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## Chief addresses the Membership during the July 25 Community Meeting

*(Editor's note: The following is Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl's speech from the annual Homecoming Community Meeting on the morning of Thursday, July 25 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall.)*

enjoying the celebration. Saturday morning she will participate in the Freedom Walk from the Tribal Gym to the Powwow arena.

After the conclusion of the Freedom Walk, there will be a reception for Tribal dignitaries and Tribal Members. This is a donation raising opportunity for the Congresswoman. We encourage all who attend to please contribute to the campaign for Deb Haaland. She is a leader in Indian Country and we would like to show her our support in her re-election.

The Tribal Police Youth Academy graduated 14 Tribal youth yesterday. The cadets attended a two-day training camp designed to test them in physical fitness, first aid, CPR, gun safety, driving safety and evidence collection. It was nice to see some of our youth taking an interest in police work and excelling at those tasks it entails.

Some topics that will be covered in today's address are: the Saganing Eagles Landing expansion and hotel. I will go over, in detail, the schedule for the grand opening and the plan for operations. Then transition into the Soaring Eagle guest room remodel. This is very critical and we have made some significant moves to get this accomplished. I will detail out the financing and phasing of this project and some of the challenges it will create.

The Government trust, related to the balanced budget efforts, conducted this year. We are moving forward with some very difficult decisions and changes.

I will speak about financial stability for health care and options for coverage to Tribal Members; the possible effects from a decision coming from your leadership and how it can affect your coverage, economic development opportunities and opportunities for researching hemp production.

A feasibility study has been approved and work has begun this week. The PKS and FINRA settlement conclusion. The Tribe received back over \$13 million through all of this.

The final topic will be an update on the school and recreation project. Where we are with funding and what final steps are needed to break ground on that building.

The Saganing gaming floor expansion and hotel tower project is nearing its completion. New construction is always a challenge but we have done our best to keep on the timeline and to come up with conclusions that we need. This property is one-of-a-kind and features a bar, a restaurant 148 hotel rooms with a pool and hot tub. Expanded gaming floor and a new gift shop. It is scheduled to be open for operation on Sept. 6. There will be a soft open prior to this date for Tribal Members to visit the property and see the final product before the general public. Beyond the beauty and amenities of the property is the true expression of tribal sovereignty.

The electrical substation will provide power directly to the water treatment plant and Saganing Eagles Landing Hotel and Casino. There is no other third party involved like Consumers



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

**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.**

Energy or 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. Saganing will be able to shoulder 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 insure that the integrity of the interior of the building will be maintained going forward.

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

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**  
Editor

Diana Quigno-Grundahl was named the new Sub-Chief for the remainder of the 2017-2019 Tribal Council term.

Quigno-Grundahl was voted in through secret ballot on Friday, June 28. The seat was previously held by the late Julius Peters.

"It's an honor to step in and serve my Tribe in this executive

position and I look forward to continuing to serve in the best interest of the Tribe," Quigno-Grundahl said in a media release sent out by the Public Relations Department.

Quigno-Grundahl previously served as Sub-Chief during the Kequom Administration in 2009-2011. This is her sixth term serving on Tribal Council.

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



Courtesy of Frank J. Cloutier

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



## 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) Stevison of Cleveland; uncle, Dennis (Beth) Nieto of Perry; nieces and nephews, Sharon, Miigian, Aiden, Charles, Blaze, 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 Benjamin 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 preceded 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 grandchildren 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 (Luis) Rosario of Mt. Pleasant, and Christina Keshick (O.J. Pitawanakwat) of Levering; 20 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; brothers Dejay Elk of Grand Rapids, Delmar (Julia) Jackson Sr. of Mt. Pleasant, Alvin Jackson (Lucy 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.

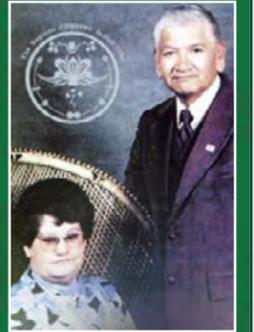
Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Animal Treatment Society or American Heart Association.



## The family of Bianca Sue Nieto

The family of Bianca Sue Nieto would like to thank the whole community for showing us, family members, so much love and support in a time of need with food, drinks and stopping by her fire. She will be missed by many and this community really stepped up to show us support. Her death took us by surprise and community love sure was felt. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

## In loving memory of Arnold & Margaret Sowmick



## 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 Regional 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 Gail George of Mt. Pleasant; special friends Shernetia 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.; grandmother 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**  
(2451 Nish-na-be-anong)

## Wanted: Ziibiwing needs your help!

- **SCIT Community Members needed to help give tours, teach how to make bone bracelets and clan medallions, and give cultural presentations to groups of all ages.** Once trained, your name will be added to our list of experts to call for assistance.
- **Dancers and drummers needed to assist with dance presentations to school groups on site (in our community) and offsite.** We need to update our list of dancers, singers and drummers. We need help when we have large groups or song and dance presentations.

**For more information, please contact:**

- **Judy Pamp** at 989.775.4735 or JPamp@sagchip.org
- **Tera Green** at 989.775.4750 TeGreen2@sagchip.org

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

## MEET UP and EAT UP

**Meals will be provided at:  
Saginaw Chippewa Academy**

7498 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

**June 17 - Aug. 16, Monday - Friday**  
**Breakfast: 7:30 - 9 a.m. | Lunch: 12 - 1 p.m.**

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for children.

Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency.

The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

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

*\*This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*

## Tribal Children Welfare Affidavits

Affidavits for the September period will be available  
**July 1 - Aug. 2, 2019**  
by 5 p.m.

*Postdated mail, fax or email will not be accepted.*

**The Tribal Clerk's Office and Enrollment are now located in the Black Elk Building**

7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.  
*No change of phone numbers.*

## As of Oct. 1, 2019 the cost of Tribal license plates will increase

- New license plates with the first year tab will cost \$150.
- Yearly renewal tabs will cost \$125.

## Attention Tribal Members

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

**The blue Resident Tribal I.D. card WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** as it does not contain an expiration date.

## The Saginaw Chippewa Academy has openings for enrollment in grades K-5.

The SCA office is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



## 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.

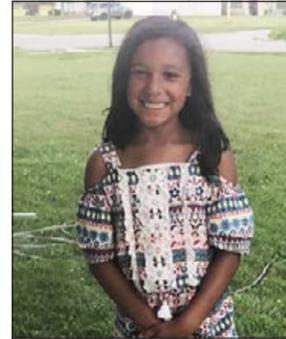
### Regular Council Session Dates

• Aug. 6 • Sept. 3 • Oct. 1 • Nov. 5



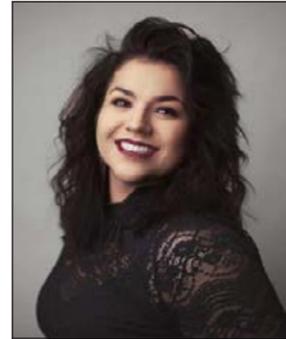
**Myles Vasquez**

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*



## 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 pm — 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](http://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) 775-4107

or emailed to: [BusinessRegulations@sagchip.org](mailto: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.



**Tuesdays • June - October**

**10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Farmers Market Pavilion**

Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads

#### Items include:

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

#### Welcoming NEW Healthy Food/Native Art Vendors:

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

- You do **NOT** have to be Native American to sell produce/plants/other.
- You must be Native American to be an art vendor.

#### For more information:

**Sam Anglin**, Market Master

Phone: 989.775.4315 | Email: [SAnglin@sagchip.org](mailto:SAnglin@sagchip.org)

### Tribal Council Candidate Profile

**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 contact you to make changes if your profile exceeded 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.

3. Statements must be in paragraph form. Written lists, numbering or bullets will not be accepted.

4. Candidates must submit their **typed** statements via e-mail to [Observer@sagchip.org](mailto:Observer@sagchip.org). Hand-written statements will not be accepted to avoid transcription errors. If any potential candidate is without a computer or email system, the Tribal Observer office in Tribal Operations is offering its computer for typing and/or emailing submissions. The Tribal Libraries are also available for computer use.

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.

7. Please be professional. These profiles are a resource to provide the Tribal Membership with information about your Tribal Council candidacy. Profanity or name calling, and slander will not be tolerated.

**All submissions must be received in email by Monday, Sept. 16 at 5 p.m., or they will not be printed. No exceptions.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Tribal Observer at (989) 775-4010 or [Observer@sagchip.org](mailto:Observer@sagchip.org)



## Tribal Council

### Chief

**Ronald F. Ekdahl** | District One

### Sub-Chief

**Diana Quigno-Grundahl** | District One

### Treasurer

**Craig Graveratte** | District One

### Secretary

**Frank J. Cloutier** | District Three

### Sergeant-at-Arms

**Kenny Sprague** | District One

### Chaplain

**Jennifer L. Wassegijig** | District One

### Council Member

**Louanna Bruner** | District One

### Council Member

**Bill Federico** | District One

### Council Member

**Lindy Hunt** | District One

### Council Member

**Theresa Jackson** | District One

### Council Member

**Ron Nelson** | District Two

## Tribal Council member Jennifer Wassegijig named Tribal Chaplain

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

On Tuesday, July 23, Tribal Council member Jennifer L. Wassegijig 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 Quigno-Grundahl who was named Sub-Chief on June 28.

The chief read the following oath as Wassegijig repeated it back: "I, Jennifer Wassegijig, 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."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Tribal Council member Jennifer L. Wassegijig (left) was sworn in by Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl (right) to serve as Tribal Chaplain beginning on July 23.

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

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

On June 19 and 20, the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel held Splash Away Hunger, with all funds benefiting 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 Gina Borushko, marketing analyst for Migizi Economic Development Co.



Courtesy of Migizi EDC

Photographed (left to right) are Waterpark staff members Tamara Lawson, sales manager; Brenden Lennon, aquatics manager; and Bonnie Sprague, general manager; and Sarah Adkins, director for the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen; and Pamela Murphy, guest services manager for SEWPH

## 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.

## 2019 Golf Tournaments and Events Schedule

### Tuesday Night Skins | May 7 - Oct. 1

At Waabooz Run. 18 holes, singles. All players use the white tees, 5 p.m. shot gun, \$20 per person plus green/cart fees. Players with memberships do not pay green fees. Players must play in 14 of the 22 weeks to play in the final week, final week entry is \$25 per player. Limit is 20 players weekly registration opens at 4:30 p.m.

### Friday Night Skins | May 10 - Oct. 4

At Waabooz Run. 18 holes, singles. 18 holes, all players use the blue tees, no age limit, \$20 plus green/cart fees. Players with the membership do not pay green fees. Players must play in 14 of the 21 weeks to be eligible for the final week. Final week entry is \$25 per player. Single players hit one shot and pay the same entry. No league play July 5.

### Little Elks Memorial | Aug. 3

At Waabooz Run. 10 a.m. tee-off, two-player scramble, \$50 per player. Skins \$20 team. Shotgun at 10 a.m., 50/50 raffle, proximities, door prizes, random draw for five places \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100.

### Native Cup | Sept. 14

At Waabooz Run. Michigan tribes vs. Walpole Island and friends. Entry is \$100 per player scramble format, three senior teams, three coed teams, four men's teams. Winner takes all, win six of the 10 matches win the pot, skins pot also available.

Contact Bernard Sprague at 989-400-1838 for more information or to register your team.

## 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](mailto: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

Please send \$30 for the annual subscription. Checks may be made out to SCIT.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 SCIT 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 swearing 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 Nbakade 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 Bruner (15 years of sobriety), Craig Benz (46 months sober), Jason Quigno (20 years sober), Anna Winters (nine months sober) and Susan Florip (42 years



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

**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.**

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 "wakes 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 be present for the day."

Shawana gifted Candace Benzinger an eagle feather for her work and dedication with Families Against Narcotics.

Joseph Sowmick (10 years in sobriety), Healing to Wellness

Family Court project director, served as event emcee.

"It was one of the most well-attended Freedom Walks I've had the honor to participate in," Sowmick 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



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

**Jason Quigno (20 years in sobriety) addresses his message of recovery after 8 a.m., before the 9 a.m. walk.**

powwow arena as 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," Sowmick said.



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

**After the Freedom Walk from the Tribal Gym to the powwow grounds, participants stand in solidarity to support sober lifestyles.**



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

**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.**



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

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

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## Secretary of the Navy names newest Towing, Salvage, and Rescue ship "Saginaw Ojibwe Anishinabek"

### 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

"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

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.

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 salvage 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/secnav/](http://www.navy.mil/local/secnav/).

## Third annual festival celebrates Chippewa River, local musicians perform

### TAYLOR BROOK

Watershed Outreach Coordinator

The third annual Chippewa River Water Festival was a free, fun, family-friendly music festival that took place at Island Park on July 13. It featured Michigan musicians, passionate water conservationists and activities.

The goal of this festival is to bring local musicians

and citizens together to learn about and celebrate the Chippewa River.

The agenda featured music from local artists, (Ross Howell, Yeesh/Spaceforce 3001, Cloudstrider and Palooka Brothers) and local water conservation speakers (Marie Koper from Mt. Pleasant Citizens' Climate Lobby, Laura Coffee from GreenTree Cooperative

Grocery, and Kevin Chamberlain, a Tribal Member.)

The main activity was a storm drain painting project where festival attendees helped raise awareness about water quality by painting storm drains in the park. The signs help remind the community of the impact we all have on our water resources.

Hosted by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, City of Mt.

Pleasant, Isabella Conservation District, Buckley's Mountainside Canoes and Chippewa Watershed Conservancy, the event drew more than 300 residents to the Festival.

Thank you to all of our sponsors who donated money, time and services that allowed us to have the event as well as our vendors and attendees. It was a proud day of celebration for the Chippewa River.



Courtesy of Taylor Brook

Local musicians Yeesh/Spaceforce 3001 perform during the Chippewa River Festival on July 13.

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August 15 - 17, 2019

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe  
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## HONORING SAGANING TRADITIONAL POWWOW

Sept. 7 & 8, 2019

**Powwow Grounds** - 2750 Worth Rd. Standish, MI  
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**Admission:**

- \$3 Daily/\$5 Weekend
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**Saturday, Sept. 7**

- Dancer/Drum Registration | 12-12:45 p.m.
- Grand Entry | 1 p.m.
- Retiring of Flags

**Sunday, Sept. 8**

- Dancer/Drum Registration | 12-12:45 p.m.
- Grand Entry | 1 p.m.
- Hand Drum Contest
- Retiring of Flags
- \*All subject to change*

**Head Male Dancer:** Perez  
**Head Female Dancer:** Perez  
**Head Veteran:** Raymond Cadotte  
**Host Drum:** Lookout Hill  
**Co-Host Drum:** Painted Rock  
**Invited Drum:** Woodland Steam  
**Emcee:** Paul Raphael  
**Arena Director:** Leroy Shenosky

Please direct all questions to Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Committee  
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## Homecoming

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At the last Town Hall meeting, we showed images of the damaged infrastructure of the building. Phasing the exterior before the interior was strategic to protect our investment.

Now, we are able to move forward with this project with no concerns of damage from leaking windows or roof. A unique aspect to this project is how we will fund the cost. At this time, we are completing the TED allocation process. We are seeking a loan to keep our investment portfolio more intact. There is major concern on spending down the Tribe's trusts and maintaining net income figures.

One of the major points of emphasis is we wanted little-to-no impact to Tribal Members. That creates a large challenge for the operation but we have skilled employees who are able to accomplish this. The project will begin this fall and start with a block of rooms being taken out of inventory to be completely gutted and remodeled. Once that block of rooms is complete, another block of rooms will go through the same process until it is all completed.

All of the water lines, sewer lines, electrical lines and technology will be brand new.

Our major industry is hospitality. That is what our Tribe is good at. Our Soaring Eagle brand is a billion dollar brand and that is all because our Tribe made the investment years ago. The time is now for us to continue to invest in our bread and butter and keep us as a top destination. The renovations to the gaming floor have increased our net income.

Our world class entertainment continues to bring people to our area. In my opinion, no other casino in the state can do what we do. That is something we should be very proud of.

Government trust has been at the top of the priority list for Tribal Council. There are a lot of considerations to make.

Ultimately, we need to do what is best and sustainable for the whole Tribe.

Through this year's budget process we lead the efforts for a reduction in spending. That means programs were cut or eliminated and head count in some areas needed to be reduced. The only way we could have meaningful impact was to look at all areas and make that difficult decision.

For me, it was difficult because one of the best things about working for the Tribe is the relationships you form with your fellow colleagues. We have longevity and loyalty from our employees that is second-to-none. So when I say this has been a difficult decision, I truly mean that.

As a whole Council, we went over every program's budget recommendations and we made changes or accepted the submissions. Our directors had full opportunity to give us an honest response in how any changes would affect their areas. At the end of the process, I can say we made significant progress in reducing spending. We did that also by keeping the Tribal Members who are employed by the Tribe as a top priority.

The larger issue that affects Government trust is health care. It has been a top priority and we will have a final decision before the end of this term. We made a switch in our third party administrator to Cottingham and Butler and we will meet with them to lay out the expectations and wants of the coverage. There will need to be significant reductions in some areas of coverage. Along with those reductions, we need to prioritize what services we can provide internally and how to make those services available to you, the Members. If we are going to expect you to continue with less, then we need to hold the Tribe's resources accountable to pick up any slack. That is always easier said than done.

I wanted to make you aware of a very talked about topic and something that we finally have clarity on. The 2019 Farm Bill

specified language that would allow for Indian Tribes 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 government contracts.

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 Juckniess, 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 recoup \$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 will have 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. 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 my situation.

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-miigwech for bringing out better in me and in my family. I hope you enjoy the rest of this day and the powwow this weekend.

Chi-miigwech miinwaa maam-pii."



*Elijah Elk Cultural Center - Seventh Generation Program*

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

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### New Tribal Police Officer sworn in



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

On July 23, new Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Officer Brittane 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.



## Team SCIT takes first place at 32nd annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

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 competed 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 Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa finished second with 381 points, followed by the Gun Lake Tribe of Pottawatomi Indians at 253 points in third place.

Team points were calculated from individual events, with gold (first place) earning 5 points, silver (second place) earning 3 points and bronze (third place) earning 1 point.

Team SCIT members took home a total of 43 gold, 59 silver and 54 bronze medals.

The opening ceremonies began at 9 a.m., with a welcome song from community drummers.

To close out the opening ceremonies, SCIT Members Christina Benz, Makayla



Stevens, Kiara Ekdahl and Maggie Jackson performed the National Anthem.

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!"

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 speed shot.

Track events included a 400-meter walk, and 50-meter



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Veterans and flag carriers lead the July 19 grand entry to commence the 32nd annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics.

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.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

SCIT Members (front, left to right) Christina Benz, Makayla Stevens, Kiara Ekdahl and Maggie Jackson perform the National Anthem.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Fire Department and Nimkee 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, SECR Grounds Crew, Waabooz Run Golf Course, Recreation, CMU Native American Programs & Student Transition Enrichment Program, CMU Facilities Department and CMU Athletic Department.

## 2019 Team Results

### First Place:

**Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe 446 points**

**2nd:** Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa **381 points**

**3rd:** Gun Lake Tribe of Pottawatomi Indians **253 points**

**4th:** Pokagon Potawatomi **226 points**

**5th:** Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians **188 points**

**6th:** American Indian Health and Family Services **45 points**

**7th:** Little River Band of Ottawa Indians **29 points**

**8th:** American Indian Services **21 points**

**9th:** Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi **16 points**

**10th (tied):** Sault Ste. Marie Tribe **5 points**

**10th (tied):** Hannahville Indian Community **5 points**

**11th:** Grand River **1 point**

**Other tribes:** Walpole Island, Bay Mills Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Chickasaw and Muscogee Creek.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Gun Lake Tribal Council Member Jodie Palmer (right) presents a gift bundle to Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl (left) after the opening ceremonies.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Community drummers perform a welcome song during the opening ceremonies.



Observer photos by Matthew Wright



## Interesting facts about the 1819 Treaty of Saginaw

*(Editor's note: The following facts were submitted by Anita Heard, research center coordinator for the Zibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways.)*

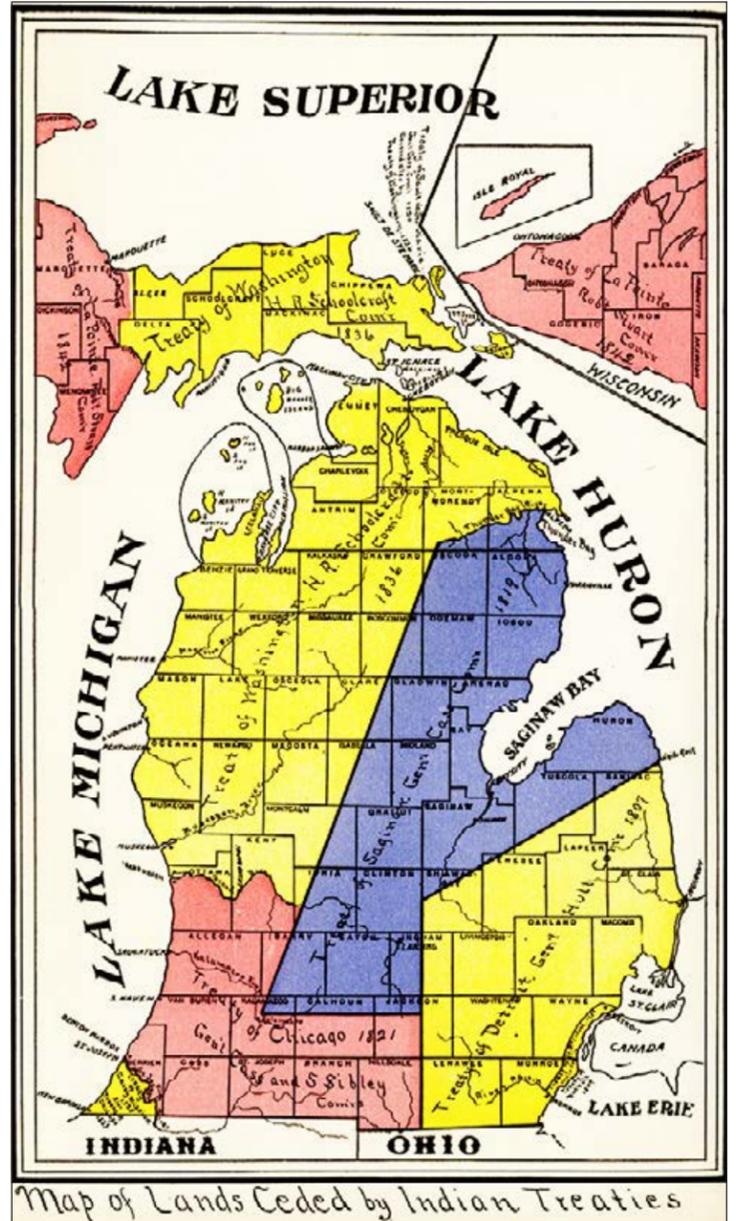
Governor of the Michigan Territory General Lewis Cass, as commissioner of the United States of America opened the 1819 treaty negotiations with a speech. He told the Anishinabek that he wanted them to sell their Saginaw Valley lands and move west. Excerpt taken from

Diba Jimooyung: Telling Our Story, page 41

### O-ge-maw-keke-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 flock to our shores. Our waters 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
- **Barry:** part
- **Bay:** all, with exception of three reservations
- **Calhoun:** small part in the north
- **Clare:** part
- **Clinton:** all
- **Crawford:** part
- **Eaton:** all
- **Genesee:** part, with holding one reservation and the rest of the county previously ceded in 1807
- **Gladwin:** all
- **Gratiot:** all
- **Huron:** nearly all with exception of one reservation, Stony Island
- **Ionia:** part
- **Iosco:** all
- **Ingham:** approximately half
- **Isabella:** approximately half
- **Jackson:** north part
- **Kalamazoo:** north part
- **Midland:** all, with exception of one reservation
- **Montcalm:** part
- **Montmorency:** part
- **Ogemaw:** all
- **Oscoda:** nearly all
- **Roscommon:** part
- **Saginaw:** all, with exception of seven reservations
- **Sanilac:** part
- **Shiawassee:** part
- **Tuscola:** more than half

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**Wendy LeBouton** - Adult - Metal Art

My imagination runs wild when I look into a pile of scrap. Influenced by a rural small town life and using vintage farm machinery and an assortment of salvage, birds, wildlife, children and angels, come to life. Working with a sense of humor I hope that people find joy in my creations.

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bawa'iganaak	rice knocker
nooshkaachinaagan	winnowing tray
abwaajigan	roasted fish/meat
jiimaan	boat
azheboye	row (a boat)
ginoodaawangaa	beach
wiigwassii-jiimaan	birch bark canoe
biidaashkaa	waves
agamiing	(at the) water
aabawaa	warm weather
aamoo	bee
aamoo-wadiswan	beehive
eshkandaming	watermelon
nandagikendan	seek to learn
gekinoo 'amawind	student
gashki 'ewizi	succeed
debwetam	believe
ogichidaa	warrior
inaadiziwan	way of life

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Words by Aconcise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm

# Anishinaabemowin CROSSWORD

## Word Bank

- kchi-niibishan
- pi'gaa-nak
- mshkii-gi'mi'nan
- mii-nan
- mskwa'mi'nak
- ode'mi'nan
- ma'noo-min
- mshkode bezhiki
- kos-maan
- mshko-maa-gan

## Down

- 1. Nuts
- 3. Raspberries

- 5. Cranberries
- 6. Rice/wild rice
- 8. Cheese

## Across

- 2. Strawberries
- 4. Blueberries

- 7. Mixed greens
- 9. Buffalo
- 10. Squash

Words by Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department

## Answer Key

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|-------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Down</b> | 1. pi'gaa-nak (Nuts)              | 2. ode'mi'nan (Strawberries)     |
|             | 3. mskwa'mi'nak (Raspberries)     | 4. mii-nan (Blueberries)         |
|             | 5. mshkii-gi'mi'nan (Cranberries) | 7. kchi-niibishan (Mixed Greens) |
|             | 6. ma'noo-min (Rice/wild rice)    | 8. mshkode bezhiki (Buffalo)     |
|             | 8. mshko-maa-gan (Cheese)         | 9. mshkode bezhiki (Buffalo)     |
|             | 10. kos-maan (Squash)             |                                  |



## 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, ran 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.



Photos courtesy of Andrew Wagner

**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 spaceships 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.

The SCIT Housing Department and Tribal Libraries encourages all participants to please continue to read throughout the summer. Every book counts. For every daily reading goal you reach, the Tribal Library will give you one ticket good for the end-of-summer prize drawings. The more you read, the more tickets you will receive.

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 and 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 afterschool 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 those who attended.



Photos courtesy of Lee-Anne Disel

**Public safety and heavy equipment vehicles were present during 'Touch a Truck' event July 22.**

## Alfred Card retires after 15 years in the Facilities Department

**ZORA WALSH**

SECR 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 management have impacted many of our staff. He will be missed by all and we all 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 woods.

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



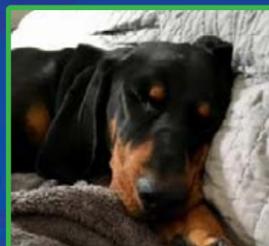
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**Alfred Card received a special retirement plaque with a hand carved ax. He retired after spending nearly 15 years working for the Facilities Department.**

emotional when this was presented to him.

Happy Retirement Al!

## Adopt a Pet



**Maple**

Maple is a 4-year-old female Black and Tan Coonhound and is as sweet as syrup! Maple is currently in a foster home – recently having completed heartworm treatment – until she finds her forever family. Her foster family loves her and said she will be a great addition to any family. Maple loves exploring outside and cuddling with humans. She gets along very well with other dogs.



**Taco**

Taco is a 4-year-old male Domestic Shorthair mix. Taco is a sweet, quiet cat. He is comfortable entertaining himself, but will seek out attention when he wants to. Taco has a medical condition called pododermatitis, which is when his paws become inflamed. It causes some discomfort but does not prevent him from being sweet and affectionate.

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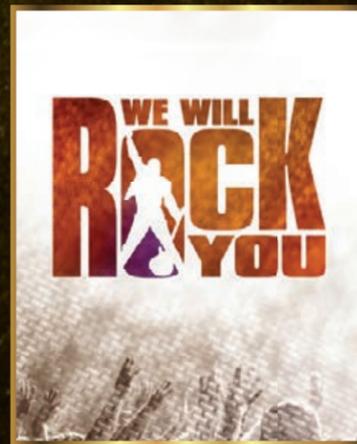
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## Saginaw Chippewa Powwow 2019 weekend celebrates 35th year

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

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 Ogitchedaw Veterans Warriors Society and flag carriers, and head dancers James (Bud) Day and Alexa Funmaker 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. 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,



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

**Head veteran George Martin (front right) and flag carriers lead the Saturday afternoon grand entry for dignitaries before 1 p.m. on July 27 during the 35th annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow.**

Jennifer L. Wasegijig, Kenny Sprague and Lindy 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, here in our community,” 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



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**Head dancers Alexa Funmaker (left) and James (Bud) Day (right) lead all dancers in the arena on Saturday afternoon.**



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**Standing with Tribal Council members, Rep. Haaland (fourth from left) provides an address to all in attendance during Saturday afternoon’s powwow. (Left to right: Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl, Kenny Sprague, Jennifer L. Wasegijig, Rep. Haaland, Frank J. Cloutier and Lindy Hunt.)**

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 Nijjiik Davis, and more.

A grandma and granddaughter honor special took place to honor Jo Kathy and Lynnova. Four sets of grandmother/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 overdose, 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 Hinmon, 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 Cancer 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 20-foot 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.”

Nimkee 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 60 years and older.

The weekend full of celebrating culture and heritage, laughter and reminiscing with loved ones was accompanied by picture-perfect weather.



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**Congresswoman Rep. Deb Haaland (center) joins Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warriors Society, Tribal Council members and powwow royalty during grand entry.**



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**Rep. Haaland (left) is gifted by head veteran George Martin (right) on the powwow grounds.**

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## 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 Alexandria Sprague.

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



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**Kathleen Hart (right) is honored with an Eagle Spirit Award by Olivia Manitowabi-McCullough (left), post-secondary education specialist, during the July 10 award ceremony in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms. Hart achieved a Bachelor of Science through Central Michigan University.**

Tribal Education Advisory Board Member Judy Pamp provided opening remarks.

"I am reminded that from the moment we take our first breath as Anishinabe – until we take our last breath – we are on a life path of knowledge, and on that path of knowledge, not only are we here learning, but we are preparing for those future generations just like our ancestors before us prepared," Pamp said also mentioning the Treaty of 1855 and the tuition waiver.

Pamp said the graduates are not only impacting their children, but also



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**Manitowabi-McCullough (left) hands Breanna Colwell an award for achieving a bachelor's degree through CMU.**

"impacting those grandchildren and great-grandchildren that are not yet here today."

"You are also impacting our nation," Pamp said to the graduates. "We are excited to see who is going to be our next leaders, our next Council members, our next doctors, our next dentists, professors..., our next CEOs of our businesses. Your efforts today are helping us strengthen our nation."

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl also provided remarks. The chief said he is proud of his Eagle Spirit Award he has hanging on his wall next to his diploma and football plaques.

"I'm always excited to welcome the community to these kinds of events because not only are we coming



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Mother Betsey Alonzo and son Caleb Alonzo pose for a photo after both receiving a certificate for a 3.0 or above GPA.**

together; we are celebrating accomplishments," Ekdahl said.

The chief continued, "For everybody that has had (an Eagle Spirit Award) in the past or for those of you who are getting one today – that is something that is unique and it is something that is special that you can take with you as you go into your professional careers."

After all awards were announced, Sub-Chief Diana Quigno-Grundahl provided an invocation and community drummers performed an honor song before the award recipients and their families and friends helped themselves to the lunch provided by the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Food and Beverage Department.

## Animal Magic: Rare and endangered animals visit Niibing Program students

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



Courtesy of Niki Henry

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

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 engrossed by Rosenthal's high-energy, fast talking and humor 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



Courtesy of Niki Henry

**Many animals were presented including Vixen, the fennec fox.**

sloth in the U.S. along with a scorpion, a snake and a few other awe-inspiring creatures.

More information about the program, Rosenthal and his rescue can be found on his website: [www.iwantanimalmagic.com/](http://www.iwantanimalmagic.com/)

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# Annual Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College golf outing held June 27

## 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 most difficult shots and bragged about their successes. Everyone seemed in good spirits.

"I did hear several people, including golf staff, say that it was a better-than-average golf event," said Jeffrey Steffens-Crosswait, who helped pioneer our sponsor 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 Cadillac.

Although no one won, "two



Courtesy of Lindsay Drumm

**The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College held its annual Golf Outing at Buck's Run Golf Club on June 27.**

players got very close, which was by far the best part of the day," said Jackie Graveratte, 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 two players to participate in the outing; Matt Newport and Scott Beeckman even won \$500 as the flight two first-place winners.

Several contest holes were offered this year. Hole #3 was the Advantage and Men's Longest Drive Hole, sponsored by Element 4, which allowed players to shoot from closer to the pin (for a donation of \$5 to help fund SCTC student activities). Most players seized this advantage with little hesitation. Hole #17 also featured a hole-in-one contest for a chance to win a \$2,000 golf certificate. Unfortunately, no



Courtesy of Lindsay Drumm

**Erik Rodriguez (left) and Chase Owl (right) took first place in flight one with a score of 62.**

one took home this prize.

Gladys Gates, SCTC's new administrative assistant, said she enjoyed the experience.

"I got to spend the day in the sunshine learning names, meeting the golfers, and getting to know everyone. I had a great time...The last golf outing I attended, I ran over a tee box with the beer cart, so this was a much smoother day," Gates said with a smirk.

A prize-wheel contest awarded 35 assorted goodies to lucky raffle ticket holders. Prizes included a two-night stay at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort (jacuzzi room), a \$100 gift basket from Mitchell's Deli ("Mitchell-Made" with local products), two concert tickets from Soaring Eagle, an overnight stay at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, and various SCTC logo items (lanyards, coffee mugs,

### 2019 SCTC Golf Outing results

**Flight One**

- **First Place (\$700 prize):** Erik Rodriguez/Chase Owl (score: 62)
- **Second Place (\$350 prize):** Larry Faber/Foster Faber (score: 66)

**Flight Two**

- **First Place (\$500 prize):** Matt Newport/Scott Beeckman (score: 84)\*  
\*Won with a 4 on Hole #2
- **Second Place (\$250 prize):** Stan Sineway/Chris Sineway (score: 84)

**Last Place (prize: theatre gift cards)**

- Howard Webkamigad (score: 112) (playing solo)

**Contest Hole Results (\$100 cash prize):**

- **Closest to the Pin:** Steve Sacco
- **Longest Putt:** Steve Sacco
- **Longest Drive (Women's):** Casey Johnson
- **Longest Drive (Men's):** Foster Faber

**Skins Results:**

- **Holes 8, 16, & 17:** Chase Owl/Erik Rodriguez (\$195 cash prize)
- **Holes 6 and 7:** Larry Faber/Foster Faber (\$130 cash prize)
- **Hole 9:** Steve Sacco/Vinnie Kequom (\$65 cash prize)
- **Hole 3:** Ed Howard/James Howard (\$65 cash prize)

**Squares Winners:**

- **\$5 Board:**
  - Darrin Curms (\$85 cash prize)
  - James Howard (\$50 cash prize)
  - Connor Cartwright (\$35 cash prize)
- **\$10 Board:**
  - Ed Howard (\$155 cash prize)
  - Gary Reed (\$90 cash prize)
  - Ronnie Ekdahl (\$65 cash prize)

**50/50 Raffle:**

- Jean Flamand (\$119 cash prize)



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

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### ANGIE BROWN

SCTC Student

*(Editor's note: The following short fiction story was written by Angie Brown, as a student in Nina Knight's English course at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. In March 2019, Brown was one of three 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 as the comforting aroma of freshly-brewed hazelnut coffee lingered throughout the house.

Mrs. L, always ahead of the early bird, would be finishing off breakfast by the time Mr. L and their daughter Katie 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.

"You'll do great honey, you deserve it. We deserve it."

Jane had always been supportive of Nick's work life, but since Katie came into the picture, a raise was long overdue.

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"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, mommy has to get you to school on time," Jane commented as she finished cleaning the leftover mess. "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.

"Byeee momma!" Katie waved excitedly as her mother drove away from the school.

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

"Momma, 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.

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"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 women'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 work over. Either way Nick never came in today. He's not home?" Lilithen asked as she started to sense the emotion in Jane's voice.

After a few moments of silence Jane responded. "I um, I think I see him coming up the drive now. Thanks Lilithen." \*click\*

Jane took a few deep breaths as she sat down staring at an empty unlit, driveway. Nick had never missed work before, even when Katie was born. Coming to the realization she should do the only thing left to at this point.

"Hello, is this the sheriff's office?" Jane tried to not assume

tumblers, backpacks, koozies, and golf balls).

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the worst. An older man's voice came through the other end. "Yes, it is, what can I help you with?" Where would she even begin? How could she not sound crazy? Jane stayed as calm as she could enough to mutter out "I'm looking for my husband, Nick Lumbee. Has there been any accidents reported involving him today?"

It took the man a few moments to respond after checking the files. "No, it doesn't appear we have any record of any accidents involving your husband."

Jane responded with a simple thank you and hung up the phone.

Throughout the continuous pacing, 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 awoke. 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 was sound asleep Jane would make the same 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 women'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 shifted herself and she tried to make sense of what was going on.

Another gentleman's voice could be heard across 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 before 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'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... they gave up the search when I was still a little girl. I'm sorry."



## 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.

Older, but very much still-relevant hip-hop classics were the theme of the evening, which featured live performances from Snoop Dogg with Warren G, Ice Cube and Tha Dogg Pound.

At about 8:15 p.m., rapper Ice Cube cooled down the hot Thursday evening temperature.

After repeatedly shouting "Happy Friday!" into the microphone, his posse on stage with him said, "But it's Thursday."

"Every time you see Ice Cube in person, it's... Friday!" he said, referencing his song with the same title.

Ice Cube is not only known for rapping, but also acting, producing, directing and writing. He also celebrated 30 successful years in the music industry.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Rap legend Snoop Dogg appears at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort during the July 11 outdoor concert.**

"Some of ya'll ain't 30 yet, so you've been supporting me in your momma's stomach and you ain't even know it!" Ice Cube said referring to his fans of all ages.

Ice Cube – former member of both hip-hop groups, C.I.A. and N.W.A. – performed many

of 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."

"Michigan will always be a special place to me," Ice Cube 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 Snoop on stage for Warren G's "This D.J." and "Do You See."

Snoop incorporated his smash hits including: "The Next Episode," "Nuthin' But a 'G' Thang," "Ain't No Fun (If the Homies Can't Have None)" and "Gin and Juice."

Snoop's music career began in 1992 when he was discovered by Dr. Dre.

"How many people in the audience got Snoop Dogg on your bucket list?" Snoop said, questioning if it was to "1. See him live, 2. Party with him or 3. Smoke with him."

Snoop paused his show for a moment of silence and then played a video honoring his friend – rapper Nipsey Hussle who died earlier this year in March.

Snoop also paid tribute to the late Notorious B.I.G., 2Pac and Eazy-E.

Snoop's performance also included the songs "Regulate," the House of Pain cover "Jump Around," "Drop



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**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?) and "Young, Wild & Free."

Tha Dogg Pound opened the show with a 30-minute set. The hip-hop duo formed in 1992.

The duo's first-ever appearance occurred on a Dr. Dre album. They then later appeared on a Snoop Dogg album.

## 311 and Dirty Heads bring good vibes, great music to SECR

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

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" followed by 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 "Do You Right," "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 "Voyager." The 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. Known for their entertaining mix of reggae, hip-hop and rock, the band treated fans to a full 16-song set.

With a stage presence that can be accurately described as laid back; the band began with the hit songs "Burn Slow," "Franco Eyed," "Mad Ad It" and "My Sweet Summer."

Following "Get Somewhere" and their most

popular song "Lay Me Down," the band slowed down for a short, evocative piano interlude which led into the hit song "Super Moon."

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."



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**Members of the rock band 311, S.A. Martinez (left) and Nick Hexum (right), perform the song "Beautiful Disaster" during the July 3 concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.**



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**A red glow illuminates the Entertainment Hall as the Dirty Heads perform "Burn Slow."**



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**Los Angeles based punk band The Interrupters open the night.**

## 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 inside 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?" Roble said. "And did it have the time on it?"

After Roble's performance, he reappeared on stage and asked for any audience member – who believed "they could fill 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.



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**Stand-up comedian Gabriel Iglesias, also known as "Fluffy," performs during his sold-out June 30 show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.**



## Five Finger Death Punch, In This Moment highlight heavy metal Soaring Eagle show

### MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Five Finger Death Punch, In This Moment and Fire From The Gods brought all the aggression, energy and spectacle of modern heavy metal to the Soaring Eagle outdoor concert stage on Saturday, July 13.

Five Finger Death Punch lead singer Ivan Moody's powerful vocals and the riffing of guitarists Zoltan Bathory and Jason Hook combined with onstage pyro effects to create an electric atmosphere.

The band began with the hit songs "Lift Me Up," "Trouble" and "Wash It All Away."

Five Finger put their own heavy metal spin on two classic songs, with covers of Kenny Wayne Shepherd's "Blue on



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**Metal band Fire From the Gods opened the night.**

Black" and Bad Company's "Bad Company."

Changing up the pace, the band performed the slower, melodic hits "Wrong Side of Heaven" and "Remember Everything."

Fans were treated to a slew of hits throughout the night including "Jekyll and Hyde," "No One Gets Left Behind," "Coming Down" and "Top of the World."

Five Finger performed the lead single "The Bleeding," off of their debut 2005 album "The Way of the Fist."

To end the performance, the hard-hitting drum beat of "Under and Over It" was followed by an aggressive cover of the traditional folk song "The House of the Rising Sun."

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

In This Moment's stage presence is highlighted by the 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."



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**Five Finger Death Punch performs the hit song "Wash It All Away" during their July 13 outdoor concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.**

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, otherworldly feeling highlighted by Brink's soaring vocals.

In This Moment also covered the timeless Journey hit "Don't Stop Believin'."

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



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**In This Moment lead singer Maria Brink (center) performs "River of Fire." The show features elaborate set pieces and multiple wardrobe changes.**

Austin, Texas based metal band Fire From the Gods opened the night. The band played a

short set including fan favorite songs "Excuse Me," "End Transmission" and "Diversions."

## 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.

Sugarland – made up of singer-songwriters Jennifer Nettles and Kristian Bush – was founded in 2002. Their last two albums include "Incredible Machine" (2010) and "Bigger," released in June 2018.

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 including "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 "Want To."

"It's been a minute... The last time you were here, you were pregnant," Bush said to Nettles.

The last visit in 2012, Nettles was very pregnant and having a lot of pain. Most of her performance was done on a stool while sitting throughout the concert.



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**Sugarland's Jennifer Nettles (left) and Kristian Bush (right) perform during Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's first 2019 outdoor summer concert on Friday, June 28.**

The two complement each other with Nettles' flawless, powerful voice and Bush's inspiring guitar skills.

"Let's play all the songs! All the songs you love," Nettles said during the 2019 return, and she meant it – there was not one hit song left out.

Next, the band launched right into "Already Gone" and "We Run."

Bush then introduced the next song.

"Oh my gosh – he talks!" Bush said laughing at the audience's reaction. (Nettles is typically the lead and speaker.)

Next, the two separately performed one song each from their solo careers. Bush performed his "Bar With A Pool

In It," and Nettles performed "Hey Heartbreak."

The set list involved an "On a Roll" medley, which included snippets of David Bowie's "Let's Dance," No Doubt's "Hella Good" and Deee-Lite'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."

All band members walked to the front of the stage to sway and bow during "Something More."



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**Eli Young Band's lead vocalist Mike Eli (left) and bassist Jon Jones (right) perform as the opening act that Friday evening.**

Sugarland's encore included "Not the Only" – a hopeful ballad addressed to "the underdog," "the left behind" – and Rod Stewart's "Maggie May."

Taking the stage as the opener just after 7 p.m., Eli Young Band experienced sound problems during the first song, "Dust." The sound was only heard in the band's monitors then failed to work at all by the end of the song.

The band exited the stage and returned after a short break. The sound was fixed and the band was ready to perform "Love Ain't."

The four band members, who met in college, also performed "Where Were You," "Saltwater Gospel" and a cover of "Come Together" by The Beatles.

The band ended their brief show with a mash up of their hit



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**Sugarland lead vocalist Jennifer Nettles performs "Babe" on the outdoor stage.**

"Even If It Breaks Your Heart" with Tom Petty's "Learning to Fly" and closed with their mega-hit "Crazy Girl," which was the top country song of 2011, according to Billboard Year-End.



## Project Venture boys attend Warrior Camp in Sugar Island

**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 working together as a team, sweeping floors and mopping.



Courtesy of Dolores Winn

**Project Venture Tribal youth Christopher Spencer Ruiz (left) and Ricky Delacruz (right), attend the Boys Warrior Camp in Sugar Island, Mich. from July 12-13.**

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 Anishinaabe 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! On 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:



Courtesy of Dolores Winn

**The Warrior Camp consisted of 25 other Tribal youth from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe and surrounding area.**

“Laugh. My word was laugh. I think we all had fun at the Warrior Camp and we all shared lots of laughs!”

“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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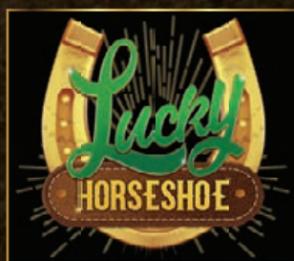
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## Sex education offered to Tribal youth during 'Snaggin 101' event

**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 Ziiibwing 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 Migizi Nangwiihgan, discussed teen dating and consent. She had a few youth 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.



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**Teen parent panel (left to right): Samantha Chippeway, Madison Bartol and Tahsheenah Foley answer questions from youth during 'Snaggin 101,' an afternoon of sex education on Tuesday, July 16 at the Ziiibwing Center.**

Lovel Lewis, prevention specialist for Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services, presented "Healthy Relationships: The Anishinabe Way."

Lovel incorporated the Seven Grandfather Teachings.

Respect from the Grandfather Teachings can be incorporated into relationships, Lovel said, and includes: "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 Niibin 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 chieftains often consulted two-spirited individuals because they were thought to have 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.



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**Youth Tribal Members – aged 14 to 19 – attend the afternoon event in the Ziiibwing Center 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.

To close the information-packed day, a teen parent panel took place. Panel members included: Foley, Samantha Chippeway 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, Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services and the Ziiibwing Center.

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



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**Niibin Sprague presents information on Two-Spirit/LGBTQ history.**

## 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 circle, we will be taking five registrations for that location with 10 at the Tribal College.

Thank you to Tonya Jackson and Lee Ann Ruffino

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 [jdavis@sagchip.org](mailto:jdavis@sagchip.org) to register for either class.

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If you have any questions, please call Michelle at 989.775.4602

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### Mail or bring to the Nimkee Clinic:

Attention: Michelle George  
2591 South Leaton Rd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

\*Please include your phone number or a contact person.

\*When the letters are received at the end of the time period, they are given to Tribal Council to make the final decision.

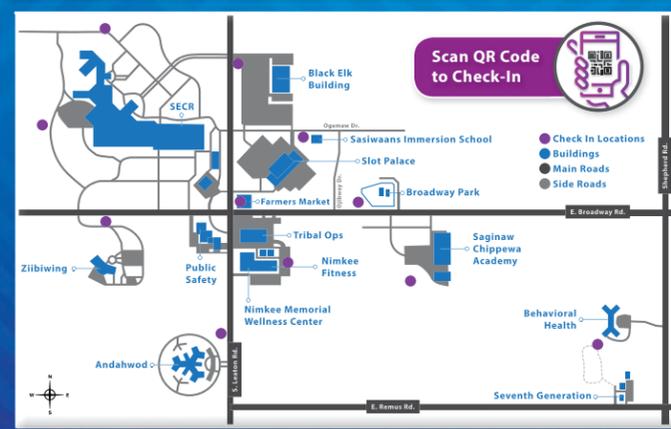


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# Wild rice: How to pop it like popcorn

**SALLY VAN CISE**

MPH, RD, Nutritionist  
Nimkee Clinic

**ANITA HEARD**

Research Center Coordinator  
Ziibiwing 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-fitting 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.thespruceeats.com/popped-wild-rice-2217371](http://www.thespruceeats.com/popped-wild-rice-2217371)

For more information about harvesting wild rice this year,



Courtesy photo

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

contact Kathy Hart at 989-317-4760 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 goal by two.

"Each unit is separated into three parts so we helped 144 people – this is blood components that cannot be duplicated

in modern medicine – so are crucial to life," said Sue Sowmick, event organizer and public health nurse at Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center.

Sowmick said she appreciated everyone who donated, volunteered and made the

event possible.

"It was an interesting day, we even had a family with three generations that not only came to donate but volunteered also," Sowmick said. "That is just awesome and I appreciate 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 Webkamigao 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 Niezgodka, 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 **strengthen recovery** from 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 talking circles
- Learning with peers was favored
- They liked the staff in the groups
- They liked hearing their kids sharing and giving feedback

### Session Agenda:

- **Family Meal:** About 30 minutes
- **Small groups (by age group):** About 90 minutes
- **Family Activity:** About 30 minutes

*\*This program is brought to you by Behavioral Health Programs through funding from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan.*

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

## August Group Exercise Class Schedule

	<b>BEGIN: Beginner Exercisers Getting It Now!</b> Monday, Wednesday & Friday   6:30 a.m.
	<b>L.I.F.E. Strength &amp; Conditioning</b> Monday - Wednesday, Friday • Attend class or drop in for the Workout of the Day
	<b>M.E.L.T</b> Monday   1:10 p.m. • Interval based fitness class • Melt away the calories
	<b>Walk/Run/Move</b> Monday & Wednesday   5:15 p.m. • A group class that encourages moving at any speed
	<b>Elders Time</b> Tuesday & Thursday   10 a.m. • For seniors age 50 and older • Prizes and awards
	<b>Yoga</b> Tuesday & Thursday   5:20 p.m. • A welcoming class for beginners
	<b>Turbo Kick</b> Thursday   1:10 p.m. • Upbeat class utilizing punching, kicking and plyometrics
	<b>Suspension Training</b> Thursday   12:10 p.m. • A class utilizing the suspension trainer

**For more information, contact: Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690**

# Soaring Eagle BINGO

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**

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## Veterans golf outing raises more than \$5,000 for Ogitchedaw, local veterans

**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



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**The Honor Guard prepares for a gun salute during the ceremonies prior to the second annual veterans golf outing on Friday, July 12 at Waabooz Run Golf Course.**

teammates Ryan Sprague, Kelly Chamberlain and Tom Konwinski with a score of 48.

With a score of 53, second place went to the team of Rick Hubble, Carol Hubble and Scott McMillian.

First place in the veterans division went to Reuben Moore, Greg Fogle and Mike Mills (49).

With a score of 50, second place winners were Bernard

Sprague, Mike Jenkins and Bean Sprague.

"We raised over \$5,500 for the veterans," said Bernard Sprague. "The Tribal sponsors really made it a successful day: Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Marketing, Migizi Economic Development Co. and Saganing Eagles Landing Casino Promotions Department."

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



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Tribal Member Maggie Jackson sings "God Bless America."**

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 Alz.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.

**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, keywords that might trigger a negative response, key words that might trigger a positive response, glasses, hearing aids, behavior concerns (will he/she crawl out of bed, wander, strike out).
- Comfort objects, a favorite pillow, blanket

2. 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 chart.

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@alz.org

Andahwod CCC & ES  
June 2019

Employee of the Month

Keenan Davis



## August Andahwod events

**Euchre & Potluck**  
Mondays | 6 p.m.

**Language Bingo**  
August 1 | 1 p.m.

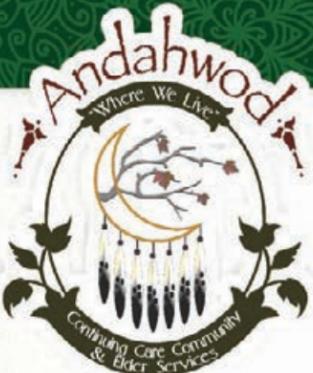
**Summer Bingo Fundraiser**  
August 12 | 1 - 3 p.m.

**Elders Breakfast**  
August 14 & 28 | 9 - 10 a.m.

**Name That Tune**  
August 20 | 2:30 p.m.

**Birthday Bingo & Potluck**  
August 24 | 12 - 3 p.m.

\*\*Activities and events are subject to change.



**For more information, please call: 989.775.4300**

## August 2019 Tribal Elder Birthdays

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <p><b>1</b> Eric Zocher<br/>Jeffrey Braley<br/>Mary Cargill<br/>William Stevens</p>   | <p><b>14</b> Todd Darby</p>  |
| <p><b>2</b> Jason Casner<br/>Janet Chamberlain<br/>Victoria Fisher<br/>Patrick McClain</p>  | <p><b>15</b> Joni Heiss</p>  |
| <p><b>3</b> Carl Benz<br/>Gary Harris<br/>Laurie Newton</p>   | <p><b>16</b> Marilyn Bailey<br/>Sandra McCreery<br/>Brian Quigno<br/>Sharmaine Brooks</p>  |
| <p><b>4</b> Kenneth Douglas<br/>Matthew Pamp<br/>Joseph Anderson<br/>Danny Russell<br/>Toni Swalley</p>   | <p><b>17</b> Kevin Fisher<br/>Larry Post</p>   |
| <p><b>5</b> Brenda McMillin<br/>Rosalie Stevens</p>   | <p><b>18</b> Brenda Nolan<br/>Susan Leksche<br/>Michelle Pena</p>  |
| <p><b>6</b> Trisha Trasky<br/>Kevin Bird<br/>Marcella Hadden<br/>Ricky Snyder<br/>William Thibult</p>   | <p><b>19</b> Benjamin Willis Sr.<br/>Ralph Ambs<br/>Diane Garrett<br/>Charles Sharon</p>   |
| <p><b>7</b> Michael Floyd Sr.<br/>David Otto<br/>Veronica Bos<br/>Victoria Carini<br/>Dawn Jackson</p>  | <p><b>20</b> Theresa Jackson<br/>Kimberly Crandall<br/>Anthony Hart</p>  |
| <p><b>8</b> Pamela Floyd</p>  | <p><b>21</b> James Peters</p>  |
| <p><b>9</b> Kevin Chamberlain<br/>Sandra Stevens<br/>Michael Hart<br/>Cecelia Wieland</p>   | <p><b>22</b> Jacqueline Daniels<br/>Michael Abraham<br/>Ronald Collins Sr.<br/>Lynne Stewart</p>                                 |
| <p><b>11</b> Debra DeFrens<br/>Phillip Mena<br/>Dorothy Shawano<br/>Theresa White<br/>Laura Kellogg<br/>Diane Jones</p>                                 | <p><b>23</b> Roger Jackson<br/>Maynard Kahgegab Sr.<br/>Lisa Gregurek-Clemens</p>  |
| <p><b>12</b> Rosalie Maloney<br/>Michelle Otto Bartow<br/>Ronald Nelson<br/>Edward Cross<br/>Margaret Jackson<br/>Kenneth Kendall<br/>Beverly Morse</p> | <p><b>24</b> Paula Alexander<br/>Terri Maki</p>  |
| <p><b>13</b> Mark Bailey<br/>James Falcon<br/>Carol Brame<br/>John Henry<br/>Kelly Lancaster</p>  | <p><b>25</b> Michael Bennett</p>   |
|   | <p><b>26</b> Rachel Mandoka</p>  |
|   | <p><b>27</b> Colleen Wagner<br/>Michael Schramm<br/>Aloma Underwood</p>  |
|   | <p><b>28</b> Mary Jackson<br/>Gregory Dean<br/>Brian Stevens</p>   |
|   | <p><b>29</b> Anita Shawboose</p>   |
|   | <p><b>30</b> Thomas Bonnau<br/>Luanna Finney<br/>Constance Pashenee</p>  |
|   | <p><b>31</b> Sharon Bennett<br/>Jamey Garlick<br/>Sherry Nickells<br/>Sharon Skutt<br/>William Snowden Jr.<br/>Marc Williams</p> |



## AUGUST 2019 | Tribal Community Event Planner

### Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 4 - 6 p.m.

- Behavioral Health
- 989.775.4895

August 7, 21 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Saganing Tribal Center
- 989.775.4895 or 989.775.5850

### Families Against Narcotics Support Group

August 1 | 7 - 8:30 p.m.

- Tribal Operations Seniors Room
- 989.775.4880

### Community Sewing Night

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 5 - 8 p.m.

- Seventh Generation

### Off-Season Conditioning

August 1, 6, 8, 13, 16, 20, 22, 27, 29 | 2 - 4 p.m.

- Recreation@sagchip.org

### Monday Summer Lunch Fun

August 5, 12, 19, 26 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- 989.775.4115
- Lunch and creative fun!

### Native Farmers Market

August 6, 13, 20, 27 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Farmers Market Pavilion
- 989.775.4315

### Cupcake Wars

August 7 | 1 - 3 p.m.

- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- 989.775.4850
- Open to grades K-12
- Cupcakes and decoration provided

### SCTC Alumni Lunch

August 6 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- SCTC
- (989) 317-4760 ext. 225

### Saganing Talking Circle

August 7, 21 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.

- Saganing Tribal Center
- 989.775.4879

### Lunch & Learn: Oral Health for Older Adults

August 8 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

- Saganing Tribal Center
- RSVP: 989.775.4604
- Blood sugar screening, lunch provided

### Summer Fun Friday Challenge

- Recreation@sagchip.org
- Aug. 9 – Three-hour canoe trip
- Aug. 16 – Michigan's Adventure trip
- Aug. 23 – Sanford Lake day

### Back to School Event

August 12 | 5 - 8 p.m.

- Broadway Pavilion
- 989.775.4506
- Backpacks guaranteed for the first 200 2nd-12th graders
- Backpacks guaranteed for the first 100 K-1st graders

### Rez Ball: 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

August 14 | Registration: 2 p.m., games start at 4 p.m.

- Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel
- Registration: 989.775.4149 or 989.775.4093
- \$15 per player, four person max per team
- Age groups: 5th grade and under (co-ed), 6th - 8th grade, 9th - 12th grade, adult
- Eight team max per age group
- First place trophies and second place prizes

### Beaded Cap/Hat Workshop

August 13-14 | 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

- SCTC East Building, Room 6
- Registration: 989.317.4826 or gugonzalez@sagchip.org
- Limited to first 15 who register

### Anishinaabemowin Sacred Fire Lunches

August 15, 29 | 12 - 1 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- 989.775.4780

### Back 2 School Event at Saganing

August 19 | 12 - 2 p.m.

- Saganing Tribal Center
- 989.775.4506
- 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 | 3 - 5 p.m.

- Broadway Park
- Registration: 989.775.4595

### Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women Community Curated Exhibit Meeting

August 20 | 5:30 p.m.

- Ziibiwing Center
- 989.775.4059 or 989.775.4730

### Family Fun Night

August 21 | 5:30 - 8 p.m.

- Broadway Park
- 989.775.4850

### People's Traditional Powwow

August 24 | Grand Entries: 1 & 7 p.m.

August 25 | Grand Entry: 1 p.m.

- Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds

## AUGUST 2019 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
<p><b>Anishinabe Ogitchedaw</b> Veteran and Warrior Society <b>NOW RECRUITING</b> NEW MEMBERS</p> <p><b>A UNIVERSE OF STORIES</b> Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries and Housing Department 2019 Nibbing Gindaasaang Program (Summer Reading) JUNE 17TH THRU AUGUST 9TH</p> <p><b>MEETINGS:</b> First Tuesday of the Month 6 p.m.   Contact: 989.775.4175</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SECR Payroll</li> <li>● SCIT Per Capita</li> <li>● SCIT Payroll</li> <li>● Curbside Recycling</li> <li>● Waste Collection*</li> </ul> <p>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>12-Step Meditation Group B. Health   7 - 9 p.m. Women Supporting Women B. Health   5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Language Bingo Andahwod   1 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m. Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod   7 p.m. Active Parenting Now ACFS   10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health   4 - 5 p.m.</p>
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**Clerical Pool**  
Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Clerical experience is preferred.

**General Labor 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.

**Dentist**  
Open to the public. DDS/DMD degree from an accredited school. Licensed dentist. Two years working dentist experience preferred. Provide clinical diagnosis, evaluation, studies, and treatment services of professionally acceptable quantity and quality, in accordance with privileges granted.

**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. Experience with quantity and quality for food preparation and service.

**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.

**Public Works Maintenance Worker**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year experience with basic maintenance and grounds keeping. Certification in skilled trade preferred.

**Strategic Grant Specialist**  
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business administration, communications, 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 services related field. Experience in project management, communications and working 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 in working collaboratively across multiple organizations and community systems.

**Community Project Manager - AWARE**  
SCIT Members or descendants only. Must be 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.

**Energy Services Manager**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or GED. Six years' experience as a Journeyman Lineman. One year supervisory experience. Must have a valid Michigan Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

**Housekeeper**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Native American preference.

**Registered Medical Assistant**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or GED. Registered or Certified Medical Assistant License. One year experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting.

**Leadership Apprentice**  
SCIT Members only. High school diploma or G.E.D. Must have satisfactorily completed 12 credit hours. Must provide documentation of acceptance at an accredited college/university in Michigan. Must currently have a cumulative 2.5 G.P.A. Must be a full-time college student. Applicants must submit a declared degree audit as requested throughout internship.

**Paraprofessional**  
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Pass a state or local exam, or

complete at least two years of study at an institution of higher education (60 semester hours) or associate degree.

### Soaring Eagle

**CEO**  
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in finance, business administration, hospitality or related field. Master's degree preferred, 15 years of combined gaming/hotel/resort hospitality experience. Ten years in a managerial capacity. Destination four diamond resort gaming property and tribal gaming property experience preferred. Ten years senior management level at a destination resort/gaming property with more than 1,000 employees with a minimum of seven to 10 years in Class III gaming experience. Tribal gaming preferred. Excellent communication, interpersonal, finance and computer skills.

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

**Crowd Control Associate - Seasonal**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to work any shift assigned.

**Housekeeper FT**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Native American preference.

**Housekeeper PT**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Native American preference.

**Inventory Control Warehouse FT**  
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year re-

ceiving or warehouse experience working with warehouse equipment. Experience with operating warehouse equipment including forklifts and riding cleaning machines..

**Inventory Control Warehouse PT**  
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year receiving or warehouse experience working with warehouse equipment. Experience with operating warehouse equipment including forklifts and riding cleaning machines.

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

**Grounds Supervisor**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or G.E.D. Associate degree preferred.

**Front Desk Agent PT**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Three years customer service and cash handling experience.

**Line Cook**  
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 internal culinary training.

**Function Service PT**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year customer service experience.

**F&B Custodial Worker PT**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Kitchen cleaning experience preferred.

**Key Booth Attendant PT**  
Open to the public. One year hospitality or customer service experience. Must be able to work all shifts including weekends.

**Kitchen Equipment Tech**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or G.E.D. Three years of experience in commercial food equipment repair.

**Administrative Assistant II**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Four years administrative support experience.

**Building Maintenance Worker PT**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Two years of experience with repair and maintenance of buildings.

**Transit Driver PT - Seasonal**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Current and valid Commercial Driver's License or Chauffeur's License.

**Usher Seasonal (Temp)**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Customer service and/or ushering 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. Must be at least 21 years of age. Five years gaming surveillance experience. Three years in a 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. One year of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, or six months of Saganing internal culinary training.

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

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

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

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

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

**Technical Services Technician II**  
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 FT**  
Open to the public. Six months cash handling experience. Gaming, banking, or customer service experience preferred.

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

### 130 Services

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- **Schedule an immediate interview:** Please contact Saganing Human Resources at 989-775-5925 or 989-775-5924.
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- **Waitstaff: Creekside Lounge and The Landing Restaurant**  
Full-time & Part-time | Training wage: \$9.45, \$5.09 + TIPS after training period
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Full-time & Part-time | Training wage: \$9.45, \$5.09 + TIPS after training period
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- **Custodial Workers** | Full-time
- **Laundry Attendants** | Full-time
- **Cashiers: Creekside Lounge & The Landing Restaurant**  
Part time
- **Food & Beverage Attendants** | Full-time
- **Front Desk Agents** | Part-time
- **Bartender: Creekside Lounge** | Part-time

Now Seeking

## Tribal Preference Candidates

Human Resources Office of Anishinabe Workforce Developer

Seeking Tribal preference candidates interested in short-term, temporary employment opportunities.

Immediate placements available for Tribal preference candidates who complete and pass fingerprint and background checks.

- **Cost:** The personal cost to applicants is \$65 for the fingerprint portion.
- **Documentation:** Driver's license, certifications and Tribal identification are needed at time of application.
- **Location of placement may include:** Andahwod, Behavioral Health, Nimkee, Education or Recreation.

*\* Other non-background check temporary positions do arise on occasion, and applicants for this type of work may apply at any time.*

Please direct questions to:

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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, inducted 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.

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