Chief addresses the Membership during the July 25 Community Meeting

Diana Quiguo-Grundahl named Sub-Chief for remainder of 2017-2019 Council term

The next Tribal General Election will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019.

I will speak about financial stability, health care and options for coverage to Tribal Members; the possible effects from a decision coming from the federal government; and an update on Freedom Energy and DTE Energy. We are pulling power right off of the national grid to power our own buildings. This model creates further opportunity for the tribe to do the same here in Mount Pleasant. It’s a model we hope to monetize if other tribes are looking at doing the same. We will be experts and our skills will be valuable.

The timing and phasing of this project works perfectly with the Soaring Eagle room remodel.

Saginaw will be able to shudder the load of patrons who will be displaced. This will allow us to offset the projected impacts of less hotel rooms at Soaring Eagle. The Soaring Eagle guest room remodel project is a huge project that follows the building exterior completion. With an all new roof, windows, exterior paint and moisture barrier, we can assure that the integrity of the interior of the building will be maintained going forward.

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The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe... “Working Together for Our Future”

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl addresses the Membership during the annual Homecoming Community Meeting on July 25 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort’s Entertainment Hall.

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl is sworn in as Sub-Chief by Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl after a secret ballot vote on Friday, June 28.

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Manoomin-Giziz (Mean of the Grain)
Bianca Sue Nieto

Jan. 4, 1995 – June 29, 2019

Bianca Sue Nieto, age 24, of Mount Pleasant passed away unexpectedly June 29, 2019, at her home.

Bianca was born Jan. 4, 1995, in Flint, the daughter of Robin and Vivian Nieto. She was a descendant of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and was talented in creating beadwork pieces.

Bianca worked summer concerts at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. She previously had worked in housekeeping at the Holiday Inn.

Bianca loved spending time with her family and socializing with others. She enjoyed walking her dog, Bella. Bianca liked Pokémon, traveling, and listening to music.

Bianca is survived by her father, Robin Nieto of East Lansing; her brother, Basil Naganashe of Mt. Pleasant; sisters, Angela Nieto “Danny Logan” of Mt. Pleasant, Marcine (Dominick) Shaffer of Ithaca, and Theresa Jackson of Mt. Pleasant; aunts, Karen Naganashe of Mt. Pleasant and Terrie (Ricky) Stevenson of Cleveland, uncle, Dennis (Beth) Nieto of Perry; nieces and nephews, Sharon, Migian, Aiden, Charles, Blake, Kijate, Angela, and Jovilyn; and cousins Justin Nieto and Jordan Nieto. Bianca was preceded in death by her mother, Vivian Nieto; grandparents, Sharon and Basil Naganashe and David and Rose Nieto. A memorial service for Bianca was held at 12 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2019, at Clark Family Funeral Chapel with Benjamen Evers officiating.

Patricia Ann Keshick

July 9, 1944 – July 4, 2019

Patricia Ann Keshick, age 74, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Thursday, July 4, 2019, at her home surrounded by her family.

Patricia was born July 9, 1944, the daughter of Simon and Cecilia (Elk) Jackson. She married Elmer Keshick Sr. on Feb. 5, 1979, and he predeceased her in death on April 11, 2011. She worked as a security guard for Soaring Eagle Casino and retired in 2002.

Patricia was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and attended Chippewa Indian United Methodist Church. She adored her grand-children and great-grandchildren, spending time with her family, and Bingo.

Patricia was an amazing cook and loved to feed her family. Patricia is survived by her children Bernice Hendrickson of Mt. Pleasant, Gilbert Hendrickson of Mt. Pleasant, Margaret (Lynn) Rosario of Mt. Pleasant, and Christina Keshick (O.J. Pitaawanikwat) of Levering; 20 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; brothers DeJay Elk of Grand Rapids, Delmar (Julia) Jackson Sr. of Mt. Pleasant, Alvin Jackson (Eucy Meaok) of Manistee, David Jackson of Grand Rapids; sister Catherine Jackson of Mt. Pleasant; and many nieces and nephews.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son Elmer Keshick Jr., sisters Lucille Jackson and Elsie Compo; and great nephew Steven Hawkins.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 10, 2019, at 1 p.m. in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym with Rev. Owen White-Pigeon officiating. Burial followed at Denver Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Animal Treatment Society or American Heart Association.

Gloria Jeane Marshall

June 2, 1941 – July 22, 2019

Gloria Jeane Marshall, age 78, of Mount Pleasant passed away Monday, July 22, 2019, at McLaren Bay Region Hospital in Bay City.

Gloria was born on June 2, 1941, in Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of Ernest and Florence (Jackson) Kahgegab.

Gloria was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. She married James Marshall on Nov. 14, 1991.

Gloria worked in housekeeping at Pine Rest Mental Health, Tribal Operations receptionist for many years, and served as head of Housing for the Tribe.

She enjoyed reading, listening to gospel and ‘50s music, playing scrabble, and cooking for powwows. Gloria was also a member of the Grand Valley American Indian Lodge.

Gloria is survived by her husband, Jim Marshall of Mt. Pleasant; son Phillip (Della) Shenoskey and daughter Miranda Sheahan, both of Mt. Pleasant; 16 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; sister Catherine Jackson Sr. of Mt. Pleasant; special friends Shemetta Dean and Nancy Chippewa; and many nieces and nephews.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents; son Edward Shenoskey Jr.; daughter Gillian Shenoskey; grandson Phillip Shenoskey Jr.; granddaughter Maggie Jackson; brother Gordon Kahgegab; and sister Gwendolyn Kahgegab.

A memorial service for Gloria was held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Doyle Perry officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Well & Septic PROGRAM

- Free to Tribal Members who reside within the IHS service area: Isabella, Clare, Midland, Arenac Missaukee counties
- If you are experiencing problems with your well or septic, please contact the Planning Department.
* You must own your home.
- Call 989-775-4014 or stop in to the Planning Department office (2443 Nish-na-be-anong)

Meet Up & Eat Up

As of Aug. 1, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort will only accept non-expired Tribal I.D.s (red or green card) when checking cashing.

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Public Notices

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 at 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 SCTT-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
- Aug. 6
- Sept. 3
- Oct. 1
- Nov. 5

Election Timeline

2019 Primary & General Elections

Aug. 6 - Sept. 4 | Candidate Packets available at the Tribal Clerk’s Office (NOTE: The Clerk’s Office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2, 2019 Labor Day)

Sept. 5 | Petition Deadline for Candidates to turn in Petitions

Sept. 6 | Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election

Sept. 11 | Deadline for Candidates to meet all aspects of the qualifications to be placed on the final list of Candidates

Sept. 13 | Final Candidate List Posted

Sept. 20 | Absentee Ballots for Primary Election available in the office and mailed.

Oct. 4 | Last day to register to vote for the General Election

Oct. 7 | 5:15 p.m. — Certification of Voting Machines

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

Oct. 9 | Primary Election Results Posted

Oct. 15 | Absentee Ballots for General Election available in the office and mailed

Nov. 4 | 5:15 p.m. — Certification of Voting Machines

Nov. 5 | General Election Day — Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Nov. 6 | General Election Results Posted

For additional information, please contact the Tribal Clerk’s Office at 989.775.4051

Attention Tribal Members

On Dec. 12, 2018 the Tribal Council passed a motion to offer all Tribal Members one free copy of their personal enrollment file, upon request, in an effort to alleviate the cost to the Membership.

Attention Tribal Members

The time has come, Tribal Business Regulations is now live on the Tribal website with frequently requested forms, staff contact information, a tax agreement area map and further information on what we do here at Business Regulations.

Forms can now be accessed online by visiting: www.sagchip.org/BusinessRegulations.

Completed forms can be submitted by mail to: Tribal Business Regulations 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Forms can also be faxed to: (989) 775-4109 or emailed to: BusinessRegulations@sagchip.org

For questions or for further assistance, please contact the Business Regulations Department at: (989) 775-4175 or (989) 775-4109.

Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Committee Meetings

Every third Monday of the month in the Seniors Room from 9 to 11 a.m.

Food/Native Art Vendors:

Welcoming NEW Healthy Food/Native Art Vendors:

Items include:

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

Welcoming NEW Healthy Food/Native Art Vendors:

Maple syrup, eggs, honey, seeds, cottage foods, plants, organic proteins and wild rice.

- You do NOT have to be Native American to sell product/plants/other.

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

For more information:

Sam Anglin, Market Master
Phone: 989.775.6335 or Email: SAnglin@sagchip.org

Myles Vasquez
August 16
Happy Birthday
Blessings, Son
XOXO, Dad

Mariana Vasquez
August 23
Happy Birthday
Blessings Little Lady
XOXO, Dad

Happy Blessed Birthday
Alexandria
Love, Mom

Happy Blessed Birthday
Madison
Love, Grandma Kelly

Deadline: Monday, Sept. 16 by 5 p.m.

Requirements for Observer submission:

1. All candidate statements are limited to 150 words (no exceptions.) If we are unable to contract you to make changes if your profile equaled the word limit, the profile will be cut off after 150 words.

2. Only one submission will be accepted. Once submitted, it is final. No other updates or changes will be accepted.

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5. In addition, candidate statements will run “as is” meaning the Tribal Observer staff will not edit a submission in any way other than to ensure it meets the 150-word limitation. There will be no spelling or grammatical corrections by the editor, so please double check your work.

6. Candidate profile photos: Submit your photo of choice. Or the Tribal Observer staff members are more than happy to take your photograph for your candidate profile photo. Please stop in the office for your photo. If a photo is not provided, your Tribal ID photo will be used.

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Tribal Council Candidate Profile

Myles Vasquez
August 16
Happy Birthday
Blessings, Son
XOXO, Dad

Mariana Vasquez
August 23
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Tribal Council member Jennifer Wassegiij named Tribal Chaplain

On Tuesday, July 23, Tribal Council member Jennifer L. Wassegiij was sworn in by Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl to serve as Tribal Chaplain for the remainder of the 2017-2019 Council term.

The seat was previously held by Diana Quiquino-Grundahl who was named Sub-Chief on June 28.

The chief read the following oath as Wassegiij repeated it back: “I, Jennifer Wassegiij, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that as a duly-elected Tribal Council Member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, I freely accept responsibilities of the office of Tribal Chaplain and I shall faithfully discharge and perform all those duties required for me for that office to the best of my abilities, so help me God.”

Waterpark fundraiser collects $5,474 this season, more than $19,000 overall for Soup Kitchen

On June 19 and 20, the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel held Splash Away Hunger, with all funds benefitting the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen.

The occasion raised $5,474 for the Soup Kitchen from participants donating $7 in exchange for a one-day waterpark pass.

The pass was held on those two dates only and available for use from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

“Since 2015, the Splash Away Hunger waterpark donation drives have raised over $19,000 and over six tons of food, said Ida Borushko, marketing analyst for Migizi Economic Development Co.

The Tribe was also able to raise more than $20,000 from participants donating $7 in exchange for a one-day waterpark pass.

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Annual Freedom Walk honors those in recovery, promotes alcohol and drug-free lifestyle

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

Every year, the Tribe hosts the Freedom Walk, a walk or march to promote an alcohol and drug-free lifestyle. The 2019 Freedom Walk will forever be a distinctive one as U.S. Rep. Deb Haaland, a tribal citizen of the Pueblo of Laguna Tribe (New Mexico), joined in on the walk from the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym to the SICT Powwow grounds on Saturday, July 27.

Rep. Haaland became one of two of the first American Indian women ever elected to Congress. She and Sharice Davids (3rd District-Kansas) were sworn into Congress in January 2019. Several Tribal Council and community members were able to attend the Congresswomen’s wearing in and reception.

The Freedom Walk event began at 7:30 a.m. with an opening prayer by Tribal Chaplain Jennifer L. Wassegijig and breakfast, provided by the Nhkade Family Restaurant. Speakers began at 8 a.m. and offered an important message of recovery.

Rep. Haaland addressed those in attendance, discussing her personal sobriety story. Along with Haaland, speakers included: Tribal Council member Louanna Brunner (15 years of sobriety), Craig Benz (46 months sober), Jason Quigno (20 years sober), Anna Winters (nine months sober) and Susan Florian (42 years sober) from Charlevoix, Mich.

Certain Tribal community members achieving sobriety received eagle feathers including: Charmaine Shawana (31.5 years in sobriety) whose “spirituality has played a big part in her recovery,” she said. Other eagle feather recipients included: Adam Sawmick (four and a half years sober), Charlie Isham (seven and a half years sober), Kim Otto McCoy (five years sober) and Brian Wemigwans (one year sober).

Father Dave Perez Jr. (one year sober) and son Cruz Perez (three years sober) also received an eagle feather.

Dave Perez Jr. said he “waives up every day and surrenders to the Creator.” Current Tribal Council member Kenny Sprague (14 years sober) also received an eagle feather.

Sprague said he is “grateful that today, coming to the powwows, he comes walking the Red Road.” He said when he attended before being in sobriety, “he would be unable to present for the day.”

Shawana gifted Candace Benzinger an eagle feather for her work and dedication with Families Against Narcotics. Joseph Sawmick (10 years in sobriety), Healing to Wellness Program.

“I was one of the most well-attended Freedom Walks I’ve had the honor to participate in,” Sawmick said. “The messages from our recovery speakers resonated with the audience and Congresswoman Haaland gave a heartfelt speech about her personal journey of sobriety.”

The momentous walk began at 9 a.m.

Walkers headed southbound on Leaton Road and took a left turn on Tomah Road to proceed to the powwow grounds. The walkers then entered the arena through the eastern door and circled the powwow arena once.

“My favorite part was watching the excitement in the crowd gathered together and recognized the eagle feather recipients in a good way. That brought many smiles and tears of gratitude for that special moment,” Sawmick said.

Beginning at the Tribal Operations parking lot, walkers head southbound on Leaton Road and take a left turn on Tomah Road to proceed to the powwow grounds.

Several of this year’s eagle feather recipients pose for a photo.

A packed Eagles Nest Tribal Gym hosts participants of the annual Freedom Walk, a walk or march to promote an alcohol and drug-free lifestyle, on Saturday, July 27.

Family Court project director, served as event emcee.

After the Freedom Walk from the Tribal Gym to the powwow grounds, participants stand in solidarity to support sober lifestyles.
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY PUBLIC AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON (NNS) Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer has announced the newest Towing, Salvage, and Rescue ship (T-ATS 8) will be named “Saginaw Ojibwe Anishinabek” in honor of the history, service and contributions of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

The Saginaw Chippewa people are comprised of Saginaw, Black River, and Swan Creek bands. Ojibwe is also referred to as Chippewa and Anishinabek means “original people.”

“I am deeply honored to announce that the history of the Saginaw Chippewa people will once again be part of Navy and Marine Corps history,” Spencer said. “The future USNS Saginaw Ojibwe Anishinabek honors the original people of modern day Michigan, with their original name, and will carry the proud Ojibwe legacy for decades to come.”

This is the first ship to bear the name Saginaw Ojibwe Anishinabek, and the fifth U.S. ship to be named in honor of Native American nations.

“It’s a great honor to have the name and language of our people on a Navy ship,” said Chief Ronald Ekdahl, of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. “We hold our veterans in high regard, and we have a proud tradition of having many of our men and women provide service to our country. Chi-miigwetch (thank you) to the U.S. Navy for recognizing the culture in such a distinct way.”

Gulf Island Shipyards was awarded a $64.8 million contract option for the detail design and construction of the new Towing, Salvage and Rescue Ship, which will be based on existing commercial towing offshore vessel designs and will replace the current T-ATF 166 and T-ARS 50 class ships in service with the US Military Sealift Command.

The future USNS Cherokee Nation is the second ship in the new class of Towing, Salvage and Rescue Ships and will be designated T-ATS 7.

The contract includes options for potentially six additional vessels, and each additional ship will be named in honor of prominent Native Americans or Native American tribes.

The T-ATS will serve as open ocean towing vessels and will additionally support salv- age operations and submarine rescue missions.

The ship will be built at the company’s shipyard in Houma, La., and is expected to be completed in July 2021.

Get more information about the Navy from U.S. Navy Facebook or Twitter.

For more news from Secretary of the Navy, visit www.navy.mil/local/vernawi/.

Secretary of the Navy names newest Towing, Salvage, and Rescue ship “Saginaw Ojibwe Anishinabek”
specifying language that would allow for Tribal Indians to look at hemp production. This is a legislative fix that would allow us to pursue hemp production in some form with no worries about federal reprimand.

At this time, the Migizi Board of Directors passed a motion to approve a feasibility study into hemp cultivation and production for the Tribe. This would include the land resources of the Tribal College and Migizi. Some of the topics of the study will include land use, cultivation, processing, and a scaled plan that will make us a real competitor in the market. Our Tribe built its legacy on hospitality. That is what we know and that is how our community is set up. To support the hospitality industry we operate in. The Tribe is not a technology leader, a manufacturing leader and we have no concerns of damage from the Council to make that difficult decision.

I believe that through our land holdings and our location near vast agricultural lands, we can make a business in hemp. I hope to have a clear plan from this study and with the support of the Migizi Board and the Tribal Council we can begin to enter that space.

I serve as chairman of the Migizi Board and along with the CEO Bob Luckness, we want Migizi to operate a profitable business. I think this is a real opportunity for Migizi and the Tribe’s economic development. The PKS and FINRA settlements came to a close a few months ago. The Tribe was able to recover $9.5 million back from settlement negotiations with PKS’s holding company Wentworth. If it was not for the hard work and dedication of our legal team and the willingness from the Council to make timely decisions, we could have ended up with much less.

Right after we signed the settlement agreement, the arbitration board threw the case out because of conflict of interest on PKS and Wentworth’s side. In all, we received back over $13 million. We still have the issue of holding some REITs on our books but our Treasury department has the responsibility to bring a recommendation on how to proceed with them.

The Tribal school and recreation project has taken much longer than we anticipated. The time is now for us to fund the remainder of that project. When designing the building and planning for the shared space, it was agreed upon that the final version was the building that would work best for the community. That version of the building was at an additional $8 million more than what was allocated by previous Councils. An opportunity to seek a USDA loan has been pursued to fund the remainder of that balance. This very low interest loan and will be non-impactful to the Tribe’s investment portfolio. It will meet the financial needs of the project budget.

The application process is very in-depth and time consuming and we find ourselves waiting on the USDA. At this time, we are on hold until we get confirmation that the loan has been granted to the Tribe so we can break ground on that project.

To finalize my address, I want to take the time to personally thank all of you. This has been the greatest honor of my professional career. It has made me sharpen my skill set and address weaknesses within myself. Believe it or not, I hate public speaking. I am naturally introverted and yes, even I get stressed out on a Sunday about tomorrow being Monday.

Through this opportunity, I have had to stand in front of my people, strangers and dignitaries and speak to them. I have had to greet people in public and always be mindful of myself. I have found a healthy option for dealing with my stress and frustration. Shout out to Nimkee Fitness. A common joke when you are on the Council is weighing yourself at the beginning of the term and at the end of the term. Most likely you will have gained.

I can proudly say that I have lost 35 pounds and I did it with the motivation to be a better role model for my community. I wanted to walk the walk, so to say, and set an example of how to dedicate time to being more physically healthy.

Chi-migwech miinwaa mam-pii.”

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14th Annual People’s Traditional Powwow

Elijah Elk Cultural Center • Seventh Generation Program

August 23, 24 & 25, 2019

Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds
9 a.m. to 10 p.m. • The Dow, MI 48854

Grand Entries
Saturday: 1 & 7 p.m.
• Feast at 7 p.m. (bring your best bundles)
• Sunday: 1 p.m.

Friday Activities:
• Entertainment by Brothers in Music
• Watermelon eating contest (with prizes)

Spot dances
<br>On the Friday Night the first 100 registered dancers

Dignitaries
• Head Veteran: George Martin
• Host Drum: Red Willow
• Co-host Drum: Eagle Flight
• Invited Drums: Hay Creek & Bear River
• Emcee: Brittaney Koth
• Arena Director: Littleman Quintero
• Head Dancers: Chosen each session

Open to the Public • Free Admission

On July 23, new Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Officer Brittanie Koth (left) was sworn in by Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl (right) before taking on her duties. Koth was sworn in on that Tuesday at about 9:30 a.m. in Council chambers.

New Tribal Police Officer sworn in
The 32nd annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics saw participants from more than 17 federally-recognized tribes and tribal organizations come together for friendly competition.

The event began with a golf competition on Thursday, July 18 at Waabooz Run Golf Course. Four age groups compete as either singles or as two-person teams with alternating shots.

Track and field events were held the following day on Friday, July 19 at Central Michigan University's Bennett Track and Field. Team SCIT finished first for the seventh consecutive year, with a total of 446 points.

The event coordinators had to plan around the weather this year, with the Midwest in the midst of a heat wave throughout the weekend. In the interest of safety, all events were completed by 1:30 p.m., instead of the usual 4:30 p.m. end time. Event coordinator Jaden Harman was pleased with the turnout, even with the hot temperatures.

“The shortened day seemed to be perfect. Everyone left enjoying the event in the midst of some hot weather,” Harman said. “It is great to see our community show up to compete, and do so well each year. What a great gathering it is every year!”

To close out the opening ceremonies, SCIT Members Christina Benz, Makayla Stevens, Kiara Ekdahl and Maggie Jackson performed the National Anthem.

The field events featured many events including the baby crawl, tot trot, archery, softball throw, long jump, free throw basketball shot, kid’s obstacle course and lacrosse. Track events included a 400-meter walk, and 50-meter and 100-meter runs.

Events were broken into 14 different age groups, with male and female categories.

The event was a collaboration of many different Tribal departments and businesses. “We couldn’t have done this without the joint effort of many people, and departments’ support,” Harman said. “Thank you to everyone who gave their time and effort and our event staff. You are all amazing!”

All participants and staff were treated to a healthy lunch provided by Nbakade Family Restaurant. The SCIT Woodshop Department crafted the wooden team trophies.

Competitors were able to track the individual and team event results live during the event, provided by the SCIT IT Department.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Fire Department and Nmikke Medical staff members were on hand to provide first aid at the medical tent. Sound for the event was provided by Sweet Grass Productions.

Harman also wanted to thank the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College for sponsoring the event as well as support from Tribal Council, the MIFO Committee, Public Works, Maintenance, Tribal Police Department, SECIR Grounds Crew, Waabooz Run Golf Course, Recreation, CMU Native American Programs & Student Transition Enrichment Program, CMU Facilities Department and CMU Athletic Department.

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Governor of the Michigan Territory General Lewis Cass, as commissioner of the United States of America opened the 1819 treaty negotiations with a speech. He told the Anishinabe that he wanted them to sell their Saginaw Valley lands and move west. Excerpt taken from Diba Jimooyung: Telling Our Story, page 41

©-maw-kē-kē-too’s Speech from the Treaty of 1819

“You do not know our wishes. Our people wonder what has brought you so far from your homes. Your young men have invited us to come and light the council fire. We are here to smoke the pipe of peace, but not to sell our lands. Our American father wants them. Our English father treats us better, he has never asked for them. Your people trespass upon our hunting grounds. You rock to our shores. Our trees grow warm, our land melts like a cake of ice; our possessions grow smaller and smaller; the warm wave of the white man rolls in upon us and melts us away. Our women reproach us. Our children want homes: shall we sell from under them the spot where they spread their blankets? We have not called you here. We smoke with you the pipe of peace.” Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collection, vol. VII, pg. 264

1819 Treaty of Saginaw ceded to the United States all or part of 30 counties

- Alcona: all
- Alpena: approximately half
- Arenac: all, with exception of two reservations
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- Oscoda: nearly all
- Roscommon: part
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Summer Reading Program launches children into a universe of alien fun

ANDREW WAGNER
Administrative Assistant II

Houston – I think we have a problem: there are space aliens in the Housing building! On June 26, the Summer Reading Program held an official alien day in which children and parents helped build some of the most amazing and wonderful aliens in the world.

The class, run by Library Assistant Lee-Anne Disel, gave the children an opportunity to showcase their alien creativity.

Each participant used different craft items: cotton balls, metal cleaners, eyes, buttons, Popsicle sticks, and fur balls to create their new alien buddies. One student even named his new alien friend Dave and shared his ice cream with him. Please don’t be scared – Dave is a friendly alien. In fact, all of the new aliens are very friendly.

The Summer Reading Program held an official alien day on June 26 at the Housing building. Guests were able to build aliens out of craft items. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. The Tribal Libraries and SCIT Housing Department have been taking parents and children to new adventures of creativity, imagination, and reading through the summer reading program.

The program’s main purpose is to engage young people and families to help prevent the “summer slide” (a decline in reading ability and academic skills in the summer) and build a lifelong love of reading.

The program’s theme this year is “A Universe of Stories!” which includes space exploration and fun craft days. On Aug. 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Housing Conference Room, the program will be offering a spaceship day where students can make their favorite spaceship, and then, at the end of class, launch them in to space (or as high up as the spacehips can get). On Aug. 19 from 3 to 5 p.m., the program will wrap up the summer with a special end-of-the-summer celebration at Broadway Park including ice cream and many other intergalactic special surprises.

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Prize giveaways for the Summer Reading Program will be drawn during the Aug. 19 ice cream party. It is going to be a new level of space-aged fun.

The Housing Department and Tribal Libraries would like to thank all of the parents and children who attended the alien event. We would also like to give a huge shout out to the Tribal Council for their support for projects like this.

Event allows community to explore public safety, heavy equipment vehicles

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

The west side of the Tribal Operations parking lot was filled with public safety, emergency vehicles, flashing lights and heavy equipment. It was all in fun for the “Touch a Truck” event on Monday, July 22 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Community members including several children explored and sat in Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police vehicles, fire trucks, heavy equipment, CAT tractors and much more.

The event was sponsored by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries and the Institute of Museum and Library Services with aid from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Fire and Police Departments, along with SCIT Public Works.

“The Alma Public Library had a (similar) event a couple weeks ago and I thought it would be a cool idea to host the same event here, on the Reservation, because I hadn’t seen an event like it done here before,” said Library Assistant Lee-Anne Disel. The Tribal Libraries thanked “everyone that came to the event as well as the fireman, policemen and maintenance workers that made this event possible.”

Library Assistant Kimberly Condon said this was a unique event for the library to hold.

“Our goal was to bring people in the community together to see what kinds of vehicles and equipment are used daily on the Reservation that many children and adults don’t really get the chance to see up close and personal,” Condon said.

“Because the library is located across the street from the fire department, I have seen many after school children with their faces lit up when they would hear sirens and they would run to the door to see where the truck was going. I was able to see the same excitement with many new faces (during this event).”

Hot dogs, a variety of chips, and water were available to all those who attended.

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Alfred Card retires after 15 years in the Facilities Department

ZORA WALSH
SEC Facilities

Congratulations to Alfred Card upon his retirement after almost 15 years in the Facilities department in multiple positions. Al’s years of leadership in multiple positions, his kind and helpful nature, and his ability to manage many of our staff. We will be missed by all and we will wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

Al is pictured here holding a special retirement plaque fabricated by Duane Booth, finish carpenter with the Woodshop Department. Attached to the plaque, is a hand carved ax symbolizing Al’s hobby of cutting trees in his wood-shop.

The axe blade contains four or five different kinds of woods and is hand wrapped with a leather band and lacing. Duane creates extraordinary works of art. Al did get quite emotional when this was presented to him. Happy Retirement Al!
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Since 1984, the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow weekend has been an occasion to showcase and celebrate traditional dance, dress and culture.

This year celebrated the 35th annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow on July 26-28, 2019, with a “Community Homecoming” theme. The powwow, held at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground at 7225 E. Tomah Rd. in Mount Pleasant, began with grand entries at 7 p.m. on Friday, 1:30 (with a separate special grand entry with dignitaries beginning before 1 p.m.) and 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at noon.

The weekend’s notables included: Host drum Bear Creek; masters of ceremonies Jason Whitehouse and Mike Sullivan; and arena directors Walker Stonefish and Kevin Syrette.

Each grand entry included head veteran George Martin leading the Anishinabe Ogichedaw Veterans Society and flag carriers, and head dancers James (Bud) Day and Alexi Fummaker leading all dancers of all styles in the arena.

This year’s head dance judges were Stewart Boivin and Pamela Boivin, the head drum judge was Wayne Silas and the sound was provided by Hokah Sound.

On Saturday (July 27), two afternoon grand entries took place, with the first took place before 1 p.m. to honor and recognize Rep. Deb Haaland, the representative from New Mexico’s 1st Congressional District in the U.S. House. Haaland spent time with the Tribal community during a two-day visit.

Haaland is one of the first two Native American women elected to Congress.

Haaland joined in the first grand entry featuring dignitaries including: veterans and flag carriers, head dancers, powwow royalty, and Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl and Tribal Council members Frank J. Cloutier, Jennifer L. Wassegijig, Kenny Sprague and Linda Hunt.

Rep. Haaland was introduced by the Master of Ceremonies Mike Sullivan and welcomed with applause and hollers.

“I came last night to the powwow and enjoyed food and dancing, and so much love and community here, I’m just honored to be here,” Haaland said.

“And thank you, all of our veterans for the service you give to our country,” Haaland said. “Both of my parents are veterans. My dad served in the United States Marine Corps. For 30 years... and my mother was a Navy veteran. I grew up in a military household so I know the sacrifices that our veterans make for our country and I thank all of you, profoundly.”

Haaland said “thank you all for making me feel at home here.”

“We have an important election coming up in 2020 and if you are not registered to vote – it is important that you get registered to vote and turn out to vote,” Haaland said. “The fate of our planet is on the ballot this year. We have to elect people who will care about the land, our resources, our sacred sites, education of our children, the care of our elderly, working families that need a wage so they can put a roof over their family’s head... healthcare for our children and elderly folks – those are all on the ballot in 2020.”

Haaland continued, “I will ask each of you personally to register to vote, to get out to vote, to make sure every single member of your family who is 18 or over will vote in this election. It is so important because we deserve to have a voice in our politics. Native American people deserve to have a voice. It is our time – 2020 is our time.”

Tom Peters of Grand Traverse Band provided the invocation Saturday afternoon.

“I was given tobacco to address everyone today,” Peters said.

Chief Ekdahl also provided a welcome.

“Thank you for spending this beautiful day with us here on the Reservation; celebrating our culture, celebrating our heritage, and I’m grateful for all the people who have come to be a part of this celebration annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow,” Ekdahl said.

The special grand entry catered to Rep. Haaland’s schedule before she had to depart from her two-day visit on the Reservation. The grand entry featuring all dancers began at 1:30 p.m. sharp.

Dance specials were hosted throughout the weekend including: old jingle style, woodland special, a teen chicken dance hosted by Niijjik Davis, and more.

A grandma and grand-daughter honor special took place to honor Jo Kathy and Linnnaya. Four sets of grand-mother/granddaughter pairs competed – all of which went home with prize money and a small suitcase with gifts.

On the powwow grounds that Saturday from noon to 6 p.m., a training on naloxone occurred. Naloxone (Narcan), used to block the effects of opioids – especially in an over-dose, was supplied for those over the age of 18 who participated in the brief training.

“Harm Reduction Michigan and Prevention partnered to provide community members the opportunity to become familiar with Naloxone (Narcan), and how to properly administer it, in the event they are in the presence of an opioid overdose,” said Kim Hinson, prevention specialist for Behavioral Health. “This training was a walk-up style training and specifically geared toward loved ones of drug users and those who use drugs.”

On Friday (3 to 7 p.m.) and Saturday (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.) of the powwow, the Prevention Foundation brought a giant, inflatable colon in an effort to provide education on colorectal cancer prevention for the powwow attendants.

Visitors had the opportunity to walk through the inflatable replica of a colon and get an up-close look at healthy colon tissue, tissue with non-malignant colorectal disease (ulcerative colitis or Crohn’s disease), colorectal polyps and various stages of colorectal cancer.

“The Prevent Cancer Super Colon® has traveled the U.S. educating people on the importance of screenings and the ways reduce your cancer risk,” said a media release from the Prevent Cancer Foundation®.

“More than 140,000 people in the U.S. are diagnosed with colorectal cancer each year and it is the second leading cause of cancer death overall.”

Ninkee Clinic was present on the powwow grounds to provide a medical tent located near the entrance. Emergency personnel from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police and Tribal Fire Departments were also on location.

The sacred fire was located near the eastern door where the powwow dancers and dignitaries entered the arena.

An abundance of dancer pay outs were available for men, women, girls and boys – in several dance style categories – from ‘juniors’ starting at 6 years old to ‘platinum age’ of 66 years and older.

The weekend full of celebrating culture and heritage, laughter and reminiscing with loved ones was accompanied by picture-perfect weather.
Annual Eagle Spirit Awards honor nine 2018-2019 higher education graduates

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

The annual Eagle Spirit Awards ceremony and luncheon was held on July 10 to celebrate students seeking and achieving higher education.

The Wednesday afternoon event was held in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms to honor this year’s graduates.

Olivia Manitowabi-McCullough, post-secondary education specialist for the Tribal K-12 Education Department, presented the graduate plaques and Eagle Spirit Awards.

Erik Rodriguez received an Eagle Spirit Award for graduating with a Master’s of Science in Administration at Central Michigan University in May 2019.

Kathleen Hart and Breanna Colwell both received an Eagle Spirit Award for achieving Bachelor of Science degrees through Central Michigan University.

The following alumni received awards for graduating with an associate degree: Samuel Anglin, Sydnee Kopke, Amanda Mandoka, Kamie Mandoka, Lindsey Nelson and Alexandra Sprague.

Nearly 40 students received an award for achieving a 3.0 or above GPA.

Animal Magic: Rare and endangered animals visit Niibing Program students

Mark Rosenthal (left) and Misty Fortner presented a variety of rare and endangered animals to Saginaw Chippewa Academy students on July 1.

Rosenthal brought a unique assortment of critters and creatures to the school from his licensed no-kill animal rescue located in Belleview.

Together, he and his fiancée, Misty Fortner, presented “Animal Magic” to the students attending the Tribal K-12 Education Department’s Niibing Program.

Attendees were engaged by Rosenthal’s high-energy, fast-talking and humorous presentation along with the animals he presented. Students were introduced to Rooty the warthog; Vixen, a two-pound fennec fox; a genet named Kitty; Nico the parrot; and the largest sloth in the U.S. along with a scorpion, a snake and a few other awe-inspiring creatures.

NIKI HENRY
Curriculum Instructional Coordinator

Saginaw Chippewa Academy turned into a bit of a zoo the afternoon of Monday, July 1 when Mark Rosenthal visited with a variety of rare and endangered animals.

Rosenthal inspired his audience to Rooty the warthog; Vixen, a two-pound fennec fox; a genet named Kitty; Nico the parrot; and the largest sloth in the U.S. along with a scorpion, a snake and a few other awe-inspiring creatures.

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More information about the program, Rosenthal and his rescue can be found on his website: www.iwantanimalmagic.com/
LINDSAY DRUMM
SCTC Academic Specialist - English

On June 27, 29 teams participated in the seventh annual Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Golf Outing at Bucks Run Golf Club. As the teams slowly made their way back to the clubhouse in the afternoon, rumblings of the game experience could be heard. Players swapped stories about their one of a kind golfing adventures and bragged about their successes.

Everyone seemed in good spirits. “I heard several people, including myself, say that this was a better-than-average golf event,” said Jeffrey Steffensen-Crosswait, who helped pioneer our sponsors efforts. “This year’s (outing) seemed to be the best of the three I’ve seen. I think it went extremely well.”

An added incentive this year was the hole-in-one contest, sponsored by Graff Chevrolet; Hole #8 offered players a chance to win a Cadillacs. “Although no one won, “two players got very close, which was by far the best part of the day,” said Jackie Gravetter, SCTC registrar and first-time golf outing participant.

Graff Chevrolet, who now offers employee pricing for all Tribal Members, was this year’s principal sponsor. They also sent away a ticket to the Sunoco race with their gift basket. Most players agreed that this charity event left with little hesitation. Hole #17 also featured a hole-in-one contest for a chance to win a $2,000 golf certificate.

Sunshine

“I suppose you’re right, it will help a lot.” When they first found out about the pregnancy, they decided that Jane would stay at home for the first few years. “Hurry up sweetie, mommmy has got to you school on time,” Jane commented as she finished cleaning the leftover moss. “And to finish a special little girl’s birthday plans for this weekend.”

This coming weekend would be Katie’s 7th birthday. The drive to school was peaceful like most, sun shining bright through the different array of trees and long Michigan fields giving off the sweet scent of fresh corn crops. “Byee momma!” Katie waved excitedly as her mother walked away from the school.

It wasn’t unusual for Nick to not be home on time for dinner from work. Jane and Katie finished their nightly routine of dinner, bath, bedtime story and the final tuck in.

“Mommy, when is daddy coming home?” This wasn’t the first time Jane had to answer this same question; the response never changed.

“He will be home in the morning when you wake, I promise.” Once Katie was finally asleep, Jane snuck out to the front porch to make what would be her fourth call to Nick’s cellphone.

Forgetful

“Damn. It just rings to voice mail; he should have been home two hours ago,” Jane spoke out loud as she paced back and forth. “There was only one other person Jane could think of to call that would still be at the office. After a few rings a young woman’s voice answered.

“Hello Jane! How are you and Katie?”

Jane quickly responded. “Katie and I are doing well, I’m so glad you answered.” Since Nick had worked for the company so long Jane had become good friends with his secretary Lilithen. “Did Nick have to work over tonight?” The strong tone Jane usually had started to crack and weaken.

“No, ma’am. The director isn’t having anyone over work. Either way Nick never came in today. He’s not home!” Lilithen asked Jane to start to sense the emotion in Jane’s voice.

After a few moments of silence Jane responded. “I don’t think he is going to come up the drive now.”

Thank you and hung up the phone. Throughout the continuous phoning, Jane eventually exhausted herself into sleep. Awakening the next morning was as usual as ever, as if yesterday was just a dream. Jane was up early making breakfast as Nick and Katie woke. Nick left for work as Jane left on her morning run to take Katie to school. The day seemed to finally wind down and the two girls were finishing dinner. The same routine took place, once Katie’s sound asleep Jane would make the phone calls as the previous day. This would continue day after day, until the last. The sounds of beeping machines and random hushed voices could be heard from all around what seemed to be a very small dim-lit room. Slowly more and more light could be seen through the slim slits that began to widen on the woman’s face.

“Where... Where am I? Why am I here?” The woman soon realized that she was in a hospital bed connected to many different monitors and surrounded by many doctors and nurses.

“It’s okay mom, everything’s going to be alright, just take it easy,” said a young woman sitting beside her.

“Katie, where is your father?” Jane was clueless.

“Mom...you,” Katie responded as she teared up.

“I don’t understand. None of this makes sense.” Jane shook herself and she tried to make sense of what was going on.

Another gentleman’s voice could be heard coming from the room “Don’t rush her into it, she has been inactive for quite some time. She may not respond well.”

Katie knew this time would come, her mother was getting older and weaker. Her mind had not been there for the coma, so it certainly wouldn’t be now. As easy as she could lay it down, Katie knew she had to tell her mother, again.

“Mom...you,” Katie responded as she teared up.

“Stop, I’ve been in coma for almost eight months, ever since you took a bad fall at the nursing home. Dad’s been missing for 47 years...”

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Annual Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College golf outing held June 27

Graff Chevrolet served as principal sponsor for this year’s event.

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ANGIE BROWN
SCTC Student
(Editors note: The following short fiction story was written by Angie Brown, SCTC student in Nina Knight’s English course at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. In March 2019, Brown won second place in the students to win honorable mention for the following story in the Tribal College Journal Writing Contest.)

Every morning started out the same in the Lumbee’s home. The familiar sound of bacon sizzling on the stove was the comforting aroma of freshly-brewed hazelnut coffee lingering throughout the house.

Mrs. Brown was always ahead of the early bird, would be finishing off breakfast by the time Mr. L and their daughter arrived in the kitchen.

“Good morning you two, sleep well?” Katie raced up to the table grabbing her orange juice with joy. “Yes mommy!”

“Somewhat, I was quite anxious about the big promotion today,” Nick responded as he poured his coffee.

“Mom, you’ve been in coma for 47 years... they gave up since you took a bad fall at the nursing home. Dad’s been missing for almost eight months, ever since you took a bad fall at the nursing home. Dad’s been missing for 47 years... they gave up since you took a bad fall at the nursing home. Dad’s been missing for 47 years...”

Jane took a few deep breaths as she sat down staring at an empty place.
**311 and Dirty Heads bring good vibes, great music to SECR**

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted a trio of talented bands on Wednesday, July 3. The bands 311, Dirty Heads, and The Interrupters brought their feel-good vibes, energy and musical prowess to the Entertainment Hall stage.

The five members of 311 have been blending rap, reggae, funk and rock into a potent musical mix since the early ‘90s. 311 began with the melodic hit songs “Don’t Stay Home” and “Beautiful Disaster.”

Next were the songs “Prisoner” and “Come Original” following a cover of The Cure’s smash hit “Love Song.”

Drummer Chad Sexton performed a complex, energetic drum solo during the song “Applied Science.”

The band played a variety of songs, covering over two decades of their music with the hit songs “Don’t Stay Home,” “Large in the Margin,” “All Mixed Up” and “Freeze Time.”

Guests were treated to two new tracks, “What The?” and “Space and Time” off their upcoming album “Voyage.”

The bands 13th album, was released nine days later on July 12.

To close out the night, 311 performed the hit singles “Too Late,” “Amber,” “Creatures (For a While)” and “Down.”

Alternative rock band Dirty Heads took to the stage prior to 311. The band began with their entertaining mix of reggae, hip-hop and rock, the band treated fans to a full 16-song set.

The band slowed down for a popular song “Lay Me Down,” the band slowed down for a short, evocative piano interlude which led into the hit song “Superman.”

The Dirty Heads ended their set with the catchy tunes “Oxygen,” “That’s All I Need” and “Vacation.”

Los Angeles based ska-punk band The Interrupters opened the night. The band played many of their most popular songs including: “She’s Kerosene,” “Family” and “On a Turntable.”

**Beyond the Fluffy World Tour: Gabriel Iglesias performs to sold-out audience**

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Stand-up comedian Gabriel Iglesias – affectionately known to fans as ‘Fluffy’ – performed for a sold-out audience at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Sunday, June 30.

Iglesias brought his Beyond the Fluffy World Tour into the Entertainment Hall just after 8 p.m.

“It’s good to be back in Michigan... I feel like that Kid Rock song,” Iglesias said, as he began animatedly singing the chorus of the song “All Summer Long” and referencing the lyrics “summertime in northern Michigan.”

Unlike many stand-up comedians, Iglesias said he keeps his show family-friendly, appealing to audience of all ages and walks of life.

One of the first topics Iglesias discussed was his dogs – two Chihuahuas.

“I don’t ever have my dogs on a leash,” Iglesias said. “Because they never want to leave my side. They want to be with me at all times.”

Iglesias continued about his love for his dogs; describing how they are so loyal and “better than humans.”

Currently in production, Iglesias is the star and executive producer for the upcoming Netflix comedy series, “Mr. Iglesias.” His two stand-up comedy specials are also featured on Netflix, “One Show Fits All” and “I’m Sorry For What I Said When I Was Hungry.”

The supporting act, comedian Alfred Robles, began that evening after 7 p.m.

Robles heckled the audience and picked on any audience members arriving late.

“How long ago did you get your ticket?” Robles asked. “And did it have the time on it?”

After Robles’ performance, he reappeared on stage and asked for any audience members arriving late.

“Yeah, I think their heads were so big they couldn’t fit in the 5x Fluffy t-shirt he was holding – to head to the front of the stage. About 10 fans competed for the loudest applause to win the T-shirt.

Beyond the Fluffy World Tour

Entertainment

Hip-hop legends Snoop Dogg, Ice Cube, Warren G perform rap masterpieces

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Who is he? What’s his name? ...Snoop Dogg! And everyone attending the outdoor July 11 Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort concert knew it.

Iglesias incorporated his recognizable hits including: “Check Yo’ Self,” “You Know How We Do It,” “Straight Outta Compton,” “No Vaseline,” “You Can Do It!” and the song fans love to quote, “It Was a Good Day.”

“I’ve always wanted a special place to me,” Iglesias said before exiting the stage.

To highlight the show, it was time for hip-hop legend Snoop Dogg to take the stage at about 9:30 p.m.

Snoop Dogg’s performance began with a music video on the big screens. He then appeared on stage to begin his live show with “Tha Shiznit” and a few cover songs including DJ Khaled’s “All I Do Is Win.”

Five songs in, rapper Warren G joined Iglesias on stage for Warren G’s “This D.J.” and “Do You See.”

“I understand the fans love to quote, “It Was a Good Day!”” Iglesias said before exiting the stage.

Rapper Ice Cube performs shortly after 8:15 p.m. on that Thursday evening.

It Like It’s Hot,” “Who Am I? (What’s My Name?)” “Young, Wild & Free.”

Snoop Dogg performed the show with a 30-minute set. The hip-hop duo formed in 1992. The duo’s first-ever appearance occurred on a Dre album. They then later appeared on a Snoop Dogg album.
**Country music duo Sugarland kicks off 2019 Soaring Eagle outdoor concerts**

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**  
Editor

The mega-talented country music duo Sugarland kicked off the 2019 outdoor summer concert series at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Friday, June 28.

Opening for Sugarland was country music group, Eli Young Band.


The top-selling country music duo began their concert with “Bigger,” which contains a driving kick drum beat then a poppy, feel-good chorus.

Sugarland continued with familiar songs “Babe,” “All I Wanna Do” and “Stuck Like Glue.”

“Oh Michigan, it’s good to be back!” Nettles said after the first chorus of the ballad “The House of the Rising Sun.”

Prior to Five Finger Death Punch, the heavy metal band In This Moment performed a full set of hit songs.

In This Moment’s stage presence is highlighted by their gothic-horror-themed stage decor and numerous wardrobe changes.

A cover of Steve Miller Band’s “Fly Like an Eagle” began their performance.

The bluesy vibes of “River of Fire” were followed by the hit songs “Adrenalize,” “Roots” and “Natural Born Sinner.”

Lead singer Maria Brink has an impressive ability to switch between powerful screaming to clean, tender vocals — almost instantly. This was on full display during the singles “The Fighter,” “Monster Jam” and “Big Bad Wolf.”

One highlight proved to be the building crescendo of “In the Air Tonight,” the band’s take on the hit Phil Collins song, which created a strange, other-worldly feeling highlighted by Brink’s soaring vocals.

In This Moment also covered the timeless Journey hit “Don’t Stop Believing.”

Their show ended with a trio of fan favorites, beginning with the explosive hit song “Blood,” followed by “Oh Lord.”

Sugarland’s encore included “Not the Only” — a hopeful ballad dedicated to “the underdog,” “the left behind” and Rod Stewart’s “Maggie May.”

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The sound was only heard in the left rear of the theatre.

During the first song, “Dust,” the sound was fixed and the band was ready to perform “Hey Heartbreak.”

The set list included an “On a Roll” medley, which included snippets of David Bowie’s “Let’s Dance,” No Doubt’s “Hella Good” and Dweezil Zappa’s “Groove Is In the Heart” before ending with the reprise of “On a Roll.”

The pair and their backing band continued with “It Happens,” “Settlin’,” “Stay” (a vocal showcase for Nettles), “Baby Girl,” in which Nettles picked up the guitar and “Find the Beat Again,” which was mashed up Neil Diamond’s “Sweet Caroline.”

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DOLORES WINN  
Youth Program Coordinator

Christopher Spencer Ruiz and Ricky Delacruz, two Project Venture Tribal youth, were able to attend the Boys Warrior Camp in Sugar Island, Mich. this summer.

The camp was held from July 10-13 on Sugar Island at the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Indians’ Mary Murray cultural Camp building.

The boys were part of the Warrior Camp and joined about 25 other tribal youth – 10 to 16 years old – from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe and surrounding area.

Each warrior had their own bunk to sleep on at the Culture Camp building.

When we arrived on Saturday, we had to take the ferry to get to Sugar Island. The boys received their own feast bag with their own dishes, cup, and silverware.

They had a chance to get to know the other warriors through a talking circle and a sacred fire with Joe Syrette.

The boys were involved in many different learning experiences and helped take care of the camp itself by cleaning up their own dishes, kitchen eating space, and taking anything from the water or beach area.

Throughout the four days, the boys learned many great warrior skills. The warrior camp had several camp counselors who helped run the program and facilitate the activities.

Each morning, the boys woke up around 7 a.m. for their sunrise ceremony with Jesse Bowen, giving thanks around the fire to the Creator for a new day and offering their gifts for what they would help contribute that day.

After breakfast, the boys were ready for their activities. The first day they all helped build a sweat lodge. Later that evening, they went into the sweat lodge with Syrette, and some of the other tribal youth, and were given their spirit names by Syrette.

The boys received Anishinaabte teachings from several different elders from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Indians throughout the week. The boys learned a lot of about their cultural identity through songs, talking circles sacred fire, sweat lodge, and drum circles.

Our students learned a bit of history and teachings about Pipestone from one of the boys’ grandfathers. They each got a large chunk of pipestone and were given carving tools to create their own arrow heads or other smooth stones. The boys worked on this for a few hours and really enjoyed this activity. They also created their own warrior shields made out of stretched leather hide and painted symbols on the outside.

We traveled to Bay Mills and the boys visited Mission Hill running up and down the gigantic sacred hill. Some of the boys went barefoot up the hill to experience the natural feeling of sand on their feet.

We also traveled to High Point Look Out to take in the beautiful views of nature and the water! Finally, we stopped at Lake Superior and the boys offered semaa to the water before finding and gathering Grandfather rocks for their sacred fire.

The boys received spirit teachings on nature and all living beings. They were learning about the sacred spirit within all of us and how to respect ourselves, others and Mother Earth.

The boys played warrior games, went on nature hikes around the camp, had many talking circles around their sacred fire, they received a gun safety training from the local police department, took a nutrition class learning about healthy food choices and eating indigenous foods and also went kayaking learning about kayak safety. They also received water teachings and always offered semaa to the water before going in or taking anything from the water or beach area.

By the end of the week, the boys were full-on warriors! Our last day together at the Warrior Camp, we held a talking circle on the grass and the boys receive their own smudge kits.

We passed around a small bag of Project Venture reflection stones. Each student picked up a reflection stone and shared with the group how that word reflected their experience at the Warrior Camp. The boys were very comfortable sharing their thoughts:

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“Create. My word was create. I made a lot of sacred items at the Warrior Camp and created them with my own hands. I liked to create.”

The closing celebration feast was held at the end of the Warrior Camp and friends and family came to join the boys in saying goodbye and thank you to all the camp counselors from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Indians for making this possible.

Our two students Christopher Spencer Ruiz and Ricky Delacruz made many new friends and learned some great new warrior skills. We definitely hope to attend the Warrior Camp next year with this great crew of people!
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Sex education offered to Tribal youth during ‘Snaggin 101’ event

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

Sex education was presented to Tribal youth in a culturally judgment-free zone during the event ‘Snaggin 101’ on Tuesday, July 16.

The event – for teenagers aged 14 to 19 – was held at the Ziibiwing Center from 1 to 5 p.m. The agenda was packed with topics including: healthy relationships, STD/STI education, LGBTQ Two-Spirit history, birth control, a teen parent panel and more.

Anna Hon, event organizer and Healthy Start maternal child nurse for Nimkee Public Health Services, presented information about birth control, what consent means and abstinence.

“You can choose to be abstinent whenever you want, even if you’ve had sex before,” Hon said. “Anybody can be abstinent, no matter your age, gender, sexuality, or the sexual experiences you’ve had before.”

Christina Otto, victim services support tech I of Nami Mi’aan, discussed teen dating and consent. She had a few young volunteers spin a wheel one-by-one and read a situation that the teen had to state if it was an example of consent or not having consent.


Lovejoy incorporated the Seven Grandfather Teachings. Lovejoy said, “balance and respecting each other’s space, listening and understanding, acknowledging feelings of you and your partner, being aware of your partner’s needs as well as your own and respect yourself and your partner.”

Next, two-spirited Shannon Martin and Ninibah Sprague both presented information on LGBTQ facts.

Martin offered a handout entitled “Two-Spirit Identity and Experience in Native American Communities,” reprinted from the website of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD).”

“Tribal elders and chiefs often consulted two-spirited individuals because they thought they had a kind of ‘universal knowledge’ and special connection to the ‘Great Spirit,’” the handout stated.

Kelly Kjolhede of Central Michigan District Health Department presented information on sexually transmitted diseases.

Kjolhede said CMDHD offers free STD/STI and HIV testing, all year round, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with the exception of closing for lunch from 12 to 1 p.m. CMDHD is located at 2012 E. Preston in Mount Pleasant.

To close the information-packed day, a teen parent panel took place. Panel members included: Foley, Samantha Chippeeway and Madison Bartol, who is currently 17 and had her 6-month-old baby at 16 years old.

The three answered audience questions.

In an effort to educate the teenage audience, Bartol and Foley both said they became pregnant after missing just once dose of the birth control pill. Each participant received a pizza lunch, a T-shirt from We R Native and a goody bag.

Tribal departmental sponsors included: Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center’s TPREP: The Tribal Personal Responsibility Education Program, Behavioral Health Programs, Anishinaabeg Child & Family Services and the Ziibiwing Center.

Additional sponsors included: We R Native and Central Michigan District Health Department.

Editorial: Sewing circles to be held to prepare for pink shawl project

JUDY DAVIS
Nimkee Public Health

Nimkee Women’s Health will be holding its annual Feather Link Tea on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019.

This year, Nimkee Women’s Health will be holding a Pink Fashion Show, and prior to that, and in preparation for the fashion show, Nimkee will be holding sewing circles at both Seventh Generation and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College for women to make their own shawls.

All fabric and embellishments will be furnished with the hope that each woman will participate in the show.

All others wearing pink are also encouraged to participate in the show.

You must make reservations to attend the sewing circles as we have a limited amount of supplies. As we are joining the Seventh Generation and the Tribal College.

Thank you to Tonya Jackson and Lee Ann Rufino of Seventh Generation and Guadalupe Gonzalez at the Tribal College for arranging the sewing locations.

The classes at Seventh Generation are held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday nights and we will let you know after registering when you can begin.

The classes at the college will be during the day and are yet to be determined, but please call in your reservation and we will get back to you with the exact dates and times.

Please call Judy at 989-775-4629 or jldavis@nagzip.org to register for either class.

Youth Tribal Members – aged 14 to 19 – attend the afternoon event in the Ziibiwing Conference room.

Kjolhede provided handouts that stated, “One in two young people will get an STD by the time they’re 25.”

“Half of all new STD cases in the U.S. are in people between ages 15 to 24 but fewer than 12 percent of young people say they’ve been tested in the past year,” according to the handout.

Tahsheenah Foley, leadership apprentice for Behavioral Health presented the dangers of sexting and porn.

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For more information, contact Jaden Harman at 989.775.4604 or jaharman@sagchip.org

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Deadline: Sept. 30, 2019

If you have any questions, please call Michelle at 989.775.4602

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

Mail or bring to the Nimkee Clinic: Amoroso Michelle Groege 2591 South Leelan Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

*Please include your phone number or a contact person.
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Wild rice: How to pop it like popcorn

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Nimkee Clinic

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Research Center Coordinator
Zibiwii Center

It’s true, you can “pop” wild rice much like popcorn. It doesn’t get as big and fluffy or puffy as popcorn, but it does pop, turning dried and cured grains of wild rice into a crunchy, delicious, crave-able snack.

1. Heat a heavy-bottomed medium saucepan with a tight-fit lid over high heat. When the pot is hot, add 1/2 to 1 teaspoon vegetable oil. Swirl the pan to coat the bottom with the oil.

2. Add 1/2 cup wild rice, shake the pan vigorously to coat the wild rice with the oil on the bottom of the pan. Cover the pan, reduce the heat to medium-high, and shake the pan until you can hear the wild rice popping.

3. Reduce the heat to medium-low and keep shaking the pan until the popping slows. Note that wild rice will not make as much noise as popcorn does—it doesn’t fly up against the lid in the same way, so you will need to listen closely.

4. Sprinkle the popped wild rice with fine sea salt to taste, if you like, and serve while it’s still hot.

Makes about 1 cup of popped wild rice.

Why does it pop? Note that wild rice pops for the same reason popcorn does: the bit of moisture left in it after drying heats, turns to steam, and forces the whole seed to “pop” open when it gets hot enough. For that reason, wild rice that has been stored for a very long time will pop less than more recently harvested wild rice, since more of its moisture will already have evaporated out.

For that same reason, how wild rice was “cured” after being harvested will also affect its popping ability: wild rice that is more dried in the first place won’t pop as well as wild rice that is less dried before being packaged or sent to market.

Source: www.thepruettecats.com/ popped-wild-rice-2217371

For more information about harvesting wild rice this year, contact Kathy Hart at 989-317-760 Ext. 228 or Lee Ann Ruffino at 989-775-4786.

SCIT-hosted Blood Drive collects 48 units of blood, aid for 144 people

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe held a Blood Drive to benefit American Red Cross on June 25 in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

Between 10:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., 48 units of blood were collected – beating the 4:1 ratio we helped 144 people—more than any other Blood Drive this year.

Niezgoda said about 90 people were collected. The majority were from the Saginaw Chippewa tribe and the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan.

Event organizer and public health nurse at Nimkee Medical Wellness Center, Sowmick said the appreciation all of the help and support more than I can say.” Donors received $10 in Soaring Eagle Premium Play and were entered in a prize drawing. Winners include: Judy Wekamigao receiving an overnight stay at Soaring Eagle and Jolene Quinlan winning concert tickets to a Soaring Eagle show.

Any Tribal employee who donated was entered in a drawing to win a $50 gift card to the establishment of their choice. Employee winners included: Laura Lund, dentist at Nimkee, and Diamantina Nieszgoda, crew leader for summer youth workers.

Several homemade soups and cookies were available to donors. Donors could schedule an appointment via red-crossblood.org, by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or scanning a QR code. Walk-in donors were also welcome.

Celebrating Families™ Group

Tuesday Nights, Sept. 3 - Dec. 17, 2019
5:30 - 8 p.m.  Location: Saginaw Chippewa Academy

What is Celebrating Families!™

It’s an evidence based cognitive behavioral, support group model written for families effected by alcohol or other drugs. Works with every member of the family, from ages 3 through adult, to help families address the effects of alcohol and/ or other drugs, break the cycle of addiction and increase successful family reunification. Integrates traditional Native teachings and cultural practices, including the Healing Forest Model, as a framework.

Topics covered: Healthy living, nutrition, communication, feelings and defenses, anger management, facts about alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, chemical dependency, goal setting, making healthy choices, healthy boundaries, healthy friendships and relationships, how we learn, our uniqueness, and Celebration!

We are looking for 8-10 families who can commit to this 16 week program.

Here is what our past participants had to say:

From the Youth:
• Their family member’s chemical dependency “is not their fault”
• They understand that taking care of themselves is a good thing
• It is okay to say “no”
• They can calm themselves down and manage their anger
• There are safe people out there who want to help them
• They enjoyed the program more than they thought they would

From the Adults:
• They feel like they are not alone in their issues/problems
• Enjoyed time spent with their family and eating together
• They liked the weekly activities and handouts, especially the coloring/circles
• Learning with peers was favored
• They liked the staff in the groups
• They liked hearing their kids sharing and giving feedback

Intake and Registration Required.
Contact Shuna Stevens for more information at 989.775.4850 or shstevens@sagchip.org.

Wild rice can be popped, turning the cured grains into a crunchy, delicious, crave-able snack.

Popped Wild Rice

Natalie Shattuck

August Group Exercise Class Schedule

BEGIN: Beginner Exercisers
Getting It Now!
Monday, Wednesday & Friday | 5:30 a.m.
1:10 p.m.

L.I.F.E. Strength & Conditioning
Monday - Wednesday, Friday
• Interval based fitness class
• Melt away the calories

Walk/Run/Move
Monday & Wednesday | 5:15 p.m.
• A group class that encourages moving at any speed

Elders Time
Tuesday & Thursday | 10 a.m.
• For seniors age 50 and older
• Praises and awards

Yoga
Tuesday & Thursday | 5:20 p.m.
• A welcoming class for beginners

Turbo Kick
Thursday | 1:10 p.m.
• Uphill class utilizing punching, kicking and plyometrics

Suspension Training
Thursday | 12:10 p.m.
• A class utilizing the suspension trainer

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Tribal Observer by Andahwod

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

The Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warriors Society held its second annual golf tournament on Friday, July 12 at Waabooz Run Golf Course. The golf outing raised funds for the Ogitchedaw and local veterans through the game fees and raffle tickets.

A ceremony, prior to the outing, began at about 10 a.m. with an introduction from Bernard Sprague, event organizer. An Honor Guard was present and provided a gun salute.

Next, Tribal Member Maggie Jackson performed “God Bless America.”

Steven Norbury, golf operations coordinator for Waabooz Run, went through the rules and information of the game.

First place winners of the open division were Bernard Sprague, Mike Jenkins and Bean Sprague.

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort donated a gambler’s basket, valued at $600 for the raffle. The basket included spa robes, logoed golf balls, an overnight stay, two concert tickets of the winner’s choice, a $100 food voucher, a $100 bingo voucher, a $100 spa voucher and more gaming items.

Tips on helping your loved one with dementia have a comfortable hospital stay

(EDITOR’S NOTE: The following article comes from A2L.org and has been submitted to the Tribal Observer by Andahwod CCC & ES.)

If your loved one has been diagnosed with dementia, there are steps you can take as a caregiver to make their stay in the hospital more comfortable for all involved.

1. Keep a bag packed with necessary items for a hospital stay. This way you are ready to go and all necessary items are in one place.

2. Include the following:
   - Copies of all health insurance cards
   - List of all medications health care providers name and number
   - Advanced Directive
   - Personal information, preferred name and language, words that might trigger a negative response, key words that might trigger a positive response, glasses, heating aids, behavior comments (will he/she crawl out of bed, wander, strike out).
   - Comfort objects, a favorite pillow, blanket
   - Ask a family member or friend to accompany you and talk

   with the staff person in charge that your person has dementia. Tell them what kind it is and what stage the person is in, be prepared to explain symptoms leading up to the hospital visit.

3. Ask questions if you do not know what staff may be talking about, concerning medicines, lab reports procedures, catheters, IVs.

4. Ask if a procedure can be done as outpatient.

5. Ask a friend or family member to keep others informed.

6. Keep your loved one informed, very simply. Be patient, stay calm and positive.

7. Do not assume that everyone knows that your loved one has dementia.

8. Build a team of support.

9. Help you loved one fill out any forms brought in.

10. Cue the person as much as possible (Cueing can be simple straight forward instructions that you give your loved one to help them remember).

11. Make sure your loved one is comfortable.

12. Place a copy of personal information in the loved ones environment they are in by the bed.

13. Request limited staff.

14. Make sure the person is safe (wandering, falls, suspiciousness, and or delusional behavior).

15. Plan early for discharge.

   You have control of the environment they are in by educating the staff.

   Retrieved from Web Seminar July 11, 2019, education@A2L.org

August Andahwod events

Euchre & Potluck
Mondays | 6 p.m.
Language Bingo
August 1 | 7 p.m.
Summer Bingo Fundraiser
August 12 | 7 - 9 p.m.
Elders Breakfast
August 14 & 28 | 9 - 10 a.m.

Name That Tune
August 20 | 7:30 p.m.
Birthday Bingo & Potluck
August 24 | 1 - 3 p.m.

For more information, please call: 989.775.4300

August 2019 Tribal Elder Birthdays

1. Eric Zocher
2. John Henry
3. Marc Williams
5. John Henry
6. Michelle O. Deming
7. Phillip Mena
8. Donald B. Sibley
9. Michael Abraham
10. Maynard Kahgegab Sr.
11. Edward Cross
12. Danny Russell
13. Annette G. Wemyss
14. Todd Darby
15. Joni Heiss
16. Marilyn Bailey
17. Kevin Fisher
18. Brenda Nolan
20. Todd Darby
21. Jacqueline Daniels
22. Mary Jackson
23. Roger Jackson
24. Paula Alexander
25. Michael Bennett
26. Richard Mandaoka
27. Colleen Wagner
28. Mary Jackson
29. Anita Shawboose
30. Thomas Bonnau
31. Sharon Bennett

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### August 2019 Tribal Community Event Planner

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  - Behavioral Health
  - **989.775.4959**
  - **989.775.4955** or **989.775.5580**

**Families Against Narcotics Support Group**
- August 11 at 7 – 8:30 p.m.
  - Tribal Operations Seniors Room
  - **989.775.4880**

**Community Sewing Night**
- August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
  - **7 - 8:30 p.m.**
  - **Recreation@sagchip.org**

**Off-Season Conditioning**
- August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
  - **4 – 6 p.m.**
  - Behavioral Health

**Native Farmers Market**
- August 5, 12, 19, 26
  - **989.775.4115**
  - Open to grades K-12
  - Age groups: 5th grade and under (co-ed), 6th – 8th grade, 9th – 12th grade, adult
  - Eight teams per age group
  - First place trophies and second place prizes

**Summer Reading Challenge**
- August 9 – 3:30 p.m.
  - Michigan’s Adventure Trip
  - **989.775.4506**

**SCTC Alumni Lunch**
- August 6 at 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
  - SCTC
  - **(989) 317-4760 ext. 225**

**Saganing Talking Circle**
- August 7, 21 at 5 – 6:30 p.m.
  - Saganing Tribal Center
  - **989.775.4879**

**Back to School Event at Saganing**
- August 19 at 12 – 2 p.m.
  - Saganing Tribal Center
  - **989.775.4856**
  - Backpacks guaranteed for the first 100 2nd-12th graders
  - Backpacks guaranteed for the first 25 K-1st graders

**Summer Reading: Ice Cream Celebration**
- August 19 at 3 – 5 p.m.
  - **Broadway Park**
  - **Registration: 989.775.4595**

**Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women Community Curated Exhibit Meeting**
- August 20 at 5:30 p.m.
  - Ziibiwing Center
  - **989.775.4730**

**People’s Traditional Powwow**
- August 24 at Grand Entry: 1 – 7 p.m.
  - August 25 at Grand Entry: 1 – p.m.
  - **7th Generation Powwow Grounds**

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### August 2019 Tribal Community Calendar

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Tribal Operations  

Clerical Pool  
Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be physically fit and able to perform manual labor.  

General Labor Pool  
Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have a valid driver’s license and be able to lift 50 pounds. Must be physically able to perform assigned work.  

Dentist  
Open to the public. DDS/ DMD degree from an accredited school. Licensed dentist. Two years of work experience preferred. Provide clinical diagnostic procedures, studies, and treatment services of professionally acceptable quantity and quality, in accordance with state laws and regulations.  

Elementary Teacher  
Open to the public. Bachelor’s degree in education or related field. Master’s degree preferred. Two years teaching experience preferred. Preference will be given to those with proficiency in speaking Ojibwe.  

Maintenance Worker  
Open to the public. One year experience with basic maintenance and grounds keeping.  

Student Support Tutor  
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. College level math. Two years experience working with youth preferred.  

Dietary Line Cook  
Open to the public. One year cooking experience. Working with children and families of children with severe emotional disturbances. Experience working with increase progressively across multiple organizations and community systems.  

Court Business Manager  
Open to the public. Bachelor’s degree in business administration, computer science, or related field. One year experience with court procedures, data collection, statistical analysis, and operations.  

Workforce Development Manager - AWARE  
Must have at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or GED. Must be pursuing a degree in natural resources or related field. Certification in skilled trade preferred.  

Strategic Grant Specialist  
Open to the public. Bachelor’s degree in business administration, communication, economics, or related field. Three years’ experience in grant writing and grant administration.  

Community Project Manager - AWARE  
Open to the public. Bachelor’s degree in education, social work, counseling, or human service related field. Experience in project management, community service and work with school systems and community collaborations and partnerships.  

School Based Consulting Clinician - AWARE  
Open to the public. Master’s degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. One year of experience in mental health services working with children and families of children with severe emotional disturbances. Experience working with increase progressively across multiple organizations and community systems.  

Paraprofessional  
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must have a valid driver’s license and be able to lift 50 pounds. Must be physically able to perform assigned work.  

Beverage Waitstaff PT  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. One year experience with increasing levels of responsibility, or six months of Saginaw internal culinary training.  

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

Cashier PT  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cash handling and/or hosting experience.  

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

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

Kitchen Equipment Tech  
Open to the public. Bachelor’s degree in information technology, computer science, or related field, or three years IT support desk experience. Experience with Windows Server and Desktop OS and Microsoft Office Suite.  

Count Team Associate PT  
Open to the public. Six months cash handling and/or hosting experience. Gaming, banking, or customer service experience preferred.  

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

Surveillance Manager  
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year must be at least 21 years of age. Five years gaming surveillance experience. Three years in supervisory role.  

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

Line Cook PT  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cash handling and/or hosting experience.  

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

Players Club Rep PT  
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Technical Services  
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Annual NativeFest brings car bingo, music, comedy, entertainment during powwow week

Natalie Shattuck
Editor

During the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow week, every year the Ziibiwing Center’s NativeFest returns on that Tuesday and Wednesday.

Indian Car Bingo was held July 23 and Music and Comedy Night was held July 24. Indian Car Bingo was held from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Ziibiwing Center’s parking lot. The cost to play was $20 per person; all proceeds support educational and cultural programming at the Ziibiwing Center.

Several prizes were given to the winners throughout the night, including a $1200 grand prize in gift cards.

Music and Comedy Night was held from 5 to 9 p.m. that Wednesday evening. The event was free admission to the Tribal community and public.

Fun activities included: pony rides, petting zoo, face painting, $5 caricatures, balloon animals, bounce houses.

From 8 to 9 p.m., seven-time Native American Music Award winner Keith Secola performed.

Singer-songwriter and composer Secola is a Native American Music Awards Hall of Fame member, induced in 2011. According to E-Noodaagan, a bi-weekly electronic publication from the Ziibiwing Center, Secola is considered both an icon and ambassador of Native music. He has been referred to as a Native version of Neil Young and Bruce Springsteen.

His most popular song, “NDN Kars,” is considered the contemporary Native American anthem and has earned him an enthusiastic following. It has been the number one song requested on tribal radio since 1992, according to E-Noodaagan.

Born in 1957 in Minnesota, Secola now resides in Arizona. He is a member of the Anishinabe Nation of northern Minnesota and southern Ontario, Canada.

The instruments Secola is fluent in are: guitar, flute, mandolin, banjo, harmonica and piano.

The band Brothers in Music performed from 6 to 7 p.m. This acoustic band specializes in ‘60s and ‘70s rock ‘n roll and classic country as well as original music composed by its members: Delmar Jackson, Quinn Pelcher and Matthew Ruffino.

Fun contests were held from 7 to 8 p.m., which included: a comedy slam and hula hoop contests.

A complimentary dinner was held for guests from 5:30 to 6 p.m.

For powwow week, a black ash basket collection showing was also on display July 22-27 from the Ziibiwing Center Permanent Collection.

Photo courtesy of Esther Halms.