Haggard Spirit Award recipient, Dierks Bentley.

"Dierks gave me this guitar. Thanks buddy!" Pardi said about his acoustic before the performance.

Ricky Skaggs presented Bentley with his award.

Songwriter Matraca Berg was also honored with a medley of her hits performed by Alaina ("You and Tequila"), Ashley McBryde ("Wrong Side of Memphis") and Deana Carter ("Strawberry Wine").

"God could have not put more talent in such a beautiful package," Carter said of Berg.

Accepting her award, Berg shouted a quick-witted "Girls rule!"

Lastly, Chris Stapleton honored Alan Jackson by performing Jackson's "Here in the Real World." Jackson received the Cliffie Stone Icon Award.

Jackson was unable to attend due to an upper respiratory infection, according to his daughter Mattie. She accepted the award on his behalf and delivered a motivational speech.

The only other sole Michigan venue or event nominated was Faster Horses in Brooklyn, Mich. for "Festival of the Year."

The Academy of Country Music Industry Awards are voted on by all professional members of the Academy. The Studio Recording Awards are voted on by professional members of the Academy classified in the artist-entertainer/musician-bandleader-instrumentalist categories and the producer-engineer-studio manager sub-category.

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Tribal Police welcome new officer

NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

New Tribal Police Officer Matthew Miller was sworn in Thursday, Aug. 9 in Council chambers. Miller graduated from Delta College last December and previously worked as a part-time deputy for Gratiot County.

Miller has lived in the area for the last four years and is a Marine Corp veteran, having served his country for five years.

Miller is settling in to his job and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to be a member of Tribal PD.



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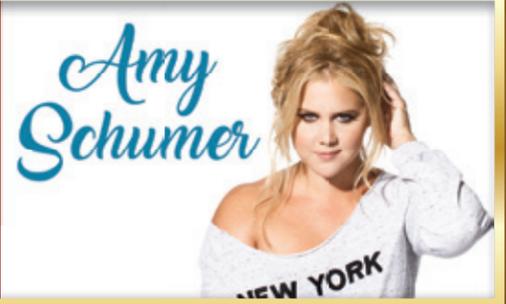
Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl (right) swears in new Tribal Police officer Matthew Miller (left) in Council chambers on Thursday, Aug. 9.

"I'd like to thank my wife, Jill, for pushing me to take this route and apply here," he said.

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Small, intimate People's Traditional Powwow draws adequate crowd

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

There was a slight breeze in the air during the dark and gloomy day, but the rain held off for Saturday's 1:20 p.m. grand entry at the Aug. 25 People's Traditional Powwow.

The 13th powwow, presented by the Seventh Generation Program's Elijah Elk Cultural Center, held activities Friday, Aug. 24 through Sunday, Aug. 26 at the program's powwow grounds.

Saturday's early afternoon head dancers were Chase Stevens and Cecilia Stevens.

Darryl Jackson (U.S. Marine Corp) was the weekend's head veteran, and Little Man Quintero served as the master of ceremonies.

"Honor what they gave; their sacrifices," Quintero said prior to the veterans' song.

Four drum groups – host Blue Storm (Ontario), co-host Bear River (Petoskey, Mich.), and invited drums Eagle Flight (Ontario) and 5 Mile Creek (Harbor Springs, Mich.) alternated songs.

Raymond Shenoskey provided the invocation fully in Anishinaabemowin.

"It's good to see a young person speak on behalf of us and provide a prayer," Quintero said.

Eight veterans followed the head dancers and head veteran. All dancers joined in the arena after a couple minutes and gave thanks to the veterans with handshakes.

When the song ended, Quintero asked all dancers to leave the arena and for veterans to remain standing there.



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Saturday afternoon's head dancers Cecilia (left) and Chase Stevens (right) are photographed in the People's Traditional Powwow arena on Aug. 25.

"Let's all thank these (veterans) for all the sacrifices they made for our country, all the sacrifices they made for our people," Quintero said.

RJ Smith was the weekend's arena director, and Jonathan Cabral was the fire keeper.

Blue Storm performed an intertribal dance, and Quintero then announced a \$25 spot dance next.

"This is pretty good exercise out here. Come out and dance one or two songs, and feel the exercise in our legs," Quintero said mentioning the



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Dancers unite in the arena during an intertribal at the 13th event presented by the Seventh Generation Program's Elijah Elk Cultural Center.

importance of staying active.

The Jackson Family sponsored a hand drum contest, and spot dances occurred all weekend along with youth and toddler specials and a potato dance special with prizes.

One boy and one girl were also given a bicycle, sponsored by the head veteran.

The weekend celebrations began that Friday evening with a lacrosse game at 5 p.m. and a 6:30 p.m. six age group watermelon eating contest and continued with hot dogs and s'mores and live music from 6 to 7 p.m.

Saturday festivities began at 10 a.m. with a lacrosse game, and a 5 p.m. feast followed.

Further grand entries were held 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

The powwow was open to the public with free admission.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Red Arrow dances an intertribal on the Seventh Generation powwow grounds.

Along with Seventh Generation, sponsors included the Housing Department, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and the Ziiibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways.



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Tahsheena Schwanke shows off her colorful shawl and regalia.



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Sylvia Zelinski is photographed in the arena during a \$25 spot dance.



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Family, friends and community members come together throughout the Saturday 1 and 7 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. powwows.



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Bee Gee the dog visits Waterpark for HATS fundraiser

NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

On Tuesday, Aug. 21, the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel hosted "Doggie Dayz," a fundraising event, with proceeds benefitting the Humane Animal Treatment Society (HATS).

Beginning at 11 a.m., waterpark passes could be purchased for a \$7 donation to the animal shelter.

Amanda Tillotson, who is in charge of HATS volunteer donor and relations, was on hand with 5-year-old Bee Gee, a bully breed mix.

Bee Gee enthusiastically greeted event participants in the lobby. The friendly canine has been at HATS since May, is great with kids of all ages and is available for adoption now.



Courtesy of Melissa Mullard

Migizi and Soaring Eagle Waterpark staff pose with Humane Animal Treatment Society staff and the \$3,556 check, all proceeds going to the animal shelter.



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HATS employee Amanda Tillotson and her canine companion Bee Gee provide a friendly greeting to participants at the "Doggie Dayz" on Aug. 21 at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel.

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<i>apoobowe</i>	season
<i>oshkagoojin</i>	new moon
<i>zhaangaso - giizis</i>	nine months
<i>abinoojiyens</i>	baby
<i>waabooyan</i>	blanket
<i>zhawendaagozi</i>	blessed
<i>aagimaak</i>	black ash (tree)
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Competitors score big during Rez Ball 2018

NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

The Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel parking lot bounced with activity on Wednesday, Aug. 8 when the Recreation Department hosted Rez Ball 2018, a three-on-three basketball tournament.

Teams gathered at 4 p.m. that afternoon for friendly competition.

Lindsey Sprague, organized sports specialist, said the Recreation Department enjoyed hosting the event and had a lot of fun “watching the different categories and teams push to their limits to get the gold.”

She said, “My favorite part of the day was watching the Adult Lightning Game and the adult teams fight it out in the end for first place.”

She also offered congratulations to all the winners and much appreciation to the team at the Waterpark.

“(The Waterpark team) have helped us pull this event together and grow more every year,” Sprague said.

That afternoon, in the fifth grade and under co-ed division, Rez Fire took the first place trophy. Team members included Zhaawan Martell, Isaiah Rodriguez, Albert Trepanier and Mason Isham.

The Flying Eagles’ Kristy Palacios, Leah Palacios and Braylee Trepanier took home a second place medal.

Mariah Thompson, McKenna Pratt and Karie Keeser’s team Fast and the Furious placed first in the sixth through eighth grade girls’ category, while the Balla Kwes took second. This team consisted of Albert Trepanier, Alexis Trepanier, Riana Chippeway and Aaliyah Mena.

In the sixth through eighth grade boys’ division, Jimaganish Martell, Decon Mog, J.J. Wemigwans and Brandon Wemigwans of Rez Dogs earned first place, and Xavier Booker, “Oscar” Ahsimiis Smith, Blake Wolfe and Kenneth Wemigwans of River Pimppp came in second.

In the ninth through 12th grade girls’ division, team MP, made up of Justice Griffin, Satori Griffin and Alysse Griffin, secured first place. Annalee Bennett, Zhaawan Sprague, Jazmine McCaleb and Kayla Church’s team Gun Lake Tribe took second place.

Rez Beans’ Mason Wojo, Daniel Fuller and Ty Rios gained first place in the ninth through 12th grade boys’ category while Dakota McDaniel, Alveron Budger, Hunter Levondoski and Cameron Church’s team Gun Lake Tribe earned second place.

In the adult women’s division, Da Hustle’s Tina Grover, Heaven Wemigwans, Jackie Wemigwans and Aubree Trepanier secured first place. Queen B’s (aka “Don’t you know I’m on Council!?!”) Louanna Bruner, Martha Wemigwans, Carrie Heron and Shawn Pelcher brought home second place medals.

Rez Ponders’ Misheka Vasquez, Trey Wemigwans, Terence Hunt and Chad TwoCrow gained first place in the adult men’s division, with second place going to Casey Smith, Aaron Chivis, Jimmy Trepanier and Luke Sprague.

Observer photos by Niki Henry





Ziibiwing Center director attends Spain American Indian museum exhibition opening

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Earlier this summer, Shannon Martin, director of the Ziibiwing Center, traveled to Spain for the opening of the “Beyond Hollywood: American Indian Identities” exhibition at the Museu Valencià d’Etnologia (Valencian Museum of Ethnology).

The majority of the collections within the Spain museum are associated with the native nations of North America and are from the Great Plains and the American Southwest.

Historical and contemporary images taken at the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School are featured in the exhibition that began June 28 and will continue through Dec. 2, 2018.

Martin was in Spain from June 26 until July 1. She attended the museum’s opening and also gave a public presentation at the museum titled “Native American Historical and Contemporary Life.”

Martin said the exhibition “juxtaposes general, Hollywood-created stereotypical ideas about American



Courtesy of Shannon Martin

The exhibition development team from the Cranbrook Institute of Science, Museu Valencià d’Etnologia, Wayne State University and Ziibiwing Center (front row, second from left: Shannon Martin, director) pose for a photo following the grand opening of the “Beyond Hollywood” exhibit in Spain on June 28.

Indian peoples with understandings that Native people hold about themselves.”

“This confrontation of perspectives goes far beyond the myths and stereotypes through which images of the American Indian are often constructed. It also poses questions about ethnic identity, cultural diversity, cultural representation and self-determination,” Martin said. “Through the art and artifacts of various American Indian tribes, with a special

emphasis on the Anishinabe of the Great Lakes region, the exhibition tells the story of both cultural diversity and shared beliefs across the continent, of continued traditions and continual change and of contemporary Native resistance and creativity.”

The exhibition was achieved through a collaboration between the Cranbrook Institute of Science, Museu Valencià d’Etnologia, Wayne State University and the

Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways.

“Ziibiwing was invited to partner on the project by Wayne State University’s Dr. Thomas Killion and Dr. Tamara Bray (Gordon L. Grosscup Museum of Anthropology) and Dr. Joan Segui from the Museu Valencià d’Etnologia,” Martin said.

The Tribe’s relationship with WSU was established through the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act consultation and process, Martin said.

“The university’s Department of Anthropology repatriated more than 30 sets of ancestral human remains and associated funerary objects on Dec. 9, 2013, to the Tribe (Ziibiwing),” Martin said.

Tribal Members and Ziibiwing Center staff also assisted with preparation for the exhibition.

“Ziibiwing coordinated Tribal Member and employee interviews that delved into the facets of contemporary Anishinabe life in January 2017,” Martin said. “The interviews and quotes assisted and inspired the team throughout the conceptualization and development of the exhibition.”

Along with Martin, Ziibiwing’s core exhibition team included William Johnson, curator; Anita Heard, research center coordinator; and Robin Spencer, research center specialist.

Tribal Council and Ziibiwing’s Board of Directors were involved to approve of the collaboration and the cultural materials that were loaned to the Museu Valencià d’Etnologia for the exhibition.

Martin said her favorite part of the trip was seeing the visitors’ reactions as they interacted with the exhibition.

“Many people visibly showed a deep appreciation and respect for Native American culture and people,” Martin said. “Some visitors expressed to me that they would like to learn more about the Anishinabe people and visit the Ziibiwing Center.”

On behalf of the Ziibiwing Center, Martin said the team is extremely grateful to Tribal Council and its Board of Directors for supporting these types of efforts to dispel stereotypes and promote the Saginaw Chippewa (Great Lakes Anishinabe) culture and people.

Fifty summer youth workers complete the eight-week program

CHIP NEYOME

Interim Anishinabe Workforce Developer

The Summer Youth Worker Program has come to an end, and, overall, the program was successful in providing Tribal youth ages 14 to 18 years old with employment experiences.

The entire program spans a period of almost five months. It begins with the Human Resources Department posting the crew leader positions followed by the youth worker postings.

The interview stage follows that with hiring and what is called the “onboarding process.” During onboarding, the

applicants officially accept the position and complete all the required paperwork.

Official work began in June when the youth attended orientation and choose their host department and job site.

A variety of positions were offered in different settings; typical work included clerical jobs, maintenance, hospitality, general labor and youth services jobs. The host locations included the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Tribal Operations and Migizi Economic Development Co.

This Summer Youth Program has been around for a long time and continues to evolve. Notable changes that were made this year included making the youth workers responsible for submitting

their completed time sheets weekly; a change that proved challenging for some. Another notable change was involving the youth in the selection of their host department; this change may have contributed to the high retention rate this year.

Overall, the host departments seemed to be highly satisfied with their youth workers and enjoyed the experience. Common comments from host supervisors included “I like how they think,” “We like getting to know the

Tribal youth,” “It’s amazing how kind they can be” and “Cell phones are a distraction.”

It is important to thank the host departments who participate because they openly accept the challenge of creating an employment experience for these youth. They slow down, teach and share their knowledge with the youth in hope that they will have a positive impact on their future.

Chi-miigwetch to all of the host departments and all the parents and families who supported

the youth this year, and congratulations to the 50 summer youth workers who completed the eight-week work program.

Additional training opportunities are being planned for next year, and, at press time, the crew leaders and Anishnabe workforce developer are working on program evaluation. The goals are to make continuous improvements and to enhance the experience for youth workers while simultaneously improving their employment skills.

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Tribes, local community members unite at the 34th annual SCIT Powwow

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The 34th annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow was held Friday, July 27 through Sunday, July 29 at the Tribal campground and powwow grounds on Tomah Road.

On Sunday, head veteran George Martin led the grand entry just after noon; he was followed by Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warrior Society members and local veterans.

Head dancers Abbie Nahdee and Nodin Jackson led the dancers in the arena.

A community member from the Navajo Nation, who resides in Phoenix, provided the afternoon's invocation.

Drum group Blue Storm provided the flag song.

"This is our Native American national anthem," said emcee Jason Whitehouse.

Each veteran carrying a flag then posted their colors. The emcee took a moment to again mention the head veteran.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Head veteran George Martin (far right) leads the procession during Sunday afternoon's grand entry on July 29.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Male dancers stand in place after grand entry on Sunday's 34th annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow.

"He (Martin) wins the award for wearing the nicest hat," the emcee said.

Martin then led the procession during the veterans' song that was performed by Wild Bear. All veterans in attendance, Native and non-Native, were invited to participate.

"Raise your hands, veterans," the emcee said. "Thank you so much veterans. We love you. Thank you for your service."

Dancers and spectators shook the veterans' hands and personally thanked them for their service before joining the procession behind them.

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl provided a few words to those in attendance and said the SCIT Powwow is "a great

celebration for our culture, a great celebration for our community."

Shortly thereafter, the afternoon's arena director Walker Stonefish announced two spots in a \$25 intertribal spot dance.

Dance specials throughout the weekend, sponsored by the head dancers, included men's fancy and old style jingle dress.

Committee specials throughout the weekend, sponsored by the Powwow Committee, included an 18 and older hand drum contest, youth hand drum contest, a 'Rock Your Mocs' showdown, team dance (youth and adult), head-to-head single elimination chicken dance special and many more.

Head dance judges included Debbie Kline and Charles Belisle.



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Cruz Perez dances in the arena during an intertribal.



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Raymond Cadotte dances during an intertribal Sunday afternoon.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Delmar Jackson Jr. dances during the annual powwow, held July 27-29.

Harvey Dreaver served as the head drum judge, and this year's host drum was The Boyz.

Friday's grand entry was held at 7 p.m., and Saturday included two grand entries with one at noon and the last at 7 p.m.

Pre-powwow festivities that week included the Ziibiwing Center's car bingo and music and comedy night, the July 26 community meeting at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, the ice cream social at Andahwod and the freedom walk.

An intertribal open golf tournament was also held on July 27 at Waabooz Run Golf Course.

A three-person scramble began at 11 a.m., and a separate youth division began at 10 a.m.

The inaugural Red Swamp Lacrosse Drop-in Day was also held on that Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the

Broadway Field behind the Tribal Police department.

The lacrosse drop-in was open to all ages and included a scramble on box field along with a seven vs. seven normal field and a skills challenge.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

On behalf of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Consuelo Gonzalez, administrative assistant, hands out \$10 Premium Play to guests.



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Head dancers Abbie Nahdee (back) and Nodin Jackson (front) lead the dancers in the arena.



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Young female dancers move in the arena on the sunny, Sunday afternoon.



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The powwow brings dancers throughout Indian Country to the grounds off of Tomah Road.



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Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warriors Society member David Perez Sr. carries a flag during grand entry.



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Youth dancers have their colorful regalia on full display.

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Students prepare for new school year with back-to-school events

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Students and their families received school supplies at both the Aug. 23 Isabella County and Aug. 21 Saganing back-to-school events.

The Isabella event was held at the Housing Pavilion with 445 total guests, including 294 students.

The Standish event took place at the Saganing Tribal Center, with 130 guests attending, including 63 students.

The students were given backpacks and other school supplies. There were also fun activities including bounce houses and face painting.

Guests were served dinner and had a chance to win a number of raffle prizes.

The following departments provided school supplies and helped make the event possible: Behavioral Health, Saginaw



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Students and their families gather school supplies during the Aug. 23 Isabella County Back to School event held at the Housing Pavilion.

The event also featured many fun activities including face painting, bounce houses and raffle prizes.

Chippewa Tribal College, Saginaw Chippewa Academy, Tribal Police, Education Administration, Nimkee Fitness Center, Nimkee Public Health, Andahwod, Anishnabeg Child & Family Services, Tribal Library, Soaring Eagle

Marketing, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, Recreation department, Housing, Members Services, K-12 Education and the Saganing Tribal Center staff.

Raffle prizes were donated by the Soaring Eagle Waterpark, Jimmy Johns,

Celebration! Cinema, Riverwood Resort, Pisanello's Pizza, Ziibiwing Center, Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum, Sagamok, Salon Blu, Painted Turtle, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Soaring Eagle Marketing and Insomnia Cookies.

Tribal Library's summer reading program a success

KIMBERLY CONDON

Library Assistant

Once again the Tribal libraries hosted its annual summer reading program during June and July.

This year's theme was a summer reading bucket list. Participants were able to come into the Tribal Libraries and pick up a pre-filled "to-do" bucket list to use to check items off as they were completed. They were also given the

option to pick up a blank list and pick tasks from the bulletin board located at the Tribal Library locations, or they could come up with tasks of their own that were more suitable for them.

For each task that was completed, participants were given a ticket for entrance into prize drawings.

This year there were a total of 59 participants and 19 prize winners.

The youth winners were Alexis M., Kerina M., Jaycee S., Roman H.,

Samantha D., Miingan M., Sadie D., Alayna D., Zachariah D., Dylan M., Johnny C. and David M.

The young adult winners were Liberty M., Zack D., Makayla D. and Angel H.

The adult winners were Deb T., Wesley R. and Melissa M.

We were very pleased with the hard work each participant put into completing their bucket lists.

"Summer reading is a great time to read for fun. Studies show that reading

for pleasure is the best way to become a better reader, so we were very excited to have so many participants in this year's program," said Tribal Librarian Anne Heidemann.

The Tribal Library staff would like to thank every participant for making this a fun experience and hope to see them again in future programs. We would also like to thank the Public Relations department for their prize donation consisting of movie tickets.



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Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College hosts End of Summer Bash

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College hosted its End of Summer Bash on Thursday, Aug. 16 from noon to 4 p.m. outdoors on the 2274 Enterprise Dr. property.

The event was an opportunity for individuals to register for fall courses, receive information about the courses offered and enjoy lunch, live music and visiting with community members and SCTC staff.

A complimentary lunch was provided by Famous Dave's

with barbeque chicken, ribs and a variety of pasta salads, baked beans and brownies.

Live music from The Substitute People, a band involving SCTC's Academic Skills Specialist Lindsay Drumm as the lead singer, began at 1 p.m.

Drumm said she also played at the bash last year.

The event was hosted on the day before the deadline to register for classes for the fall 2018 semester.

Fall courses began Monday, Aug. 27.

"All new students were required to complete SCTC's

online orientation at www.sagchip.edu as well as attend an in-seat one-hour orientation session on Aug. 22, 23 or 24," said Amanda Flaughner, registrar/admission.

For potential students who still need their GED, Flaughner said GED registration and placement testing is available during normal business hours.

At the event, Behavioral Health also hosted a booth with goodies and provided informational handouts. Event patrons could also sign up to win a SCTC prize pack.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The band The Substitute People provides live entertainment starting at 1 p.m. at the Aug. 16 End of the Summer Bash on the college's property.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's Gena Qualls, grants and special projects coordinator; Amanda Flaughner, admissions/registrar; and Marco Angiolini, IT manager pose for a photo.

Editorial: Anishinaabe Environment and Culture Camp a success

TAYLOR BROOK

Watershed Outreach Coordinator

KATHLEEN HART

SCTC STEAM Recruiter

have done to make this a great experience for the youth.

This year we hosted the second annual Anishinaabe Environment and Culture Camp on July 30 through Aug. 5 at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center on Higgins Lake.

Youth participated in environmental science activities like water quality testing, forestry management, wetlands assessments, outdoor recreation including hiking and swimming and Anishinaabe arts and traditions like making moccasins, fire keeping, a water ceremony and Anishinaabemowin games.

Additionally, they were able to have these experiences while socializing with other youth and making new friends.

The Anishinaabe Environment and Culture Camp started last year as a collaboration with several Tribal departments. The camp was started so youth ages 12 to 17 could learn about the environment and culture.

The camp would not have been a success without the help of staff from several different Tribal departments. We would like to start by saying chi-miigwetch for all that you



Courtesy of Taylor Brook

Youth Council breaks the ice the first day with name games and team-building activities.

Through these recreational, natural resource and environmental activities, the youth learned the importance of protecting Mother Earth from the Anishinaabe perspective.

The provided discussions, activities and games gave participants the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue STEAM



Courtesy of Taylor Brook

The youth pause to learn about the history of the saw mill industry at the Mill Creek Adventure Course before ziplining.

careers in the future and become protectors of Mother Earth.

The students said their favorite activities were "bonfire songs," "water testing," "canoeing" and "making moccasins;" they learned about "medicines," "how we got the lodge" and "all the water bugs I didn't know;"

and every participant said "Yes, they would recommend this camp to their friends."

For additional information, please contact Kathleen Hart at KHart@sagchip.org or 989-775-4123 or Taylor Brook at TBrook@sagchip.org or 989-775-4162.

Editorial: Elementary students participate in SCTC's STEAM Summer Day Camp

KATHLEEN HART

STEAM Recruiter/USDA Equity Grant Project Director

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's Science Technology, Engineering Arts, and Mathematics – or STEAM – student organization held its fourth annual STEAM Summer Day Camp on campus for students in the fourth grade and older.

I want to say chi-miigwetch to the following: SCTC students Shane Graves, Deanna Campbell, Jared Hovick and Jeannie Snyder; math specialist Earle Crosswait; SCTC



Courtesy of Kathleen Hart

The SCTC Library brings the Science or Magic program in for the youth to experience.

Librarian Anne Heidemann; SCTC Extension Coordinator Lupe Gonzalez; the Chippewa River District Library; Watershed Coordinator Taylor Brooks; and Technical Services Tech Chase Stevens.

The purpose of starting the day camp was to help create an interest in STEAM. There are literally hundreds of different careers that fall into these areas.

The youth had fun while learning. This community has some pretty smart youth. They had such a great time and enjoyed doing the activities this past summer.

The Chippewa River Library brought NASA @ the library's "Wonderful Water" to campus so the youth could learn about water, how it becomes polluted and how to clean it by building a model water filtration system.

The Environment Team led

a fieldtrip to Chipp-A-Waters Park for an invasive species and plant identification hike along the Chippewa River, and they also looked at the critters that live in the water, showing that the water was clean and healthy.

SCTC's library brought the Science or Magic and Dollars and Sense programs in for the youth to experience. It was fantastic.

Crosswait brought different math games and the youth tied dyed T-shirts.

The last day of the camp concluded with a trip to Midland's Center of Arts. This was a very enlightening place with all kinds of different things to do to help get youth interested in STEAM.



Courtesy of Kathleen Hart

The Environmental Team takes STEAM Summer Day Camp students on a fieldtrip to Chipp-A-Waters Park for an invasive species and plant identification hike along the Chippewa River.

SCTC hosts black ash teaching, workshop led by Josh Homminga

NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

Josh Homminga of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Sarah Bedell from the Bay Mills Indian Community presented a black ash basket teaching and workshop at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College on Wednesday, Aug. 22 and Thursday, Aug. 23.

Classroom 6 of the East Building filled with participants each day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., where Homminga presented step-by-step instructions of how

to weave a basket, connecting to his ancestors while doing so.

Homminga brought a whole log to the event to show participants how to pound it. According to workshop materials, the black ash tree is unique among all North American trees due to its not having fibers to connect its growth rings together.

"This is a useful property for basket makers," the information said. "By pounding the log, the weaker spring wood layer is crushed, allowing the tougher and darker summer wood layers to be peeled off in long strips."



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Baskets woven by Josh Homminga and Sarah Bedell are displayed, providing inspiration and an example for workshop participants.

The strips are then "split, trimmed, cleaned and dyed," then made into baskets.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Participants work diligently on their projects at the Black Ash Basket Teaching and Workshop that took place in Classroom 6 of the East building at SCTC on Wednesday, Aug. 22 and Thursday, Aug. 23.



Jeff Dunham and his posse of puppets cause uproar of laughter

NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

The sound of raucous laughter roared from the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's outdoor venue during Jeff Dunham's comedy show that took place Sunday, Aug. 5.

The night began with a video of the puppet Peanut promoting T-shirts featuring characters that appear with Dunham onstage and an advertisement for Bubba J's "Free-Dumb Rocks" album that includes songs with titles such as "Blinded by Bud Light."

The crowd was already snickering at the ads when Dunham came to the stage to open his act and ask the crowd if they thought Trump was doing a good job. When the crowd responded positively by cheering loudly, Dunham said, "Thanks. We're all still friends. It doesn't matter."

Dunham then began his act, personally chatting with the crowd and cracking jokes. When one audience member caught his attention with his laughter, Dunham said, "Keep drinking, dude. It'll get funnier."

Dunham then talked about his childhood, explaining he was always the "second to last kid chosen" for team sports and that puppets and ventriloquism helped bring him out of his shell beginning in third grade and helped him in other ways.



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Comedian and ventriloquist Jeff Dunham poses backstage at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort after his show on Sunday, Aug. 5.

"Dummies paid my way through college," he said. Dunham then said that he gets paid well but that he would not recommend a career in ventriloquism.

"It's fine when a kid wants to do it," he said, "But not when you're a 28-year-old. Have you eliminated every other possibility?"

Dunham then spoke of his first marriage and resulting divorce and about his kids from both his first and current marriages.

He said his daughters, who are now older, were easy to raise during their early childhood, but when they turned 12 or 13, "Satan came down into their bodies."

Dunham said he is having a different experience parenting his twin boys who are currently toddlers. He described them as psychopathic terrorists he suspects are working in cahoots with his puppet Achmed and his dog, a "Jack Russell Terrorist."

"Audrey and I are alcoholics now," he said.

Dunham then brought Walter to the stage saying, "Everyone knows somebody like this."

Walter, a grumpy old man, picked on Dunham as well as the venue and asked Dunham if the casino couldn't afford walls and why there weren't any eagles flying around.

When Dunham explained that they were onstage in an outdoor theater, Walter complained about the wind.

"I had hair when we got here," said the bald puppet who also noted that all the eagles must have been blown away on the windy night.

Walter also complained about the backstage trailer and the port-a-potty and was scolded by Dunham.

Before being tucked away, Walter also picked on Dunham about being adopted. He said the reason they gave him away was "when he cried it sounded

like it came from the baby next to him, and it freaked (his birth parents) out."

Next onstage was a new puppet, Larry, Donald Trump's personal advisor who was a twitchy, cigarette-smoking, bug-eyed bundle of nerves.

When Larry took a drag on his cigarette, Dunham pointed out that it wasn't lit.

"No, but I am!" Larry said.

Dunham and Larry talked about the president's tweeting, the border wall, terrorists and health care, which Larry said should be re-named "Obama Don't Care."

Bubba J sat with Dunham onstage after Larry went back into the box. He spoke to Dunham about his twin sister whom he said was ugly.

"On a scale of one to 10, she's a 747," he said.

Bubba J then chatted with Dunham about his kids, noting that the girls were in college and the boys are toddlers.

"Quick, which ones throw up more?" he asked.

Bubba J and Dunham talked a bit about Bubba J's big brother, who is also his uncle, before addressing some political issues.

When Dunham tucked Bubba J away, he touted his YouTube channel and his Facebook account.

"I'm trying to get to 10 million (followers)," he said.

Dunham also promoted his wife Audrey's YouTube channel

and the custom T-shirts for the Soaring Eagle show that are available through Amazon.

Peanut next sat with Dunham onstage and reminisced about their early days in a small club in Detroit when a man in the audience got so upset that he came after Peanut.

"He was drunk, jumped on stage and hit me!" Peanut said to the delight of the crowd.

José the Mexican Jalapeño on a Stick joined in the conversation and was relentlessly picked on by Peanut.

Achmed the Dead Terrorist was the final puppet to join Dunham onstage. He complained about the weather and told Dunham he was miserable in the humidity.

"I have no insulation: no flesh, no fat, no skin," he said. "Don't make me say it."

The crowd expected Achmed to shout his signature phrase "I kill you," but Achmed said, "Not yet."

When the crowd next anticipated Achmed saying the phrase, he said, "I'm not ready." The next time he told the audience to "Cool your camels," and then next he said "Almost."

Finally, Achmed shouted the phrase after Dunham tricked him into saying "Underwear" and laughed at him about it.

Dunham closed the evening by hilariously responding to questions submitted to him by audience members who filled out cards prior to the show.

Masters of rock, metal Judas Priest and Deep Purple shake the night

NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

Legendary British bands Judas Priest and Deep Purple put the pedal to the metal during their "The Long Goodbye Tour" and rocked the outdoor stage at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Saturday, Aug. 25.

Hard rock and heavy metal band Judas Priest presented a powerful and tightly-played set led by Rob Halford's snarling vocals. Helping him hammer out a total of 15 head-banging songs was bassist Ian Hill, guitarists Glenn Tipton and Richie Faulkner and drummer Scott Travis.

The band opened with "Firepower," the title track of their newest album released earlier this year. They next played "Grinder" and "Sinner"



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Deep Purple bassist Roger Glover (left) and original band member and drummer Ian Paice (right) rock the stage during their performance at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Saturday, Aug. 25.

before treating the crowd with the thrashing guitars of "Lightning Strike," a song off the new album.

"Bloodstone" followed, then "Turbo Lover," the opening track of their 1986 album

"Turbo." The masters of metal then performed the piano-led instrumental "Guardians" before flowing into the quasi-ballad "Rising From Ruins" that offered a hot bass line and intense guitars.

Before playing their signature song and Billboard Hot 100 hit "You've Got Another Thing Comin,'" the group played "Freewheel Burning."

"Hellbent for Leather" followed, with the sinister vocals and dramatic harmony of "Painkiller," ending the band's regular set.

After a chanting crowd wooed the legends back onstage, the group presented a three-song encore

that included "Metal Gods," "Breaking the Law" and "Living After Midnight."

About a half hour after Judas Priest left the stage, the recorded sound of "Mars, the Bringer of War" alerted the crowd that Deep Purple, the pioneers of metal and rock, were about to command the stage.

Ian Gillan's vocals joined the talents of drummer Ian Paice, bassist Roger Glover, guitarist Steve Morse and keyboardist Don Airey.

The epic group opened their set with the speed metal song "Highway Star," which they followed with "Pictures of Home," "Bloodsucker" and the bluesy "Strange Kind of Woman."

The legends then rocked the crowd with "Sometimes I Feel Like Screaming" and "Uncommon Man" before presenting the up-tempo, blues-based "Lazy" and the risqué lyrics of "Knocking at Your Back Door."

Airey next stunned concert goers with his talent during a keyboard solo before leading



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Judas Priest front man Rob Halford (front) and drummer Scott Travis (back) get heads banging as their band performs onstage.

the band into their trademark sound with the song "Perfect Strangers" from their 1989 album of the same title.

The metal masters then presented "Space Truckin'" before closing their regular set with the iconic "Smoke on the Water" and playing the improvisational Joe South cover "Hush" as the encore.

Temperance Movement, a British blues-rock band, provided an energetic and animated opening set for the evening, setting the stage for a powerful night of rock and metal.



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Godsmack and Shinedown rock the Soaring Eagle with energy and pyrotechnics

NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's outdoor concert venue shook with hard rock sounds and pyrotechnics when Godsmack, Shinedown and Like a Storm lit up the stage on Wednesday evening, July 25.

Grammy-nominated headliner Godsmack blasted the crowd with its 12-song set that began with "Legends," "1000 HP" and "Keep Away."

"We're in a good mood," shouted founder and front man Sully Erna. "We're going to make sure the crowd is too, and play as much music as possible."

Erna warned the crowd about his tendency to have a foul mouth and then said, "We've been gone for a little while, but we're back" before the hard rock band launched into their new single "Unforgettable."

Drummer Shannon Larkin led the group into their next song "Straight."

After, Erna asked the crowd if they were awake yet before rocking out to "Awake" and shaking the amphitheater with explosive pyrotechnics.

The band's dark harmonies and Erna's snarly vocals were next featured in the song "Voodoo," which got the crowd even more riled up before Larkin took over with a heavy drum solo that showcased his skills.

During the next song, "Whatever," Erna had the crowd singing with him and for him.

Erna then chatted with the crowd a bit and asked those in the crowd to make noise if it was their first time seeing



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Godsmack founder and front man Sully Erna (front) and drummer Shannon Larkin (back) rock out on the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's outdoor stage during their outdoor concert on Wednesday, July 25.

Godsmack on stage. Hearing the loud response from the audience, he said, "We're old. We're like 143 years old. Where have you been?"

He then teased the crowd a bit more, asking how many more songs they'd like him to play. "Two? Three?" he asked.

The band then closed the set with their single "Bulletproof," followed by Joe Walsh cover "Rocky Mountain Way" and "Stand Alone."

Shinedown provided an energetic and entertaining show earlier in the evening, starting their set off with "Sound of Madness" and "Diamond Eyes."

Singer and founder Brent Smith thanked the Tribe for allowing the band to perform then launched into "Freedom" before the group performed a song Smith admitted was not on the planned set list.

The band met a terminally ill man backstage before the show

and performed the song "How Did You Love" for him and his family. Before the group began, Smith said, "Look around. It's important... It's okay to be afraid. It's okay to be nervous. It's okay to be yourself because inside all of us is the will to live. The will to live will outweigh the ability to die."

The group then performed "Bully" and "Get Up" before Smith walked through the crowd to the center of the hill, flanked by security and his stage manager, shaking hands and challenging the skills of the venue's cameramen.

The band then performed "Enemies" before Smith said, "The next song we're going to play is brand new... We're about to introduce you to a lovely little melody. Enjoy."

Shinedown then played "Black Soul."

"Mother Nature has blessed us with a beautiful night," Smith



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Chris Brooks of New Zealand-based rock band Like a Storm provides lead vocals during the night's opening performance.

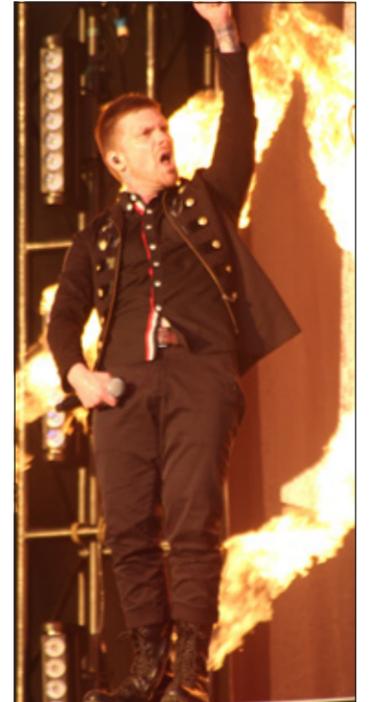
said. "I think we need to give her back something in return."

He then asked the crowd to get out their lighters and activate the flashlights on their phones. "Let's see it shine," he said, asking the crowd to move side to side with him when he did. "Let's show Mount Pleasant what the stars look like."

The band then performed "State of My Head" with the audience lighting up the night and swaying with Smith before the group followed that with "Second Chance."

To close their set, Smith and guitarist Zach Meyers performed an acoustic cover of Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Simple Man" on an elevated platform near the front of the hill after requesting the crowd sing as loudly as they could.

"Let's let the whole world know where we are tonight," Smith said.



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Shinedown singer and founder Brent Smith amps up the crowd with a high-energy performance.

Smith and Meyers then made their way back through the crowd to the stage with Smith giving a shout-out to the band, wishing the audience health and happiness and instructing everyone to be good to one another.

The band then bowed, threw picks and drum sticks into the crowd before ending the set with their new hit song "Devil" to the delight of the crowd.

Before Shinedown took the stage, the up-and-coming rock band from New Zealand, Like a Storm, set the stage for a dynamic night of music as the opening act with the sound of a didgeridoo grabbing the audience's attention.

Local bands entertain crowd and impress judges at neXt2rock

NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

The final local competition for the second annual neXt2rock, a grassroots and national search for the next big rock star, took place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23 at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in the outdoor party tent.

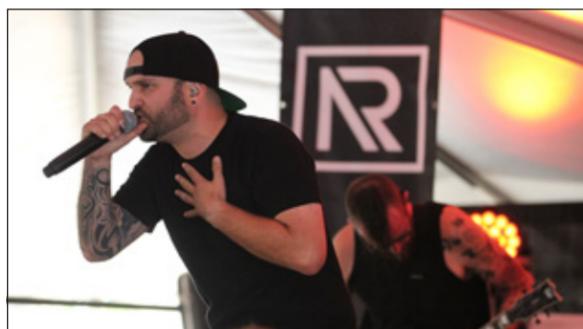
This contest, hosted locally by WXQZ Z93, determined which of the five finalists selected for the competition will be the local neXt2rock winner who will compete for a spot at the national finals that take place in Los Angeles on Oct. 4.

One of the five qualifying bands set to perform, Last Night

Saved My Life, an alternative punk/pop band from Saginaw, was unable to attend due to a family emergency, leaving only four bands to compete on the Dolney RV Center stage in the party tent behind the casino.

Detroit-area rockers No Resolve, a raucous five-member band and former winner of the Linkin Park/Stagelight monthly music contest, took the stage first, blasting the crowd with their energetic presence and high-octane sound.

Everyday Ghost, a four-member metal band from Saginaw, brought their Seattle-rock inspired sound to the stage next.



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No Resolve lead singer Oscar Pegoraro provides spirited vocals during his band's performance at the second annual neXt2rock competition that took place Thursday, Aug. 23 at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in the outdoor party tent.

Four-member group Here After Six from Bridgeport was next to perform, returning to the stage this year after their contest debut in 2017.

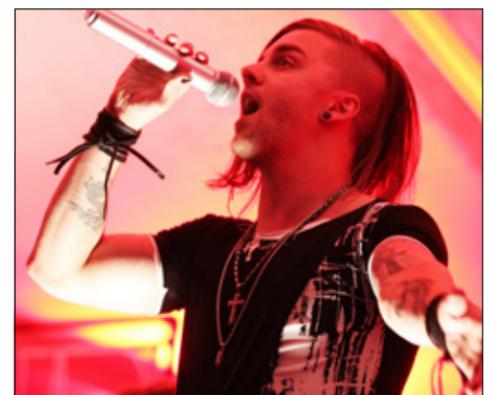
Alternative rock group Silver Lining, a five-member band from Bay City that impressed the audience with its energy and talent during the contest last year, commanded the stage again as the final band to compete this year.

All the bands provided a professional and dynamic three-song set, rocking the tent with their talent, so the judges faced

quite a challenge making their winning selection.

Andy Dalton, owner and organizer of the annual Birch Run music festival Dirt Fest; Jim Gleason, owner of Midland's Radio Wastelands Records; and Tim McCullough "The Fun Governor" of the Soaring Eagle were the three judges tasked with choosing the winner based on criteria set by Cumulus Corporate.

The bands each received scores for appearance, stage presence, musicianship, originality and crowd reaction.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

A Silver Lining lead singer Lucas impresses the crowd with his vocal talent.

After painstaking deliberation, the judges announced No Resolve as the winning performer. Band members Oscar Pegoraro, lead singer; guitarists Jason Hatmaker and Matty Shea; bassist Dennis Patterson; and drummer Derek Bjornson now have the chance to compete in the national semi-finals as well as record a four-song EP at Fire Hyena Records.

The event was sponsored by Soaring Eagle, Dolney RV Center in Kawkawlin and Fire Hyena Recording Studio in Saginaw.

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Nickelback and Pop Evil shake the Soaring Eagle outdoor summer venue

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

"I'm going to refer to you as 'Michigan' because I'm assuming you all aren't from Mount Pleasant," said Nickelback front man Chad Kroeger to the thousands attending the July



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Nickelback front man Chad Kroeger performs "Woke Up This Morning" during the July 20 outdoor Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort show.

20 Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort outdoor show.

"I love Michigan, though. You've always been good to us," Kroeger said amid songs the band performed.

Nickelback was in town that Friday evening during a stop on their Feed the Machine Tour named after their ninth studio album, released in June 2017.

At roughly 9:30 p.m., the band first launched into the heavy-hitting rock tracks "Million Miles an Hour" and "Woke Up This Morning," followed by the pop rock radio hits "Photograph," in which Kroeger walked up to a large platform set above and behind the band's drum set, and "Far Away."

The Canadian rock band formed in 1995 in Hanna, Alberta, Canada.

The band is composed of Kroeger, guitarist and lead vocalist; guitarist, keyboardist and backing vocalist Ryan Peake; bassist Mike Kroeger; and drummer Daniel Adair.

The band continued with songs that included "Someday," the No. 7 song on the Billboard Hot 100 charts in 2003, "Lullaby," "Figured You Out," "If Today Was Your Last Day" and "This Afternoon."

Early during Nickelback's performance, Kroeger paused to acknowledge the opening band, Pop Evil, who played from 8 to 9 p.m. that evening.

"What'd you guys think of Pop Evil?" Kroeger said, triggering applause. "That girl (drummer Hayley Cramer) can play the drums... I've never seen them live before, so I snuck to the side stage to watch them."

Nickelback continued with "Rockstar," "When We Stand Together," "Animals" and "How You Remind Me," which, in 2009, was listed by Billboard as the best-selling rock song and the fourth best-selling song of the decade overall.

The band briefly exited the stage then returned shortly for an encore featuring "Gotta Be Somebody" and "Burn It to the Ground."

Opening band Pop Evil formed in Muskegon, Mich. in



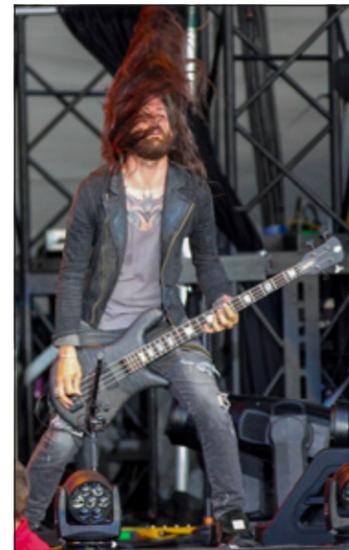
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Pop Evil's lead vocalist Leigh Kakaty (front) and drummer Hayley Cramer enthusiastically rock the crowd.

2001 and has made a name for themselves ever since.

Current band members include Cramer, lead vocalist Leigh Kakaty, rhythm guitarist Dave Grahs, bassist Matt DiRito and lead guitarist Nick Fuelling.

Pop Evil's high-energy set began with songs "Ways to Get High," "Colors Bleed," "Ex Machina" and "Deal with the Devil."



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Pop Evil's bassist Matt DiRito head bangles and whips his hair around.

Throughout their set, Cramer was consistently seen pounding the skins with her hair flying wildly in the wind, and DiRito was head-banging, his long hair whipping around the stage, and tilting his head upside down while playing.

Pop Evil's set also included the catchy "Take It All," "Art of War" and hits "Boss's Daughter," "Torn to Pieces" as well as "100 in a 55," "Waking Lions" and "Trenches."

The audience showed their approval with applause and rowdy hoots and hollers.

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Sixteen cadets complete inaugural three-day Tribal youth police academy

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

In an effort to build trust between the community and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department, the idea of a youth police academy was brought up during a meeting between Interim Chief of Police Harry Ambs and Tribal Council.

A few months later, 16 cadets – aged 10 to 17 years old – completed the inaugural Tribal youth police academy held Tuesday, Aug. 14 through Thursday, Aug. 16.

Ryan Flaughter, Braden Chippewa, Tristan Qualls, Aiyannah Borton, Makayla Stevens, Emily Stevens, Hope Stevens, Miika Prout, Fred Highley, Ricardo Ruppel, Christopher Spencer-Ruiz, Dasia Wiltse, Hunter Stevens, Kyla Henry, Justin Ritter-Bollman and Kadenn Rose completed the academy.

The academy was taught by sergeants and officers who are also trainers.

“Each trainer taught their own portion of the academy based on what they are certified in as instructors,” Ambs said.

The youth cadets watched a K-9 demonstration and received instruction in physical training, self-defense tactics, handcuffing, evidence



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Tribal Police Sgt. Joe Maxey teaches youth cadets proper handcuffing procedures during the academy's first day on Aug. 14 in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

collection, fingerprint lifting and emergency vehicle operation – which included a driving course completed on golf carts. The course presented the dangers of impaired driving with the use of special goggles.

“The cadets received firearms safety and accuracy training with paintball-type pistols that many police departments, including our department, use to train with,” Ambs said.

The trainings were held the first and second days, with a graduation award ceremony the evening of the second day. The third and final day involved the

Off-Road Vehicle safety course.

“Thank you all for your hard work,” Ambs said to the cadets at the 4:30 p.m. Wednesday graduation. “You did a great job. It was a fun two days.”

The cadets received Dairy Queen gift cards with their certificates, and some earned special recognition awards.

Makayla Stevens won the emergency vehicle top driver with the quickest time.

The top performer in firearms accuracy was Tristan Qualls.

“The cadets were able to take the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards police academy physical skills entry test which includes push-ups, sit ups, vertical jump and a half-mile shuttle run,” Ambs said. “This gave them a baseline to see how they performed in each category and compare those numbers to what MCOLES requires.”

The top male physical fitness award went to Kadenn Rose, whom Ambs said “did phenomenal,” and the top female finisher was Aiyannah Borton,

whom Ambs said “would have passed the actual State of Michigan requirements.”

The fingerprinting award for the best prints lifted went to Miika Prout. The award was “very close in debate,” Ambs said.

The Most Outstanding Recruit award went to someone whom all the instructors felt finished first overall, Ambs said.

“This cadet was in first or second place in every category,” Ambs said. “He did great overall. He had the drive and will to learn.”

Kadenn Rose was honored with the award.

“The youth academy will absolutely return next year,” Ambs said. “We have already engaged in discussion on how to grow the academy for (2019). There are discussions of adding to the curriculum and offering more specific trainings that may certify the youth in areas like hunter’s and boater’s safety in addition to ORV. There have even been talks about moving the date a little earlier in the summer to where the graduates can be



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Sgt. Craig Wilson looks on as Cadet Stevens shoots the target with a paintball-type pistol during the Aug. 16 firearms safety and accuracy training.

assigned to certain details and patrols during the annual powwow.”

Overall, Ambs said, he is “extremely pleased” with the turnout of the first academy.

“It was a very rewarding experience, not only for the youth but also for our officers at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department,” he said. “I hope to see a lot of the same faces back next year and many more new ones as well.”

Ambs expressed that he wants the community and youth to feel comfortable interacting with the Tribal Police officers and hopes Tribal youth will pursue a career in law enforcement.

Editorial: Support victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking

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Data Evaluation Analyst

Domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking are not pleasant words to hear for most people with past trauma. However, in the United States, 15 percent of all violent crime is due to domestic violence.

Domestic violence is considered violence by a spouse, partner or significant other and affects one in three women and one in four men in the nation. In the state of Michigan, in 2009 alone, 103,331 cases of domestic violence were reported.

On any day in Michigan, domestic violence agencies help an estimated 2,492 people running from domestic abuse. These numbers indicate the need for services and awareness to help victims of domestic violence. Keep in mind these are

only the reported cases. Many times victims are too afraid to report abuse.

Studies suggest there is a relationship between intimate partner violence and depression and suicidal behavior.

Victims of domestic violence are also at higher risk for developing addiction to alcohol, tobacco or drugs. Alcohol and drug use on tribal land is rampant and also associated with domestic violence perpetration.

American Indian and Alaska Native women experience assault and domestic violence at much higher rates than women of any other ethnicity.

More than 84 percent of Native women experience violence during their lifetimes. American Indians are three times more likely to experience sexual violence than any other ethnic group.

More than half of American Indian women report having experienced sexual assault; and 55.5 percent of Native American/Alaskan Native women experience physical intimate partner violence in their lifetimes, 66.6 percent experience psychological abuse and 17 percent have been stalked.

American Indian/Alaska Native children experience PTSD at the same rate as combat veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Statistics from this article and more can be found at the National Coalition against Domestic Violence’s website NCADV.org

Michigan Senate Bill 0655 intends to create a law so victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking can keep their addresses confidential under a new Address Confidentiality



Program Act, which would be run by the Department of the Attorney General and allow victims to provide an address other than their residence. By supporting this bill, we will help keep victims safe.

Leaving an abuser is a very dangerous time for a victim of domestic violence. Being safe is a human right. We need to stand up for people who cannot stand up for themselves and support them in their recovery from domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking.

To view this bill online, go to <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2017-SB-0655>

To support Michigan SB 0655, please contact Representative Jim Runestad, chair of the Committee on Judiciary, at 517-373-6339 or write him at Jim Runestad, House of Representatives, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI, 48909-7514. He may also be contacted by email at JimRunestad@house.mi.gov

If you know a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, please call Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan at 989-775-4400 or Victim Services at 989-775-4814.

Editorial: Golfers compete in 2018 Little Elks Memorial at Waabooz Run

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Little Elks Memorial is held the first Saturday of August each year. This is the day Chief Little Elk would hold his annual powwow at the hill. Little Elk would perform traditional songs with his hand drum, and he had a small crafts stand where Gramma Betsy would be sitting.

This year’s tournament was held at the Waabooz Run Golf Course. There were 16 teams competing for five places. Joe Genia used his hand drum to help us honor Little Elk with a welcome song for all of the players.

This year’s top five teams were Ken/Larry Sprague, Ted/Cindy Kewayosh, Chase Owl/Mitch Gunther, Rick Kewayosh/Jeff Williams and Rick/Carol Hubble

Raffle ticket winners were Jennifer Bennett, Larry Rosenthal and Jo Kathy Sprague. We would like to thank the community, friends and family for your support of the raffle ticket sales and bake sales at the farmers market.

A special thank you goes out to Barb Sprague (market sales), Bonnie Sprague (baked goods), Mary Quigno (baked goods), Bean Sprague (21 door prizes), Frank Sprague (ticket sales),

D.K. Sprague (ticket sales), Carla Bennett (event staff) and Tasha Jeffrey (event staff). These individuals gave their time and resources to help us make this event successful and enjoyable for all of the players.

We would also like to thank the employees of the Nbakade Restaurant, Migizi promotions team members and the Waabooz Run staff for their hard work and welcoming smiles and attitudes.

The 2019 Little Elks Memorial will be held at Waabooz Run. A fundraiser for the event will be a food and crafts stand at the Tribe’s annual powwow. Everyone is welcome to participate in this memorial as we all remember Little Elk as a pleasant, welcoming man who loved the culture and the Lord; he also loved this community.

Megwetch for your support, ahhow.



Editorial: What is considered cultural abuse?

LORI JUMP

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Intimate partner violence, in all forms, is destructive at its heart. Most people can identify the more common forms of abuse, which include physical, emotional, sexual and financial. One of the lesser known forms, cultural or spiritual abuse, is one of the most devastating, yet it is rarely spoken of.

For Native peoples, spirituality is often the core of who we are and our way of life. Our culture and spirituality are intertwined and provide the foundation of our lives – how we live, our family roles and how we interact with others, the meaning we find in our lives and our sense of wellbeing. To have our spirit attacked is as personal as an attack can get.

Spiritual abuse can be used to control how a person interacts with the world. Some of these types of abusive behaviors can include when your partner does the following:

- Prevents you from participating in spiritual or cultural traditions



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Male dancers stand in the arena after grand entry at Sunday afternoon's Saginaw Chippewa Powwow on July 29 at the Tribal powwow grounds.

- Forces you to participate in practices that are not your own
- Misstates or misuses spiritual practices against you
- Practices bad medicine against you

For our tribal communities, spiritual or cultural abuse can look like this:

- Tells you that you are not "Native enough," or, if your partner is non-Native, that you are "too Indian"
- Uses hurtful stereotypes to put you down ("Indians are drunks, lazy," etc.)
- Prevents you from participating in ceremonies, powwows and feasts
- Uses tribal membership

against you ("My tribe won't let you...")

- Tells you that you are not allowed to drum, dance, sing, fast or otherwise participate in traditions because of your gender

Each of these behaviors can deeply wound and often isolate you from your community. If your partner is behaving this way toward you, you may feel removed from your family and support system. You may be embarrassed, not know where to turn or who to ask for help.

In some cases, you may even feel that the abuse is the direct result of your culture — that you are being abused because



STRONGHEARTS
Native Helpline

1-844-7NATIVE | 1-844-762-8483

you are Indigenous. This form of abuse is a directly related to the root causes of violence in our communities: colonization and genocide.

If your partner or loved one is demonstrating any of these behaviors or any type of abuse against you, please know that you have the inherent right to be safe, to lead a life free of abuse and to participate in your cultural practices and traditions.

The StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-7NATIVE / 1-844-762-8483) is a culturally appropriate, confidential and anonymous service to American Indians and Alaska Natives who are experiencing abuse or know someone who is being impacted by domestic violence.

Advocates are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST and are trained with an understanding of intimate partner violence, including spiritual or cultural

abuse. Our advocates can provide support and validation, safety planning and access to resources in your community. For more information, visit www.strongheartshelpline.org.

When you are ready to talk, we are here.

Lori Jump is the assistant director for the StrongHearts Native Helpline, a confidential and anonymous helpline for Native Americans affected by domestic violence. If you or a loved one is in an abusive relationship, support is available at 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483), open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST. Advocates offer peer-to-peer support and referrals to culturally-appropriate resources for domestic violence. After hours calls may choose to connect with the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and all calls remain anonymous and confidential.

How to incorporate more blueberries into your diet

Blueberries are available fresh, frozen, freeze-dried and in jellies, syrups and jams. Make sure to check the label of frozen and dried blueberries for added sugars.

Quick tips

- Use blueberries as fresh toppings on oatmeal, waffles, pancakes, yogurt or cereal for an extra burst of flavor in your breakfast.
- Whip up a quick and easy smoothie using frozen berries, low-fat milk and yogurt.
- Mix fresh or dried blueberries into a spinach salad with walnuts and feta cheese.
- Fold them into muffins and sweet breads or blend them in a food processor with a little water and use as a fresh syrup to top desserts or breakfast foods.

Potential health risks of consuming blueberries: If you are taking blood-thinners such as Coumadin (warfarin), it is important that you do not suddenly begin to eat more or less foods containing vitamin K, which plays a large role in blood clotting.

It is the total diet or overall eating pattern that is most important in disease prevention and achieving good health. It is better to eat a diet with a variety than to concentrate on individual foods as the key to good health.

Nutritional breakdown of blueberries:

- One cup of fresh blueberries contains 84 calories, 0 grams of cholesterol, 1.1 grams of protein, 0.49 grams of fat, 21 grams of carbohydrate and 3.6

grams of dietary fiber (14 percent of the daily requirement).

- That same one-cup serving provides 24 percent of daily vitamin C, 5 percent vitamin of B6 and 36 percent of vitamin K needs. Blueberries also provide iron, calcium, potassium, magnesium, phosphorus, sodium, manganese, zinc, copper, folate, beta-carotene, folate, choline, vitamin A and vitamin E.

• In addition to anthocyanins, blueberries contain a diverse range of phenolic compounds such as quercetin, kaempferol, myricetin and chlorogenic acid - all of which contribute to their antioxidant capacity.

- Due to these large amounts of bioactive compounds, blueberries rank very highly on the Aggregate

Nutrient Density Index (ANDI), which rates foods based on their vitamin and mineral content, phytochemical composition and antioxidant capacity. Foods that have the most nutrients per calorie and blueberries score among the top 20 fruits and vegetables.

Freezing Blueberries for the winter:

1. Wash and dry unless grown organically and picked yourself.
2. Spread in a single layer on a cookie sheet.

3. Freeze until solid.
4. Place frozen berries in a freezer container for longer storage. (They have lasted as long as two years for us!)

5. Use fresh blueberries that are completely dry when you pop them in the freezer. If you plan to freeze your blueberries, do not wash them before freezing, as this can make their skins tough. Instead, wash the thawed blueberries just prior to use. Simply place berries in re-sealable plastic bags, and store them on your freezer shelf.

Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule September 2018					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
11 a.m.	L.I.F.E. Based Fitness - Jaden		L.I.F.E. Based Fitness - Jaden	L.I.F.E. Based Fitness - Jaden	
12:10 p.m.		L.I.F.E. Based Fitness - Jaden		Suspension Training - Jayme	L.I.F.E. Based Fitness - Jaden
1:10 p.m.	M.E.L.T. Jayme			Turbo Kick Beth	
5:15 p.m.		WRM Jayme		WRM Jayme	
5:30 p.m.		Yoga Tammy		Yoga Tammy	

Blueberry, Kale and Quinoa Salad

Prep: Less than 5 minutes
Servings: 4-6



Instead of pasta salad this summer, use quinoa as the base for your next cookout side.

This one is full of plump blueberries, crisp kale, a touch of salty feta and crunchy almonds, and

it is lightly dressed with olive oil and fresh lemon. It is guaranteed to be a hit!

9 Ingredients:

- 2 cups cooked quinoa, cooled
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 1 1/2 cups shredded kale (may substitute Arugula, a spring mix or any dark green lettuce)

- 3/4 cup crumbled feta (optional)
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- Salt and freshly ground pepper

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, combine quinoa, blueberries, kale, feta and almonds. Mix until well combined.
2. Add olive oil and lemon juice, and toss to fully coat. Season with salt and fresh ground pepper to taste.

<http://greatist.com/eat/recipes/blueberry-kale-and-quinoa-salad>



Healthy Start event recognizes the important role of fathers

NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 15, children of all ages joined in some fun with their parents at the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park during the Family Spirit Celebrating Dads event, hosted by the Healthy Start Program nurses at Nimkee Public Health.

At the event, Rebecca Cogswell, RN, and Anna Hon, RN, along with a few other other public health staff members, provided attendees with information about men's health

and sun safety and led a game designed to help start family conversations in the home.

"One of our goals is to improve family resilience," Cogswell said. "In order to meet this goal, we strive to put on a number of family events that allow for families to come together, learn and have fun."

Cogswell said this particular event was focused on fathers and honored the role they play in the care and upbringing of their children.

"Fathers play a unique and powerful role in their children's lives, beginning early during the prenatal period," she said. "Research shows that when the

father is involved in the pregnancy—providing mom with help and support—he is also likely to be involved in parenting later on: reading with his child, performing caregiving tasks and providing emotional support to the child throughout development."

Cogswell said many dads' commitment to fatherhood is not validated or supported.

"Our hope in putting on an event specifically honoring fathers is that we give them the recognition they so deeply deserve while also providing education and support to the whole family," Cogswell said.

"The Healthy Start Program is designed to serve the

community by improving access to early pre-natal care, reduce differences in access to, and use of, health services, improve the quality of the local health care system, empower women and their families and increase consumer and community participation in health care decisions," she said.

"We want to help entire families achieve better health outcomes," said Cogswell, noting that her department enrolls women and their families into Healthy Start at various stages of pregnancy, including pre-conception, inter-conception and post-conception.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Makwa makes an appearance at the Family Spirit Celebrating Dads event at the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park on Tuesday, Aug. 14.

Nimkee offers canning courses through MSU Extension Program

NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

On Thursday, Aug. 16, Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center hosted "Too Many Tomatoes,"

its third session in the "Preserve the Harvest: Canning 101" course presented through Michigan State University's Extension Program, and sponsored in part by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.

Two classes took place that day in the Nimkee Public Health Kitchen — one from noon until 2 p.m. and the other from 4 to 6 p.m.

Participants learned best practices for canning tomatoes and heard tips about how to freeze them. They also practiced successfully canning tomatoes with the guidance of Kara Lynch, food safety extension educator.

The Canning 101 courses also included a jam and jelly session earlier this summer along with a session about how to pickle.

One session remains in this series to take place in the Nimkee kitchen from 4 to



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Kara Lynch, food safety extension educator (front left), teaches workshop participants how to can tomatoes in the Nimkee Public Health Kitchen on Thursday, August 16 during a "Preserve the Harvest: Canning 101" course.

7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19 and focusses on pressure canning venison and other low-acid foods.

Silent auction items needed for annual Feather Link Tea

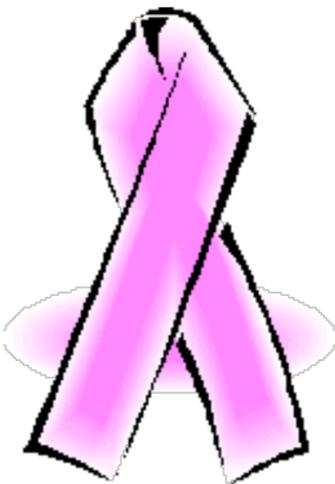
JUDY DAVIS

Nimkee Public Health

Nimkee Women's Health will again be holding its annual Feather Link Tea on Tuesday, Oct. 23 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballroom.

We would like to invite all crafters and artists, including community members, friends and employees to contribute items to our silent auction benefiting Community Cancer Services.

Items can be dropped off at Nimkee Public Health any time prior to the event, if you wish recognition in the program, or to the Soaring Eagle on the day of the event.



Questions? Call Judy at 989-775-4629 or Jenna at 989-775-4604.

We appreciate your donations!

FINDING QUALITY TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

FOR A DRUG OR ALCOHOL USE EMERGENCY, CALL 911 OR GO TO THE NEAREST EMERGENCY ROOM

THREE STEPS TO ACCESSING CARE

- 1. If you have insurance:** Contact your insurer. Ask about your coverage and whether they have a network of preferred providers for you to use.
If you don't have insurance: Each state has funding to provide treatment for people without insurance coverage. Find where to call for information about payment for services at: <https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/ssa-directory.pdf>
- 2. Review the websites of the providers and see if they have the five signs of quality treatment detailed below.**
- 3. Call for an appointment.** If they can't see you or your family member **within 48 hours**, find another provider. One indicator of quality is the ability to get an appointment quickly. Many programs offer walk-in services. Look for programs that can get you or a family member into treatment quickly.

Treatment Locators

Substance Use and Mental Health

Treatment Locator:

<https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/>

1-800-662-HELP (4357)

1-800-487-4899 (TTY)

Alcohol Treatment Navigator:

<https://alcoholtreatment.niaaa.nih.gov/>

FIVE SIGNS OF QUALITY TREATMENT

You can use these questions to help decide about the quality of a treatment provider and the types of services offered. Quality programs should offer a full range of services accepted as effective in treatment and recovery from substance use disorders and should be matched to a person's needs.

- 1. Accreditation:** Has the program been licensed or certified by the state? Is the program currently in good standing in the state? Are the staff qualified? Good quality programs will have a good inspection record and both the program and the staff should have received training in treatment of substance use and mental disorders and be licensed or registered in the state. Does the program conduct satisfaction surveys? Can they show you how people using their services have rated them?
- 2. Medication:** Does the program offer FDA approved medication for recovery from alcohol and opioid use disorders? At this point in time, there are no FDA approved medications to help to prevent relapse from other problem substances.
- 3. Evidence-Based Practices:** Does the program offer treatments that have been proven to be effective in treating substance use disorders including medication management therapies, such as motivational therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy, drug and alcohol counseling, education about the risks of drug and alcohol use, and peer support? Does the program either provide or help to obtain medical care for physical health issues?
- 4. Families:** Does the program include family members in the treatment process? Family members have an important role in understanding the impact of addiction on families and providing support.
- 5. Supports:** Does the program provide ongoing treatment and supports beyond just treating the substance issues? For many people addiction is a chronic condition and requires ongoing medication and supports. Quality programs provide treatment for the long term which may include ongoing counseling or recovery coaching and support, and helps in meeting other basic needs like sober housing, employment supports, and continued family involvement.

SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities. 1-877-SAMHSA-7 (1-877-726-4727) • 1-800-487-4889 (TDD) • www.samhsa.gov



BACK to SCHOOL

BACK to the GYM

Attention Parents!
Or anyone looking to get back into an exercise routine

Here is a challenge for you:
Come to Nimkee Fitness 12 times in the next four weeks
Program starts Monday, Sept. 10

Exercise options:

- 1 Drop off - Drop In (8:30 a.m., M, W, F)**
After you drop your kids off, GO to the gym for a class we will be offering for the next four weeks.
- 2 Perform 30 minutes of quality exercise**
- 3 Perform the Circuit of the Day**
New circuit of the day every M, W, F

Go to the gym 12x in four weeks to:

- WIN a "Nimkee Strong" T-shirt
- AND be eligible to win a \$50 Amazon Gift Card or a \$50 SECR Gift Card

For more information, please contact: Jaden Harman at 989.775.4696 or JHarman@sagchip.org

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1

Warm Ups - 12PM | Early Bird - 1:30PM
Main Session - 3PM | Late Owl - 7:30PM

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
SESSION PAYS OUT
OVER \$30,000!
COVERALL PAYS
OUT \$5,000!

WITH 2nd and 3rd Chances!

**SUPER
SATURDAY**

BINGO

**KING &
QUEEN**

DRAWINGS
ARE BACK!

**MULTIPLE
NEW
WAYS TO WIN!**

**MYSTERY
GRAB BAG!**

BINGO *Purse Party*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Warm Ups - 12PM | Early Bird - 1:30PM
Main Session - 3PM | Late Owl - 7:30PM

During the 3PM session BINGO
players that get a valid BINGO on
designated games will win the cash
award and their choice of a
designer handbag!

Plus, the first 200 guests will receive a
pink Dazzle Dauber!

STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

NEW PRICE! Sunrise & Twilight prices change to

\$10 Paper \$20 Box for 30 cards through the end of the year!

Sunrise Session: 11AM | Twilight Session: 4:30PM

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Editorial: Waterslide update, The Retreat construction

FREDRICK KUHLMAN

Marketing Manager Migizi EDC

Throughout the last few weeks, you may have noticed activity at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark such as the painting of both waterslides.

The Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel is excited to welcome the addition of iSlide, a new technology upgrade that has been installed on the existing slides that allows riders to select light and sound themes or compete with one another.

The large slide has been fitted with interactive light and sound that allows the rider to change the theme with every ride. Each time a person goes down the slide, they can select a new experience.

The smaller slide has been retrofitted with Slide Champ, which allows riders

to compete for the fastest run down the slide.

The waterpark will be the only location in the state and one of a handful in the country to feature this technology, imported from Europe.

One of the benefits of this system is that it did not require any architectural changes to the building and was able to be fitted to the slides with minimal changes. All work was done after the waterpark had closed for the night so that no attractions were barred to guest use.

The installation also saw the addition of action cameras to the slides that will allow guests to purchase photos of their time in the park. Not only will this be a new feature to visitors but will also be a new source of revenue for the business.

A complimentary waterpark lock-in is being planned for all Tribal Members and families

tentatively Friday, Sept. 7 from 9 p.m. until midnight. Members and families will be welcomed at no charge to experience the new features that have been added.

Construction on The Retreat at Soaring Eagle has begun in full and is progressing according to schedule.

The east building has been stripped of all windows and siding, the rooms have been gutted and the crews are fully occupied with bringing this project to life.

The east building is tentatively planned to reopen around early November, and crews will then turn their attention to the west building which will be completed after the New Year.

With a little luck, early 2019 will also see the full renovation of Sagamok Express Mobil. Plans are currently being reviewed and will be presented to the Migizi Board of Directors in the very near future.

Andahwod's Painting with Roger activity



Courtesy of Tomarrah Green

On Tuesday, July 31, Andahwod CCC & ES residents and elders partook in Painting with Roger. Photographed is Roger High with his newest painting, "A Warrior's Pipe Axe."

"Roger is preparing a series of paintings for the Ziibiwing Center's Circle of Indigenous Arts in the fall," said Tomarrah Green, elder community activity assistant.

Soaring Eagle hospitality golf challenge report

FALLON FALSETTA

Contributing Writer

The 2018 Soaring Eagle hospitality golf challenge brought in 43 players on Aug. 8 to the Waabooz Run Golf Course.

The Casino team won the championship with 15 points.

The Hospitality team took second place with 9 points, and Migizi Enterprise took third with 6 points.

Tim McCullough won the best dressed. Lafe Blain won the worst dressed, according to the judges.

The best dressed twosome went to Marc McCann and Ethan Rotz.

Most 7's on a scorecard went to the group of Anthony Tillman, Courtney Frost, Lafe Blain and Ron Defoe.

Anthony Tillman and Courtney Frost won the highest score prize (with 109) while Doug Sineway and Derek Bailey won the lowest score (with 54).

Norma Castellon won the ladies longest drive, and Jacob Welker won the men's longest drive.

Consuelo Gonzalez won the ladies longest putt, and Tony Clark won the men's putt.

Ray Brenny won the closest chip on No. 16.

Closest to the pin winners

were Michael Carson, Bob Scholp, Doug Sineway, Tony Clark, Cole Tippit and Shad Snowden. Notice: There are no ladies on the list, so maybe they were too close.

Longest putts on the green winners were William Stressman, Bob Scholp, Ray Brenny, Derek Bailey and Shad Snowden.

The 2019 Hospitality Challenge is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. at Waabooz Run.

Enter individually or with a partner by calling or emailing Falsetta at 989-775-5319 or ifalsetta@sagchip.org. Remember to save four to six hours of PTO.

Vaccination guidelines for every stage of life

JULIE PEGO

Case Manager

The Center for Disease Control has a print-out of vaccination

recommendations for every stage of life.

A person can log onto the CDC website and answer some questions to get a printout of

recommended vaccinations that can be taken to the person's doctor.

The website address is www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/adult.html.

Medicare beneficiaries will receive new card in the mail

JULIE PEGO

Case Manager

All Medicare beneficiaries will be receiving a new Medicare card in the mail.

In the State of Michigan, this

will take place after August 2018. This card will no longer have a Social Security number on it. There will be a new number for every Medicare beneficiary.

If you live out of state, you can go to CMS.gov to get

more information about when this roll out will take place in your state.

If you have any questions or concerns, call District One Elders Services at 989-775-4300.

SEPTEMBER 2018 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1 Timothy Pete | 16 Richard Nahgahgwon, Joseph Smith Sr. |
| 2 Jamie VanDerSteen | 17 Jon Beaulieu Sr., Roger High, Clifford Collins, Darcy Crampton, Barbara Huffine, Kristine Smith, Lela Walker |
| 3 Deanna Campbell, Joyce Ervin, Diane Leksche, Mark Ojeda-Vasquez, Nancy Coleman, Bonnie Jackson, Michelle Yoder | 18 Delmar Jackson Sr. |
| 4 Garland Moses, Laura Schaad | 20 Raymond Fisher, Charles Jackson |
| 5 Genevieve Chippeway, Camille Grice, Ronald Jackson, Arthur Steele, Jacqueline Baker, Sherry Obrecht, Tracey Olivier, Marion Roth | 21 Perry Bailey Jr., Lester Chippeway Sr., Michael Bearden, Brian Peters |
| 6 Burt Hunt II, Christopher Fallis | 22 Melissa Chippeway, Lori Nahdee, Robert Netmop, Angela Peters |
| 7 Mark Chapoton, Elizabeth Hughes, Salina Jackson, Dianna Goodwin, Forrest Jackson, Robert Wayne Jr. | 23 Judith Mays, Janet Hodges, Louise Smith, Clarence Squanda |
| 8 Barbara Bennett-Fleming, Sharon Cole, Florence White, Amelia Hinton | 24 Jerry Douglas, Selene Moore, Maurice Pego Jr., Theodore Stevens Sr., Garry Douglas, Sandra Rubin-Warner, Jeannette Shambo |
| 9 Dolly Rueckert Sr., Wilma Bennett, David Chatfield | 25 Cynthia Floyd, Kevin O'Brien, LE Reed Jr., Rita Bills, Mark Godbey, Rose Raslich, Richard Starkey |
| 10 Dawn Briggs, Judith Hunt, Kimberly Lewis, Patricia Tarkowski | 26 Matthew Seger, Lucinda Graverette-Smith, Keith Davis, Janet Kerns, Alexander Walraven |
| 11 Darlene Watkins | 27 Sheridan Pelcher, David Wilson, Tonia Bliss |
| 12 Myria Carr, Wayne Dutton, Michael Chamberlain | 28 Theresa Rubin, Fitzgerald Stevens |
| 13 Louanna Bruner, Shellie Pelcher, Darci Tucker, Loreale Werth | 29 Agnes Flynn, Dianne Nelson, Marcella Wing |
| 14 Doreen Eggleston, Jeffrey Brown, Eugene Ives Jr. | 30 Donald Chippewa Sr., Sonya Sowmick, Thomas Kerns Jr. |
| 15 Gary Rueckert Sr., Andrew Byce Sr. | |
| 16 Tonya Fallis, Karen Gibson, Evelyn Grills, Sharll Hudson, | |

September Andahwod events

<p>Euchre & Potluck Mondays 6 p.m.</p> <p>Language Bingo Sept. 6 1 p.m.</p> <p>Grandparents Day Sept. 8</p> <p>Bingo with Friends Sept. 10 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Elders Breakfast Sept. 12 & 26 9-10 a.m.</p> <p>Day Trip to Saganing Sept. 18 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Must sign-up, limited seats</p> <p>Name That Tune Sept. 25 3 p.m.</p> <p>For more information, please call: 989.775.4300</p>
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**Activities and events are subject to change.



SEPTEMBER 2018 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Labor Day Family Picnic

Sept. 3 | 12 - 5 p.m.
 • Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground
 • Recreation@sagchip.org

Native Farmers Market

Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 • Native Farmers Market Pavilion
 • 989.775.4663

Parenting the Love and Logic Way

Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 | 5 - 7 p.m.
 • Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center
 • 989.775.4616
 • For caregivers of children from 6 years old to teenagers

Families Against Narcotics Support Group

Sept. 6 | 7 - 9 p.m.
 • Tribal Operations Seniors Room
 • 989.775.4880

Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 4 - 6 p.m.
 • Behavioral Health
 • 989.775.4895

Sept. 5, 19 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

• Saganing Tribal Center
 • 989.775.4895 or 989.775.5850

Drums Out: Singing for Fun

Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 6 - 8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation Blue House
 • 989.775.4780

Community Sewing Night

Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 5 - 8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • 989.775.4780

Menopause & Beyond

Sept. 7 | 12 - 3 p.m.
 • Nimkee Public Health
 • 989.775.4654

Anishinaabemowin Symposium

Sept. 7, 8 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 • Ziibiwing Center
 • 989.775.4110 or 989.775.4026

Friday Night Skins

Sept. 7, 14 | Shotgun start: 5:30 p.m.
 • Pleasant Hills
 • 989.772.0487

Sept. 21, 28 | Shotgun start: 5:30 p.m.

• Waabooz Run Golf Course
 • 989.817.4802

Anishinaabemowin and Sacred Fire lunches

Sept. 13, 27 | 12 - 1 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • 989.775.4110

Youth Council Family Movie Night

Sept. 14 | 7 - 9 p.m.
 • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 • YouthCouncil2@sagchip.org

Preserve the Harvest: Canning 101

Sept. 19 | 4 - 7 p.m.
 • Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
 • Registration required: 989.775.4615
 • Pressure canning venison and other low-acid foods

Families Against Narcotics Monthly Forum

Sept. 20 | 7 - 8:30 p.m.
 • Ziibiwing Center
 • 989.775.4880

Summer Employee Appreciation Event

Sept. 20 | 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 • Broadway Housing Park
 • 989.775.5659
 • All Tribal Operations and Migizi employees and their families to celebrate the hard work put in this season
 • Hamburgers, hot dogs, sides and refreshments
 • Games, giveaways, bounce house and kids activities

Into the Light Cancer Awareness Walk

Sept. 21 | 4 - 10 p.m., survivor ceremony: 7 p.m.
 • Isabella County Fairgrounds
 • 989.330.1978

Paint the Rez Purple Color Run

Oct. 13 | Time: TBD
 • Hosted by Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan
 • During Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Run on the Rez

Oct. 20 | Registration: 8:30 - 10 a.m.
 5K starts at 10 a.m., Kids 30-meter dash starts at 9:30 a.m.
 • 5K, Kid's Race and 1 Mile Run/Walk
 • Tribal Operations Parking Lot
 • 989.775.4696 or JGreen@sagchip.org
 • Fee: \$15 post-marked by Oct. 15, \$20 after Oct. 15
 • Family rate: \$35 post-marked by Oct. 15, \$40 after Oct. 15
 • The first 200 participants to finish the 5K and one mile will receive a medal.

Feather Link Tea and Luncheon

Oct. 23 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 • Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort
 • 989.775.4629 or 989.775.4604
 • National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
 • Featured speaker: Dr. Suzanne Cross
 • Silent auction to benefit Community Cancer Services
 • Cancer survivors recognized

SEPTEMBER 2018 | 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 ● Waste Collection* <small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small> 		<h3>HOMWORK LAB</h3> <h4>Beginning Sept. 10, 2018</h4> <p>Every week, Monday - Thursday 3-5 p.m. Eagles Nest Tribal Gym</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-12 staff will be on site for homework assistance and tutoring. • Homework lab will have internet access and a quiet reading area. • For more information, please contact: Deb Smith at 989.775.4071 		<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 6 p.m.</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Tribal Ops Closed Labor Day</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Blood Drive Saganing 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room 6 p.m. Tobacco Ceremony B. Health 8 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Traditional Teachings Saganing 11 a.m. Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 - 9 p.m. Saganing Talking Circle Saganing 5 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 - 5 p.m. Japan Cultural Outing 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Language Bingo Andahwod 1 - 3 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod 7 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group Red Bloom Yoga 6 p.m. Traditional Sweat Lodge B. Health 5:30 - 11 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Grandparents Day Ziibiwing 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.</p> <p>9</p> <p>New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 6 p.m.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Bingo with Friends Andahwod 1 - 3 p.m. Drop-in Group B. Health 5:30 p.m. Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 - 6:30 p.m. Euchre and Potluck Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Tobacco Ceremony B. Health 8 a.m. Food Preservation Class Saganing 5 - 8 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m. Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD 6 - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 - 9 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Tribal Ops 5 p.m. Lunch Bunch Anishinaabemowin ALRD 12 - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 - 5 p.m. D. Dowd Traditional Healer B. Health 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD 6 - 7 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod 7 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group Red Bloom Yoga 6 p.m. Traditional Sweat Lodge B. Health 5:30 - 11 p.m. Tribal Observer Deadline</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Monarch Butterfly Celebration Ziibiwing 12 - 4 p.m.</p> <p>16</p> <p>New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 6 p.m.</p>
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Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED.

General Labor Pool
Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED.

Journeyman Lineman
Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED and Michigan Journeyman Lineman License. Two years lineman experience preferred. Michigan Commercial Driver's License (CDL). Proficient computer skills required. Backhoe operation experience preferred. Under the supervision of journeyman lineman manager, perform duties of a lineman to include the installation, maintenance and repair all transmission and distribution electrical systems and associated equipment, both overhead and underground, while utilizing line trucks, aerial boom, lifts and wire pulling equipment.

Elementary Teacher
Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Bachelor's degree in education or related field. Master's degree preferred. Experience with current assessment requirements, federal and state standards. Two years teaching experience preferred. Preference will be given to those with proficiency in speaking Ojibwe.

Elder Community Activities Assistant
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Six months working with elders or activity planning.

Police Chief
Open to the public. Associate degree or higher in criminal justice, police science or related field. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Experience with planning, organizing, prioritizing, coordinating and evaluating department. Demonstrated success in building successful work teams and organizing, motivating and leading employees to desired results. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Must not have criminal history that would prevent applicant from acquiring any certification or qualification required. Must have proven integrity and reputation above reproach. Must possess the ability to resolve problems and conflict, and maintain a high morale and professionalism with the Tribal Police force. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position. Must be able to pass drug screening. MCOLES certified.

Police Officer
Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Associate degree preferred. MCOLES certified or MCOLES certifiable. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Current Special Law Enforcement Commission through the Bureau of Indian Affairs or ability to obtain and maintain.

Purchased Referred Care Clerk
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Water Operator
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Education and experience in advance mathematics, basic chemistry, laboratory and computer skills preferred. A math test will be required and administered prior to interview. Training in hydraulics, physics, biology, science or related field will help in learning this field. Must have mechanical skills, not limited to automotive, such as pumps or shaft driven equipment.

Residential Support Technician
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Cook - ALRD
Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. One year cooking experience. Experience with quality food preparation and service in a large service kitchen preferred.

Leadership Apprentice
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Guest Relations Rep PT
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Server Assistant PT
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Usher
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Entertainment Security Officer
Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Security Officer PT
Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Finance Cashier PT
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Inventory Control Warehouse PT
Open to Tribal Members only. High school diploma or equivalent. One year receiving or experience working with warehouse equipment

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Players Club Representative PT
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science or related field.

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

Security Officer FT
Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

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

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

Slot Shift Supervisor
Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year slot experience. Supervisory experience preferred. Previous guest service experience.

Casino Ambassador
Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months of heavy cash handling or hospitality experience in a fast paced, high pressure environment. Must pass a math proficiency test with a minimum score of 70 percent.

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

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Hundreds embrace sobriety as recovery takes to the streets at the 2018 Freedom Walk

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Healing to Wellness
Coordinator

Nearly 300 participants embraced sobriety as recovery took to the streets of the Reservation at the 2018 Freedom Walk on July 28.

The annual event is considered the traditional kick-off for the August American Indian Sobriety Month activities and takes place Saturday morning during the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow weekend at the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

Participants received an Nbakade Restaurant breakfast buffet along with a T-shirt designed by event coordinator Alice Jo Ricketts.

“Our Freedom Walk Committee wanted to give the participants a way to personalize their T-shirts, and many took advantage of the Sharpie markers provided by the Behavioral Health Prevention department,” Ricketts said. “Having Tribal Council Chaplain Diana Quigno-Grundahl say a blessing for the meal... got us started on the right track.”

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl thanked the freedom walkers for their commitment to living a healthy lifestyle and provided information about the support Tribal Council has provided in the battle surrounding opioid addiction along with the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes.

Mide’ elder and former Council member Charmaine Shawana was honored with a ceremonial cedar eagle feather for her continued support of the Freedom Walk and recovery on the Reservation.

Shawana was also a former Ojibwe Substance Abuse Services director in the ‘80s.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

The 2018 Freedom Walk participants show the power of recovery as they raise their hands in unity after the march to the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow grounds on July 28.

“As a grandmother, it hurts me so much to see so many of our young folks dying of alcohol and drugs. I dream of the day when it will all seem like just a nightmare,” Shawana said. “I pray our community learns the significance that this horrible illness has made, and that one day we can all be drug and alcohol free.”

Shawana, along with Ricketts, shared her experience, strength and hope regarding her journey in recovery along with special guest speakers Wendy Little Flower Pierce, Laura Yoder, Terrance Jackson and David Perez III.

Arthur Slavik, fireman from Brighton, also spoke, and his proud mother Sandra Barron was present to watch her son share about his recovery journey.

Shuna Stevens, prevention coordinator and Freedom Walk Committee member, said the event “ran very smoothly” and that she “appreciated the historical knowledge.”

“I would like to give a very special miigwetch to our Ogitchedaw (Okima David Perez Sr., Mike Perez and Jonathan Cabral) for their part in the walk,” Stevens said. “I also would like to acknowledge



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Ogitchedaw lead the flags and Freedom Walk banners down Leaton Road that Saturday morning.

the volunteers who helped the Prevention Team out with registration and clean-up (Deanna Scott-Hicks, Rita Lutes-Pulley, Dianna Chipp, Sarah Deaton and Chelsea Caley).”

Stevens said she was happy to see the community support this long-standing tradition of supporting others’ commitment to sobriety.

“The stories shared are all part of the healing process for the community and much appreciated,” Stevens said.

Dawn Morrow, administrative assistant II, said the event is “a great way to show support for those in recovery walking the red road.”

“Recovery is not an easy road, and part of my journey has led me to service work; I am the vice president of Families Against Narcotics for the Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County Chapter,” Morrow said. “I joined this nonprofit organization to spread awareness of the opiate epidemic and erase the stigma of drug addiction. It also has been important for me to share my story of recovery and also how my life has

been affected by loved ones in active addiction and how I have learned to live life regardless of others and keep my serenity.”

Morrow shared her details of her dedication, explaining that every other Sunday she goes into the Isabella County jail with other women to bring an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting to incarcerated women.

“This means a lot to me. It is a very humbling experience,” Morrow said. “I share my experience, strength and hope with these women, and where I am today because of recovery, in hopes that I touch just one of them. My biggest message... is that they too can have a beautiful life worth living.”

Tribal Member Christina Otto was surprised to be honored with several other recipients at the powwow grounds in a special ceremony after the walk during which elder Roger High and the Ogitchedaw awarded traditional and ceremonial eagle feathers.

“On Saturday, July 28th of this year, I received a special feather for my 12 years of sobriety,” Otto said. “When



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Sisters (left to right) Louise “Weezy” Hunt, Lindy Hunt and Cindy Quigno share a moment together.



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Freedom walkers march by Andahwod, where the elders and residents looked on.



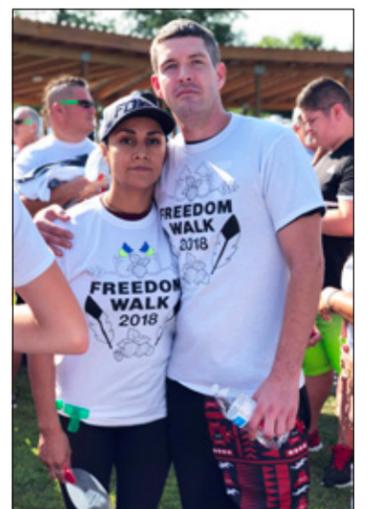
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The Jackson family (left to right: Terrance Jackson, Joseph Jackson, Jayden Jackson, Tawny Jackson, Tammy Chamberlain and Monica Jackson) walked together from Tribal Operations to the powwow grounds.



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Freedom Walk Committee member Alice Jo Ricketts addresses attendees in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.



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Sheila Arzola (left) and Joshua Davis-Hugg proudly show off their 2018 Freedom Walk T-shirts.