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Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic held July 26

Golfers from across the state and as far away as Texas competed in the 23rd Annual Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic held in Sault Ste. Marie on Friday, July 26, 2024. The annual event generated over \$113,000 for the Tribal Scholarship Fund.

The two-day event began Thursday evening with a reception held at Kewadin Casinos and Convention Center. The reception, sponsored by PNC Bank, gave golfers the opportunity to pre-register for the Classic, place bids on silent auction items and enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

The main event began with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. on Friday morning. The PNC Bank foursome won the Mixed Division with a score of 63, followed by Team U.P. Engineers and Architects with a 66 and in third place was Sault Tribe, Inc. with a 67. In the Men's Division, Rodenroth Motors took first place with a 58, followed by Meritain Health/The Mahoney Group with a 60 determined after the scorecard playoff and in third place, after a second scorecard playoff, was Light & Wonder also with a 60.

During the tournament, golfers had the chance to win cash prizes up to \$25,000 and one of two vehicles sponsored by Rodenroth Motors and Soo Motors during the hole-in-one contests. Prior to the



For the Men's Division, the 1st Place Team was Rodenroth Motors (above, L-R) Steve Rodenroth, Doug Laprade, Ryan Hill and Steve Hettinga. For the Mixed Division, the 1st Place Team was PNC Bank (right, L-R) Bob Schulte, Suzanne Schulte, Alex Schulte and Bobby Schulte.

Classic, golfers had the opportunity to test their skills for a chance to win \$10,000 during the Putting Contest sponsored by Meritain Health. While on the course, golfers were treated to lunch with all the fixings sponsored by Sault Printing Company and beverages sponsored by Huntington Bank.

Following the Classic, golfers and sponsors attended the awards ceremony and enjoyed

dinner sponsored by Gordon Food Service held at Kewadin Casinos and Convention Center.

During the ceremony, Sault Tribe Chairman Austin Lowes recognized sponsors for their generous support and contributions towards the Scholarship Fund.

In addition, those attending the dinner had the opportunity to win fantastic door prizes donated by our generous local vendors.



Closing out the night, prizes were awarded to the top teams in each division, Mixed and Men's. Funds generated by the Classic are placed into an endowment fund, which ensures the Sault Tribe is able to provide scholarships annually to tribal members wishing to further their education.

The fund distributes 5% annually in scholarships and this year a total of 57 scholarships will be awarded. To date, over 400

scholarships have been awarded to Sault Tribe members advancing their education.

The 2024 Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic was organized by Jessica Dumback, Bob Schulte, Ashley Samuelson and Bill Connolly and was hosted by Kewadin Casinos and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Next year's event is scheduled for July 25, 2025.

Tribe cuts the ribbon on new St. Ignace tribal health facility

BY SCOTT BRAND

With the official ribbon-cutting held on Aug. 29, Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Facility in St. Ignace was ready for its first day of operation on Aug. 30, 2024.

"The entire group of people pulling this off was just amazing," said Clinic Manager Cheryl LaPlaut, reflecting on all the work that went into the smooth transition.

The new facility, at more than 20,000 square feet, will house eight standard medical exam rooms fully-staffed with four providers. A procedure room, a triage room and one dedicated EKG room was also included in the new construction. LaPlaut indicated that the latter feature will be a tremendous benefit as personnel will no longer have to wheel the EKG machine in and out of an exam room.

The Dental Department will be home to nine operatories with two full-time dentists, and plans to hire a third in the future. The Behavioral Health Department will have three offices with one full-time provider and a second vacancy waiting to be filled.

The Optical Department features two fully-equipped, iden-

tical exam rooms and a contact lens room.

Traditional Medicine will also

be provided at the new facility.

Pharmacy and Medical Records did not immediately

move into the new building and in early September they were still operating out of the nearby

Mackinac Straits Area Hospital. LaPlaut indicated those two departments should make the transition by mid-October joining the rest of the team in their new home.

"This Grand Opening goes beyond something really special," said CEO and President Karen Cheeseman of Mackinac Straits Health System, speaking to the ribbon-cutting crowd. "This tribal partnership is really one of a kind and something we should all be proud of."

"It is with great pride and profound gratitude I stand before you today," said Sault Tribal Chairman Austin Lowes echoing Cheeseman's satisfaction with the completion of this project.

Sault Tribe Executive Director Christine McPherson, who also serves on the MSHS Board of Trustees, noted she had been born at the St. Ignace Hospital and was raised in that community, becoming momentarily choked up, as she expressed her appreciation for all the people who helped to bring the project to fruition.

"I can say today I feel our ancestors around us," said McPherson, "the blessing of good medicine around us and I can feel them smiling here today."



Officials from the Sault Tribe and Mackinac Straits Health System officially open the new, 20,000-square-foot Sault Tribe Health and Human Services facility in St. Ignace.

Little jingle dress dancer's first dance at Newberry powwow



Mariella Belonga (Ode' Sin Dawaagen), 4 years old, daughter of Keith and Rachel Belonga of Trout Lake, Mich., danced at the Newberry powwow for the first time in her new jingle dress. Sara Lynn of Hessel, Mich., said Mariella's mom reached out to her several months ago and asked if she would make her a dress. "This photo gave me good 'spirit bumps,' those aunties/nokos following her with smiles and love — very emotional! Such a gift!" See more photos of the Newberry powwow on page 14 of this issue.

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MONDAY www.arcsaulttribe.com **9.30.2024**

ADVOCACY RESOURCE CENTER'S

4th Annual Orange Shirt Day Photo

Please post your Orange Shirt Day photo comments on the ARC Facebook page on September 30. We encourage **EVERYONE** to wear orange in support of our Residential Boarding School Victims and Survivors.

www.Facebook.com/saulttribeARC

Orange Shirt Day is Monday, September 30.

We wear orange to support the 150,000+ children who endured the residential school system's physical, sexual, and emotional abuse. This created a historical trauma which Native Americans continue to endure.

Questions? Call Community Educator Jess GK at 906-632-1808

HONOR A LOVED ONE WHO ATTENDED A NATIVE AMERICAN RESIDENTIAL BOARDING SCHOOL

PLEASE SEND ARC YOUR LOVED ONE'S: NAME, SCHOOL/DATE ATTENDED, PHOTO, SOMETHING SPECIAL TO SHARE

NAME: ESTHER JOHNDROW-ROBERTS-COOPER
SCHOOL/DATE ATTENDED: ASSININS ORPHANAGE FROM AGE 12-15 (1911-1915)
SOMETHING SPECIAL: Esther had 6 children and lived to be 98 years old. She never mentioned her time at Assinins.

Your loved one's name and photo will be added to a display for our community feast on September 30, Orange T-Shirt Day, to honor and remember our loved ones who attended residential boarding schools. Names and photos will also be added to the Sault Tribe's "Win Awenen Nisitotung" monthly newspaper to honor your loved one.

Send photos and information to Community Educator Jess Gillotte-King at jgillotte@saulttribe.net or comment on the original post with your photo and information.

You're Invited

Please join the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Language and Culture Department and Advocacy Resource Center for a

Community Feast

SEPTEMBER 30, ALSO KNOWN AS **ORANGE SHIRT DAY**, IS A DAY TO HONOR AND REMEMBER OUR BELOVED RELATIVES WHO ATTENDED NATIVE AMERICAN RESIDENTIAL BOARDING SCHOOLS. THE PHYSICAL, SEXUAL, AND EMOTIONAL ABUSE OUR RELATIVES ENDURED WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. FOR THOSE WHO RETURNED AND FOR THOSE WHO DIDN'T, WE WISH TO HONOR THEM WITH A COMMUNITY FEAST AND TALKING CIRCLE.

WHEN: Monday, September 30, 2024
WHERE: Niigaanaggiizhik Ceremonial Building
 11 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
TIME: 5:00-7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 4:30)

Orange T-Shirts will be provided for those in attendance.
 Contact Community Educator Jess Gillotte-King for more information at 906-632-1808

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Anishinaabe Cultural Committee - Nine vacancies -

five males (4-year term), four females (4-year term)

Child Welfare Committee - Two vacancies (4-year term), one vacancy term expires November 2026, one vacancy term expires January 2027

Health Advisory Board - Two vacancies (4-year term), one vacancy term expires April 2027

Housing Commission/Utility Authority - Two vacancies, one for Unit 3 and one for Unit 1 (4-year term)

Special Needs/Enrollment Committee - (2-year term)

- Unit I - One vacancy
 - Unit II - Two vacancies
 - Unit III - Two vacancies
 - Unit IV - One vacancy
- Elder Advisory Committee**
- Unit I - Sault - One alternate vacancy (4-year term)
 - Unit II - Newberry - One regular vacancy, one alternate vacancy (4-year term)
 - Unit II - Naubinway - One regular vacancy (4-year term)

- Unit III - St. Ignace - One regular vacancy, two alternate vacancies (4-year term)
 - Unit V - Marquette - One alternate vacancy (4-year term)
- Elder Subcommittees**
- Unit I - Sault - One alternate vacancy (4-year term)
 - Unit IV - Escanaba - Two regular vacancies, one alternate vacancy (4-year term)
 - Unit V - Munising - Two alternate vacancies (4-year term)

- Unit V - Marquette - One regular vacancy, one alternate vacancy (4-year term)
- Food Sovereignty Committee** - Two vacancies, one expiring February 2025, one expiring February 2027
- Wequayoc Cemetery Committee** - Two vacancies. Only Sault Tribe members who have a family member buried in this cemetery are eligible for membership on this committee (4-year term)

Tribal gas and cigarette discount locations

The following gas stations are offering the discount to Sault Tribe members.

Tribal owned gas stations offering gas and cigarette discounts:

- MidJim Convenience Store, 2205 Shunk Road, Sault Ste.

Marie, MI 4983

- MidJim Convenience Store, 3045 Mackinac Trail, St. Ignace, MI 4981

- White Pine Lodge and Convenience Store, 889 E. W. M-28, Christmas, MI 49862

Tribal-owned gas station

offering gas discount only:

- University BP, 301 W. Fair Ave., Marquette, MI 49855

Not tribal-owned stations that are offering gas discounts only:

- Kinross BP, 4440 Tone Road, Kincheloe, MI 4988
- Cedar Pantry, 159 W M-134,

Cedarville, MI 4979

- Sunoco, 1395 M-28, Newberry, MI 49868

- Manistique Oil Company, 216 Deer Street, Manistique, MI 49854

- Carnes Eco Fuels, 2300 Ludington St, Escanaba MI 49837

Up to date addresses sought

Sault Tribe members whose addresses are not up to date have “bad addresses” with the tribe’s Enrollment Department.

Check the names on the list and if you see a friend or relative on the list let them know.

Go to saulttribe.com and scroll down Membership Services to Tribal Enrollment. Then go to the Information column on the left side of the Enrollment page and select “Up to date addresses sought.”

Call (800) 251-6597 or email Stacey Synett at ssynett@saulttribe.net.

Membership liaisons help answer your questions

Three membership liaisons work with the chairperson’s office on membership issues and concerns across the service area. The liaisons respond to membership issues and follow up to ensure they are resolved.

Sault Tribe members are encouraged to contact the liaisons when they need help with tribal issues by emailing them at membersconcerns@saulttribe.net or contacting them individually at:

Clarence Hudak, Lambert Center, St. Ignace, Mich., (906) 643-2124, chudak@saulttribe.net.

Mary Jenerou, Manistique Tribal Center, (906) 341-8469; Munising Centers, (906) 450-7011 or (906) 450-7011, mjenerou@saulttribe.net.

Michelle Moore at (906) 635-6050, mmoore@saulttribe.net.

WIOA funding is available

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) Program has funding available for on-the-job training and short-term occupational training opportunities.

The program may be able to provide tuition assistance for skills training if it leads to an industry-recognized certification or under OJT, it may reimburse an employer 50 percent of your wage for a specified period.

Candidates must meet eligibility requirements and reside in the seven-county service area.

Apply at WIOA at Big Bear in Sault Ste. Marie, or call Brenda Cadreau at (906) 635-4767.

Work Experience Program open

The Sault Tribe WIOA Department is currently accepting applications for the Work Experience Program.


Must be Native American between the ages of 16 to 21 and reside within the seven-county service area (Marquette, Alger, Chippewa, Luce, Mackinaw, Delta and Schoolcraft counties).

Applications may be picked up at the WIOA office or by contacting WIOA Program Manager Brenda Cadreau at (906) 635-4767 or BCadreau@saulttribe.net.

Deadline to apply is Sept. 26, 2024.


Advocacy Resource Center is seeking information about Missing and Murdered Sault Tribe Members:

In an effort to maintain the Sault Tribe MMIP database for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP), the Advocacy Resource Center is seeking information regarding missing and murdered individuals who are members of the **Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians**. Please message or call the ARC at 906-632-1808 with information that can be entered into the database. The information provided does not have to be current information. The ARC is seeking information for ALL missing or murdered tribal members including the seven county service areas and tribal members across the world. Please ask for Community Educator Jess Gillotte-King (extension 73104) when calling the ARC. If messaging the ARC Facebook page, please leave the following information:



First/Middle/Last Name
Date of Birth
Date of Death
Murdered/When/Where
Perpetrator Name if known:

If Missing:
Nickname/Alias
Date Last Seen/Went Missing
Physical Description
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Vehicle Information



Any information would be appreciated.
 Thank you for your participation in this matter. Please feel free to share this information. Miigwechi!

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Please note the distribution date when submitting event information for our community calendar. Submissions can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed. The distribution date is the earliest the newspaper can arrive in the seven-county service area.

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The resilient roots of Native Americans: *Historical and Intergenerational Trauma*

BY JESS GILLOTTE-KING, ARC

Most of us have heard of trauma, but are you aware of historical trauma and intergenerational trauma? Did you know it was possible to inherit some of your great-great-grandparent's trauma responses? It is possible.

"From a Native American point of view, historical trauma has been described as a soul wound because it is experienced as a wounding down to the level of being." — Duran E. Healing.

First of all, what is trauma? Trauma is a person's emotional response to a catastrophic event in their lives, such as sexual assault, a car accident, being robbed, or experiencing a natural disaster.

When experiencing stress, our bodies and minds work overtime to understand what is happening to us. Our body's reaction to stress engages the flight, fight, or freeze response. Responses to trauma can be long-lasting and detrimental to a person's health and well-being. Reminders of the incident can trigger post-traumatic stress, as the body cannot process the emotions and feelings during the actual event. Therefore, the aftereffects can be just as detrimental as the initial incident.

Some typical responses to trauma are: Nightmares, flashbacks, intrusive thoughts, lack of sleep, anxiety, avoidance of people, places, or objects that remind one of the trauma; hypervigilance, always looking out for danger; easily startled or "jumpy;" changes in self-esteem, believing you are "bad," or feeling guilt or shame; easily overwhelmed or lack of

patience.

There are two more forms of trauma to understand, which may give some insight into the issues that have plagued Native Americans for centuries. *Historical trauma* can best be defined as "trauma experienced by a specific cultural group that has a history of being systematically oppressed." The term "historical trauma," first introduced by Dr-Maria-Yellow-Horse-Brave-Heart, is described as a "cumulative emotional and psychological wounding" from massive group trauma across generations."

Some examples of historical trauma include slavery, forced assimilation, attempted genocide, and other notable historical travesties. The effects of historical trauma come in many forms, such as substance abuse, intimate partner violence, lack of empathy and nurturing, depression, anxiety, suicide, and physical and emotional pain.

According to trauma advocates, *generational trauma*, also known as *inter-generational trauma*, occurs when a traumatic event affects an individual, family, or community and gets passed down to subsequent generations. Intergenerational trauma is a theory that trauma and its responses are passed genetically through our DNA for generations. For example, a person today may experience depression and anxiety and can't exactly pinpoint why. This could be a genetic marker that resulted from a catastrophic event in his great-great-grandmother's life that culminated in her traumat-

ic responses that would affect her family for years to come.

Intergenerational trauma responses can show up when one is angered or saddened when triggered by an emotional event. The descendant of the once-traumatized family member may inflict self-harm or enact self-destructive behaviors, experience depression and anxiety, have survivor guilt, feel oppressed, or exhibit low self-esteem.

Trauma is different for everyone.

Not everyone experiences a tragic life event. Trauma can occur from being bullied or life changes such as a new job or moving to another town. Traumatic situations cause emotional wounds. Such wounds need attention, empathy, and care. Having compassion for trauma survivors helps the survivor feel understood and justified.

Native Americans have felt the intergenerational and historical trauma responses for many years, from forced relocation, attempted genocide, and, most recently, residential boarding schools. It is easy to see why so many of our people suffer in the aftermath of indescribable things that have happened in our past.

But healing is possible. Native Americans are some of the most resilient people on Earth. We rely heavily on our culture and traditions to maintain our connection to our ancestors' teachings and ways. We have withstood some of the most horrific challenges in history, yet here we are, surviving and thriving.

Researchers have found that

treatment involving culturally relative concepts and practices has been helpful to Native Americans in beginning to feel connected to their culture again. Practicing healing activities, attending counseling, partaking in ceremonies, and focusing on the positives may significantly impact your, and your future family members' mental health.

There are several upcoming events designed to help heal our intergenerational traumas. A community feast to honor residential boarding school attendees is on the agenda for Sept. 30, 2024, at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building along with the ARC's

Orange Shirt Day photo opportunity. The ARC has advocates on hand to help those impacted by violence or sexual assault, followed by an event for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Domestic violence is a direct result of historical and intergenerational traumas experienced in our past. Although violence is not our tradition, the cruel acts bestowed upon us have certainly taken their toll on our behaviors.

Please contact the Advocacy Resource Center at (906) 632-1808 for more information about our advocacy services. You may also visit our website at www.arc-saulttribe.com.

Wetmore walkers make tracks



Wetmore housing residents have been meeting twice a week to walk. Pictured above are (L-R) Leroy Bonneau, Leonard Aldrich, Amanda Tyson, CHT, Susie Steinhoff, Kim Desarmo; sitting in front (L-R) are Vern Steinhoff and Ron Livermore. Any tribal members interested in joining can contact Valerie or Amanda with Community Health at the Munising Tribal Health Center, (906) 387-4721.

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Anishinaabemowin 2024

“Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together.” – J.C. Penny
 “Learn character from trees, values from roots, and change from leaves.” – Louise Hay

This is a good time (**Dagwaagi** – it is fall) to identify the trees near you since they still have their leaves. Leaves might be the easiest way to recognize a tree though its bark and overall shape are helpful, too. Knowing “our” trees connects us to **Shkakamigkwe** (Mother Earth). You belong to her and to us, your people, your tribe.

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by Susan Askwith



Maanda niibiish dbendaagwat _____ mitig.

This leaf belongs to a _____ tree.



Aaniish e-zhinakaazid maaba dinawa mitig?

What is the name of this kind of tree?

N'daa gnawaabndaan niibiish. Zhijiyaa.

I should look at a leaf. It has a certain shape.

Zhinaagod na zhaabonigan? (Enh; Kaa)

Does it look like a needle? (yes; no)

Nbagaa na niibiish? Is the leaf flat?

Giinaa na? Is it pointy?

Gniwaakijiyaa na? Is it elongated?

Waawiye'aamagad na? Is it round?

Giipaa na jiigewe? Is it rough around the edge?

Naabiisinoon na dooskwe'aabiinsan?

Do the veins lie in a certain pattern?

Baabagosewag na dgwaagig, newe niibiishan?

Do they fall off in the fall, those leaves?

Mitigoonsan miinwaa naabiisinoon.

The branches also form a pattern.

Oonh! N'da nsidwaabmaa wa mitig!

Oh! I recognize that tree!

Michigan shpang neyaashiing doo daa.

It lives in the Upper Penninsula of Michigan.

Doo daa na besha endaayin?

Does it live nearby to your place?

Nokiiwag, newe niibiishan. Oxygen zhitoowag.

They are working, those leaves. They make oxygen

Miigwech na g'gii kid nangwa?

Did you say thank-you today?

Semaa g'daa bagidinaa.

You could offer tobacco.

G'misenh maage g'sayenh aawi, wa mitig.

That tree is your older sister or brother.



Pronunciation?? You'll find the Anishinaabemowin words used here as well as those in the calendar, pronounced at our FaceBook link:

www.facebook.com/SaultTribeLanguageAndCulture.

You can also use the guide shown below!

Making our Sounds Most letters sound like they do in English. Here are the exceptions.

aa sounds like the a in *awesome* **a** sounds like the a in *about*

ii sounds like the e in *be* **i** sounds like the i in *dip*

oo sounds like the o in *go* **o** sounds like the oo's in *book*

e sounds like the e in *Ed* **g** sounds only like it does in *go*

We underlined the syllables that get the emphasis.

Pronounce all the letters. Big deal: 'nh' in a word has no sound!

It's only a sign to say the previous vowel nasally - as if you have a stuffed-up nose!



Aambe, baapin! (Come on, laugh!)

What is a cup of tea made with old tea leaves called? *Maturi-Tea, of course*

Why were so many people collecting leaves under that tree? *It's a poplar tree.*

Why is that leaf shaped like a chicken? *It's from a poul-tree.*

Why are trees so carefree and happy in the fall? *They get to let loose.*

How did the apple tree get the job?

It had the right qua-leaf-ications.

Why do leaves make terrible comedians?

Because they always fall flat!

Tribal members get traditional herbal tea lesson



Traditional Ojibwe Herbalist Lori Gambardella teaches herbal tea class.



Fourteen women took the recent class, sponsored by Health Education, and learned how to make a coniferous tea and a tonic tea.



Each participant made themselves some tea, guided by Gambardella. Photos by Jennifer Dale-Burton



Traditional Medicine's Katrina Waid and Autumn Pavlat (L-R) take a break, surrounded by the swamp tea they have been gathering for Traditional Medicine. Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

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13 Nbwaachwe. (S/he is visiting.)	14 Anishnaabejig Giizhigad (Indigenous Peoples' Day)	15 Shkaakamakwe (Mother Earth)	16 jibay kanan (skeleton)	17 Mooshkaneshin Dibiki Giizis. (It is a full moon.)	18 Manise. (S/he is making firewood.)	19 mndaamin bkwaakwod (popcorn ball)
20 esbikenh (spider)	21 koosmaan (pumpkins)	22 mkadewozi gaazhag (black cat)	23 Zegis. (S/he is scared.)	24 niibiishkaa (lots of leaves)	25 mshkimod (bag)	26 Dibikad (It is dark.)
27 jibay wiikongewin (spirit feast)	28 bkwezhighaanhsag (cookies)	29 nboop (soup)	30 Biiskwanyen (Get dressed)	31 Tasewan (Halloween)		

Star Wars: A New Hope dubbed in Ojibwe

Two Sault Tribe Anishinaabemowin speakers participate in language revitalization effort

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) version of Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope made its debut Aug. 8, 2024, at Centennial Concert Hall in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Late last year, Walt Disney Studios announced that Disney and Lucasfilm were working with the Dakota Ojibwe Tribal Council and the University of Manitoba to create the Ojibwe version of the 1977 film.

The original Star Wars film has been translated into more than 50 languages, and the Ojibwe dub is the second time it has been translated into an Indigenous people's language. In 2013, it was translated into Navajo and became available to watch on Disney Plus in 2021.

Ojibwe, or Anishinaabemowin, is the traditional language of one of the largest Indigenous groups in the U.S. and Canada, with an estimated 320,000 speakers.

In the 1977 movie, Luke Skywalker joined forces with a Jedi knight, a cocky pilot, a wookiee and two droids to save the galaxy from the empire's world-destroying battle station, while also attempting to rescue Princess Leia from arch-villain Darth Vader.

The voice actors for the Ojibwe dub included Aandeg Jedi



Sault Tribe member Tomantha Sylvester portrayed C-3PO

Muldrew, Anishinaabe, as Luke Skywalker; Ajuawak Kapashesit, White Earth Ojibwe Nation, of Anishinaabe, Cree and Jewish descent, as Han Solo; Tomantha Sylvester Nimi Anungo Kwe (Dancing Star Woman), Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, as C-3PO; Jeff Monague Myiingan Minaakwhe, Beausoleil First Nation, as Grand Moff Tarkin; John-Paul Chalykoff, Michipicoten First Nation, as Uncle Owen; Wanda Barker Giwedinoonz, Hollow Water First Nation, as Aunt Beru, and Niigaanii-Animikii Inini Calvin Hartwig, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, gave voice to Red Leader, one of the characters in the movie performed on camera by the late Gordon Drewe Henley. The project was directed by Ellyn Stern Epcar, who also directed the Navajo dub, and was produced by Michael Kohn.

Hartwig has spent the last two years trying to re-energize the Ojibwe language at Red Cliff. "I serve there as the Anishinaabe language culture coordinator," Hartwig said. "Not only is this



Sault Tribe member Calvin Hartwig voiced Red Leader

the first Disney film dubbed in Ojibwe, as far as I know it's the first major Hollywood film dubbed in Ojibwe," he said. "This is really a moment to be all hands-on deck to revitalize Ojibwe. This film will be a vehicle for that. The Creator gifted us this beautiful language, it's our responsibility to maintain, grow, and use it, and this film is one small way of doing that."

According to a press release from Indigenous Broadcaster APTN, much of the voice work happened in the Winnipeg area, including script translation, auditions and sound recordings. Sound mixing and post-production work was then finalized at Skywalker Sound in California.

Sylvester, who gave voice to C-3PO, said, "One of the most powerful moments I've had on my language learning journey was when my mother told me that we didn't have a word for 'reality' and that the closest we have is the word 'life' (bimaadiziwin). This was one of those moments where all I could do is stare at a wall for some time. Of course



John-Paul Chalykoff, Michipicoten First Nation, was Uncle Owen

we didn't have a word for reality. Everything was real. Everything was connected. This is not to say life was perfect, but it must have been unquestionably different in a positive way.

"Certainly, our sacred language has survived. It is not just a language to be spoken, but to be lived as well. This will be an incredible teaching tool to our people of all ages that are looking to learn. It's also important for folks to see and hear that representation, especially in such a beloved film," she said.

The project is supported in part by the Canadian government through the Indigenous Languages and Cultures Program from Canadian Heritage. A former member of the Manitoba

Legislative Assembly helped launch the project in 2021 after proposing it to a Lucasfilm executive as a language revitalization project.

Chalykoff, who was the voice of Uncle Owen, said he started taking Anishinaabemowin at Algoma University in Fall 2006. "I had some exposure before that, but that was when I really started taking it more seriously. It has been a life long journey since then, with lots of teachers, mentors, and friends to help learn along the way.

"I think this project will help bring the language into our homes, as any family with access to Disney Plus will soon be able to watch it. It will allow people to hear the language in a new setting, and hear new words for new concepts such as lightsabers and hyperspace, among others. It keeps the language in a living state, where it's not just something used in the past, but being carried forward into the future." Eventually, Star Wars (Anangong Miigaading) will be released on Disney Plus. The movie trailer and poster art can be viewed online at: <https://globalnews.ca/news/10180863/star-wars-in-objibwe/>

Lucas Grondin attends Natives Rising STEM camp in D.C.

Washington, D.C., — Sault Tribe member Lucas Grondin, a high school senior from Nicolet High School in Glendale, Wisc., recently returned from an enlightening week at the Natives Rising STEM Camp held in Washington, D.C. The camp, designed to inspire and educate Native American youth about careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), brought together talented participants from across the country, including North Carolina, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Alaska.

The event kicked off with a day of touring the National Mall and its monuments, offering participants a deeper appreciation of American history and its connection to their future careers. The day also included a visit to the National Museum of the American Indian allowing participants the opportunity to explore tribal traditions from around the country.

Throughout the week, the participants were immersed in a series of engaging STEM sessions hosted by some of the nation's most prominent institutions. They had the opportunity to attend workshops at major tech giants Microsoft and Google, where they engaged in hands-on activities and learned from leading experts about the latest innovations and career opportunities in technology. Other sessions took place at the White House,



Lucas with a few other camp participants

the U.S. State Department, and the Department of Homeland Security. These visits were not only educational but also provided a broader perspective on how STEM fields intersect with national policy and security. The camp also included sessions at George Washington and George Mason Universities, where students explored advanced research and higher education opportunities.

Natives Rising STEM Camp highlights a growing movement to increase Native American representation in STEM fields.

"This experience was truly transformative," Grondin shared. "I learned so much about the vast opportunities available in STEM and how I can use my skills to make a difference in my community and beyond."

Lucas is the son of tribal elder



Lucas (at right) with Natives Rising STEM Camp Director Zach Oxendine, head of Strategic Initiatives Technology Cybersecurity at Microsoft and a member of the Lumbee Tribe in South Carolina.

Brian Grondin and Christine Lucas from Glendale, Wisc., and grandson of Marlene Grondin of St. Ignace, Mich.

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Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and Conservation: *Reminder on reporting, permits*

BY CHIEF OF POLICE ROBERT MARCHAND

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE) issues treaty hunting and fishing licenses to Sault Tribe members to be utilized within the boundaries of the 1836 Treaty Area. If members have questions regarding these licenses, the criteria for obtaining them or the regulations governing their use, contact STLE at (906) 635-6065.

Inland Hunting and Fishing

STLE would like to remind any members who held a 2023 Inland license that harvest reports were due Feb. 1, 2024. These reports are required regardless of whether you caught any fish or game, or whether you engaged in any activity. Members will not be able to obtain a 2024 license until this report is received. If you are requesting this license for the first time, you are required to provide a copy of your tribal card along with proof of hunter safety if you want to engage in treaty hunting rights.

STLE office staff began issuing 2024 inland licenses March 1, 2024. The cost to get your license will now be \$10. Please remember that if you are using this license for fishing purposes, you are only authorized to fish inland lakes and streams within the boundaries of the 1836 Treaty Area. There are some exceptions on specific bodies of water that you can find more information about in tribal code.

Bear and elk winners have been contacted and seasons have begun. **NO TRIBAL MEMBER SHALL USE CHOCOLATE OR ANYTHING WITH COCOA FOR BAITING OR FEEDING OF ANY ANIMAL.** 21.519 Baiting (8).

Early firearm deer season is Sept. 3 – Oct. 31, 2024 in which hunters are allowed to harvest two deer with a firearm, only one of which may be antlered.

Late firearm deer season is Nov. 15 – Jan. 5, 2025 in which hunters may fill any remaining tags from early season or choose to harvest all five deer during this time.

It is **ILLEGAL** for members to hunt deer with a firearm Nov. 1 – 14, 2024.

Archery deer season is Sept. 3, 2024 – Jan. 5, 2025 in which hunters may take all five deer at any point.

Fall turkey season is Sept. 15 through Nov. 14 with a bag limit of two either-sex birds.

Migratory bird season dates, bag limits and possession limits can be emailed or picked up from our office, please call to get it emailed.

Great Lakes Fishing – Subsistence/Netting and Commercial

Commercial licenses – captains and helpers – require an appointment be made with STLE in order to renew each year. It is important that helpers and captains call to schedule their own appointments. STLE has to obtain specific personal information each year that only the member themselves can provide. Per the new Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority code, captains are now required to report BI-WEEKLY, reports are due the second and fourth Wednesday of each month and no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern time regardless of where you are commercial fishing. The report needs to be submitted online with the new CORA site. The dates you are required to report for are available on the new CORA reporting system. The new CORA code is available at www.saulttribe.com (Government-Tribal Code).

If you hold a subsistence license or subsistence netting licenses, please remember that you are required to turn in a monthly catch report by the 10th of each month, regardless of effort or harvest. If you take a picture and email your subsistence reports, please send them to the following email addresses: rlafaver@saulttribe.net, afischer@saulttribe.net.

Please remember that these licenses are valid only on the Great Lakes within the boundaries of Sault Tribe's 1836 Treaty Area. Chapter 20 of tribal

code and CORA code regulate both subsistence licenses. As a reminder, you are authorized to recreationally fish in the Great Lakes within the boundaries of our 1836 Treaty Area with just your up-to-date tribal member-

ship card as long as you follow state of Michigan rules for the activity.

It is required that members will educate themselves on the various rules governing our treaty rights; however, STLE is here

to help members wade through the sometimes-complex rules. If you cannot find the information you are looking for in tribal and/or CORA code, please contact our office and ask to speak with a conservation officer.

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Little Agate Children's Consignment Boutique gets \$5,000 grant

Little Agate Children's Consignment Boutique, located at 1015 N. Third Street in Marquette, Mich., is thrilled to celebrate its second anniversary alongside winning a \$5,000 grant from the Sault Tribe Business Alliance and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). This grant, awarded following a successful pitch competition, will be used to enhance their online presence and strengthen their community connections through a partnership with EDGE, another tribal-owned business.

This exciting news comes at a particularly special time as Little Agate celebrates its second anniversary. Since opening our doors, we have been dedicated to providing quality, affordable children's clothing to the community, and this grant will help us continue to grow and serve our customers better.

Owner of Little Agate, Leah Blanchard, said, "I've worked so hard to grow this business and I am so grateful for the opportunity this grant awards me. Being a single mother and sole business owner and operator is a lot of work. It's difficult to do everything that a growing business needs day to day, and also tell the story about what we do and why we do it, which is very important for a small

business, especially one rooted in values like community and sustainability as we are.

"I am so excited to work

with EDGE! They specialize in marketing and public relations, so this partnership will improve our website, offerings, and bet-

ter tell Little Agate's story. The grant will also support improvements to our service offerings, including expanding our baby registry alternative and enhancing our cloth diaper services.

"These enhancements will

our sustainable footprint and offer even more to our community."

For additional information, contact Leah Blanchard at (906) 287-6535 or littleagate906@gmail.com.



Leah Blanchard at the Sault Tribe Business Alliance annual conference holding fresh sweet grass starts, which were gifted to conference attendees.

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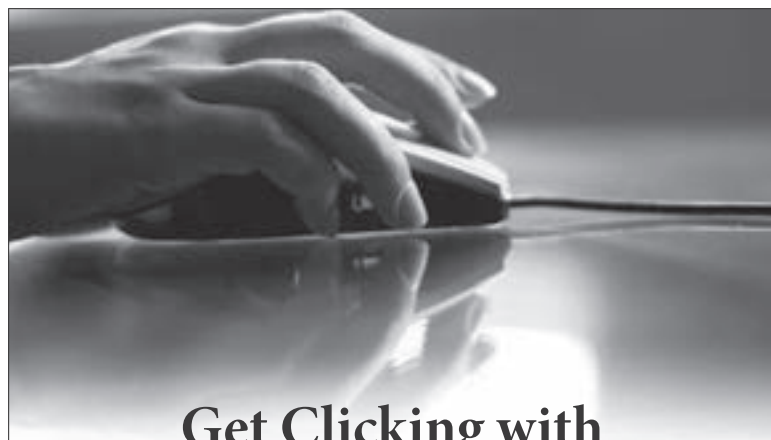
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_____	01/23/25	Michigan Tech (W/M)
_____	01/25/25	Northern Michigan (W/M)
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Munising hosts Community Picnic on Sept. 12



The Munising Elder Committee members, Greg Pond, Sue Steinhoff, Janae Vogg, Vicki Walden and Dave Martin (L-R) pose as buffalo burgers fry in the foreground. Fried fish, fresh-cut french fries, grilled corn on the cob and a host of side dishes and desserts were also available at the feast.



A long line formed in the Sault Tribe Health Center kitchen in Munising and snaked down the hall with an estimated attendance of more than 75 individuals.



The Teal Lake Singers including Unit V Director Tyler LaPlaunt performed in both Munising and Marquette on Sept. 12.



A protective canopy provided ideal conditions for those opting to eat outside.



Above, Sue and Vern Steinhoff sat with Kathy and Pete Sayers, while below Dale and Emily Cummings dine together.



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30th annual Gathering of the Eagles, Honoring our Community Warriors, Hessel powwow



Ready for Saturday afternoon's grand entry, Emcee Josh Homminga (right) is waiting for the all-ready signal from head veteran Nick Van Alstine.



Flag carriers present their flags during Saturday's grand entry.



Head female dancer Sara Lynn (left) and Head male dancer Abe Bouschor (center) lead dancers around the circle.



Jingle dress dancers during grand entry.



Head veteran Nick Van Alstine carrying the POW staff during afternoon grand entry.



Photos by Brenda Austin

Sara Lynn, whose spouse is a veteran, hugs Rain Weber, the son of Tiffany Germain and Sean Weber, as dancers and attendees thank veterans for their service.



Tim Archer II, 28, holding son Dalton Archer, 18 months, with Jameson Archer, 8, standing in front.



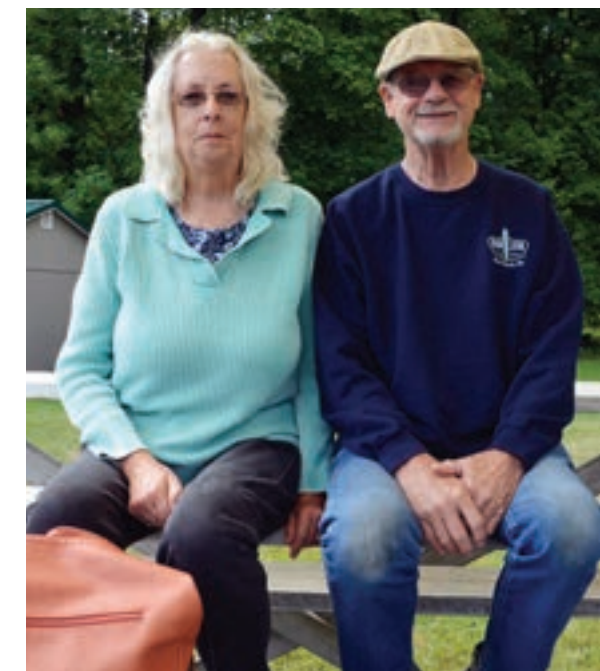
Linda Jones enjoying the beautiful weather during the Saturday afternoon grand entry.



Octavia Weber, 8.



Jennifer and Michael Larson from Sault Ste. Marie.



Sue and Ken Malcolm from Hessel, Mich.



Young dancers keeping the culture alive.



Jamie Verwiebe and her son Arrow Hatch, 8, at the Hessel powwow getting ready for grand entry.



Kelly Paquin (left), Bella Fisher (back center), Shelby Fisher and Owen Pollard (center) and Emery Pollard (front center).



Chuck Summer with host drum Mukkwa Giizhik.



Kyla and Noah Anderson of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Newberry powwow: *Bringing Our Community Together*



Above, Head Veteran Nick Van Alstine leads grand entry at the Newberry powwow on Sept. 7. Below, Firekeeper Cody Gierke of Rapid River with his girlfriend Becki Miller of Sault Ste. Marie.



Above, unseasonably cool temperatures on Sept. 7 had Newberry residents Jack Olson and Darlene Dolwick sharing a blanket on the powwow grounds. The dancers and drummers seemingly kept themselves warm by being active, but others were forced to employ jackets, blankets and even sleeping bags in an effort to stave off the cold. Below, jingle dress dancers Alec Lindenberger of Marquette and Katy Matson of Munising.



Above, host drum Mukkwa Giizhik performs sharing duties with co-host drum Frog Hillz, below.



Photos by Scott Brand
Virginia Hutchinson enjoys an Indian taco at the Newberry powwow accompanied by her grandchildren, 2-year-old Sunshine, and 3-year-old Stella. Their dog, Tillie, also attended the event.



Les Ailing and Laura Bouschor teamed up in the nearby kitchen making Indian tacos. The tacos were provided at no cost to those in attendance in lieu of a feast.



Above, head male dancer Michael Hatch and head female dancer Melissa Causley take a break.

Walking on...

ANTON "TONY" JOHN PAVLAT

Anton "Tony" John Pavlat, 71, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., died Aug. 26, 2024, in Sault Ste. Marie.



He was born in Sault Ste. Marie on April 11, 1953, to Alois and Katherine (Santigo) Pavlat.

Tony worked for the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians in the Maintenance Department. He made pizza at the Old Fasanella Restaurant of Sault Ste. Marie, where he met his wife Ann Marie Myotte.

Tony was a member of the Nativity Catholic Church.

Tony loved his dog "Peanut" and she went everywhere with him. One of his dearest friends and roommate was Otis Boshor Jr. "my son," they enjoyed going out for car rides, eating out, and sitting out on the porch for hours just visiting.

Tony was survived by his daughter, Mary Ann (Douglas) Sawyers of Sault Ste. Marie; brothers, James (Kathy) Pavlat of South Hadley, Mass., Howard (Angie) Pavlat of Stafford, Va., Gene (Mar) Pavlat of the Philippines, Dale Pavlat, and Phillip (Debbie) Pavlat of Sault Ste. Marie; sisters, Rosaline (Lynn) Armstrong of Sault Ste. Marie, and Gloria (Tony) Kangas of Sault Ste. Marie.

Tony was preceded in death by his parents, Alois and Katherine; brother, Larence Pavlat; and sister, Veronica Caskey.

A tribal service was held on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024, at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Center, 11 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left at www.familylifefh.com.

JAMES HOWARD LITTLE JR.

James Howard Little Jr., 80, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., died surrounded by his family on Aug. 31, 2024, at MyMichigan Medical Center



and numerous uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Huskey shines in Tribal Health Experiential Internship Seminar

Marlee Huskey, a citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and senior at Michigan Technological University, made a significant impact during the eight-week Tribal Health Experiential Internship Seminar (THESIS) program.

THESIS, a virtual internship, focuses on promoting Tribal public health and is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Office of Minority Health and

Sault. He was born in a small unincorporated town of Zennith, W.V., on Jan. 26, 1944, to James and Ruth (Shaver) Little.

Jim served his country in the United States Air Force and was stationed at the Kincheloe Airforce Base where he met the love of his life, Mary Thersa Souliere. Together they made vows on May 26, 1966, and spent the next 58 years by each other's side. Jim was well known around the Sault as the EUPTA bus driver, as he dedicated 40 years of his life and enjoyed his career very much.

Jim loved fishing, and playing the guitar and singing, especially with George Snider. He also enjoyed playing cards, dice, and gambling at the casino.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife Thersa; children, Richard, Brenda, and James Little, all of Sault Ste. Marie; grandchildren, Richard (Chelsea) Little, Robert (Rachelle) Little, Shawn Vanigan, Elena Little, Barbara (Shawn) McKerchie, and Madison Deuman; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Jim loved his entire family dearly and will be missed greatly.

Jim was preceded in death by his youngest son, Daniel Little; parents, James and Ruth; and brother, Bobby Little.

A celebration of life was held on Friday, Sept. 6, 2024, at the Niigaanagizhik Cultural Building, located at 11 Ice Circle Dr. in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich..

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

JAMES L. GATES

James L. Gates was born Dec. 31, 1939, and passed on Sept. 8, 2024, and was a proud Sault Tribe member.

Jim was 85 and is survived by his children Kenneth J. Gates, 60 years old and resides in Forest Grove, Ore. He has a daughter, Suzanne R. Gates, and she is 59 years old and resides in Beaverton, Ore.

Jim was raised in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and joined the U.S. Army and after his service he headed west to California for



work and that's when he became a cabinet maker. In the early 1970s Jim found that Oregon was a good place to raise his family and found work and moved his family and then-wife Barbara who he eventually was widowed from.

Jim found his way to Battle Ground, Wash., and is survived by wife Joanne. Jim was very proud of his tribal heritage and passed that culture down to his children.

DEAN B. PRICE

Dean B. Price, 67, of Noblesville, Ind., peacefully passed away with his family present on Sunday, Sept. 1, 2024, at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville. He was born on July 2, 1957, to Warren and Connie (Freeman) Price in Ft. Riley, Kan.



Dean proudly served his country for 10 years as a Sergeant in the United States Army where his duty was a crane operator.

He grew up wanting to be a truck driver since the age of 5, and fulfilled that dream working for Sysco Food Distributors and Klosterman Baking Company for many years. Dean was a member of Christ Lutheran Church and was baptized on March 26, 1989. He had a strong Christian faith.

Dean was a member of the American Legion and Teamsters Union, and enjoyed fishing, deer hunting, and all motorsports. He was a big fan of the TV series, M*A*S*H, and enjoyed watching different documentaries, especially about animals. Dean was a master of crossword and jigsaw puzzles, and enjoyed playing euchre. He was known for his Scooby-Doo laugh and funny sense of humor.

Dean was very proud of his Native American heritage and was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of the Chippewa Indians. He also loved eagles.

Dean is survived by his wife of 36 years, Sheri Lagrange Price; children, Danielle (William) Emery, Bryan Price, and Tori Price; four grandchildren, Caitlin Price (Aaron Banks), Kaleb French, Will Emery, and Jacob Emery; and one great-grandson on the way. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Janet Price; aunt, Willetta

Price; cousin, Carol Gritti; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Dean was preceded in death by his twin sons, Curtis and Logan Price; brothers, Kevan Price and Keith Price; and his sister, Cathi Price-Page.

Visitation was held on Sept. 5, at Christ Lutheran Church, 10055 E. 186th Street in Noblesville, with a reception to following in the fellowship hall. Rev. Jacob Hercamp officiated the services. Dean will be laid to rest at a later date in Greenwood Cemetery in Tell City, Ind., with military honors. The graveside services will be entrusted to Huber Funeral Home.

The family asked at Dean's request that those attending dress casually and preferably in denim.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Christ Lutheran Church Endowment Fund, 10055 E. 186th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060 (<https://clc-in.org>); or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

Condolences: www.randall-roberts.com

To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Dean B. Price, please visit the funeral home website.

KRISTEN J. TERRIAN

Kristen Jean Terrian, 39, of Gulliver, Mich., passed away on Aug. 2, 2024. Kristen was born in Manistique, Mich., on Jan. 7, 1985. Kristen was the daughter of Jerry Alan and Karen (Weber) Terrian.



Kristen was a kind, gentle soul who has completed her journey here but will continue to be in the hearts of her family. We know we will be united with her and that "His will be done."

Kristen is survived by her parents, Jerry Alan and Karen Terrian of Gulliver; her four daughters, Keyera Jean Collins, Kylie Jo Collins of Manistique, Jayden Marie Terrian of Gulliver, and Lilian Mae Ogle of Manistique; brothers, Jerry Ivan Terrian of Florida; Justin Terrian of Gulliver; sisters, Julia (Jon) Burk of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Kim Marie (Bob) Stone of Grand Rapids, Mich., Korina (Soulaimeane) Aghmar of Wisc.,

and numerous uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Gerald and Mary Alice Weber; paternal grandparents, Leonard and Alveda Terrian; sister, Jody Terrian; and nephew, James Terrian.

Cremation arrangements were provided by Ofield Funeral Home in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Fausett Family Funeral Home also provided assistance for the family.

A celebration of life was held at the Manistique VFW on Sept. 7, 2024.

GEORGINA MARIE WHITE

Georgina (Gina) Marie White, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Sunday, July 14, 2024, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City following an automobile accident.



Gina was born in Indiana on Aug. 17, 1957, to Maurice and Cecelia White. She graduated from Newberry High School with the class of 1975. She later went on to obtain her RN and worked many places during her nursing career, notably serving both the Sault Tribe and Bay Mills Indian Community.

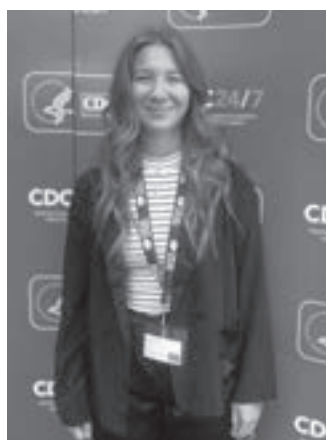
On Oct. 5, 1981, she welcomed her only child, George E. Tessier IV.

Gina enjoyed watching Tiger baseball, camping, and spending time with her family. In her earlier years she enjoyed riding her motorcycle.

Gina is survived by her brother Mark (Fran) White; sisters, Mary (Larry) Perron, Theresa White, and Kathy Smith; grandson, George E. Tessier V.; nephews Michael (Lynda) White, Joshua (Misty) White, Preston (Rachel) White, Kevin (Shannon) White, and Jacob (Melissa) Perron; nieces, Alyssia (Randall) White-Rogers, Melanie (Tim) McBride, and Angela (Rob) Emanuel; as well as many friends.

Gina was predeceased by her parents, son George E. Tessier IV, and brother Randall White.

A celebration of life was held on Friday, July 19, at the Sault Tribe Cultural Center for family and friends. Memorial contributions in her name may be made to Gift of Life, Michigan.



Marlee Huskey

Health Equity through its Lewis Scholars Program.

As one of seven organizations in the Lewis Scholars Program, THESIS operates under the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board in Oklahoma City. Interns delve into Native American culture, resilience, and various aspects of public health, including epidemiology and research.

Their intensive eight-week journey culminates in the creation of research posters, which they present at the CDC head-

quarters in Atlanta, Ga.

Huskey's research topic centered around long-term arsenic exposure effects on neurological health of Native American elders.

Reflecting on their THESIS experience, she said, "My experience with THESIS was extremely eye opening and overall a great opportunity to learn more about my culture. We had some truly inspiring speakers talk to us about their culture. Alongside the presentations, I

learned so much about creating a research poster and more specifically about my research topic and the health disparities Native Americans face."

She added, Getting the chance to present my research at the CDC was amazing and I met so many wonderful people who were curious to learn more about my topic."

For more information about THESIS and the Lewis Scholars Program, visit <https://thesis.spthb.org>.

Tribal member Kevin Leonard named MSU's NAI director

Kevin Leonard, who has helped renew relationships with Michigan's tribal communities as interim director of MSU's Native American Institute (NAI), has been named the institute's permanent director effective Aug. 1.

He was appointed interim director in Oct. 2022 by then MSU Provost Teresa Woodruff who recognized his background, expertise, and forward-thinking commitment as integral to the success of NAI.

As interim director, Leonard led NAI's transition from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources to the Office of University Outreach and Engagement (UOE), where he



Kevin Leonard

began conducting listening sessions with Michigan's 12 federally recognized Tribes and partners across the state. As a member

of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Leonard's extensive knowledge has contributed to better understanding Native communities and what they want from NAI and MSU as a partner.

"We're thrilled to recognize Kevin's transition from interim director to a permanent leadership role," said Kwesi Brookins, vice provost for UOE. "His professional experience and personal affiliations will continue to renew relationships with American Indian Tribes, communities, and partners throughout Michigan."

Over the past two years, Leonard has been engaging in

programming to reestablish NAI's presence on and off campus. NAI collaborated with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights and MSU Libraries, which led to the Michigan Indian Boarding School Research Initiative, providing up to three members from each of Michigan's federally recognized Tribes access to MSU's electronic databases for research purposes.

"I'm honored to continue serving the Native Nations throughout our state as director of NAI," Leonard said. "I have dedicated much of my professional career to establishing and nurturing partnerships with Tribal communities and look forward to sustaining

those relationships both on and off campus."

A lifelong Spartan, Leonard earned three degrees from MSU including a doctorate and master's in adult and lifelong education, as well as a bachelor's in hospitality business.

In addition to serving as an active member of EAGLE, MSU's Native American Faculty and Staff Association, Leonard is also a member of the Native American Advisory Council for the Michigan Diversity Council, and an elected official of Holt Public Schools' Board of Trustees and the Delhi Township Parks Commissioner.

Tribal foster families hold picnic

BY ASHLEY MORROW, ACFS

On Aug. 14, 2024, the EUP AFPRR (Adoptive Foster Parent Recruitment and Retention) Coalition held its annual Foster Parent Appreciation End of Summer Picnic at Sherman Park in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The event was organized to honor foster families and their contributions, offering a day filled with activities and community engagement. Partnering agencies for the event included DHHS, Great Lakes Recovery, Anishnaabek Community and Family Services, and UP Kids.

Foster families enjoyed a

variety of activities, such as rock painting, a bouncy house obstacle course, cornhole games, swimming, and exploring the playgrounds. Children especially loved discovering hidden painted rocks throughout the park.

The picnic also provided an opportunity for children to meet local first responders. Sault City Police demonstrated their vehicles, Bay Mills Police showcased their patrol car, and Border Patrol officers displayed their ATVs. Sault Fire and EMT services brought fire trucks and ambulances, with EMTs and firemen engaging in cornhole games and

providing individual fire truck demonstrations.

Participants enjoyed meals from Bob's Food Truck, and ice cream bars were provided as a sweet finale to the event.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who participated, especially the foster families who continue to make a difference in the lives of children. Your dedication, love, and commitment are truly inspiring. We also extend our thanks to the volunteers and partnering organizations whose support helped create a memorable and meaningful day for these incredible families.

Happy Birthday, Baby



Happy 1st birthday, Leighlyn Rae-Ann. — Love, Nonna & Papa



A job of all foster parents — Raising Hope and Fostering Dreams.



Painting rocks was a fun activity.



Border Patrol Agent Pavlat.



Ryker Agawa thanks Sault Tribe Unit 4 Board of Directors for buying his first market steer at the U.P. State Fair. "I really appreciate it!"



Bob's Food Trailer served up food at the picnic.



Sault Fire EMT Adrian Levy



Unit V picnic welcomes Marquette area residents



Kevin Tillison and Corey LaPlaunt manned the grills cooking bacon to accompany the bison burgers, brats, Polish sausage and hot dogs.



Cultural Event Coordinator Stacie Mattson, center, attended the picnic with her daughter, Jordan Carrol and fiance, David Chambers.



Mary Wachter and her daughter, Cindy Crowley.



Taylor Ruotsala holds baby Silas while Sterling Cribbs joins his dad Jorey Cribbs.



Photos by Scott Brand

Christopher Kempke and Denise Martin of Champion met with Sault Tribal Chairman Austin Lowes at the Sept. 12 picnic.

Sault Tribe Community Health Presents

OCTOBER 4TH

Fall Health Fair

FLU AND COVID-19 VACCINES
HEALTH SCREENINGS
"ASK THE PHARMACIST"
"ASK THE DIETICIAN"
SMOKING CESSATION
EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND GIVEAWAYS

DONT FORGET TO WEAR SHORT SLEEVES!

10AM - 2PM | ESCANABA COMMUNITY CENTER
3721 JINGOB ST

FOR MORE INFO CALL THE GLADSTONE TRIBAL HEALTH CENTER AT (906) 341-1836

Manistique Tribal Health Center Presents

Annual Fall Health & Wellness Fair

Friday, October 11
10 am—2 pm
5698W US Highway 2

Flu & COVID-19 Vaccines
Health Screenings
Informational Booths
Educational Materials & Giveaways

For more information call the Manistique Tribal Health Center
906-341-8469

Flu vaccinations are available for Sault Tribe members, members of other federally recognized tribes, non-native spouses & Sault Tribe Employees.

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR SHORT SLEEVES!

September '24: A Message from the Chairman



AUSTIN LOWES
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

Sault Tribe Members,
I want to take a moment to reflect on the important strides we are making together in conservation, health, and the preservation of our cultural practices. Our commitment to protecting our natural resources and our community's well-being remains strong.

Conservation Leadership

The Sault Tribe continues to lead the way in conservation efforts across Michigan. I am proud to share that our Natural Resource Division has seeded over 1,400 pounds of wild rice in Shingle Bay, Munuscong Bay, and Baie De Wasai. This initiative not only supports the revival of this vital resource but also enhances the ecosystem and sustains traditional practices for future generations.

Health and Well-being Initiatives

In our ongoing efforts to ensure the health and safety of our community, I support the upcoming resolution to ban smoking in our five casinos. This measure is crucial for protecting our team members from harmful carcinogens. They deserve a safe work environment, and this step reflects our commitment to their well-being. Director Payment brought this resolution forward, and I would like to thank him for it.

Additionally, we will be addressing another important environmental issue by proposing a ban on Styrofoam products at our properties. In favor of biodegradable alternatives like paper, we are taking a proactive approach to environmental stewardship. Styrofoam can take over 500 years to decompose and transitioning to more sustainable options aligns with our responsibility to leave a healthier world for the next seven generations.

Treaty Rights

I remain dedicated to deepening my understanding of our tribe's commercial treaty rights. Recently, I've had the privilege of accompanying Sault Tribe commercial fishermen on their operations. This firsthand experience is invaluable in comprehending how our treaty rights impact our fishing community. I am grateful to Larry Barbeau, our newly elected board member who is also a commercial fisherman, for generously allowing me to shadow him and his crew while they commercial fished in Lake Michigan. Larry is an excellent teacher, and his advocacy for our fishermen is essential as we appeal of the Consent Decree.

Chi Miigwech!



Together, we are making significant progress in these critical areas. Thank you for your contin-

ued support and dedication to our tribe and its future.

Austin Lowes,

Chairman, Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians
(906) 635-6050



Sault Tribe Chairman Austin Lowes and Unit IV Board Representative and Commercial Fisherman Larry Barbeau on deck for a day of fishing with Barbeau's crew.



New free e-cigarette quit program available for Michigan tribal teens and young adults

FROM ITCMI

With youth e-cigarette use remaining a serious public health threat and threatening to addict a new generation to nicotine, The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan has partnered with Truth Initiative to offer This is Quitting—the first-of-its-kind, free and anonymous text message quit vaping program with over 750,000 enrolled to date.

Launched in January 2019, This is Quitting is designed for teens and young adults looking

to quit e-cigarettes. The program provides them with tailored advice, cognitive and behavioral coping strategies, and social support to help them quit. Results from a clinical trial published by JAMA Internal Medicine demonstrate the effectiveness of the program and found that young adults aged 18-24 who used This is Quitting from Truth had nearly 40% higher odds of quitting compared to a control group.

Youth e-cigarette use remains a serious public health concern.

More than two million teens reported vaping nicotine according to the 2023 National Youth Tobacco Survey, demonstrating that much more needs to be done to address this ongoing public health threat.

Young people in Michigan who are looking to quit vaping can enroll in This is Quitting by texting SACREDBREATH to 88709.

"This is Quitting is meeting a need for hundreds of thousands of young people through a chan-

nel they're comfortable with and use every day," said Dr. Amanda Graham, Chief of Innovations at Truth Initiative. "Many young people now want to quit more than ever, and This is Quitting can help them get support quickly, discreetly and anonymously, wherever they are."

Through its digital quit-smoking programs This is Quitting, EX, and the EX® Program, Truth Initiative has a long history of innovation around developing engaging and effective quit pro-

grams and has helped more than a million tobacco users on their journey to quit. Parents of young people who vape can get support at www.BecomeAnEX.org.

Employers, health systems and health plans can learn more about the EX Program, a quit-smoking and vaping service for employers at www.theexprogram.com.

For more information about the program or to request materials contact Heather Medicine Bear at heather.medicinebear@itcmi.org

Black Rock Bar & Grill coming to Kewadin Casino



ISAAC MCKECHNIE
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Dear Citizens,
I am pleased to announce that we partnered with an award winning, Michigan-born restaurant franchise to open a Black Rock Bar & Grill in its Sault Ste Marie location. When I took office, it was brought to our attention that our Kewadin Restaurants were losing millions of dollars on the

operations of these restaurants. I took the liberty of reaching out to various restaurants franchises to see if there was any interest in taking over our restaurant operations.

In late May 2023, while some of the board members were attending the JLLJ court case in Kalamazoo, we chose to eat at a Black Rock Restaurant, and the food and experience was awesome. During dinner, I reached out to the owner of Black Rock Restaurant Franchises via social media. He later responded, so I asked if I could call him the next morning. After speaking with him the next morning, I scheduled a visit for his team to meet with Kewadin management and the rest is history.

Black Rock Bar and Grill is known for providing diners with an innovative lunch and dinner experience. The Black Rock Bar & Grill menu at Kewadin Casino Sault Ste. Marie will be unique to

Kewadin by providing a full-service menu, including breakfast, to guests.

“We are very eager to bring our concept to the Upper Peninsula and introduce ourselves into the community,” said Jeff Cox, Operations Director at Black Rock Bar & Grill.

The new Black Rock Bar & Grill is expected to open in 2025, replacing the existing DreamCatchers Restaurant, which will be temporarily relocated while the restaurant updates are complete. For those new to the Black Rock Restaurants, guests will be welcomed to an award-winning steakhouse specializing in steaks served and then cooked to perfection by diners on a 755-degree volcanic sizzling rock. Their STEAK ON A STONE™ concept ensures that every bite is just as hot and juicy as the first.

“As we complete the multi-million-dollar hotel renova-

tion, we want to elevate our dining options and offer something more diverse to our customers” said Allen Kerridge, CEO of Kewadin Casinos. “We think Black Rock is the perfect fit to bring a new, exceptional dining experience to our community and to our guests in Sault Ste. Marie.”

Kewadin is going smoke free — it’s time that we cater to our employees and not the smokers. Kewadin team member employees have no choice but to ingest second hand smoke and be subjected to a known carcinogen. Smoking causes cancer and while it is the legal right of the smoker to control what they put in their bodies, it crosses over into violating someone else’s liberty when they have no choice but to ingest someone else’s second hand smoke.

I wish that everyone would realize the damage misusing a sacred item like tobacco causes

to one’s body. In addition to cancer, other obvious impacts are COPD, shortness of breath, contributing to heart disease and a leading factor in strokes and quality of life when the impacts of smoking limit mobility and life choices at the end of one’s life. While an individual choice, a smoker’s decision impacts us all in higher insurance rates for the health outcomes. I support an individual’s right to choose but not to make a choice that can cause someone else harm. That is why I supported the resolution.

Our Kewadin team members’ health and welfare has to take precedence over someone’s elective choice to smoke in our facilities.

For more information about the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, please visit <http://www.saulttribe.com>. For more information about Kewadin Casinos, please visit www.kewadin.com.

Director McKerchie discusses tribal critical issues



MICHAEL MCKERCHIE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Many members have asked how things are going with the new board and its been difficult to answer. In some aspects, many positive things are happening in our tribe, and in a lot of other aspects it’s the same ole’ same ole.’ One thing that hasn’t changed is the culture of the board, some may not know what that means but for many team members they know exactly what

that means.

The purpose of the board is supposed to be to write laws and approve policies and budgets to help guide our tribe. But that authority can be mis-used to give direction and influence team members, often times in workshops but often times outside of board meetings all together. This is a horrible way to govern, as team members are put on the spot and often try to appease a board member. Problems arise when things don’t work out as planned and team members aren’t held accountable because they were doing what the “board said.” Our tribe is too big to run things this way and more and more problems will arise if we continue running our tribe this way. The only thing the “board said” should be resolutions voted on in an open meeting in front of the membership.

Our tribe needs stronger policies to help curb interference — our tribe needs a strong executive team to mandate board consensus rather than just trying to please

a few board members here and there. Our tribe needs leaders who don’t play games and follow the rules to help our nation grow and prosper. Our tribe also needs a Constitutional Amendment to separate powers. Our Elder Advisory Group continues to meet and work on the language for the amendment. I am also aware that community members are meeting to discuss possible solutions. In either approach, I’m glad progress is being made and that we continue to talk about the much-needed change.

Other changes throughout our tribe are also happening. We’ve hired a few key employees and many of our programs continue to grow. Our Natural Resource Department, which houses our forestry, fisheries and environmental programs, recently changed its name to Gidayaangwaami’Idimin Ezhi-Inawendiyang (which translates to “we are being careful in the way that we are being related”) and continues to flourish. They

recently held a few events such as a wild rice restoration and a fire ceremony, and I look forward to what else is in store. For more information, please check out their Facebook page “Sault Tribe Seven Generations.”

Our Housing team has also recently added several more houses and secured funding for an apartment complex for much needed housing for our members in several communities. Chi Miigwech to all those who work so hard to better our tribe and our people.

The work of our team members does not go unnoticed and we will be moving our team member wage-grids soon for all three branches: all governmental, casino, and enterprise team members.

As always, I urge members to continue to get involved, always get both sides of the story, and continue to hold the board accountable with your voices.

Please reach out to me to discuss issues and concerns, I can also be reached at (906) 440-7768. Chi Miigwech.

Borocwicz discusses issues



SHAWN BOROWICZ,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III

Boozhoo,
Hope all is well in your part of the woods and that this wonderful summer has treated you with a lot of adventure and memories. Our tribal health center in St. Ignace is open for business with the grand opening ceremony being held last week with nearly 100 people in attendance, including myself. There were many

speeches given by the dignitaries who were involved in this endeavor for our tribal people. From start to finish, it took 14 months to complete and Straits Area Hospital did a fantastic job seeing it through to its completion.

In the upcoming workshops and meetings, you will see I co-sponsored a resolution to make our casinos smoke free. Many patrons at the Shores have asked to have a smoke free facility or a smoke free gaming area separate from a smoking one. Due to our employees and guests having to breathe second hand smoke, I felt it was best to sign on to this resolution to ban all smoking, including vapes, in our gaming properties. Our guests and employees will have ample room outside to smoke and at the Shores there will be a designated smoking room away from the gaming floor.

Our Unit 3 housing project is moving forward as we met several times with the engineers

and architects to go over the lot layouts, roads, infrastructure and some building models. This is a work in progress and if all goes well we may be able to start moving dirt in the spring.

I was recently appointed to Governor Whitmer’s state of Michigan Gun Violence Prevention Task Force. It is a great honor being chosen for this, being the tribal representative from our state. From my background in public safety serving in one of the most violent counties, I believe I will have a lot to offer this group. A thank you to Mr. Mike McCoy for bringing this to my attention.

We had our annual elders’ dinner in St. Ignace and we served chicken, burgers, hot dogs, brats and all the fixings. It was wonderful talking to everyone and sharing stories. Everyone that helped put this together, cooked and cleaned up, a big thank you.

Respectfully,
Shawn Borowicz, (906) 379-8511 or sborowicz@saulttribe.net

Recovery Housing Openings

Enji Bgosendamig Endaa’aad, “Their Home of Hope”

Having safe, stable housing during the transition from residential substance misuse treatment is a crucial piece of helping people recover. Enji Bgosendamig Endaa’aad, “Their Home of Hope,” is recovery housing provided through Sault Tribe Behavioral Health. There are three recovery homes in Kincheloe, Mich. Two of the homes are for men, and one home is for women seeking supportive housing. These homes offer additional recovery support through no-cost rent, recovery coaches, and occasional transportation to appointments, recovery meetings, and events if needed. Our recovery homes have one-person rooms and household supplies and are fully furnished.

The requirements for admission into Enji Egosendamig Endaa’aad recovery housing are:

- Sault Tribe member, member of other federally recognized Native American tribes, non-Native spouse or dependent of a Sault Tribe member
- 18 years of age or older
- Diagnosed with an opioid/amphetamine use disorder
- Successful completion of an inpatient chemical dependency program or an outpatient program, or are currently attending

outpatient treatment

- Minimum of 30 days abstinent (exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis)
- Committed to abstinence from substances, including alcohol and illicit drugs, including marijuana or any mood-altering substance, unless prescribed by a licensed medical provider (i.e., MAT)

— Medically and emotionally stable to actively take part in groups and follow house rules and policies

— Agree to occasional drug testing

Individuals who live in Sault Tribe Behavioral Health’s recovery housing have weekly meetings with recovery coaches and the recovery house administrator to help support and continue their recovery goals. Our recovery homes offer sober housing in an abstinence and community-based peer environment.

Those new to recovery can receive more support from a structured environment to enhance their ability to achieve lasting recovery.

If you or someone you know is interested in recovery housing, please get in touch with Sault Tribe Behavioral Health at (906) 635-6075 or (906) 203-5674 for an application.

Director Lee informs Unit II of opportunities



**KIMBERLY LEE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

Aanii, everyone, as September comes to a close, the trees are getting ready to wrap Mother Earth in their protective blanket. It's time to get prepared for the season of storytelling. Let's take good care of our physical and mental well-being as the days grow shorter and the sun shines less. Tomorrow is counting on us, and the future is brighter when we bring our best selves.

Our Unit 2 YEA Youth

Education and Activity coordinators and assistants are doing an outstanding job with after-school help and activities. We are blessed to have this team. If you aren't following them on Facebook, I encourage you to do so and get your youth involved.

Rudyard/Kinross area is offering K-12 homework helpers after-school programs. They are also actively seeking tribal youth council members. It is an excellent opportunity for youth to become involved in a member-driven council. It prepares them in ways that will benefit future goals and leadership opportunities. This is for 7-12th graders.

Reach out to Jackie Minton to take advantage of these incredible opportunities: Jminton@saulttribe.net or (906) 440-1870.

Cedarville/Hessel/Pickford area

On Thursdays after school, grades 2nd through 5th will meet for homework helpers until 5 p.m. Register with Kara Windsor: Kwindsor@saulttribe.net, (734) 765-7526.

Drummond Island YEA native crafts at the elementary school on Oct. 2, 16, and 30, and Nov. 13 and 27. Second grade and up until 4:30. Register with Kara Windsor, Kwindsor@saulttribe.net, (734)765-7526.

Newberry and surrounding area

YEA Culture Club after-school programs from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Grades 2 and up on Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15 and 22, and Nov. 5, 12, 19 and 26 at the Newberry Health Center. Register with Kara Windsor, Kwindsor@saulttribe.net, (734) 765-7526.

They are also hosting a haunted trail on Oct. 5 from 8 to 10 p.m. Last year, they let me come and help work on the trail. Let's say I am much better at scaring than being scared. It is at the Hessel Kewadin campground again this year.

I feel fortunate to have had the chance to participate in multiple powwows throughout the season. The organizers immense efforts and dedication to these events are truly astounding, and their hard



work does not go unnoticed. The committee, Language and Culture Division and volunteers make it go off without a hitch. The drums, dancers, and hosts show up in numbers to make us all feel whole.

Reflecting with our Elders afterward is my personal favorite. Betty Smith said heartfully,

"I feel like our tribe is going to be okay." Perry Causley added, "The day should be documented and shared." I agree with both of them. What a powerful day! The ancestors were nearby.

If you haven't been able to stop by the new St. Ignace tribal health building, it is beautiful! I can't wait to see how these fresh beginnings positively impact our healthcare and team members.

Black Rock Bar and Grill is bringing its sizzling "Steak on a Stone" concept to the Kewadin Casino, Sault Ste. Marie location, replacing DreamCatchers Restaurant. All our extraordinary employees can apply for new opportunities within the company and be given priority based on qualifications or positions with Black Rock. I couldn't be more thrilled about this incredible opportunity. It's long overdue and expected to open in 2025.

As always, Miigwech for your time.

Kimberly Lee
Unit 2 Board Representative
Klee@saulttribe.net
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Directors Hampton, Barbeau report on Unit IV



**KIMBERLY HAMPTON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

Aaniin, Boozhoo, Kina Waya. The bidding on steer and pigs at the UP State Fair was very well received. The UP State Fair was happy to see Sault Tribe there supporting our area youth through the 4H Program with the MSU Extension. The youth and their families were also grateful for the support. A great job shout out to all of the youth. We sincerely hope that the meat that was able to be distributed at the Manistique Elder meeting and the Escanaba Elder meeting was helpful and appreciated.

The first round of office hours in September went well. We appreciate those who reached out. Keep your eye open for additional



**LARRY BARBEAU,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

in person dates and times.

Reminders:

Niiwin Noodin Pow Wow
SAVE THE DATE for the 2025 Niiwin Noodin Pow Wow scheduled for June 7, 2025.

We encourage everyone to "like" the Niiwin Noodin Pow Wow Facebook page to keep updated on events.

Unit 4 Elder Meetings

We encourage our tribal elders to attend elder meetings to become involved as well as stay updated on what our elder committees are working on.

The next meeting in Manistique will be held Oct. 9, 2024, at 12 p.m. EST at the Manistique Tribal Center.

The next meeting in Escanaba will be held Oct. 9, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. EST at the Escanaba Community Center, 3721 Jingob Street, Escanaba, Mich.

Updates

Manistique Fitness Center:

There have been a lot of members asking when the Manistique Fitness Center will be opening. We were aiming for a tentative timeframe of the end of October. Of course this will be impacted if there are additional vendor delays. Please be patient as we are now at the mercy of the manufacturer and their suppliers. Sault Tribe is currently actively seeking candidates for open positions at both the Fitness Center and the Escanaba Community Center, so please visit the Sault Tribe website, employment section.

Looking Forward

We both look forward to working together, with the membership, to bring improvements in all areas including, but not limited to, community input sessions, office hours for Board of Directors within Unit 4, increasing fishing and hunting accessibility, and more.

We, Directors Hampton and Barbeau, will be scheduling regular office hours for both Manistique and Escanaba and will publish days and times, publicly, once they have been set. The days and times will be posted on social media, in the Sault Tribe newspaper, as well as at the Manistique Tribal Health Center and the Escanaba Community Center. We will also be scheduling monthly community input sessions and will also be made public. Initially, we will hold meetings on a first-come, first-served basis and then will transition into scheduled meeting times for members.

The schedule for October is as follows:

Office Hours to Meet with Board Members in Manistique: Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., 1pm-3pm in the meeting room by the dining area

Office Hours to Meet with Board Members in Escanaba at the Community Center at 3721 Jingob Street, Escanaba: Thursday, Oct. 24, 2024 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. EST.

Escanaba Community Vacant Land Planning Session at the Community Center located at 3721 Jingob Street, Escanaba: Monday, Oct. 21, 2024 from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. EST.

We both want to give our sincerest thanks for trusting us to represent Unit 4 members and Sault Tribe. We are always

available for questions, comments, and ideas for growth. We encourage Members to participate in Maamawi Craft Nights, office hours, community input sessions, Ketchup with Kim, and all other activities and events occurring throughout Indian Country.

Our contact information is below:

Kimberly Hampton, Unit 4 Representative, (906) 440-8138, KHampton@Saulttribe.net.

Larry Barbeau, Unit 4 Representative, (906) 259-3040, LBarbeau@Saulttribe.net.

Dental therapist coming to tribe



**KIM GRAVELLE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Hello,

I hope summer has been enjoyable for everyone. This summer has been busy for the board of directors (BOD) attending meetings with departments within the tribe.

The staff continues to do an excellent job preparing reports and budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. This information is pertinent for the BOD to make informed decisions that are vitally important to our tribe and its membership. These reports

and budgets ensure the BOD is focused on making sure department directors are as efficient as possible in providing services to our membership and employees. Budgets and the monitoring of them enable departments not to exceed money generated.

In the near future, the Sault Tribe Health Center will be welcoming a dental therapist. A dental therapist will provide general dental health care that includes instruction on oral health and disease prevention, routine restorative care that includes fillings, temporary crowns, fluoride treatments and x-rays.

As always please keep the men and women in our armed forces in your prayers and thoughts for a safe return to their families.

Please feel free to call me at (906) 259-3742 or e-mail me at kkgravelle@saulttribe.net. I enjoy discussing the issues with you no matter what side of the debate we are on. This is a way to clear up any misunderstandings or incorrect information that is put out to the public.

Thank You,
Kim Gravelle

AVERY SQUARE CRAFT SHOW

October 11 & 12

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Vendors wanted!

Call Sharon to register at:

(906) 253-1399

Located at 510 Ashmun St.
in Sault Ste. Marie

Director LaPlaunt reports on Unit V matters



TYLER LAPLAUNT
DIRECTOR, UNIT V

Aaniin, Boozhoo,
Well, it appears that I spoke too soon last month. Just as I was making some stews and settling in for some cooler weather, we ended up getting this beautiful extended summer. I hope you are all taking full advantage of these beautiful days. Personally, I'm ready for a cooler reprieve, but I've definitely been taking advantage of some long walks and bonus beach days.

Last month, I had the honor of attending a get out the vote meeting with Jocelyn Benson, Michigan's Secretary of State. She hosted a meeting at NMU focused on understanding youth voters and how to better engage them. It is extremely important that we also address this as a tribe, not just for the youth, but all of our voters. Our voter turnout for the tribe is low, and I can only assume that may be reflected for our voters across the state of Michigan as well.

Regardless of party or beliefs, voting is very important to maintain our democracy and to give us all a voice. It is not enough to sit back and assume that enough people believe in the same things that we do, or that your voice doesn't matter — it does. Many of these elections, especially local elections, are very close, and tribal citizens becoming engaged in the polls and voting can easily tilt an election. So please, register to vote in this election and VOTE. It is your right as a U.S. and tribal citizen.

Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist recently invited me to be one of his guests for the annual Labor Day Mackinac Bridge walk. It was a great opportunity to meet with the Lt. Gov. to discuss some of the important issues facing our tribe. It was an amazing experience to lead out the walk with him and Chairman Lowes and truly highlight the beauty of the Straits of Mackinac.

Chairman Lowes and I also took the Bridge walk as an opportunity to further discuss our issues with State Senator Damoose. While the tribe may not see eye to eye with him on his stance with Line 5, he heard us out and we all agreed to disagree. The important thing is we did so amicably and continued to talk about our commonalities and areas we could work together.

When we made it to the Mackinaw City side, State Senator Damoose invited us to be his guests at a brunch reception, where we were able to meet with several other lawmakers and candidates. Again, it was yet another opportunity to discuss our tribal and state relations and how we would like to be involved in certain discussions, whether or not we agree.

As tribal leaders, it's extremely important to work with both sides of the aisle whenever and wherever we can, and we will continue to advocate for our tribe at all times. We can have opposing viewpoints from other people and still act like professional and civil people. No one is ever going to agree 100% of the time. It would make for an awfully dull world. We don't have to disagree with hate or spite either. "Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing, there is a field. I'll meet you there." — Rumi

Update on open enrollment. As of Sept. 6, there have been 4,422 applications entered into the tracking system. These are adults only. The Enrollment Department enrolled 55 members this week. To date, it has enrolled 1,589 members since Feb. 1, including children, and 97 applications have been denied. This is a tedious process for our Enrollment Department, and they will continue to do their due diligence to ensure that only those applicants who can properly trace lineage are enrolled. Chi miigwech to our entire Enrollment Department for all of their hard work.

The Unit 5 community picnics in both Munising and Marquette were amazing. There was a huge turnout at both. Everyone was smiling, chatting, listening to music, and just having a great time. I want to thank everyone involved in planning and making these picnics happen. I want to give a special thanks to all of our Elders in both areas for opening up these picnics to ALL tribal households. This really made the day special and it was wonderful to see. This is how communities are built and how they grow. Our Elders are our roots, and I appreciate each and every one of you for everything you do for our people.

Cultural activities continue to expand

The Unit 5 powwow is on! This year, it will be held on Nov. 23 at NMU, again. This time we have partnered with both the Center for Native American Studies, and Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. This may end up being an annual event that keeps growing, because it's all about representing our community. Keweenaw Bay was very enthusiastic to join in with a strong show of solidarity. I'm very excited for this new relationship to develop. Mark your calendars, because it's going to be a good one.

Unfortunately, we weren't able to move forward with the Munising powwow this year. We had several people try, but schedules and space just weren't working out. With Stacie Mattson on board as our new West End Culture Coordinator, she is already in the works to get Bay Furnace Park reserved for next year and get that powwow rolling again. If you are interested in volunteering to help out, please reach out to Stacie at smattson1@saulttribe.net or (906) 203-4768. We are shooting for August, as it was traditionally held in the past. More details to come.

Reminder, there will be a screening of the Bad River film at Thomas Theater in Marquette. The screening will be held on Sunday, Sept. 29 at 4 p.m. Admission is free and will include popcorn and a drink for everyone in attendance. If you are interested in attending, please email Stacie Mattson at

smattson1@saulttribe.net or call (906) 203-4768 so we can begin to get a headcount and make sure we have enough space for everyone interested. This is a Unit 5 activity, but open to ALL Sault Tribe households who are able to attend. There will also be a special guest in attendance. Preference will be given to those who sign up in advance.

NEW – We have partnered with Center for Native American Studies to host an Orange Shirt Day event in Marquette. We will all be gathering at the new Seven Grandfathers sculptures on the end of Baraga Street by the Lower Harbor at 6 p.m. on Sept. 30. Registration is not required. It will be a solemn event to honor the survivors and descendants of those forced into Native American boarding schools.

NEW – We are hosting an Indigenous Cooking Class in Munising on Thursday, Sept. 26 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This will be held in the Tribal Health Center Community room. Please contact Stacie to register in advance for this so that she gets enough food for everyone to cook and eat.

NEW – We will be hosting two hand drum workshops in November. One will be in Munising on Thursday, Nov. 7, and the other will be held in Marquette on Friday, Nov. 8. Both of these classes will be held from 3 to 7 p.m., and will be limited to 15 participants. If the class is full, or you are interested in just viewing, you may come to observe. We don't want to leave anyone out, but we have a limited amount of hides and kits, and the teacher can only handle so many in the short workshop. Again, please contact Stacie to register if you are interested.

We continue to host bi-weekly culture night every second and fourth Thursday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Marquette Community Center on 204 Cherry Creek Road. Everyone is welcome, whether you are an Elder knowledge keeper or someone new to our culture and taking your first steps. This is a safe space to ask questions, participate, learn, and make great friends. Dinner is always provided for everyone in attendance. People are welcome to bring a dish to pass or story to share, but absolutely nothing is expected out of those in attendance other than kindness and consideration of others.

Elders

The next Unit 5 Elder Meeting and Meal in Munising will be held on Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024, at the Munising Tribal Health Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All you need to do to participate is be a Unit 5 Elder aged 60-plus.

The next Unit 5 Elder Meeting and Meal in Marquette will be held on Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024, at the Holiday Inn of Marquette from 6 to 8 p.m. All you need to do to participate is be a Unit 5 or surrounding Unit 4 Elder aged 60-plus.

If you have any questions, comments, or would just like to discuss something with me, please use my contact information below. You can also reach out to Unit 4/5 Liaison Mary Jenerou at mjenerou@saulttribe.net or (906) 450-7011 or (906) 341-8469.

Chi Miigwech,
Tyler Migizii Migwan LaPlaunt
Unit 5 Director/Vice-Chairman
tlaplaunt@saulttribe.net
(906) 440-8294



Dewe'gan (Hand Drum) Workshop
Facilitated by Nimke (David Craig)

November 8, 2024
3 P.M.-7 P.M.

Marquette Community Center
204 Cherry Creek Rd
Harvey MI 49855

*Limited to 15 spots!
Please call Stacie (906)203-4768 to register
Open to adults and children 12+ years of age.
Must be accompanied by an adult.
Sponsored by Sault Tribe Language and Culture and Unit V Cultural Funding

Dewe'gan (Hand Drum) Workshop
Facilitated by Nimke (David Craig)

November 7, 2024
3 P.M.-7 P.M.

Grand Island Chippewa Community Center
622 West Superior St.
Munising, MI 49862

*Limited to 15 spots!
Please call Stacie (906)203-4768 to register
Open to adults and children 12+ years of age.
Must be accompanied by an adult.
Sponsored by Sault Tribe Language and Culture and Unit V Cultural Funding

Director Sorenson reports to Unit 3 membership



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

At the Aug. 20 board meeting in Hessel, the board voted to hire Pat Shannon as the new judge. I did not vote in favor, as I think that position should be held by a tribal member. I hold nothing against the people personally but really do think we need to do better with recruitment and retention of our own members, especially with enrollment being over 50,000 these days.

Chi Miigwich to the Hessel Elders for the exceptional food they prepared for both lunch and dinner the day of our meeting there.

On Aug. 27, I was invited to tour the JKL School. It had been several years since I had been there, so I did go on the tour. The staff and students are very lucky to have such amazing resources that many of our schools do not. There

was also a JKL Fiduciary meeting that morning. I attended that meeting and they conveniently added a resolution to the agenda that had not be on the noticed agenda. When I asked, I was told there were no bylaws. I then motioned to approve bylaws, not sure why the new board hadn't approved them the last 2 years but it is done now. The majority voted to approve building the million-dollar storage building for the school.

Aug. 29 was the ribbon cutting for the new Mackinac Straits Building that will house our tribal health clinic. We had a wonderful cultural ceremony performed by Elders Russ Rickley and Tony Grondin, alongside Russ' grandson, Carson Fierek. There were many people in the community who attended the tours. We were fortunate in 2010 to have the new hospital and clinic built and have a great relationship with Mackinac Straits Health System. For anyone that might not know, it is located behind the hospital.

At the Sept. 2 board meeting, the board voted to approve the JKL Fiduciary bylaws, too, as well as the storage building. They are also building a bus garage that went out for bid. I did not support those as I am tired of the threats of paying the money back if not spend by Dec. 31 when these were not the priorities that benefit the students or teaching staff.

The board also voted to change the Oct. 15 board meeting to Oct. 22 in the Soo. There are many

meetings scheduled that week, such as MAST, United Tribes and a tribal leadership summit. Many of the board members will be participating in these.

Shawn and I hosted our Unit 3 elder picnic on Friday, Sept. 6, at the elder complex. We had burgers, brats, hot dogs and BBQ chicken. Many people brought side dishes and dessert. Everyone had a good time and left with plenty of leftovers. Shout out to Sue Caldwell for helping with the picnic!

On Sept. 9, I traveled to Fort Worth, Texas, for my second bi-annual in person Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (TIAC) meeting with HUD. One of our main concerns is the equity and fairness in funding. We have requested that the 2024 appropriations should be the baseline for Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) appropriations, which should also include inflation. The IHBG should be mandatory funded due to the trust responsibility of the U.S. government rather than discretionary. For more than 20 years, NAHASDA has eroded due to inflation, while the rest of HUD kept pace with inflation and NAHASDA was flat funded.

Even after a large increase in 2024, IHBG purchasing power is still at the 2000 level. When comparing the rest of HUD, which has had an overall increase of 50% (inflation adjusted). In 2001, the HUD budget was \$26 billion and

the IHBG was \$646 million. In 2024 HUD was \$70 billion and IHBG was \$1.111 billion. The cumulative loss from that disparity is over \$4 billion.

That has real impacts on housing development. In the early 2000s, HUD reported an average 1,900 homes constructed or renovated. By 2022, that had fallen to 562 homes. In total, the loss of houses developed or renovated is over 7,000, or over 10% of the 68,000 homes that are needed to alleviate overcrowding and unsafe conditions in tribal communities.

Other concerns brought forward were the rising costs of insurance, construction costs, appraisals, housing counseling and tribal census data.

Since inception of this TIAC for the last 2 years, HUD has been listening and trying to make honest changes but some things come down to the President and our House and Senate representatives. They have also been making more visits in Indian country to see the struggles first-hand.

During this trip, we took a charter bus, which included HUD staff and our tribal leaders and technical assistants to Oklahoma. We were introduced to Choctaw Nation's tribal council and executive staff. We then were able to see some new elder homes they were building and talk to one of the elders who lives there. Choctaw was able to use federal funding for some of these units and then some of their own gaming funds to

build more. They wanted to show HUD officials that the homes they built with their own funding were almost \$48,000 cheaper, since they didn't have to follow federal guidelines.

We also toured a newly built lease-to-own home, which also when funded by the tribe cost \$120,000 less than the ones built with federal funds. The affordable rental homes that were built were \$147,000 cheaper with tribal funds than federal funds.

The Choctaw Tribe has 12 districts similar to our five units. They have about 225,000 members vs. our over 50,000 and they own nine casinos in Oklahoma. I believe they said their casinos make \$400 million in revenue so they are fortunate enough to have tribal dollars to build homes, too. Their goal is to build 1,000 units in 10 years.

The next board meeting will be in the Soo on Oct. 1.

A reminder that Friday, Sept. 27 is National American Indian Day, so all governmental offices will be closed. Monday, Sept. 30, is Orange Shirt Day, to bring awareness to boarding school survivors. The local kwe survivors have planned an event at the St. Ignace Museum of Ojibwa Culture from 12 to 4 p.m. to include a remembrance walk.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have at bsorenson@saulttribe.net, bridgett91@yahoo.com or (906) 430-0536.

Payment: Supporting a "tribal sovereignty ticket?"



**AARON PAYMENT
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Last month, I explained the importance of researching candidates for federal elections to see if they support the treaty and trust obligation to tribes. As a lifelong student of political science (recall I taught political science courses at the university level), I have a general sense of which candidate supports Indian Country. However, it's important for voters to come to their own conclusions, so I'll just pose a few key questions and urge you to look to their platforms.

As your former chairperson and now as a tribal council member, I have always advocated for you in a non-partisan way. The photo to the top left is when I was invited as one of the first tribal leaders who met with then newly elected President Trump to share our issues. I proposed streamlining the bureaucracy surrounding taking land into trust. The photo on the right was with Vice President Harris, who I worked directly with to craft the 2021 initial \$1 billion broadband to Indian Country formula along with another \$2 billion in the Jobs

and Infrastructure Act. See the link below to hear her comment on contribution.

Key questions for presidential candidates

Secretary Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo) was the first Native American to be appointed to a Presidential Cabinet position in 2021.

Q. If elected, will you commit to nominating a Native American to the Presidential cabinet?

President Obama established the Annual White House Tribal Nations Summit and held these for 8 years.

Q. Will you commit to having a Tribal Nations Summit annually?

Indian Country needs to have mandatory and portable funding for Indian Health Care similar to VA Health.

Q. What is your position on this issue?

Q. Will you support exempting the ACA Medicaid Expansion from means testing?

Executive Order 13175 (2000) established government to government relations with tribes and created the expectation for formal Tribal Consultation. All but one president in the last quarter century has extended EO 13175.

Q. Will you support extending EO 13175 and support legislation to make it the law of the land?

Many Native people value protecting Aki (Mother Earth) and our Nibi (waters).

Q. Do you support continuing & accelerating the America the Beautiful Executive Order to protect natural resources?

Q. Will you support funding



\$50 billion in tribal infrastructure to close the backlog of needed projects and to transform to a clean energy economy?

The Cares Act, Rescue Act, and Jobs and Infrastructure Act proved that formula funding for tribes is possible. The Cares Act saw the tribal proportion at .2 of 1%. The Rescue Act saw over 2% or 10 times more.

Q. Do you support honoring the treaty and trust obligation with tribal self-governance formula funding and technical assistance?

Q. Do you support appropriations to tribes during emergency or stimulus funding approximating the proportion American Indians represent of the total population?

Shadow tribal governance?

Switching gears to tribal governance: From the perspective of a tribal board seat, I want to share an observation. When I was chairperson, it seems I could do no right in the eyes of some board members including a few still on the board. I now realize this adversarial animus had little to do with me but was more about power, jealousy, and what Freud might call chairman envy. Recently, I have come to witness just how



debilitating this hate can be for those board members who carry this in their heart as it is focused on Chairman Lowes.

Chairman Lowes is a young leader who is NOT saddled with years of past performance that others can use as an excuse not to support him. This seems like an opportunity to turn the page from the ugliness of the past like censoring and investigating the chair at a cost of over \$50,000 with no adverse findings leading to any criminal or civil charges.

TRIBAL CHAIR ENVY!

As I watch from the board table, I see the same "side-eye" non-verbal body language and contemptuous tone of some board members previously targeted at me now unduly heaped upon Chairman Lowes. Some vote "no," just because he expresses support for a resolution. Some will disagree and raise their hand to speak in order to hear the self-aggrandizing sound of their own voice. This air of self-importance and arrogance is palpable. Posturing is not governing.

Please recognize that Tribal Court threw out the case brought by Hoffman when the old board appointed him without a vote of the people. Unfortunately, it seems

that Hoffman continues to have a tight grip on at least three or four Board members who he appears to direct on how to think and how to vote. This is not an exaggeration and is evidenced in several board members holding tentative positions until they check their phones, texts, and emails — seemingly for his blessings.

On one level, it is a relief to understand this hate had more to do with them than me as Chairman Lowes is now the recipient of their contempt. It is time to turn the page and move forward. Hoffman lost his primary in 2022 and was the only incumbent in our tribe's history to ever lose in a primary. He then lost 100% of his frivolous court cases including filing PPOs against a 75-year-old Tribal Elder woman. He came in last in the special election for chair in 2022; and lost yet again by a landslide in 2024. I estimated Hoffman's instigated cases cost our tribe over \$100,000 in legal fees.

You the members voted Hoffman out three times in two years! Just what will it take for his disciples on the board to let that ship sink rather than wearing him like an anchor around their neck?

Tribal members, please take care and love yourself, your family and your tribe!

Chi Miigwech,

~ Aaron

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Link to Tribal Broad Band Announcement [see time stamp 1:50]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-sB5-73cIA>

Director Smith-Causley reports on Unit II news



**LANA CAUSLEY-SMITH,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

Our area's summer jiing-tamok

I want to begin this report about the amazing turnout and volunteers for the Hessel and Newberry powwows this year. In Hessel we had our youth and Elders come together and prepare and host in so many ways, this truly is the foundation of our people and the weekend could not have turned out better than it did. We would like to say Chi Miigwech to everyone involved and all the community and families that help make this one of the best. Newberry's was just as welcoming as our Language and Culture Division pulled this together for us and helped out the community. I can't express all the good thoughts, feelings and sentiments that have been shared by both areas. If you are interested in becoming part of either committee, please contact Director Lee or I or watch for posting when we begin to meet again for next year's gatherings. It's always an honor to visit and share in our culture and history with our families.

Recently, the board was presented a workshop on a pilot project for pregnant women. MSU administrates a service of providing cash to any pregnant woman in certain counties down state. The board has passed a resolution to start with Chippewa, Mackinac, Luce, Schoolcraft and Alger counties counties for this service and work toward servicing all woman and babies in the seven-county service area and others. The start of this program is merely that; it is not intended to exclude any counties or woman but the initial stages with be worked on fluid to encompass as many as it can. The program is funded by the state, local stakeholder donations and now our tribe will offer additional funds to advance on areas as a pilot. I do appreciate the chair and staff who have worked to make this a possible to help all mothers.

We have many discussions going on about the future budgets and funds for our services, payroll, compensation and renovations. All mentioned will need to be well thought out and planned accordingly as we will not have relief dollars in 2025 to assist in any loss or enhancement of items. I will remain cautious and steadfast on making decisions that will protect our existing services while finding ways to increase compensations where we can afford to. This will be a crucial time in leadership skills to allow

for all to be protected and remain responsible in not spending more that we can afford.

Another item in anticipation of moving forward in hopes to increase revenue and provide a great customer service to our casino property is — after at least 6 years or more of discussions we have opted to lease with a venue — Black Rock Bar and Grill, which will replace our

Dreamcatchers restaurant at the Sault location. This renovation is slated to begin in the next few months with an open date of first half of 2025. Again, we have spoke about this for a long time and I'm hoping we can attract customers, offer a different kind of atmosphere and also enhance our business.

Our three projects for our unit — the additional housing units in

Newberry and Hessel — are on schedule and are going through all the processes and environmental. The fitness and youth recreation center is slated to break ground in November of this year. All three projects are anticipated to be ongoing in 2025.

In closing, we have had some difficult paths moving forward but I'm working diligently with individuals to move in a positive,

productive future for our people. Days of divide and tear down or at each other should be a thing of the past and I hope that all agree we need to be better and do better for this tribe.

If you need any assistance or would like to meet or discuss any idea, issue or simply have input please do not hesitate to reach out to me at (906) 322-3818 or email lcausley@saulttribe.net.

Sault Tribe Community Health

2024 Flu Clinics

Check flu clinic schedule for your area and Mark Your Calendars!

FREE flu shots for:

- Sault Tribe members
- Members of a federally recognized tribe
- Health Division Employees

Flu Shots are a \$10 Co-Pay for Non-Native Spouses

Please wear short sleeves

SAULT / KINROSS AREA (906) 632-5210
Kinross Rec Center, 43 Wood Lake Rd.
 Monday, Sept. 23 10 a.m. -2 p.m. (Health Fair and Flu Clinic)
Big Bear Arena, 2 Ice Circle Dr.
 Wednesday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m. -2 p.m. (Health Fair and Flu Clinic)
Nokomis-Mishomis Bldg., 2076 Shunk Rd.
 Monday, Oct. 7 11 a.m. -1 p.m. (Flu Clinic)
Kewadin Casino, 2186 Shunk Rd.
 Friday, Oct. 11 1-4 p.m. (Kewadin Casino Employee Flu Clinic)
Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun St.
 Wednesday, Oct. 16 ..9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Flu Clinic)
 Wednesday, Oct. 30 ..9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Flu Clinic)
 Friday, Nov. 159 a.m.-5 p.m. (Flu Clinic)
 Friday, Nov. 22.....9 a.m.-5 p.m. (Flu Clinic)

ESCANABA AREA, (906) 341-1836
 Friday, Oct. 4 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Health Fair at Escanaba Community Center, 3721 il ngob St.)
 Friday, Oct. 18 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Gladstone Tribal Health Facility, 2992 Minneapolis Ave .)

ST. IGNACE AREA (906) 643-8689 ext. 34531
Little Bear Arena, 275 Marquette St.
 Wednesday, Oct. 2...10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Health Fair and Flu Clinic)
St. Ignace Health Center 1140 N State St. (CONFERENCE ROOM)
 Thursday, Oct. 10...9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Flu Clinic)
 Thursday, Oct. 24...9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Flu Clinic)
 Thursday, Oct. 31...9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Flu Clinic)
 Thursday, Nov. 7...9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Flu Clinic)

NEWBERRY AREA (906) 293-8181
Newberry Tribal Health Center, 4935 Zee Ba Tik Lane
 Wednesday, Oct. 9 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (DRIVE THRU - 18 years and older.)
 Wednesday, Oct. 16 ... 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Health Fair and Flu Clinic)

HESSEL, DETOUR, DRUMMOND AREA (906) 484-2727
DeTour Municipal Bldg., 260 Superior
 Thursday Oct. 3..... 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Health Fair and Flu Clinic)
DeTour Tribal Health Center, 200 S. Superior St.
 Friday Oct. 18..... 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Walk-in Flu Clinic)
 Friday, Oct. 25 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Walk-in Flu Clinic)
Hessel Tribal Health Center, 3355 N. 3 Mile Rd.
 Friday, Oct. 4 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Health Fair and Flu Clinic)
 Wednesday, Oct. 16 ..9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Walk-in Flu Clinic)
 Wednesday, Oct. 23 .. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Walk-in Flu Clinic)

MANISTIQUE AREA (906) 341-8469
Manistique Tribal Health Center
5698 W. HWY 2
 Monday, Oct. 7 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 3:30 p.m. (Walk-In Flu Clinic)
 Friday, Oct. 11 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Health Fair and Flu Clinic)

MARQUETTE AREA (906) 225-1616
Marquette Tribal Health Center
Behind the building - 1229 W Washington St.
 Saturday, Oct.5..... 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (DRIVE THRU - 18 years and older.)

MUNISING AREA (906) 387-4721
Munising Tribal Health Center
622 W. Superior St.
 Tuesday, Oct. 1..... 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Health Fair and Flu Clinic)
Munising Elder Meal Site
 Thursday., Oct. 3 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Munising Tribal Health Center
North parking lot off of M-28
 Monday., Oct. 7 12 - 5 p.m. (DRIVE THRU - 18 years and older.)

If you are not able to attend our flu clinics or health fairs, please call your clinic below to schedule an appointment.

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