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## St. Ignace elders complex begins fall build

### First residents move into 20-unit complex summer 2018

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

A blessing of the land was held May 18 for the 5-acre parcel where the new St. Ignace elders housing complex will be built. The complex is named Red Lightning Woman Elders Complex in honor of the late Sault Tribe Housing Commissioner Shirley Goudreau.

The site of the new complex is where the original St. Ignace casino used to sit, according to Housing Director Joni Talentino. She said, "We acquired the property by demolishing the old casino. Housing paid to have that done and also paid \$50,000 for the property to the tribe."

Phase 1 of construction is set to begin this fall with the installation of the water and sewer infrastructure and utilities. Construction of the building begins in the spring. "The only work we will be subbing out is what is happening this fall," said Operations Manager Veronica Beaumont. "Sault Tribe members who work for Housing Authority's Force Account will do all of the construction."

The 20-unit complex will have a Mackinac Trail address and offer independent elders two-bedroom, 960 square foot apartments. The plans call for a large open community space with a 10-apartment wing on



Photo courtesy Sault Tribe Housing

**GATHERED FOR THE BLESSING OF THE LAND - From left, Jolene Graham, Mariea Mongene, Bill Connolly, Tony McKerchie, Helen Wilkins, Veronica Beaumont, Bud Biron, Deb Pine, Ryan Madigan, Annie Thibert, Ken Ermatinger, Joni Talentino, Cathie Menard, Bridget Sorenson, Keith Massaway, Russ McKerchie and Mike Laverdure.**

each side. The complex is being built with expansion in mind, providing the opportunity to add an additional 10 housing units.

A 60-seat dining room will be in the community space. The commercial grade kitchen will be the center of activity at least three days a week when tribal elders from the local community gather there for their noon meal. Talentino said they have been working with Elder Division Director Sheryl Hammock to make that happen. The common space will also have open rooms to host gatherings and activities like crafts and cribbage nights.

Eventually the 5-acre parcel will also offer community garden space, a traditional food

program, and fitness areas and walking paths around the building.

Beaumont said the apartment complex does not provide any onsite eldercare-type services. "This is strictly an apartment complex for elders who are completely independent and who can come and go as they please. It is not a convalescent or assisted living home. There will be one apartment that is 100 percent handicapped accessible — that is what we are required by federal law to have," she said.

The apartments do not offer carports or garages and all utilities will be on individual meters. The Housing Authority will do winter maintenance, including

snow plowing.

The entire complex is smoke free. Housing is currently accepting applications for a summer 2018 move in date. In order to qualify to reside in one of the new elder units, you must be Native American, have completed a background check, and meet the 2017 NAHASDA income and asset requirements (no assets over \$35,000).

Only tribal elders are allowed to reside within the apartment complex. Talentino said, "We are trying to keep this an elder's complex because that is what the elders asked for during our community planning meetings."

"This is the largest housing complex that the Housing

Authority has ever undertaken," Beaumont said. "I am very confident in our team implementing the plans they put together for this project. We are all very excited."

Beaumont added, "Our team inside of Housing that has worked on this project either by person or by position since day one is our director, Joni Talentino, our assistant director, Mariea Mongene, Project Specialist Annie Theibert, Field Superintendent Tony McKerchie and Procurement Asset Agent Ryan Madigan and myself. We have been the core team through the whole process. I don't think with any of us missing from that group that we could do it."

## Tribes join lawsuit against federal oil pipeline agency

BY MIKE RIPLEY, ITFAP  
SAULT STE. MARIE —  
Sault Tribe and the Grand

Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians have joined a lawsuit against the federal

agency in charge of oil pipeline safety. The lawsuit, filed by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) in May 2016, claims that the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Agency (PHMSA) illegally authorized the transport of oil through Enbridge Line 5, the pipeline that runs through Michigan's Upper Peninsula, under the Straits of Mackinac and through the Lower Peninsula. NWF and the tribes are asking the court to stop the transport of oil through the pipeline until PHMSA complies with federal laws.

"As an executive officer of the United Tribes of Michigan, Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes, the National Congress of American Indians, and the chair of the five-tribe 1836 Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority, I can attest that tribal people at all levels have passed resolutions calling for pipeline safety or the outright shut down of Line 5," Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment said.

"The Anishinaabeg have lived in this territory since time immemorial and have indigenous rights to the natural resources," Payment added. "Our rights are largely a matter of settled law though a federal consent decree that calls for joint management of the resource. As was the case in Flint, the state of Michigan, the Governor and instrumentalities therein have been derelict in their responsibilities to protect these resources. Maybe now they will act."

Information supplied to the U.S. District Court in Detroit by Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program and Sault Tribe's Inland Fish and Wildlife Department shows that an oil spill from Enbridge Line 5 would be catastrophic for tribal members who trap or fish and for future generations.

The Canadian company, Enbridge Energy, owns and operates a network of oil pipelines in the Great Lakes, including Line 6B that spilled 800,000 gallons

of oil into the Kalamazoo River watershed in 2010, cost over \$1 billion to clean up and was the largest inland oil spill in U.S. history. Models by researchers at the University of Michigan show that even a fraction of that amount of oil spilled into the Straits of Mackinac could impact more than 700 miles of Great Lakes shoreline and more than 17,000 square miles of open water in some of the most productive areas of the 1836 Treaty waters.

According to NWF's lawsuit, PHMSA failed to assess impacts on the environment, including shorelines, beaches, fish and wildlife under the National Environmental Policy Act, and also failed to assess impacts on endangered or threatened wildlife and plants as required by the Endangered Species Act during its 2013 approval of Enbridge's emergency spill response plan. The lawsuit also asserts that PHMSA illegally approved plans

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Unit I representative Kim Gravelle having lunch with Sault elders.



Sisters Barbara Dietz and Lisa Dietz.



Unit I representative Mike McKerchie having lunch with Sault elders.



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Hessel elders stop for a photo.



Hessel elders tuck into the picnic fare.

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# Medication drop box installed on Sault reservation

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

A medication drop box, donated by Families Against Narcotics (FAN), is now available for the public to use to dispose of any unwanted, expired or unused medications or drugs. The drop box is located in front of Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE) on Shunk Rd. in the Sault, next to the Midjim Convenience Store and gas station.

Medications are collected from the drop box on a daily basis. Pictured are some of the medications collected during the first three weeks the box was in use. Chief of Police Bob Marchand said when the drop box is emptied, the medications are placed directly into a collection bag and everything remains confidential.

The Drug Enforcement Administration currently disposes of everything deposited



**Above are some of the medications collected from the drop box during the first three weeks after it was installed.**

in the box. To make drug disposal more efficient, the City is partnering with FAN to purchase an incinerator, which will be housed at the City Police Department and available for all law enforcement agencies to use.

Marchand said, "The box gives people the opportunity to get rid of unused pills. We have had members bring in pills after realizing that oxycontin or hydrocodone, (known by its trade name Vicodin), was left in their house where family members or children who had access to them could get a high off them or sell them. Disposing of medications by putting them in the drop box also keeps them out of local landfills and water systems. I think it's a good community tool - no one is monitoring the box and there are no questions asked. We don't go through and look at anything - it gets emptied and disposed of."

Since the drop box is located outside of the STLE building, there is 24/7 access to it.



**Above, the drop box sits in front of the Sault Tribe Law Enforcement building next to Midjim in the Sault.**

Photos by Brenda Austin

## ACFS opens employment program

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services Direct Services announces the Native Employment Works (NEW) Program designed to help parents of tribal children.

Supportive services and outreach assistance is provided to remove obstacles to maintain

employment as well as to obtain a higher paying job or attend certificate programs at approved education programs.

If you think you may qualify, please contact one of these offices:  
Sault Ste. Marie ACFS, 2218 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, 632-5250

St. Ignace ACFS, 1140 N. State Street, Suite 2805, St. Ignace, MI 49781, 643-8689

Manistique ACFS, 5698 W. Highway US-2, Manistique, MI 49783, 341-6993

Munising ACFS, 622 W. Superior Street, Munising, MI 49862, 387-3906.

## U.P. summit on addiction at LSSU coming in October

*Supporting the Addict, Securing the Future: Addiction through the Life Cycle 2016*, a 2016 U.P. fall summit for medical personnel, social workers, educators and therapists takes place at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on Oct. 27-28.

Keynote speakers are Ira Chasnoff, M.D., and pediatrician, Dr. Mark Sloane. Dr. Chasnoff

is a leading researcher in the field of child development and the effects of maternal substance use on infants and children. Dr. Sloane is a board certified pediatrician and has clinical experience in the medication management of more than 1,200 traumatized, drug or alcohol exposed children and adolescents. Also speaking is George M. Nidiffer, M.D., pediatric medicine specialist in

Marquette, Mich.

Topics include neo-natal FAS/drug exposed, addiction and trauma, pregnancy and addiction and treatment for children and families.

Registration is open and limited, costs are \$99 for the early bird rate and \$120 full rate. Payments must be received by Oct. 17 to guarantee reservations. No refund without written can-

cellations received by Oct. 21. Medical personnel, social workers, educators and therapists are especially invited to attend.

If preferred, print the conference registration and either fax to (906) 632-1125 ATTN: Jessica Savoie or mail to EUP ISD, U.P. Fall Summit, 315 Armory Place, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

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**St. Ignace**  
Bartender – full time/temporary – open until filled

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Bar server – full time/regular – open until filled

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# Bill would boost Indian Country business development

BY RICK SMITH

Legislation formed with the help of American Indian tribes, organizations and businesses was recently introduced in the U.S. Senate that, if enacted, would improve access to capital and streamline federal collaboration for Indian Country economic development.

Senators John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) and John McCain (R-Ariz.), respectively chairman and member of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, introduced the *Indian Community Economic Enhancement Act of 2016* (S. 3234) on July 14.

The proposed act would enhance business environments in Indian Country by amending and improving four existing laws: the *Native American Business*

*Development, Trade Promotion and Tourism Act of 2000*, the *Native American Programs Act of 1974*, the *Indian Trader Act* collective and the *Buy Indian Act*.

The bill identifies several barriers tribes must overcome to build successful trade in Indian Country. Those barriers are geographic isolation, lack of infrastructure or capacity and collateral, federal bureaucracy and lack of access to federal services.

In an announcement, Barrasso commented that gaining access to business funding is crucial to economic development in Indian Country. "This bill will break down barriers for growth, support loan and bond guarantee programs, expedite Washington's slow approval processes and increase opportunities for tribal

members."

McCain, reflecting on the poor economic conditions on reservations across the nation pointed out, "We must do more to change this, our legislation addresses these serious challenges by expanding key economic development services for Native Americans who aspire to open a business on their own tribal lands."

According to the committee, the proposal would amend the *Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion and Tourism Act* in four ways: require coordination between the departments of Commerce, Interior and the Treasury in developing investment initiatives in Indian communities; defining the office and role of

the director of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Office of Native American Business Development; permanently waiving requirement for Native communities to match costs for help received through the U.S. Treasury community development financing; and establish an Indian economic development fund in support of loan and bond guarantees for Indian Country development through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The *Native American Programs Act* would be amended to reauthorize economic development programs; give priority to Indian Country applications for help with economic development; mandate tribal courts and legal codes for economic development, require support for Indian com-

munity economic development funding institutions; and the call for the development of master plans for building commerce in Indian Country.

Under an amendment to the *Indian Trader Act*, tribes could waive tribal laws governing trade or commerce on their lands by requests to the Department of the Interior. The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service would be required to facilitate and increase accountability in procurement under the Buy Indian Act.

The bill has been under construction in the Senate since an oversight field hearing on advancing economic success in Indian Country took place in Anadarko, Okla., on May 27, 2015.

# Program would spur Indian Country businesses, jobs

BY RICK SMITH

A proposal introduced in the U.S. Senate on July 14 would help American Indian entrepreneurs in developing small businesses and create more jobs on Indian Country reservations.

The *Native American Business Incubators Program Act* would create an annual \$5 million competitive grant through the Department of the Interior to establish and maintain business incubators dedicated to serving American Indian communities. The incubators would act as "one-stop-shops" to guide entrepreneurs through federal, tribal and state regulations and teach how to court investors. Further,

the incubators would provide equipment for online work and professional networking connections. Entrepreneurs who would apply for the program would have to meet a number of requirements and incubators would be operated under auspices of tribal colleges or universities. The proposed act would provide oversight of the incubators and ensure they function as intended.

Democrat senators John Tester (D-Mont.), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) and Tom Udall (D-N.M.), all members of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, sponsored the bill.

"Starting a business is a challenge anywhere," Tester remarked

in an announcement. "This bill will provide critical tools to Native American entrepreneurs so they can strengthen tribal economies and hire folks in their communities."

Cantwell added that the bill will help those in isolated areas. "This incubator program helps them build skills and expertise that can help create jobs in our rural communities. This bill helps provide tools and training to help Native American-owned businesses thrive and strengthen the communities around them," she said.

Udall said the proposal would help Indian Country entrepreneurs navigate through the many hur-

dles of starting a business along with getting access to start-up financing. "These important tools will help promising entrepreneurs get off on the right foot so they can launch their businesses — and stay in business," he said.

A section of the bill notes

business incubators are suited to accelerating entrepreneurship on reservation communities as incubators promote collaboration to meet challenges and provides individually tailored services to help overcome obstacles unique to individual participants.

## Senate passes Indian employment and training measures, now in House

BY RICK SMITH

The United States Senate passed the *Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 2015* (S. 1443) on July 14, it is now in the hands of the U.S. House of Representatives for consideration. The bill would amend the *Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992* if passed into law. According to the bill, the amendment would mainly "facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training and related services from diverse federal sources" among other purposes.

Introduced into the Senate in May 2015, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs unanimously passed the bill last October. The committee chairman, Senator John Barrasso, commented after the bill cleared the Senate. "Unemployment is disproportionately high in tribal communities," he said. "The Senate passed a bill that will empower tribes to expand employment and training programs. I want to thank Senator Lisa Murkowski for championing this common sense legislation that will have an immediate impact. I urge the House of Representatives to take this bill up and pass it soon."

According to a congressional

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# NPS authorized to make foraging agreements with American Indian tribes

Effective as of Aug. 11

BY RICK SMITH

The National Park Service (NPS) published a new final rule in the Federal Register on July 12 announcing changes in rules governing plant gathering in national parks that benefit American Indians whose tribes have signed agreements with the NPS. The new rule went into effect on Aug. 11 of this year.

Once federally recognized American Indian tribes have signed agreements with the Park Service, only enrolled members of those tribes will be allowed to collect plants or plant parts for traditional purposes. The tribes must be traditionally associated

with the specific park areas going back to before the establishment of the parks.

“The plant gathering must meet a traditional purpose that is a customary activity and practice rooted in the history of the tribe and is important for the continuation of the tribe’s distinct culture,” the rule notes. “Authorized plant gathering must be sustainable and may not result in a significant adverse impact on park resources or values.” The rule also indicates that sale and commercial uses of plants or plant parts in areas of the park system continues to be prohibited by federal regulations.

The rule indicates tribes must submit written requests to park superintendents for agreements to allow tribes’ members to harvest plants. Tribes may take the matter to regional directors if superintendents do not initiate consultation after 90 days. Negotiations begin once all criteria are met for entering into agreements. It appears the NPS would be responsible for tending to all federal administrative requirements, such as environmental impact statements, and must be done before agreements are concluded. Gathering must be done observing terms of special use permits issued by superintendents. The NPS will

provide guidance to both parties of agreements on responsibilities under the rule.

The rule restricts harvesting to be done by traditional methods only. Gathering plants should only be done by hand using traditional implements without the aid of power tools or other modern conveniences. The rule notes, “Research has shown that traditional gathering, when done with traditional methods (i.e., by hand, without power tools) and in traditionally customary quantities, may help to conserve plant communities.” It goes on to explain that hand tools such as rakes, sticks and knives were the dom-

inant means of harvesting used by tribes in the past. In addition to keeping with tribal traditions, prohibiting power tools also avoids environmental contamination caused by noise and scarring in visually pristine areas.

The NPS indicates in the rule that both the agency and tribal representatives supported agreements establishing conditions for gathering in the parks.

Currently, no one is allowed to gather plants or take any objects, such as rocks, sticks or artifacts, from national parks. Penalties for violations could include fines, incarceration, banishment or all three measures.

# Partnership supports paying child support through retail stores

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LANSING, Mich. – Children and families will benefit from a new service that makes Michigan child support payments more convenient across the state and nationwide.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and its Michigan State Disbursement Unit recently launched a partnership with electronic payment provider PayNearMe that allows parents to make child support payments with cash at more than 550

Michigan and 17,000 nationwide participating 7-Eleven and Family Dollar stores.

“Michigan is committed to offering child support customers a variety of convenient options to make their payments. We are continually adding innovative services that respond to customer preferences and needs,” said Erin Frisch, director of the MDHHS Office of Child Support. “If we make this process more convenient, children will receive the support they

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For more information about this and other payment options, or to make a payment online, visit [www.misdu.com](http://www.misdu.com).

# New rule allows tribes to use federal supply system

BY RICK SMITH

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) published a final rule in the Federal Register on June 6 amending the GSA acquisition regulations to allow housing agencies of federally recognized American Indian tribes to use the federal supply system.

The contracting change, according to the GSA, brings a number of benefits to tribes, such as costs savings, increased flexibility and choices, transparency, more control of procurement and lower administrative costs among for those who opt to use the system.

The GSA is described as a centralized federal procurement and property management agency that helps federal agencies serve the public by continuously seeking and providing acquisition of new and innovative sup-

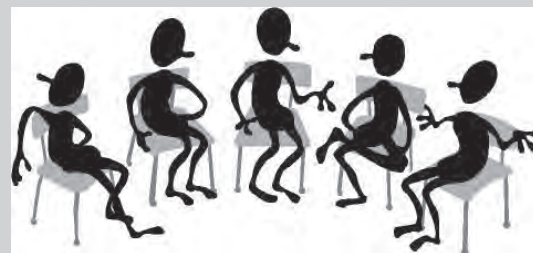
plies, services.

The federal supply system, called federal supply schedules, is a simplified process for acquiring supplies and services.

A schedule consists of companies that offer similar commercial supplies and services through contracts awarded by the GSA. The agency has over 20,000 such contracts in place, which translates into a vast range of fairly priced options from which to choose.

According to the agency’s webpage, [www.gsa.gov/portal/category/100391](http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/100391), the GSA has long offered a range of services to federally recognized American Indian tribes, from surplus property donations to vehicle purchases. In addition, recognized tribes can use this page to receive notice of GSA actions and policies that affect tribes, as well as provide comment.

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# Michigan Indian Legal Services provides free help

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS), out of Traverse City, Mich., provides free legal services to low-income tribal members and tribes in Michigan. MILS saw a need last spring for representation in the Upper Peninsula (U.P.) and hired local attorney Dan Casey, who is based out of Sault Ste. Marie, to work with tribal courts and tribal members.

Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court Chief Judge Jocelyn Fabry said she was contacted by a representative from MILS last winter asking if the tribe would have a need for their services if they opened an office in the U.P. "We were certainly interested in that, their attorneys have a good history of solid representation of their clients and we are always looking for attorneys to represent our people that have a background in tribal law and Indian law," Fabry said. "They also contacted Bay Mills and Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa to gauge their interest as well. They were already providing some services in the U.P., and all the tribes agreed that having an office here would be beneficial to our courts and members."

Fabry said MILS provides representation upon appointment by the court in tribal court cases, representing adult criminal



**Dan Casey, a Sault Ste. Marie attorney represents low-income tribal members in the U.P. on behalf of Michigan Indian Legal Services. Casey started his MILS practice recently offering an array of services.**

defendants, juvenile respondents in juvenile delinquency cases and parents in child welfare cases or to act as the attorney guardian ad litem for children in child welfare cases.

MILS is also offering free legal aid services every Wednesday with open office hours for any qualifying tribal member. Some of the services Casey offers tribal members includes divorce/custody, landlord/tenant issues, legal advice for wills, contract law, real estate, probate matters and non-adversarial advice — up to and including litigation.

Fabry said, "We are only a few months into this agreement

with MILS and so far it is working out well. It's nice to have someone whose only line of work is representing tribal people and who does the majority of their work in tribal court representing our people."

In the first quarter, according to Fabry, there were 12 new intakes by Casey of Sault Tribe members between April 1 and June 30 in addition to a few clients he was already working with in his private practice that he was able to retain as clients through MILS. "Legal aid has more demand than supply, so there is definitely a need for it," she said.

Casey has been a licensed attorney in Michigan and has been practicing in Sault Ste. Marie for the past five years. He worked for three years for a firm called Kopka, Pinkus and Dolin that had a satellite office in the Sault. When that office closed, Casey opened his own practice for a year until the position with MILS became available.

A hometown boy, Casey graduated from Sault Area High School in 1998, and received his law degree from Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, Va. He is also a six-year veteran of the U.S. Navy.

As a general practice attorney, in his private practice he focused on Native American law and criminal defense.

A life-long resident of Sault Ste. Marie, he said the tribe had a huge influence on his life and it has been an organization he has looked up to and looked positively on. "We have an agreement in place with the tribes in the U.P. and coordinate our schedule to accommodate our clients and the tribes," he said. "Clients must meet certain criteria before they can receive help from MILS. They have to be a tribal member and have an income-based need, or not be able to afford their own attorney,

or the court appoints us to represent them. Being a lifelong resident of the U.P. and wanting to help my community I felt working with MILS and the tribes in the U.P. was the perfect fit for me."

If you would like to schedule an appointment with Casey, contact the MILS office at (231) 947-0122. Sault Tribe, Bay Mills, and Lac Vieux Desert all provide him with office space when he is providing services. You will be directed where to go when you make the appointment.

## Sault support groups help families and individuals dealing with addictions

Families Against Narcotics (FAN) meets on the third Thursdays of every month, 6:30 p.m., at the Huntington Bank meeting room in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, email [chippewa@familiesagainstnarcotics.org](mailto:chippewa@familiesagainstnarcotics.org) or visit [www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org/chippewa-county](http://www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org/chippewa-county) or [www.facebook.com/fanchipp](http://www.facebook.com/fanchipp).

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Also look into Substance Abuse Support Group for Family and Friends if you have experienced loss, heartbreak or diminished relationships due to someone else's substance abuse.

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# Causley assumes Northern Hospitality management

BY RICK SMITH

Dave Causley recently assumed the managerial responsibilities of Northern Hospitality, a Sault Tribe enterprise based in downtown Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Causley brings a combination of about 34 years experience in flooring services working in different capacities to his new position. He worked for several downstate flooring firms before taking a post with Sault Tribe in 1994 as flooring foreman with another of his tribe's enterprises known then as Chi Chuk Construction, now known as Sault Tribe Construction.

He also worked with the tribe's Force Account staff, taking care of all tribal housing structures.

While born and raised in Lansing, Mich., he spent all of his summers in Hessel, Mich.

"I'm looking forward to serving the tribal community anyway I can," said Causley.

In his spare time, Causley enjoys playing golf and bow hunting.

As general manager of

Northern Hospitality, Causley is responsible for the overall daily operations and general administrative functions of the home and commercial furnishings sales and service center. In short, as Causley mentioned, his duties include "doing everything" to ensure the business operates in a smooth, profitable fashion while giving customers satisfaction with sales and services.

The store carries well-known, high quality brands of furniture, flooring, lighting and artworks for living rooms, dining rooms, kitchens and bedrooms. The staff can even install showers and heated tile flooring. They can provide free removal of old furnishings and flooring as well as timely installations of new gear. Further, the company provides an array of customized services to make furnishing or refurbishing homes or commercial firms an easy proposition.

"We have the knowledge," Causley said. "We have the technology, tools and material. We can do it."

Causley has a good-neighbor philosophy for running the shop.

He wants Northern Hospitality to support and serve other local businesses, especially Native-run businesses, crafters and artists however it may be mutually beneficial. A standing invitation is out to local American Indian artists and crafters interested in displaying their works.

The payroll deduction option continues for Sault Tribe employees with at least one year of longevity and tribal members still receive discounts on their purchases.

Confidence in the competency of staff at Northern Hospitality came in an introductory fashion for Causley. He said long-time sales representatives Joe Sternes and Mike Payment continued operating the business on their own during a short-handed period of transition before he arrived on the scene.

"They had to step up to keep this place on track," said Causley, adding they did the job and did it quite well.

Learn more by stopping by 827 Ashmun St., going online and visiting [www.northernhos.com](http://www.northernhos.com) or by calling 635-4800.



Dave Causley recently accepted the managerial post at Northern Hospitality in Sault Ste. Marie.

# Frazier accepts position as tribe's planning specialist

BY RICK SMITH

Amanda Frazier recently accepted a planning specialist position with her tribe's Planning and Development Department.

Among her duties as a planning specialist, Frazier is responsible for a diverse range of administrative functions requiring expertise in analyzing and interpreting records and statistics, developing strategic plans and recommendations, researching and writing applications for grants, conducting evaluations along with project management and monitoring.

In addition, planning specialists provide direct grant services and support to the tribe's departments. "I am excited to assist in the funding of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indian's public programs and the opportunity to give back to my tribe," said Frazier.

Born and raised in Midland, Mich., Frazier graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in communication and a minor in health promotion.

"My degree involved the study of communication research and presentation. My strengths include the development and presentation of promotional material," she noted. "I have also researched mass communication, organizational communication and interpersonal communication."



Sault Tribe member and MSU grad Amanda Frazier.

tion. Through my health promotion minor, I have studied the success and failure of many health and government initiatives."

In her spare time, Frazier said she likes traveling, reading, going to concerts and running. "My most recent trip was to Seattle, Wash.," she elaborated. "I have been to most of the United

States and many national parks."

She also does some fishing — Frazier is a 2010 Master Angler Award recipient for catching the third largest bluegill for catch and release in the state. She caught the lunker on May 15, 2010, while still fishing from a pontoon boat on Camp Lake in Iron Country, Mich., using Italian sausage for bait.

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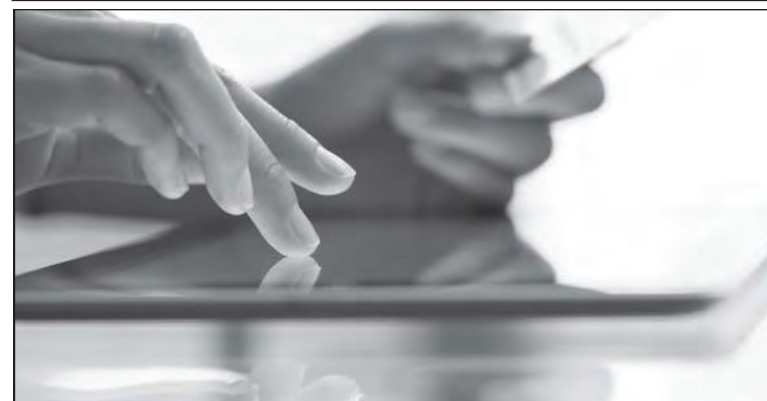
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# Knauf accepts tribal court probation officer post

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

For Trisha Knauf, working with clients on probation and helping them achieve their goals is more than a passion; she said it's been her calling for almost as long as she can remember.

Knauf accepted a position as a probation officer with Sault Tribe Court and began the next chapter of her professional career there on July 13.

Her educational background includes a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan University in sociology with a criminal justice concentration and a minor in human growth and development.

She has also completed all the coursework required for a master's degree in criminal justice through Northern Michigan University.

Prior to accepting her current position, she worked for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians as their drug court case manager and following that, with the State of Michigan Child Protective Services.

Knauf works with adults and juvenile probationers and said that the local community is in a good place right now as far as not having many people on probation through tribal court.

She said, "Eventually it will climb again – maybe when school starts – there are increases and decreases during different times of the year. During the summer months there is generally a decrease in people on probation."

She said she has known since she was a child in the second grade that she wanted to work in the probation field.

"I've known for a really long time that this is my calling. I was always interested in the TV show *Cops*, and my family always watched educational shows. So I knew what could happen if you were to get into trouble from TV and my parents," she said. "I have siblings and family members who have been in trouble with the law – and I thought if I could help even just one person better themselves it would be worth it."

As a probation officer, Knauf monitors her clients' court ordered probation requirements, including performing drug and PBT tests (preliminary breath test), and makes sure community service ordered through the court is being done and completed on time.

Going the extra mile for her clients, Knauf said she is currently working with a person who may want to have a desk job and work in the probation field. "So right now I have my ears open for jobs that may lead her down that path," she said.

Knauf said she is very invested in the Native community and believes it's very important for Native communities to have their language and culture.

"If I can incorporate Native language and culture within probation by teaching a little along the way and getting people to be interested in their culture, that is very important. Those who are more involved in their culture are less likely to be reoffenders because Native culture teaches you to be understanding of the

seven grandfather teachings."

She said that when you go to powwows you are taught to be sober, and to be a fire keeper or pipe carrier, a drummer, singer or dancer carrying an eagle feather, or working with eagle feathers or making regalia, you are not supposed to be drinking or using drugs.

"You do things with a kind heart – even making food," she said. "The more sober our clients are the happier they are and the more they want to learn and do for themselves and their community – and the more the community benefits. Teaching them that community service is far more than something you are sentenced to, that everyone benefits from it because they are helping one another reach a greater goal. The more we grow as a people the better we are as a people."

"Teach your children values and traditions when they are young with a focus on seven generations from now. Build up what we have now so people can continue to build it up," she said.

Knauf is a member of Wikwemikong First Nation in Ontario, Canada. She grew up in a home where her father's first language was Anishinaabemowin and his second, English.

"I can understand some Anishinaabemowin, but I am far from being fluent and still have much to learn," Knauf said.

Her husband, Steve Knauf, and their children, are members of the Sault Tribe.

"It's nice to be working with the Native community," she said.

**Right, Trisha Knauf recently accepted a position with Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court as a probation officer.**



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# STLE officers training in overdose treatment

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE) was recently the recipient of 22 Narcan kits thanks to NorthCare Network, who had received funding to supply the kits to Marquette County and the western region of the U.P., which the tribe falls under.

Naloxone, which goes by the trade name Narcan, is a drug that can reverse an opiate overdose instantly. STLE officers will be carrying the nasal form of the drug once they have completed training on how it is administered.

Since law enforcement officers are often the first to arrive on scene, more police departments are equipping their officers with naloxone – the potential key to saving the life of an overdose victim.

Officers can be trained in less than an hour to use the nasal spray, which works by displacing



Photo by Brenda Austin

**Tribal Police Chief Bob Marchand with a naloxone kit.**

opiates from the brain temporarily, instantly reviving overdose

victims. Narcan has no side effects and causes no harm if

administered to someone who is not overdosing.

Chief of Police Bob Marchand said there was a disconnect between Michigan legislation, which allows law enforcement to carry Narcan, and the tribe's pharmacist, who didn't have a mechanism to prescribe it. "So I think now they are trying to change Michigan's law to give the pharmacist the ability to prescribe it to the department – we didn't know how to get it to the officers and have the tribal health center provide it for us," he said.

Marchand said each kit contains two doses. Often when someone is coming out of an overdose they relapse within 5 minutes, so officers may have to give them another dose of the Narcan, he said. The kits also contain gloves and a CPR mask.

"I am seeing more agencies going towards carrying the kits because there are many rural

communities in the U.P., and often officers will arrive on scene before EMS does," Marchand said. "This way if there is an overdose, we will hopefully be able to provide life saving assistance."

NorthCare was able to cover the cost for the initial purchase of Narcan kits for the following: Iron County Sheriff, Iron River Police Department, Ishpeming City Police Department, the Michigan State Police (Upper Michigan Posts), and Sault Tribe Law Enforcement.

Funding for required training is also being provided for these agencies.

The CDC reported in 2010 that in communities where naloxone distribution programs exist, opioid overdose deaths have decreased. Local information is not yet available according to Judi Brugman, NorthCare SAPT director/contract manager.

## Families and communities can make a difference

### Support our community by joining the 6th annual Recovery Walk Sept. 22

BY PATRICK W. MCKELVIE

Oftentimes, individuals who experience a mental or substance use disorder feel isolated and alone. Yet, every year millions of Americans experience these conditions.

It's important that we offer support to individuals facing mental or substance use disorders. In fact, we need to create environments and relationships that promote acceptance.

Support from families is essential to recovery, so it's important that family members have the tools to start conversations about prevention, treatment and recovery. Too many people are still unaware that prevention works and mental

or substance use disorders can be treated, just like other health problems.

Having been in long-term recovery for 17 years and worked in the recovery field for 13 years, I have witnessed the positive reality of recovery.

Individuals who embrace recovery achieve improved mental and physical health, as well as form stronger relationships with their neighbors, families and peers. We need to make more people feel like recovery is possible.

Mental or substance use disorders affect people of all ethnicities, ages, genders, geographic regions and socioeconomic levels. They need to know help is available. These individuals can get better, both physically and emotionally, with the support of welcoming communities.

Families and communities can find hope and spread the message that recovery works by celebrating the annual National Recovery Month this September, an initiative sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) of the U.S. Department of Health

and Human Services.

Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court and Sault Tribe Behavioral Health are celebrating Recovery Month by sponsoring the sixth annual Recovery Walk on Thursday, Sept. 22, to honor individuals and families in long-term recovery. Your attendance will demonstrate the support of the recovery community, including

those who provide prevention, treatment and recovery support services.

I urge all community members to join the celebration and help stem the incidence of mental or substance use disorders. Let people know free, confidential help is available 24 hours a day through SAMHSA's National Helpline, (800) 662-HELP (4357) or (800) 487-

4889 (TDD). Offering support to those experiencing mental or substance use disorders can make a huge difference. Together we can help others realize the promise of recovery and give families the right support to help their loved ones.

*Patrick W. McKelvie is affiliated with Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court as a Specialty Court coordinator.*

## Bowers named ISHPI top exec

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. — ISHPI Information Technologies Inc. announced on Aug. 10 that Earl D. Bowers was promoted to president and chief executive officer effective immediately. Bowers served as ISHPI's president and chief strategy officer for the past three years, after serving as vice president of corporate development since 2010. Bowers brings over 30 years of business management experience and has been responsible for the execution of the company's strategic plan as it relates to growth, profitability and shareholder value. Noah T. Leask, co-founder of ISHPI, remains as chairman of the board.

"ISHPI couldn't be in better hands than with Earl as we continue to move forward," said Leask. "Earl has had a tremendous impact on our success since he joined us in early 2010. He's the perfect choice to lead us through the next set of challenges we face as we transition from small business to the full and open large business space."

Prior to joining ISHPI, Bowers served in a variety of high profile executive management positions with some of the premier contractors in the defense industry, including director of business development for Truestone, vice president of corporate development for

Dataline, general manager and managing partner of pTerex LLC, director of marketing and sales at PROSOFT, and general manager of the Mid-Atlantic Division of MILCOM Systems Corporation.

Following a distinguished 20-year career in the U.S. Navy, and prior to his move to executive management, Bowers held program management positions with CACI, Sabre Systems and FCBS, primarily directing large custom software development programs for the Navy and Coast Guard. A Sault Tribe member, Bowers earned his MBA in management and his BBA in computer information systems from Texas A&M.

## Lights! Projectors! Enjoy!—Soo Film Festival Sept. 16

SUBMITTED BY THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Soo Film Festival 2016 is almost a month away. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the best festival yet! The judges are making their final selections. Watch media, Facebook and soofilmfestival.org for announcements.

The Soo Film Festival returns to the historic Soo Theatre in downtown Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., from Friday, Sept. 16 through Sunday, Sept. 18. Tickets will be available from the Soo Theatre after Labor Day.

The festival welcomes moviegoers and filmmakers to downtown Sault Ste. Marie for its third year. Festival President Taylor Brugman said, "We are excited to once again showcase filmmaking from the Great Lakes region,

along with quality filmmaking from around the world."

The themes this year will likely fall into the following categories: Documentary, American Indian, narrative, animation, music videos, foreign and locally produced. There will be something for all interests, with the films ranging from shorts of one minute long to full-length features.

The festival begins on Friday evening and continues through Sunday evening. Snacks and drinks for sale along with purchase festival T-shirts.

Support downtown movies by attending the Soo Film Festival and help revitalize Soo Theatre. Please help spread the word!

The festival is the result of work done by the organizing committee of Taylor and Liz



**The Soo Film Festival returns on Friday, Sept. 16, and runs through Sunday, Sept. 18.**

Brugman, Allison Youngs, Mark Dobias, Pat Egan, Susan James and Jason Markstrom, as well as

the festival's advisory board.

The advisory board is charged with helping the festival grow.

The Soo Film Festival Advisory Board includes Helen Cho Anthos, Nick Childs, Steve Hamilton, Jason Markstrom, John Regan, Rich Brauer and Steven Wiig. The board was brought together for their connections to film, story, music and the Great Lakes. More information about the board members is on the festival website.

Soo Film Festival, Inc. is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote and host film and allied arts festivals in the city of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Soo Film Festival, Inc. seeks to showcase the work of independent and emerging filmmakers, especially from the Great Lakes of North America, while bringing movies back to downtown Sault Ste. Marie and the historic Soo Theatre.

# Elders seeking 2016-17 scholarship applicants

Applications are being solicited for two one-time \$500 scholarships from Sault Tribe elders for qualified freshmen enrolled in public colleges, universities or trade schools. The deadline is Aug. 31. All applicants must be registered Sault Tribe members with the following qualifications: A) Successfully graduated from an

accredited high school with a GPA of 2.50 or completed and passed all five General Education Development (GED) equivalency tests with a minimum score of 40, average score of 45 and possess a GED certificate and B) Accepted or enrolled in any two or four-year public college, university or trade school in any field of study as a full-time student.

Applicants must submit application letters that include the following documentation:

- Name, address, phone number, proof of tribal enrollment and social security number;
- Transcript from the applicant's high school verifying the cumulative grade point average or proof of achieving GED requirements stated above;

- Letter from the college, university or trade school, showing acceptance for the 2016-17 school year;
- Academic major or course of study to be pursued;
- Essay of 300-500 words describing how you feel a college education will benefit you, your career objective and why this scholarship will help you achieve

your goal.

Above requirements must be packaged and received no later than 5 p.m., Aug. 31, 2016, by Elder Service, 2076 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Call Sheryl Hammock at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356 for any questions.

NOTE: Incomplete or late applications not considered.

## Shelby Flatt graduates from CMU

Shelby M. Flatt graduated from Central Michigan University in May 2016. She graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in communication disorders and minors in American sign language and child development.

During her four years at CMU, Shelby served as president of Phi Eta Sigma and secretary for the mortarboard in the National College Senior Honor Society.

Shelby was also an active member of the Nijikewehn Mentoring Program, a partnership between CMU and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe to inspire Native American students of all ages to become cultural and professional



leaders in their tribal communities.

She served as the state director for Students for Concealed Carry. She also participated in the following clubs on campus: Speech Language Hearing Club and the Health Professional Residential College.

Shelby has been accepted at Cleveland State University and will pursue her master's in speech language pathology.

Flatt is the daughter of Laura Kay (nee Goudreau) Flatt and Wayne V. Flatt Jr. Her grandparents are Dana and Don Goudreau of Trout Lake and Donita and Wayne Flatt Sr. of Engadine.

### Free GED classes in Sault

Those interested should call Tanya Pages at 632-6098 or send email messages to [tpages@eupschools.org](mailto:tpages@eupschools.org) or call Consolidated Community School Services at 495-7305 — Classes start on Sept. 12.

Free General Education Development tests offered in Sault Ste. Marie for the 2016-17 school year beginning on Sept. 12. Class schedules and contact information:

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Classes offered by Consolidated Community School Services and the Sault Tribe Adult Learning Center.

## Tribal members receive 57 scholarships for 2016-2017

Sault Tribe Higher Education awarded 57 scholarships for the coming 2016-17 academic year. Thirty-five of these \$1,000 scholarships, the Noah Thomas Leask Family Scholarships, are made possible by private donation from Sault Tribe member Noah T. Leask. Remaining scholarships funded by the annual Sault Tribe Golf Classic fundraiser.

Each year, the Sault Tribe Scholarship Committee reviews all essays in the annual scholarship competition. The essays have students' names removed and given numbers to ensure equal competition for all applicants. The education staff scores the essays and students who score the highest points are awarded the scholarships for the coming academic year. In all, 129 applicants vied this year.

Scholarship recipients with names, grade levels, schools and degrees sought:

### Noah Thomas Leask Family Scholarships

1. Nicholas Lamantia, sophomore, Alpena Community College, associate in psychology.
2. Athena Chapekis, freshman, Miami University, bachelor's in sociology.
3. Chad LaFaver, senior, Lake Superior State University, bachelor's in fisheries and wildlife, fisheries concentration.
4. Andreaa Jump, junior, Northern Michigan University, bachelor's in art and design, minor in Native American studies.
5. Taylor Becker, senior, Grand Valley State University, bachelor's in nursing.
6. Robert Carter, freshman, the University of Louisville, bachelor's in political science, minor in law and public policy.
7. Sequoia Bazinau, freshman, Bay Mills Community College, associate in business administration.

8. Leah Piepszowski, senior, Western Michigan University, bachelor's in occupational therapy.

9. Joni Tadgerson, freshman, Michigan State University, bachelor's in linguistics.

10. Micaela O'Rourke, sophomore, Michigan State University, bachelor's in kinesiology.

11. Nora Smith, freshman, University of Pittsburg, bachelor's in psychology, minor in women's studies.

12. Donald Clark Jr., freshman, Alpena Community College, associate in law enforcement.

13. Kaitlin Goetz, junior, Lake Superior State University, bachelor's in business administration, minor in management.

14. Amanda Holtham, freshman, Michigan State University, bachelor's in music education.

15. Jenna LaTour, junior, Lake Superior State University, bachelor's in nursing.

16. Cassidy Woodworth, junior, California State University, bachelor's in health science.

17. Jordan Huff, senior, Lake Superior State University, bachelor's in mechanical engineering.

18. Ryan Barton, sophomore, Michigan Technological University, bachelor's in computer science.

19. Halie Hardwick, sophomore, Central Michigan University, bachelor's in integrative public relations.

20. Nastasya Thibodeaux, junior, St. Petersburg College, associate in digital media.

21. Samantha Gurnoe, graduate student, Michigan Technological University, master's in medical informatics.

22. Riane Greene, sophomore, Michigan Technological University, bachelor's in civil engineering.

23. Carrie Gable, junior, Central Michigan University,

bachelor's in psychology, minor in sociology.

24. Anna Harrington, sophomore, Central Michigan University, bachelor's in business administration, minor in business law.

25. Natasha Stewart, freshman, Grand Valley State University, bachelor's in accounting/business, minor in film/video.

26. Misty Pranga, graduate student, Oakland University, master's in higher education leadership.

27. Alyssa Bazinau, freshman, Bay Mills Community College, associate in pre-medicine.

28. Rachel DeShambo, senior, Michigan State University, bachelor's in human biology.

29. Adam Povey, senior, Lake Superior State University, bachelor's in mathematics, minor in finance/accounting.

30. Ryan Kodramaz, senior, Ohio State University, bachelor's in mechanical engineering.

31. Kimberly Jodoin, sophomore, Michigan State University, bachelor's in animal science.

32. Hunter Killips, sophomore, Ferris State University, bachelor's in civil engineering, minor in technology management.

33. Jerome Gervais, graduate student, Michigan State University, master's in human relations, minor in labor relations.

34. Emily Smith, freshman, Michigan State University, bachelor's in biochemistry.

35. Angie Paulson, graduate student, Grand Valley State University, master's in educational technology.

**Bernard Bouschor Honorary Scholarship** — Marissa Huffman, junior, Radford University, bachelor's in psychology, minor in biology.

**Pamela Cable Gershon Scholarship** — Michaela Cushman, freshman, University of Michigan, bachelor's in business,

minor in political science.

**John P. Carr Scholarship** — Casey Vadnais, sophomore, Michigan Technological University, bachelor's in general engineering.

**Don Corp Scholarship** — Damon Anderson, freshman, Lake Superior State University, bachelor's in history.

**June Curran Porcaro Scholarship** — Kimber Vallier, junior, Bay Mills Community College, associate in social science.

**Fred L. Hatch Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship** — Daraka McLeod, senior, Northern Michigan University, bachelor's in elementary education, minor in special education.

**Lori Jump Survivor Honorary Scholarship** — Crisinga Savaglio, senior, Loyola Chicago University, bachelor's in sociology.

**Joseph K. Lumsden Memorial Scholarship** — Mary Parr, junior, Grand Valley State University, bachelor's in natural resource management, minor in biology.

**Vic Matson Sr. Tributary Scholarship** — Cody Jodoin, senior, Lake Superior State University, bachelor's in fisheries and wildlife management, focus on fisheries management.

**Ken McCoy GED College Scholarship** — Joseph Cadreau, junior, Grand Valley State University, bachelor's in human service, minor in finance.

**Mary and Harold "Cub" McKerchie Tributary Scholarship** — Brandi MacArthur, senior, Lake Superior State University, bachelor's in business administration, minor in economics and finance.

**Martha Miller Tributary Scholarship** — Madeline Wilson, senior, Lake Superior State University, bachelor's in psychology, minor in counseling.

**George K. Nolan Tribal Judicial Scholarship** — Annabel Shea at Michigan State University's College of Law is a Law, juris doctorate.

**Barb and Ed "Pie" Pine Tributary Scholarship** — Zachary Jodoin, junior, Northern Michigan University, bachelor's in biology/physiology.

**Wright-Hatch Journalism Scholarship** — Kayla Bell, junior, Northern Michigan University, bachelor's in journalism, minor in Native American studies.

**Nokimos Scholarship Mary Sabina Osagwin and Christine Muscoe Anderson** — Korissa Hakola, sophomore, Bay Mills Community College, associate in nursing.

**Donald "Duck" Andress Honoree Tributary Scholarship** — Rochelle McFarlane, junior, North Central Michigan College, bachelor's in business administration.

**Martha "Marty" Snyder Honoree Tributary Scholarship** — Ashley Berthaume, junior, Bay De Noc Community College, associate in nursing.

**Anita Nelson Honoree Tributary Scholarship** — Molly Matson, junior, Grand Valley State University, bachelor's in nursing.

**Special Needs Scholarships** — One awarded to a student under the age of 18 and two scholarships awarded to students 18 and older. The remaining special needs scholarship is re-opened until Sept. 1, 2016.

These scholarships and five additional Noah T. Leask Family Scholarships will be offered again next academic year between April 1, 2017, and June 1, 2017. Direct questions to Brandi MacArthur, Higher Education administrative assistant, at [bmacarthur@sault-tribe.net](mailto:bmacarthur@sault-tribe.net).

# Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic teed off in July

SAULT STE. MARIE — Golfers from across the state competed in the 16th annual Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic at the Wild Bluff Golf Course in Brimley, Mich., on June 29-30. The annual event garnered over \$74,000 for the tribe's scholarship fund.

The two-day event began on the evening of July 29 with a reception at Kewadin Casino and Convention Center. Sponsored by PNC Bank, the reception gave golfers the chance to pre-register for the event, mingle with fellow golfers and sponsors and the opportunity to enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres. In addition, those attending won a variety of prizes donated by vendors.

The classic — the weekend's main event — began with a shot-gun start at 10 a.m. on Saturday. The O'Connor's Chrysler Jeep Dodge team won the mixed division with a 59, followed by Sault Printing with a 63 and in third was Kandler Reed Khoury Muchmore with a 67. In the men's division, Miller Lite/Coors Light took first place with a 58, followed by Dalco, with 63, and the Michigan Economic



**Team O'Connor's Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram won the golf scholarship classic in the mixed category. From left, team members were Mary O'Connor, Barry O'Connor, Ken Wilkie and Madison Wilkie.**

Development Corporation won the scorecard playoff and third place with a 63.

During the classic, golfers had the chance to win cash prizes of up to \$25,000 and one of two vehicles sponsored by local dealerships during our hole-in-one contests. Golfers also had the opportunity to test their skills prior to the classic in the putting contest for a chance to

win \$10,000.

While on the course, golfers were treated to a delicious barbecue lunch of burgers, brats and all the fixings sponsored by Sault Printing Company.

Following the classic, golfers and sponsors attended a banquet at Kewadin Casino and Convention Center. Sponsors were recognized for their tremendous support and contribu-



**Team Miller Lite/Coors Light won the golf scholarship classic in the men's category. From left, team members Jim Jorgenson, Sean Celestino, Steven Kaunisto and Randen Hill.**

tions towards the fund. In addition, those attending the banquet had the opportunity to win door prizes and to participate in the event's silent auction. 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 in an education fund that provides Sault Tribe members with scholarships to

further their education. To date, over 250 scholarships have been awarded.

The 2016 Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic was organized by Jake Sillers and Jessica Dumback and presented by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Kewadin Casinos. Next year's event is scheduled for July 29, 2017.

# Sixth annual Young Environmentalist Camp held

BY JORDAN JOHNSTON

Sault Tribe's Environmental Department recently hosted its sixth annual Young Environmentalist Camp at the Marry Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island. Twenty-one tribal youth attended a camp full of fun and hands on learning. We were blessed with beautiful but very warm weather and a full schedule of activities for the campers.

The two-day camp began on Wednesday, Aug. 3, with introductions of campers and clan leaders. The group of 21 divided into four clans, eagle, bear, turtle and loon. After learning a bit about each animal and its importance to our culture, campers were given the opportunity to decorate their clan's necklaces. The rest of the morning continued with various craft projects like tie-dyeing T-shirts and decorating backpacks and clan flags.

After lunch, Chippewa-Luce-Mackinaw Conservation District staffers Nick Cassel and Travis Kangas taught the campers about invasive species and forestry. This gave the campers opportunities to learn more about the life cycle of native plants and how they are negatively impacted by invasive species, as well as methods and means of monitoring forests.

The clans broke off into small groups in order to visit hands-on educational stations presented by members of the Environmental Department. Crystal Falk, environmental specialist in water quality, hosted a station about watersheds and wetlands. A.J. Mclarahmore, brownfields and emergency response coordinator, led the group with a hands-on look at the impact of oil spills and how to respond to them.

Robin Bouschour, environmental specialist in air quality, led a group talk about air quality and allowed campers to create partic-



**Some of the gang who attended the 2016 Young Environmentalist Camp conducted on Sugar Island at the Mary Murray Culture Camp.**

ulate traps left overnight and then inspected the following afternoon. Jordan Johnston, public involvement and records clerk, led a group talk about reducing, reusing and recycling, and led an activity to help the campers form a better understanding of how to reduce, reuse and recycle common household items.

The evening was capped off with a quiz on common animal tracks in our area and a game of Jeopardy! to assess the knowledge campers had learned from the previous day. Finalizing the night were snacks — including, but not limited to, edible bugs — and a movie.

The second day of camp kicked off with traditional healer Keith Smith presenting on the Traditional Medicine Program. Campers were afforded the opportunity to create their own kinnikinnick with supplies graciously harvested by Keith and his wife. After completion, camp-

ers were given their own bags to take with them for ceremonial use.

Following their education on traditional medicine, many of the annual camp traditions played out — group photos, and popular games "deer, deer, deer" and

"capture the clan flag."

After lunch, the clans got to work earning final points in the Clan Cup Showdown. The day culminated with trivia games, allowing campers to recall what they learned from the previous two days as well as basic science

knowledge.

Campers went home with various goodies and new knowledge on how to be a young environmentalist and champion for Mother Earth.

The Environmental Department thanks Jackie Minton of the Cultural Department as such a helpful and gracious hostess to the Environmental Department crew and our campers. Thanks also to Sam Gardner for all of his hard work and for feeding all of us such amazing meals, and thanks to Travis Kangas, Nick Cassel and Keith Smith for helping to educate the campers and taking time out of their days to join us on the island. Finally, thanks to all of the amazing youngsters who joined us for the camp — it would not have been such a success had we not had such kind, hardworking, motivated and intelligent kids to call our campers. As always, we look forward to more fun and education next year.

## Lisek graduates from Indiana University



**Sault Tribe member Robin Johndrow Lisek is proud to announce her daughter, Mary Lisek, graduated with a bachelor's in general studies from Indiana University-South Bend.**

## Adams graduates from Hudsonville High School



Lucas Todd Adams graduated from Hudsonville High School on May 26, 2016, magna cum laude and a member of the National Honor Society. He was a distance runner for the track team and lettered in marching band.

He is attending Grand Valley State University in the fall working on pre-dental and a bachelor's degree in biomedical sciences.

He plans to go on from GVSU to earn his DDS at University of Detroit Mercy. Adams is the son of Todd and Christine Adams.

# Robert and Helen Ball pay off Merlin Home mortgage

BY LINDA BOUVET, LSSU  
SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich.  
— Robert and Helen Ball are helping to fulfill a healthcare master plan by again extending their generosity. The retired businessman and his wife are paying off the mortgage for the Merlin Home, an adult foster care home that opened in June to care for area residents with dementia.

The Balls presented a check for \$160,000 to Superior Health Support Systems President Tracey Holt July 19, exactly four years to the day after the home for Hospice of the EUP was dedicated in their honor. Holt is also the director of Hospice of the EUP, and her grand plan also includes building foster homes for area teens.

“It makes me feel pretty good to be able to do this,” said Robert Ball as he toured the six-bedroom Merlin Home. “I’m amazed at what has been done already.”

The Balls reside in Cedarville during the warm-weather months and spend winters in Florida. Robert Ball and partner Bob Mattson owned and operated Superior Sanitation, Superior Bus Service and Ball Moving and Storage from 1955-76, and Ball continued to have an interest in

the businesses for another decade before retiring.

“But this is still our home,” Helen Ball noted.

The Balls remember the good care his employees took of his ventures. Now he looks forward to his part in taking care of them and the Sault community.

“I had so many employees, and I can’t remember anyone who wasn’t a good employee,” Robert said. “There was never a problem whenever I left town.”

The Merlin Home admitted its first resident a few weeks ago. Holt noted that unlike the Ball Hospice House, whose residents’ typical stay is two weeks, the average stay at the Merlin Home will be two to three years. The Merlin Home staff is steadily adapting to its new dwelling located behind Hearthsides Assisted Living Center.

“I am so excited about our new home,” said Delores Kivi RN, manager of the Merlin Home. “Our first resident is all moved. We spend our days reminiscing, playing games, doing art projects and going outside to enjoy the summer weather. Even when it’s raining you can see us sitting on the front porch. She likes the rain and listening to the



**MERLIN HOME DONORS** – Helen Ball, left, and Robert Ball, right, present a check for \$160,000 to Superior Health Support Systems President Tracey Holt to pay off the mortgage at the Merlin Home, an adult foster care home that opened in June for area residents with dementia. The Ball Hospice House is also named in their honor.

grass being cut.”

“Our goal is to allow residents to enjoy the here and now,” Kivi said. “I would encourage anyone who is considering long term care for their loved one to consider the Merlin Home as an option. Come in for a tour to see if we can meet the special needs of your family member. By fill-

ing out an application you are taking your first step in providing ongoing care for your loved one. I would also like to add that we have respite care services available for anyone needing to take a break or attend special events. The cost is based on a day-to-day breakdown.

“Feel free to call and ask

questions,” Kivi added. “Not that I have all of the connections, but I can help point people in the right direction.”

Contact Kivi, (906) 259-7373 or (906) 440-3217, dee@hearthsidesassistedliving.org, for Merlin Home residential assessment or volunteer information.

## Marquette elders asked to dinners on the first Thursdays of the months

### Monthly dinners and information free at Holiday Inn

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians invites Marquette County elders, those 60 years of age or older, to dinners on the first Thursday of every month. The dinners are at the Holiday Inn in Marquette and begin at 6 p.m. Elders may bring one guest and the guest may be of any age and does not have to be a tribal member.

Why should you attend this dinner? Several reasons:

1. The board of directors pays for the meals, so it is free to you.
2. Members of the board attend the meals and brief us on

items of interest to members.

3. Health care officials come to these meals and pass on information concerning tribal health care benefits.

4. The director of the tribe’s Elder Services is on hand to provide information on programs for elders.

5. You have the opportunity to ask questions of these people.

If you are interested in attending, and I hope you are, or just want more information, please call Jim Alderson at (906) 346-4553. If you are a tribal elder and have no way to get to the dinner or have a disability, please call us to make arrangements to get you to the meal.

Thank you,  
Boyd Snyder  
Subcommittee chairman

## Birth



### ELLA J. JARVIS

Ella Jean Jarvis was born on April 15, 2015, to Lisa and Nathan Jarvis of Toledo, Ohio, granddaughter of William (Joe) and Carol Corbiere of Sylvania, Ohio, Tom Jarvis and the late Catherine Jean Jarvis of Mentor, Ohio. Ella is the great-granddaughter of the late William (Teepee) Corbiere.

## Sugar Island Powwow committee thankful

The Sugar Island Powwow Committee thanks everyone who helped during the 20th annual powwow. We extend a heart-felt thanks for your commitment to making this event so successful.

Gchi miigwech to Mick Frechette and family, Denny McKelvie and family, Cecil E. Pavlat Sr. and family, Joe and Colleen Medicine, Sam and Dan Gardner, Amber Belonga, Joe and Rebecca Parish, Neil McCoy, Leslie Ailing, Jamie McKelvie and family, Brendan Shipman, Owen Nolan, Tyler Bouschor, Daniel Boyer, Joseph Ailing, Joey Ailing, Ted Recollet, Chloe Gonzales, Henry Boulley Sr., Angeline Boulley, Alaysia Brewer, Edye Nichols, Jennifer Dale-Burton, Don Lawrence, Mike Keenan “the Pancake Man,” all the head staff, flag carriers, vendors, drums, dancers and attendees!

The committee sends a special thank you to the Kewadin staff who helped raise funds for the new arbor and anyone who helped donate supplies and time putting it up. The new arbor looks fantastic!

We also say gchi miigwech to all of our sponsors who helped make this event possible. Please know partnerships with our sponsors and supporters are vital to the success of our annual powwow. Miigwech to Kewadin Casinos, EUPTA, Finest Septic, Chippewa County Health Department and the Sacred Heart Church.

We apologize if we have forgotten to include anyone. We appreciate all help given leading up to and over the powwow weekend. It is truly an honor for the committee to plan and work the annual Sugar Island powwow.

Baamaa miinwa niibing ka waaminim!

## The CyberStance - Keeping your children safe online, part 2

### the CyberStance



Cyber security answers for your Home & Family

We talked about opening the lines of communication with your children and their online activity, emphasizing the fact that just because they feel protected by the apparent distance a screen gives, they still must remember that online is still the real world.

The task of protecting our children online is a challenge that grows in complexity every day and can be daunting, especially if you’re not tech savvy.

Fortunately, there are some simple steps you can take to help protect not only your children’s online safety, but your Internet devices as well.

The first step is to use an

“Connect with care. Links in emails, social media posts and online advertising are often how cybercriminals try to steal your personal information. Even if you know the source, if something looks suspicious, delete it.”

Internet security suite on your computer and all devices that connect to the Internet. You need a full firewall, anti-spyware and other protection a suite can provide. Next, use unique and complex passwords on all accounts, devices and networks. Also, consider partitioning your computer into separate accounts. Most operating systems give you

the option of creating a separate user account for each user. This has several benefits, it allows you to set parental controls, reduce the amount of privileges, restrict certain websites and prevent your child from accidentally deleting or modifying your files or necessary program files.

Turn on automatic updates if that is an option. Many software

programs will automatically connect and update to defend against known risks. Connect with care. Links in emails, social media posts and online advertising are often how cybercriminals try to steal your personal information. Even if you know the source, if something looks suspicious, delete it. Check to make sure the site is security enabled. Look for web addresses with “https://” or “http://,” which means the site takes extra measure to help secure your information. Remember “http://” is not secure.

Next time: Educating your children about online safety  
— Sponsored by ISHPI

Folks enjoyed a cooler dip in the warmer daily temperatures while attending the 2016 Youth Empowerment Powwow put on by Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities (YEA) near Newberry on Aug. 6. This year marked the 12th annual gathering of youngsters, mostly those involved with YEA, from throughout the tribes service area.



Photo by Rick Smith

A dog observes proceedings from the back of a packed wagon.



Photo by Rick Smith

Marilyn Hume stands as Nancy "The Fry Bread Queen" Shananaquet sits in shade at one of a pair of sales stands offering wares of Shananaquet Family Arts and Crafts. Hailing from northern Michigan, the family of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians follows the regional powwow trail marketing a wide assortment of handicrafts.



Photo by Rick Smith

Head male dancer, Jodi Gaskin, in regalia with Sylvia Wastesicoot at their vending stand.



Photo by Stephen King

Deeanika DeGrand, 10, looking beautiful in her regalia.



Photo by Stephen King

Kenedey Kamers, 14.



# RECOVERY WALK 2016



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016  
4 P.M. TO 7 P.M.  
CHI MUKWA (BIG BEAR ARENA)

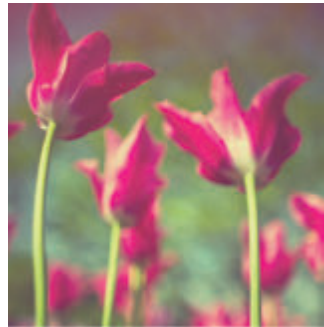
The Recovery Walk is an annual event to support individuals and families in recovery and to recognize the positive effects recovery can have!

*Everyone is Invited!*

- Craft tables & games for kids with prizes! —
- Motivational Recovery Speakers —
- Cookout —

*Questions?*

*Please call Sault Tribe Behavioral Health at (906) 635-6075 or Pat McKelvie at (906) 635-7741*



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Everyone participating in the Recovery Walk will meet in the parking lot at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church (1529 Marquette Avenue) at 4 P.M. for registration and the walk will begin promptly at 5 P.M.

*The first 120 registrants receive a T-Shirt.*

Anyone who is unable to participate in the walk is welcome to go right to Big Bear at 5 P.M.

**JOIN THE VOICES FOR RECOVERY:  
OUR FAMILIES,  
OUR STORIES,  
OUR RECOVERY!**

*This event is supported by the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, SAMHSA, Access to Recovery, Tribal Court, Sault Tribe Behavioral Health, and people in & supportive of recovery.*

# 2016 Youth Empowerment Powwow sways Newberry



Mary Powell confers with a potential customer.



From left, Carson Yoder, Francine Wyers, Kennedy Kammers, Riley O'Rourke and Helena St. Onge-Kissinger.

Photos by Rick Smith



Young shawl dancers talking with the head male dancer.



Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities coordinators for the Sault area with children, from left, Jill Lawson holding Brooklynne King, Melissa Evans, young Aiden Lawson and Caitlyn Synett.



From left, Sierra Rzanca of Munising; Peggy Morin, Munising area coordinator; Karen Corbell, Escanaba area assistant; Deyanna McMillan of Kincheloe; Dawn Griffin, Kincheloe/Rudyard area coordinator; Kelly Constantine, Escanaba area coordinator; Charice Graham, Hessel area assistant; Emily Wilson of Rudyard; and Terin Tremblay of Rudyard. Below, young shawl dancers waiting for grand entry to commence.



Youngsters preparing to carry flags for grand entry.



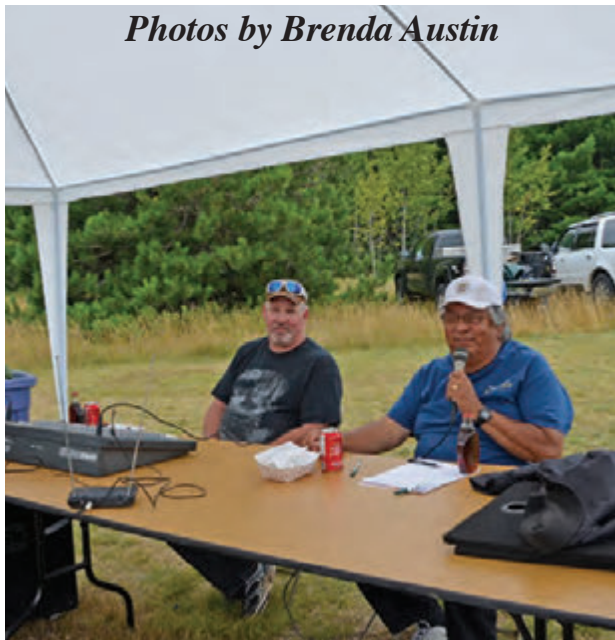
Above, Marilyn Shanquet speaks Anishinabemowin.

Photo by Stephen King

# Kitchi Miniss ~ Munising Powwow Aug. 13



Young ladies enjoying the day. Savannah Glaister (right), age 9, from Munising.



From left, Kevin Morrison, from Munising, on the sound mixing board, and emcee Stan Spruce from Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in L'Anse, Mich.



Bill Langford from Ishpeming.



Marj Langford and her Spring Water Creations booth from Ishpeming Township.



Kim Jewett Gwinn, Redlake Chippewa.



Dancers participating in the afternoons festivities.



Munising Bay Singers.

# More Kitchi Miniss ~ Munising Powwow



Sleepy little angel getting a lift around the dance circle.

*Photos by Brenda Austin*



Young man participating in a spot dance, hoping to be the chosen winner of \$10.



Doug and Bev Jenkins.



Spirit Ridge Drum.



Little Miss Blue Eyes - Savannah Glaister, 9, from Munising.



Obadewon Drum from Ontario, Calif.



Sylas Roberts, 2, Haylie Escherich, 11, Robin Bouschor and Logan Roberts.



# Seth Allard relates a story of the river

*Note: The following story is continued from the June 2016 issue. This story represents a genre of writing called “creative ethnographic writing.” This writing style provides a more creative, aesthetic expression of a people’s culture and history, as shown through stories, poetry, prose and other forms of artistic representation. Other forms of creative writing will surface in this thesis. The poem is a precursor to the next part of this series, “Chapter Two: Conflicted Identity in the Sault Tribe: Part One” will be available in the September issue.*

BY SETH ALLARD

Twenty feet ahead and to the left, the largest northern pike I had ever seen sat hovering on the river bottom, undoubtedly waiting for some prey to swim by. Northern pike, known for their voracious appetites, feed off of anything from fish not much smaller than themselves, to frogs, rodents and in the rare instance even ducklings. With its long, predatory jaw and sleek body, northern pike strongly resemble its oceangoing cousin the barracuda. And this monster was simply sitting in front of Mathew, as if an offering from the river itself.

Matt hardly needed to say anything. CJ put the boat into a slow drift, turning the paddle to rudder left to give Matt a straight on shot. Mathew draws the butt of the spear upward at a slant toward the night sky, keeping his right hand high on the back of the 10-foot staff and the left hand down toward the spearhead to guide the coming strike. The barbs dip gently into the water with hardly a ripple, giving the pike no notice of the descending device. At this point, the water plays tricks on the eyes. The spear fisher must know that the spearhead and the fish are not where they seem, but that their images are bent by the water. It takes experience to adjust for this lie in perception.

Six feet out, the motionless fish is within striking distance. The final moment, the kill shot, is entirely and literally in Mathew’s hands. We hold our breath as the boat continues to drift toward the target. Closer...closer. Not taking a chance that the giant will sense our presence, Matt does not hesitate, uncoiling his arms and using every bit of the 14-foot of ash to close the distance between the deadly spearhead and the back of the pike’s neck.

Immediately, the river bottom protests the disturbance of its peace by emitting a thick, brown cloud, blinding us to the final verdict. Matt firmly holds the deadly end against the river bottom to keep our quarry in place. When the cloud settles, it is clear that the strike was precise and true. The spear is squarely embedded across the pike’s neck, which instantly cut its spinal cord and rendered it lifeless. Other than a few sporadic, reflexive twitches, its spirit is gone.

For several seconds, we take in the moment. “Holee,” I think to myself, “that’s a big fish.” But we do not wait too long, as Matt begins the second most important phase in the spearing process — bringing the fish successfully into

the boat. Even near death a fish can slip off the end of the spear and drag itself into the depths of the river, to die needlessly. To prevent this, Matt points the spear shaft almost straight up, and hand over hand slowly lifts the limp pike out of the water. The barbs, embedded in the other side of the fish, will hold it. In the event the pike begins to slip off, Matt can quickly jam it back into the river bottom until another attempt can be made.

But Matt successfully brings the pike up and over the boat railing and I help ease it off the end of the spear. We sit down and take a longer moment to rest.

“That’s gotta be the biggest fish you ever caught, spearing or otherwise, huh?” I ask.

“I think so,” says Matt, lighting a cigarette.

“Dang, Matty, that was a pretty brave shot,” says CJ.

“Well I didn’t want to take a chance that it would spook!”

We all sit in the boat, taking glances at the monster laying in the half-inch of river water on the bottom of the boat. No gloating. No obnoxious high fives. No ‘who’-ing. Adrenaline, for sure, courses through Matt’s veins, and we each share in the feeling. As in the deer hunt, we exchange jokes and muttered comments on the event, but whenever our eyes shift to the pike it is with a sense of belonging. It was meant to be with us, and though it is exciting to welcome it into our lives at the tip of a spear, it feels natural and normal. As if greeting a friend. It’s a sensation that we see in others and feel in ourselves after taking a deer. The hunter anticipates, longs for, but when the game is in his possession, it is as if the moment is shared between the hunter and the animal. In the moments leading to the pull of the trigger, or release of an arrow, the hunter establishes a relationship with the animal. When the deer is in the hunter’s possession, it is given an identity by the hunter’s through his memory of the animal, and the recognition of the personality and character of the deer. The length and growth of the tines, the age, the mannerisms before the shot was taken. Even during cleaning, a careful inspection is often made of the bowels and organs. What did it eat? Was it eating well? Was it sick in any way? And from all of these observations, a biography can be made for the hunter to contemplate.

And while we often forgot the ritual, we place tobacco, sometimes rolled out of the end of a full cigarette at the spot that the animal fell or the fish taken as a show of respect — leaving something of value where another thing of value was taken.

Invigorated by this catch, we continue eastward for another few rotations. But our fortune has run thin, and we are well over a mile east of our landing. It is evident that Matt stands the victor on this outing. The sun shows promise of reclaiming the sky from its nocturnal counterpart, so we turn about and begin the arduous journey back. Taking turns between rowing and pushing Huckleberry Finn-style down the river, the exhaustion from nearly eight hours on the river begins to show.

Due to our poor coordination with the oars, the boat zig-zags left to right. No matter what we try, we can’t seem to keep in a straight line. We don’t even have enough energy to properly gripe at each other, though not for lack of anger at the futility of our efforts.

Finally, with perspiration and frustration flowing freely, I loudly and sarcastically say to myself, “Come out to spear, he says. We’ll have a great time, he says! Hardly any effort, he says!”

At this zinger, we throw our heads back, having to put the paddles down to get the laughter out. Matt declares a smoke break, but CJ decides to continue giving mediocre thrusts with the spear to keep us going. A set of waves from a 1,500-foot long cargo ship, chugging down the center of the canal, rocks the boat. For the second time since we started the excursion, deep purples, reds and pinks radiate in the sky and reflect off of the water.

“I can’t believe grandma used to walk across this river in the winter time,” I say, breaking the silence.

“There was no border back then, huh?” says CJ. “At least not one that anyone cared about.”

“Uncle Mike said she would walk across to visit her grandma,” I say.

“Yeah, I guess we were really from Garden River, or at least some of the Mastaws were,” says CJ, alluding to our grandmother’s

maiden name and the area where many Ojibwa on the American side lived from time to time and had, or I suppose still do, have relatives.

“Uncle Mike said she spoke the language and everything before the Catholic school,” I say.

“Probably beat it out of her, I bet,” says CJ.

Matt continues to take drags on his cigarette. He is usually quiet when CJ, I, or someone else brings up our family history. I don’t think it’s because he isn’t listening or curious. Or proud of our history. I guess the difference between us might be that I want to know and talk about it, whereas he might just want to hear about it and let it be. I don’t know.

“Yeah, I think they did. Her brother, our great uncle, even ran off not long after being in the boarding school as a teenager.”

“He gave em’ the old, ‘thank you, no thank you,’” says CJ.

“Yep. He beat feet,” I reply.

“But grandma stayed through it all. Then again, things were probably so poor at home that I guess it didn’t hurt to have a kid at a boarding school or at a brother or sister’s house for a while.”

A breeze ripples the surface of the colorful water, gently waking the St. Marys River from its dreams of ghosts floating on its surface, chasing fish in the night by lantern-light. The wind provides some relief to the pas-

sengers of the tiny boat as well. I strip off my sweater before we take to the oars again. Sweating, pulling, and laughing at ourselves, make our way back to Uncle Mike’s landing.

Shkwaandem!

John Wayne is killing Indians again — in droves. Bang! Pow! Ping!

The bullets never touch him as he dives under the wagon. Pow! But those Indians, those red devils sure get it.

Five years old, glued to the screen.

How ironic is this scene?

Mom says, “You know you’re Indian right?”

What? I always knew my father was darker — not like the other dads.

But he was just dad, dark or light, and what else was a dad supposed to be, right?

What’s Indian...?

What is Indian...?

What does that mean, to be Indian...?

I sit in the stands, watching the dancers in the summer heat.

The drum is soft, deep, comforting, like the Earth’s own heartbeat.

Bum-bum, Bum-bum... Those dancers sure feel it.

A teenager, glued to the scene.

How ironic it must seem.

Some people’s eyes say,

See “Spearfishing,” page 18

## Make a difference in the life of child . . .

### Consider being a foster care/ adoptive home provider

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services is in need of caring individuals who can provide a safe and nurturing home environment for children who have been placed out of their home due to abuse or neglect. Foster care is founded on the premise that all children have the right to physical care and educational and emotional nurturance. The family foster care program is designed to provide a substitute family life experience for a child in a household that has been approved and licensed. A relative may become licensed or may be unlicensed. ACFS makes every effort to place children with a relative if possible.

Children may need foster care for a temporary or extended period of time. The primary goal during foster care is to reunite the child with his or her parents. The foster family plays an important role in the treatment plan for the child and family. Under the “team” approach, foster parents or relatives, together with the worker, attempt to provide the specific kind of help a child and his family need for reuniting the child with the parents. When the child cannot be reunited with the parents, the children are prepared for permanent placement, with relatives or non-related adoptive families. The majority of adoptions done by ACFS are with relatives or other Native American families. Under certain circumstances, a foster family may adopt children in their care. When adoption is not possible for older youth, the goal is to prepare the youth for independent living.

Foster care is seen as a short term solu-

tion to an emergency situation. Anishnaabek Community and Family Services needs committed individuals who are:

- Willing to work with the child’s birth parents,
- Supportive of efforts to return the child home,
- Able to work with children who have significant emotional and behavioral needs,
- Able to encourage teens toward independent living.

You are not required to own your own home, be married or give up your job and stay home full time in order to foster children. You may be renting an apartment or be single. You may apply for day care payments for the time that you are working or continuing your education.

To become a foster care parent, applicants must:

- Complete a licensing application,
- Successfully complete background clearances for all adult household members,
- Provide medical statements for all household members,
- Have an environmental inspection (when applicable),
- Provide three acceptable references,
- Pass on-site visits to the home by the licensing worker,
- Attend training pertinent to foster care issues.

For further information on becoming a foster parent, contact (906) 632-5250 or toll free (800) 726-0093.

# Allard thesis continued —

From "Spearfishing," Page 17  
 "You know you're White, right?"  
 What? I always knew that I had a  
 lighter-skinned mother — not like  
 some others.  
 But light or dark she was just  
 mom to me. What else was she  
 supposed to be?  
 What's White...?  
 What is White...?"  
 What does that mean, to be  
 White...?

Hot water splashes onto my bare  
 skin.  
 Hiss...pop! We sing in  
 Anishnaabemowin  
 Sweat streams into the Earth.  
 The language I do not speak  
 fluently, but wraps around me as  
 heavily as the dense steam.  
 "Shkwaandem! Open! Open the  
 Door Mueshka!"  
 "Enh. Yes." Shkwaandem — Open  
 the door.  
 Like a rabbit, I shoot through the  
 small opening, trying to escape  
 the harsh finale of the sweat  
 lodge —  
 And his old hand catches my foot  
 before I roll into the fire.  
 What is Indian? What is White?

Questions that rise away with the  
 steam.  
 Rebirthed, cast back out, anew —  
 yet held strongly and laughingly

by the old.  
 Not light or dark, but Ojibwa,  
 Anishinaabek.  
 What's Ojibwa?

What is Ojibwa?  
 What does that mean, to be  
 Ojibwa?

The steam sizzles as water is  
 thrown onto the Mishomisug,  
 The Grandfathers, red glowing  
 stones settled in the pit of the  
 lodge,  
 The only light in the dark interior.

## Knauf Miami Nation powwow arena director

COLUMBIA CITY, Ind.  
 — Sault Tribe member Steve  
 Knauf was the arena director  
 at this year's Mihsihkinaahkwa  
 Traditional Powwow on Aug.  
 12-14, which is hosted by the  
 Miami nation of Indiana and  
 Oklahoma. He also served as  
 their arena director last year.

Sault Tribe member Dan Bissell  
 has been the head veteran for  
 the past few years and he invit-  
 ed Knauf to become involved.  
 Steve is married to Sault Tribe  
 Probation Officer Trisha Knauf.  
 See story on page 8 of this issue,  
 "Knauf accepts tribal court proba-  
 tion officer post."



Steve Knauf, above left, stands with traditional dancer Andrew Norman, right, at Miami's Nation's 2016 powwow.



ACFS parenting educator Jessica Gillotte provided the community with information regarding the ACFS Foster Care/Adoptive Home recruitment information during 2016 Downtown Days in the Sault Aug. 5 and 6. (Photo courtesy of Patricia Sterling/ACFS)

## Unit I elders, board members, donate backpacks and school supplies to homeless students



Photo courtesy Sheryl Hammock

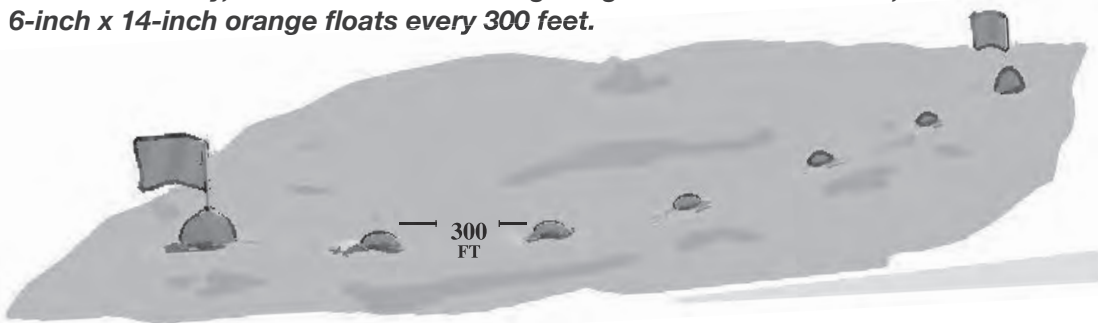
**MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY** — Sault Tribe Unit I elders are working on making up back packs and school supplies for homeless students. Sault Tribe Board of Directors Chairman Aaron Paymen donated \$500 to the cause and Unit I Director Dennis McKelvie donated back packs and school supplies. Everyone coming together for a good cause.

# ATTENTION BOATERS

## AUGUST — OCTOBER

### Possible Salmon Gill nets in northern Lakes Huron & Michigan

Salmon Nets must be marked on the surface at each end with a 5-foot staff buoy, 12-inch x 12-inch orange flag with fisher's number, 6-inch x 14-inch orange floats every 300 feet.



➔ Visibility will be limited during low-light or bad weather conditions. Please exercise extreme caution while boating in these areas.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

**Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority**  
 179 W 3 Mile Rd.  
 Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.  
**906-632-0043**

**U.S. Coast Guard**  
 Sault Ste. Marie  
**906-635-3233**

**MDNR RAP Hotline:**  
**1-800-292-7800**



**Tribal Commercial Salmon Fishery**

**LAKE HURON**  
**A. Aug 1-Oct. 15:** Brulee Point to Rabbit Back Point.  
**B. Sept. 1-Oct. 15:** Cordwood Point to Hammond Bay Harbor Light.

**LAKE MICHIGAN**  
**C. Aug. 1-Oct. 15:** McGulpin Point in the Mackinaw City area to Seven Mile Point near Cross Village, within one (1) mile of the shoreline.  
**D. Sept. 15-Oct. 30:** Off the tip of Leelanau Peninsula and west to just north of the Leland River.  
**E. Day after Labor Day – Oct. 30:** Suttons Bay from Omena Point to Suttons Point.

# Freezing, canning and pickling your peppers

BY JEANNIE NICHOLS, MSU EXTENSION

There is a wide variety of peppers to enjoy that come in a vast array of colors and heat. Bell peppers are also known as sweet peppers. There are different varieties of the bell pepper plant such as red, yellow, orange, green, chocolate/brown, vanilla/white and even purple. The ribs and seeds inside bell peppers may be eaten but people in general find them to be bitter.

Hot peppers are very popular due to the many ethnic cuisines that use their unique flavors and heat to produce delectable dishes. Peppers such as tabasco, cayenne, chili and habanero that can be grown for food, spices or as ornamentals.

Michigan State University Extension offers a word of caution: If you work with hot peppers it is recommended that you wear plastic gloves while handling them and that includes picking them. Capsaicin will rub off on other vegetables, so don't pick peppers and then other

produce. Capsaicin also rubs off onto your skin or gloves and may burn your skin and if you touch your eyes then your eyes will burn as well. If you chose not to use gloves be sure to wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water before touching your face.

If you want to preserve peppers you can freeze, can or pickle them depending on how you want to use them. In general, an average of 9 pounds of peppers is needed per canner load of 9 pints. A bushel weighs 25 pounds and yields anywhere from 20 to 30 pints. That is an average of 1 pound per pint.

Bell peppers and hot peppers are one of the few vegetables that can be frozen without being blanched. They are limp when they are thawed, so it is best to use them in cooked dishes.

The National Center for Home Food Preservation suggests you follow these steps to freeze bell and hot peppers:

1. Clean the peppers by rinsing them very well with cool water.
2. Cut them open and remove

the stem, seeds and the ribs.

3. Cut them into strips, rings or pieces .

4. Package the peppers in freezer bags removing as much air as possible.

5. Label the bags and freeze.

6. Remember: if freezing hot peppers it is recommended to use

rubber gloves when handling the peppers making sure you do not touch your eyes when you have the gloves on. When you are done working with the peppers, even if you wore gloves, be sure to wash your hands.

To learn more about using, storing and preserving peppers

visit the Michigan Fresh site ([http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/mi\\_fresh](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/mi_fresh)). You will find the bulletin on peppers under vegetables. Also be sure to check out Michigan State University food preservation classes ([http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/.food\\_preservation](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/.food_preservation)).

## Unit V students "Bike the Sites"



Photo courtesy of Margaret (Peggy) Morin

On June 16, 50 students from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Grand Tribal Youth Council biked 47 miles from St. Ignace to Sault Ste. Marie. The biking event took place to raise awareness for childhood obesity. Unit V tribal participants were Title VII Indian Education coordinator Jennifer Myer and students Steven Richardson and Cleo Wittly.

## Check your senses for poultry biosecurity

From MSU Extension

As the number of people raising chickens in their backyards increases, the intermingling of people and poultry has also increased. You can help your family apply biosecurity guidelines by using their five senses to ensure both animals and humans are kept healthy. The five senses — hearing, sight, touch, smell and taste — provide a unique opportunity for adults and youth to evaluate the environment around their animals.

You may hear the term "biosecurity" and wonder what it means. Biosecurity includes procedures that can be taken to prevent the spread of diseases. This is important to ensure animals and the people caring for them are healthy. With the large number of youth involved in 4-H animal science projects, and the increasing prevalence of animal diseases, awareness of these practices is critically important. The Michigan State University Extension 4-H Animal Science Anywhere lesson, *Basics of Biosecurity*, has a wealth of information to help youth and adults working with animals.

Take time to regularly check your senses while working with poultry. It can be very helpful in implementing good biosecurity practices that help to maintain the health of animals and people.

**HEARING** — Focusing on what you hear while interacting with poultry is important. Do you notice different sounds in the environment around the animal? Is there a change in your housing equipment? Perhaps a water line is broken that could result in water pooling, creating an environment ideally suited for mosquitos. Have you noticed different sounds coming from the animals? If you notice an increase in the loudness or how often your hens cackle, this may be an indication of a predator try-



ing to enter your coop.

**SIGHT** — Use your sense of sight by mindfully evaluating the birds and their environment on a regular basis. Do you notice any changes in their housing? Are there holes in the coop where pests may enter? Do the birds look healthy? Are the birds eating their feed?

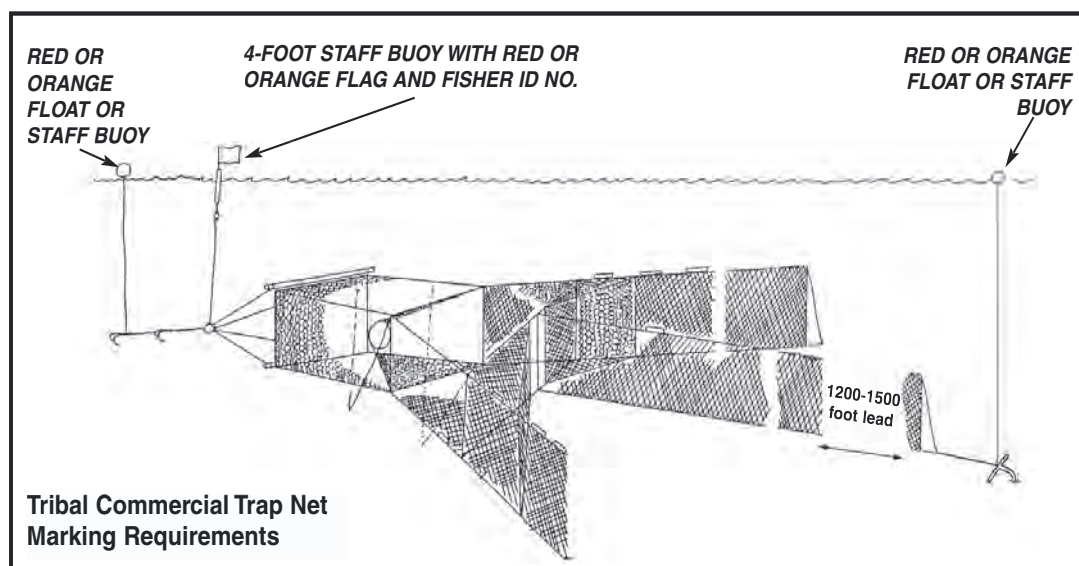
**TOUCH** — Thinking about touch is another important aspect of biosecurity. Do you make sure any equipment or clothing that comes into contact with bird manure is properly washed before it is reused to prevent it from transmitting disease? Do you have shoes or boots that you only wear while caring for your poultry?

**SMELL** — Smell can be another helpful tool in accessing biosecurity for poultry. Any strong odors coming from your coop? Perhaps a predator, such as a skunk, may be in the area? Have you checked to be certain your stored feed is mold and rodent-free? Are feed and water containers clean?

**TASTE** — Lastly, taste or the prevention of it, is also an important part of biosecurity. Do you thoroughly wash your hands and any surfaces that may come into contact with food after handling poultry, eggs, their environment and equipment? Careful washing is imperative to prevent disease transmission. Also, avoid eating or drinking while around your birds or in their environment.

## NOTICE TO BOATERS

### COMMERCIAL TRAP NETS in northern Lakes Michigan & Huron



See <[www.1836cora.org](http://www.1836cora.org)> under net marking for maps and other information.

- Vessel Operators should NAVIGATE AWAY from all markers and REMAIN 1,500 FEET AWAY from any staff buoy or jug markers.
- Please EXERCISE CAUTION while boating in these areas. Visibility will be limited during low-light or bad weather conditions.
- WARNING: Tampering with these or any other legally set nets is a violation of State and Federal law.

For more information contact:

CHIPPEWA OTTAWA RESOURCE AUTHORITY  
179 W. Three Mile,  
Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783  
906-632-0043

Report unmarked nets:

LOCAL, STATE or TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS or Michigan DNR RAP Hotline  
1-800-292-7800



# Walking on . . .

## JERI J. CHERETTE

Jeri Jean Cherette, 67, passed away on July 26, 2016, after a short illness.

She is survived by her children, Christopher (Amelia) Scheil and Heidi (Mark) Sawko; her sister, Lyndia (Mike) McMaster; her brothers, Dennis (Grace) Cherette and Anthony Cherette; and her grandchildren, Andrew, Evelyn and Eain, as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Dorothy Cherette; an infant brother, Joseph Jr.; and her sister, Joann.

Jeri was greatly loved and will be missed by so many who enjoyed her bright spirit and quick wit.

Per her wishes, cremation has taken place and no service will be offered at this time. A celebration of Jeri's life will occur at a later date.



up for tribal dinners. Bart helped build a number of homes and was willing to lend a hand to anyone. He was a very generous and giving person.

Bart is survived by his children, Barton Thomas Campbell of Richmond, Mich., and Victoria (Larry) Watson of Avoca, Mich.; grandsons, William Campbell and Daniel (Rachael) Watson; great-grandchildren, Justin, Julian, Karson and Edward; brother, Gregory Campbell; cousin, Michael "Mickey" (Mary) Tiernan; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Irene D. Campbell.

Services took place on Aug. 20, 2016, at the Serenity Pines Cemetery in AuTrain. The American Legion and Vietnam Veterans Honor Guard conducted military honors. An opportunity for a time of fellowship and visiting with family and friends followed at the AuTrain Township Hall.

Bart's obituary and guest book may be viewed and signed at [bowermanfuneralhome.net](http://bowermanfuneralhome.net).

## PRISCILLA J. EAMES

Priscilla Jean Eames, age 56, of Hessel, Mich., died on July 27, 2016, at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor, Mich. Her true love, Lloyd Peacock, and her brothers and sisters were at her side surrounding her with love. Priscilla, being the ever selfless person she was, continued to make those around her laugh to keep their spirits up, not allowing them to be sad even in her final hours with them.

Priscilla was born on Oct. 18, 1959, in Colorado Springs, Colo., to Paul Wilfred Eames and Anne Elizabeth (nee Boucher) Eames. She grew up in Seattle, Wash., and Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Priscilla attended cosmetology school while still in high school and became a licensed cosmetologist when she graduated from Sault High. She worked as a cosmetologist in the Sault area for about 25 years. More recently, she worked as the executive



host at Kewadin Casinos, first in St. Ignace and then in Sault Ste. Marie. She was a people person so the job of host was a perfect fit for her. Priscilla was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Priscilla was a kind giving person who was always taking care of others even through her illness and hospitalization for her last 20 days. Knowing they could do no more for her, countless doctors, nurses and technicians came by praising Priscilla and thanking her for being such a wonderfully appreciative and grateful patient. Many mentioned Priscilla taught them so much and they would certainly think of her throughout their years of medical practice. U-M will keep her body, as she wanted, to further healing research. She said, "If my body can help prolong or save someone else's life, then let that be, I don't need it anymore."

Priscilla leaves behind the love of her life, Lloyd Peacock, of Hessel; and siblings, David W. Eames of Carnation, Wash., Mary E. Eames of Hessel, Linda A. Cook of Kincheloe, Mich., Philip J. (Wendy) Eames of Kincheloe and Jane M. Cadreau of Sault Ste. Marie.

Priscilla was preceded in death by her parents and by one brother, Paul Walton Eames.

Traditional ceremonies took place at the tribal community center in Hessel on July 29.

Priscilla's family is extremely grateful for the staff and doctors at the University of Michigan Medical Center who took care of and loved their dear Priscilla. She could not have had better care.

R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Mich., assisted the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.rgalerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rgalerfuneralhome.com).

## CURTIS G. NELSON

Curtis G. Nelson, aged 75, of Escanaba, passed away on July 26, 2016, at Christian Park Health Care Center in Escanaba. He was born on March 18, 1941, in Stonington and was the son of



late parents Albert and Catherine (nee Stone) Nelson.

He attended Central School in Stonington and served in the United States Army from 1959 to 1968. Following his duty in the Army, he went to work at Harnischfeger until they closed in 1985. He played for a couple of country bands for 40 years and also enjoyed going to the casino. Curtis is survived by two sons, Curtis Nelson Jr. and Shane Nelson; grandson, Dakota, all from Minnesota; sisters, Harriet, Stella, Donna, all from Escanaba, and Loretta from Two Rivers.

In addition to his parents, Curtis was preceded in death by two brothers, Gust Nelson of Escanaba and Brian of Two Rivers; and sisters, Arlene, Dolly, Rowena and Mona all of Escanaba, and Alberta from Milwaukee, Wisc.

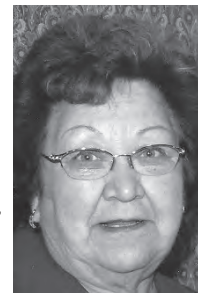
Visitation took place on July 29 at the Anderson Funeral Home in Escanaba, Delta County Veterans Council conducted military rites. Burial in Gardens of Rest Cemetery.

## CAROL R. SMITH

Carol Rose Smith of Sugar Island, Mich., passed away on July 26, 2016, at War Memorial Hospital. She was born on April 19, 1936, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., the daughter of Joseph and Dolly Leask. Carol enjoyed knitting, reading, baking, playing word search puzzles, cribbage and Yahtzee.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Elmo (McGee) Smith; a son, Billy Sams; daughters, Chris (Tom Farnquist) Sams, Kim (Buck) Gravelle, Kerri (Randy McCommin) Sams, Karla (Donny) Soper, Linda (Jamie) Grossett, Tracy (Duane) Gurnoe and Marcie Smith; sisters Joyce McCoy, Wilma Cairns and Gayle (Darrell) Belleau; brother, Gordon (Donna) Leask; and sisters-in-law, Lorraine and Donna Leask. She was known as Grandma Cake to 15 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Dolly



Leask; brothers, Ted Leask and Leo Leask; and sisters Lorraine (Ping) Rutledge and Linda Leask.

Visitation and prayers took place on July 29 at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home, Mass of Christian Burial on July 30 at St. Mary's ProCathedral Church with Father Sebastian Kavumkal and Brother John Hascall as celebrants. Interment was in Maple Ridge Cemetery on Sugar Island, Mich.

Donations may be left to the family of Carol Rose Smith. Online condolences may be left at [www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com](http://www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com).

## HENRY J. STEVENSON

Henry "Hank" Joseph Stevenson, 80, died on July 29, 2016, in Mount Clemens, Mich., with his wife and daughters at his side. Hank was born in Hessel, Mich., raised on

Drummond Island and graduated from DeTour High School but lived the best part of his life in Clinton Township. For more than 50 years, Hank was a sober active member of Alcoholics Anonymous and for that he was always grateful, although not so much grateful as he was surprised.

He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Hank is survived by his loving wife, Virginia; his two beautiful daughters, Linda (Matthew) Morrison and Janet (William) Pikarski; five grandsons, Joseph, Christian, James, Benjamin and Nathan; and one granddaughter, Caitlin. He was also survived by his sister, Jeanne Baker Bachula.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Louise Baker, and his father, Harvey Stevenson.

At his request, there will be no viewing. He will be cremated and a memorial picnic takes place sometime later in the summer. As Hank would say, he has gone to "a place where the blind see, the deaf hear and the dead live - God Bless."



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# Sault Tribe service area calendar through Oct. 29

## Language classes

Newberry language classes, Wednesdays, noon to 1:30 p.m., at the tribal center. For more information, see language staff at 531 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie or call 635-6050.

St. Ignace language classes, 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays at the McCann Center, 399 McCann Street. Everyone is welcome. For more information, see language staff at 531 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie or call 635-6050.

Munising language classes, Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m., at the tribal center. For more information, see language staff at 531 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie or call 635-6050.

Lunch Bunch language classes, Thursdays, noon to 1 p.m., 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call language staff at 635-6050.

Sault Ste. Marie language classes, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., at the Nokomis/Mishomis Building. Everyone welcome. For more information, see language staff at 531 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie or call 635-6050.

## Elderly Advisory Committee

Elderly Advisory Committee meets at 12:30 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center. Representatives from all elder subcommittees attend on the fourth Monday for months March through October. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

## Elders subcommittees

Unit I Sault Ste. Marie Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the first Wednesday of every month after the noon meal at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center, 2076 Shunk Raod. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971.

Unit II Hessel Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the third Monday of every month after the noon meal at the tribal center. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Unit II Newberry Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the third Friday of every month at 10:30 a.m. before the meal at the Zellars Village Inn. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Unit II Naubinway Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Naubinway Pavilion. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the second Friday of every month after the noon meal at the McCann Building. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Unit IV Manistique Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the second Wednesday of every month after the noon meal at the tribal center. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or

(888) 711-7356.

Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Subcommittee meets on the third Thursday of every month at Willow Creek Professional Building, second floor meeting room, 3500 Ludington Street. Catered meal at 5:30 p.m. followed by meeting. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Unit V Marquette Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the first Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Unit V Munising Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly at the tribal center (former Lincoln School), first Thursday of the month at 11 a.m., meal at noon. On third Thursday of the month, meals at noon, entrance to the building is off Munising Ave. (M 28). Please use the west entrance. For questions, call the Elder Services at 635-4971.

## Inland Conservation Committee

Inland Conservation Committee meets at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie, 4 p.m., first Monday of each month. Call Linda Grossett at 635-6050 or email lgrossett@saulttribe.net for any questions.

## Unit III

Sault Tribe Board of Directors Unit III representatives Keith Massaway and Bridgett Sorenson invite constituents to address concerns at 6 p.m. on the second Monday and Friday of each month at the Enji Maawanji' Iding, (McCann Center) in St. Ignace. For questions, call Keith Massaway at 643-6981 or Bridgett Sorenson at 430-0536.

## Sault Tribe Board of Directors

The board meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. at various locations. About an hour before meetings start, the board hears concerns from members. For further information, call Joanne or Linda at 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

## Bawating Art Gallery

Exhibits and sales of arts and crafts created by Sault Tribe members on the second Thursday-Saturday of each month, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Kewadin Casino Bawating Art Gallery in Sault Ste. Marie. Buy handcrafted gifts for all occasions. For reservations or information, call Rachel McKechnie at 632-0530 extension 53573.

## Win Awenen Nisitotung (Sault Tribe newspaper)

Contact the Sault Tribe Communications Department by phone at (906) 632-6398, mail at 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Send email to

jdburton@saulttribe.net for any submissions. Email slucas@saulttribe.net for all other matters.

## Sault support group for families and friends

Group helps those suffering from the addictions of loved ones, meets 6 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month at Huntington Bank. For questions, call Linda at 440-7252.

## Families Against Narcotics (FAN)

FAN meets on the third Thursday of every month, 6:30 p.m., at the Huntington Bank meeting room in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, email chippewa@familiesagainstnarcotics.org or visit www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org/chippewa-county or www.facebook.com/fanchipp.

## Committee vacancies

The following committees have vacant seats. Sault Tribe members interested in filling these vacancies should submit one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation from other members to Joanne Carr/Linda Grossett, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie. Call 906-635-6050 for any questions.

Anishinaabe Cultural Committee - Three vacancies (men, four-year term)

Health Board - One vacancy (four-year term)

Election Committee - Two vacancies (four-year term)

Special Needs/Enrollment Committee - Six vacancies (two-year term)

Child Welfare Committee - Four vacancies (four-year term)

Unit I Sault Elders Subcommittee - Two alternates (one four-year term and one two-year term)

Unit II Hessel Elders Subcommittee - Two regular seat vacancies, one alternate (four-year term)

Unit II Newberry Elders Subcommittee - One regular seat vacancy, one alternate (four-year term)

Unit II Naubinway Elders Subcommittee - One alternate (four-year term)

Unit IV Manistique Elders Subcommittee - One regular seat vacancy, one alternate (four-year term)

Unit V Munising Elders Subcommittee - Two alternate (four-year term)

Unit V Marquette Elders Subcommittee - One regular seat vacancy, one alternate (four-year term)

## Calendar

Aug. 22: Elderly Advisory Committee meeting.

Aug. 31: Unit II Naubinway Elderly Subcommittee meeting.

Sept. 1: Unit V Marquette Elderly Subcommittee meeting.

Sept. 1 & 15: Unit V Munising Elderly Subcommittee meetings.

Sept. 6: Inland Conservation Committee meeting.

Sept. 6: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Kewadin Casino, Sault Ste. Marie.

Sept. 6: Support group for families and friends of addicts meeting.

Sept. 7: Unit I Sault Elderly Subcommittee meeting.

Sept. 8-11: Bawating Art Gallery exhibit and sales.

Sept. 9: Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Subcommittee meeting.

Sept. 9: *Win Awenen Nisitotung* newspaper deadline, 12 p.m. Direct submissions or advertisement inquiries by email to jdburton@saulttribe.net or send to 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie. Send community calendar events by email to slucas@saulttribe.net. Call the Communications Department at 632-6398 for more information.

Sept. 10: Honoring the Waters Powwow, Newberry, call Lois Bryan or Shirley Kwalke at 293-8181 for more information.

Sept. 14: Unit IV Manistique Elderly Subcommittee meeting.

Sept. 15: Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Subcommittee meeting.

Sept. 16: Unit II Newberry Elderly Subcommittee meeting.

Sept. 19: The Unit II Hessel Elderly Subcommittee meeting.

Sept. 19: Unit III meeting.

Sept. 19: Support group for families and friends of addicts meeting.

Sept. 20: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Munising, call 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660, for further information.

Sept. 21: Les Cheneaux-Cedarville Schools Title VII Parent Advisory Committee meeting, school library at 5 p.m. Call Drew Paquin at 484-2256 for more information.

Sept. 21: Families Against Narcotics meeting.

Sept. 26: Elderly Advisory Committee meeting.

Sept. 28: Unit II Naubinway Elderly Subcommittee meeting.

Oct. 3: Inland Conservation meeting meeting.

Oct. 3: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Kewadin Casino, Sault Ste. Marie,

Oct. 5: Unit I Sault Ste. Marie Elderly Subcommittee meeting.

Oct. 6: Unit V Marquette Elderly Subcommittee meeting.

Oct. 6-8: Bawating Art Gallery exhibit and sales.

Oct. 6 & 20: Unit V Munising Elderly Subcommittee meetings.

Oct. 7: *Win Awenen Nisitotung* newspaper deadline, 12 p.m. Direct submissions or advertisement inquiries by email to jdburton@saulttribe.net or send to 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie. Send community calendar events by email to slucas@saulttribe.net. Call the Communications Department at 632-6398 for more information.

Oct. 12: Unit IV Manistique Elderly Subcommittee meeting.

Oct. 13-15: Bawating Art Gallery exhibit and sales. at Kewadin Casinos.

Oct. 14: Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Subcommittee meeting.

Oct. 17: Unit II Hessel Elderly Subcommittee meeting.

Oct. 17: Unit III meeting.

Oct. 18: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, St. Ignace.

Oct. 19: Les Cheneaux-Cedarville Schools Title VII Parent Advisory Committee meeting, school library, call Drew Paquin at 484-2256 for more information.

Oct. 20: Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Subcommittee meeting.

Oct. 20: Families Against Narcotics meeting.

Oct. 20-22: Bawating Art Gallery exhibit and sales.

Oct. 21: Unit II Newberry Elderly Subcommittee meeting.

Oct. 24: Elderly Advisory Committee meeting.

Oct. 26: Unit II Naubinway Elderly Subcommittee meeting.

Oct. 27-29: Bawating Art Gallery exhibit and sales.

## WALK-IN CLINIC

Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun, St. Sault Ste. Marie

Open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sault Tribe Health Center 2nd Floor 2864 Ashmun, Sault Ste. Marie

Rae Ann Brand FNP  
Andrew Rife PA



The Walk-In Clinic Provides Routine Medical Care, Such As:

- Vaccinations
- Evaluation and Treatment of Cold and Flu Symptoms
- Minor Ailments or Illnesses
- Minor Cuts Requiring Stitches
- Minor Injuries
- Minor Burns
- Sore Throats, Earaches
- Insect Bites
- Simple Rashes
- Skin Infections
- Sprains and Strains



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### ELIGIBILITY

All patients eligible to be seen at our medical clinic are eligible to come to our walk-in clinic.

### WEEKEND CARE

Urgent care patients can still be seen at War Memorial Hospital's Community Care Clinic on weekends and holidays when the Tribal Walk-in clinic is closed.

### AFTER HOURS CARE

After hours, call 906-632-5200 to speak to a nurse for guidance on your health issue.

Sault Tribe Health Services ... "Health for a Lifetime"

# CHAIR'S 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET



**Aaron A. Payment, MPA**  
Tribal Chairperson  
*Representing All Members*  
*Everywhere*

**Ahneen, Boozo, Negee:**

I have long believed the measure of leadership is how you lead when times are tough. When I was first elected in 2004, our Tribe recaptured \$34 million a year from our five casinos. Along with our enterprise funds, these funds are called "Tribal Support" funds. This was at a time before many of the newly recognized tribes in lower Michigan had opened their casinos. Over the years, however, our market share diminished primarily because of our distance from the market. We can always do better with respect to cleanliness, customer service, and the mix of casino games but mostly our revenues are down due to distance.

Again, casinos are not under my administrative direction but instead, report directly to the Tribal Board of Directors. Still, I am proud of the work our casino team members do to drive revenues. With a new casino executive, if our Board leaves the politics out and resists the tendency to micro-manage, our performance will likely drive even more revenues. Last year we recaptured about \$16 million or about \$1 million less than projected. This is less than half of the \$34 million we once had available. Expanding or even sustaining services is a challenge which is the very reason we are seeking gaming expansion in new markets.

During this same period, our federal revenues have grown exponentially. This doesn't just happen. My administrative team and I have worked hard to make up for our diminished gaming market. This is often overlooked. Our team members do not received the appreciation they deserve from our Board.

Some Members of the Board act as if they are never satisfied and treat our administrative team with great disre-

spect to the point where several have left Tribal employment due to this treatment. Rather than see the big picture and support my administration, some seem jealous. In some cases, it really boils down to personal animosity. During this term, I hope to create a set of Tribal Labor Laws and a Constitutional Separation of Powers to shield those who generate the revenues and expertly provide services, from the benevolence of a governing body who



do not respect the hard work and dedication of our administrative team.

**ANNUAL TRIBAL APPROPRIATIONS**

When I was first elected in 1996, there was NO appropriations process and no controls over spending. The governing body didn't even vote on an annual budget! Having experience in public budgeting and appropriations, I was dumbfounded until I realized, not passing a budget meant the Chair could spend tribal funds arbitrarily ~ and did so. I estimate over \$35 million was wasted under this structure. In 2000, when I worked as Deputy Executive Director, I created our monthly financial review process to create a level of fiscal accountability in our operations. This did not previously exist and Board Members were previously locked out of such information until Executive Director Mike Lumsden and I invited Tribal Board Members to attend these sessions. We specifically strategized that

by having Tribal Board Members attend, the Chairperson position could no longer keep the Board in the dark and spend funds as if they were his own.

Through the politics of the past, this process was abandoned twice, when I was fired as Deputy Executive Director and when I left office in 2008. Upon returning to office, I once again reinstated the process. Though this process, I know our programs, services and expenditures at any point. As a result, we NEVER overspend our annual budget and underspend our budget buy over \$1 million though efficiencies.

**INCREMENTAL BUDGETING**

In my graduate studies, I have examined the various approaches to public budgeting.

Our Tribe employs a "incremental budgeting" approach. More strident anti-services elected officials, insist on what is called, "Zero Based Budgeting" which requires justification of all expenditures every year. Implicit in this is that we have been doing it all wrong all along. I am confident that our programs, services and operations have been finely honed over the years. In fact, austerity measures have had to be taken to cut budgets from \$34 million in Tribal Support to \$16 million today. There is no more fat, only bone to cut at this point.

I am elaborating this explanation as for the last several years, some individual Board Members have chosen to try to use the appropriations process to try to settle old scores with those who ran against them or for whom they refuse to play the politics by hiring family members. With an incremental budget, our budgets are prepared by the program managers and vetted by division directors and my Executive Team.

Last year, we submitted draft budgets to the Board in August. Nonetheless, it took until December 31st to pass the budget. In doing so, it put several federal grants in jeopardy. Recently, Board Members have been decrying having to do necessary budget modifications to spend out federal dollars that were not expendable for the first 1/4 due to the Board not passing a budget.

At the time I write this, we have supplied all of my administrations proposed Schedule B budgets to the Tribal Board along with a 1/2 day presentation on the increased services I am proposing. Additionally, I scheduled another 1/2 day to answer questions and yet another 30 hours of budget hearing time to go over the draft budgets. What would make the process more efficient is if the budgets that have been supplied, were reviewed and the Board came prepared with questions or even pose them ahead of time. With nearly 30 hours of budget hearing times, I do not foresee a reason to do a continuing resolution but to instead pass a budget by the end of August.

**EXPANSION OF SERVICES**

I will provide a more detailed explanation of my proposed budget next month. For now, in addition to sustaining services, my budget increases funding for emergency needs, elder transportation, economic development, funding to enhance our contract health nurses and a utilization coordinator function to reach out even further to sign up Members for the benefits of the Affordable Care Act and Veterans Potable Health funding.

When I returned to office in 2012, I asked myself a tough question. For all of our stated commitment to veterans, what are we doing specifically to reach out and assist them? To date, nothing is budgeted. I then decided to pull together volunteer ef-

orts until such time that the Board would appropriate funds. I paid out of pocket to over lodging and travel expenses for Tribal Veteran Ron Munro to get training and in turn reach out to assist our Members who served their country. Some Board Members took great offense and demanded to know who picked Ron for this. I explained it came out of my own pockets, but I welcomed establish a real commitment for our Vets. Now, they have the opportunity to do so.

The 2017 budget funds also includes: Telemedicine equipment for Hessel, Newberry, Escanaba and Marquette clinic sites; Mail in Prescription Plan; Dental Expansion; Increase Travel to National Health Meetings; Health Educator for St. Ignace; additional billing clerk; Quality Assurance Coordinator; Utilization Coordinator under Community Health; HR Specialist for Health; Increased Nurse Case Management for each site; Two Planning Specialists for Health; Substance Abuse Detox and Kinross Clinic Feasibility Study. For Schedule C, we are calling for more for Emergency Needs; the Internal Auditor and Deputy CFO; and a Grants Compliance Officer.

Even with all of these changes, we have a proposed balanced budget with a projected \$5 million reserve. It is my hope that politics take a back seat and the budget is passed. The budget process should not be used to excise retribution on former political rivals by proposing their positions be eliminated. I am optimistic that we will gain passage by August 29th.

Thank you once again for the honor of serving you. I will do my best. Next month, I will give a critical assessment of the candidates running for US President.

**Chi McGwitch, Negee!**

**Chi McGwitch Munising Pow Wow Volunteers!**



Teaching Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Officer Hunkalee (from the Western End of the service area) how to Pow Wow dance.

# Excited to represent tribal members on board



**Mike McKerchie,**  
Director, Unit I

It's been less than a month since the swearing-in occurred, and so much has taken place

already. I had to resign from my position in the tribe, which was bittersweet as I've had the pleasure of working with many team members throughout my 22 years with the tribe and I will miss working with them daily. However, I am excited to begin this new chapter—we have a very talented team and our job as board members is to ensure managers and directors are given the proper tools for our tribe to succeed. I wholeheartedly believe we must take steps to minimize board involvement and reduce micro-management to keep politics out of our businesses and maintain accountability.

I will do my best to keep you posted on monthly activity: Our tribe recently held the Partners

in Action Conference co-hosted by the Midwest BIA. I had the opportunity to meet with several other tribal leaders and discuss best practices in several areas including environment, economic development and community wellness. I was also fortunate enough to meet Diane Rosen, the regional director for the Midwest (BIA) and we received updates on various tribal programs and our gaming expansion opportunities. It will be challenging but I am optimistic of our future. I have also been appointed to and attended several committee meetings including: Gaming Authority, JKL Fiduciary, Audit, and Tax Committee. Although not appointed, I also attend the Great Lakes Conservation

Committee, CORA and the Inland Conservation Committee as we prepare for negotiations for the 2020 Consent Decree. Thank you to Unit I elders for hosting the annual picnic, it's a terrific event and the hard work put into it is greatly appreciated.

I wanted to express my gratitude and I am excited by the opportunity the membership has given me to represent our people. I cannot thank you enough. I have a great support system and you are all much appreciated—the countless friends, family and community support I received has been amazing. A special thank you to my wife and kids for all the encouragement and assistance, I could not have done this without you. While my time on

the board has been brief, I wanted to share that although there is some division amongst the board it is not so much that we can't get past it. We may get hung up on some things, but I believe this board can compromise and move our tribe forward. Collectively, we can address our problems and find solutions. Congrats to the other board members, who have been welcoming and respectful. For those of you who did not support me—please remember we are all on this boat together; I welcome and encourage you to contact me to discuss ideas and solutions. Community members also encouraged to problem solve. I can be reached at (906) 440-7768 or mmckerchie@saulttribe.net. Chi miigwetch.

## Nelson: The good, the bad and the unfortunate!



**Anita Nelson,**  
Director, Unit V

It's good news that I'm finally here. The bad news is that it will be awhile before I can grasp the everyday functions of tribal businesses, its programs and committees. It's unfortunate that many concerns cannot be solved in a short period of time. As of now I'm in BOD 101. The chair,

BOD and staff have been wonderful. Thank you for the flowers and wonderful reception. It was wonderful meeting your families.

Since being elected, I have attended three board meetings, budget meetings, some workshops, one conservation committee, also managed to attend the Elder Advisory meeting, plus Alger's and Marquette's Unit V elder's meetings. There were concerns in both unit meetings but are now being handled by our Elder Division director and chair.

Here are some points of interest that may be crucial information for some of you:

Veterans groups and counseling, Escanaba Vet Center, ph. (906) 233-0244. Email, www.vetcenter.va.gov, for any questions or referrals they will give you the numbers of the outreach staff. For tribal prescription and health care information call your

clinic manager at (906) 341-8469 or (906) 387-4721. We now have "After Hours Direct Care Services Agreements" with hospitals and clinics. Report the emergency as soon as the health care office is open. We have Elder Service transportation for non-emergency medical transportation. Call in advance: (906) 635-4971. This is available to Sault Tribe members 60 years or older. Medication pick up at the Marquette Tribal Community Health Center has been expanded: Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. -3 p.m. and open through lunch. Contact Chris Marinoff at 225-1616 for any questions. A member of the advisory board reported abuse of an elder in a nursing home. Please report if you suspect abuse in nursing homes or long-term facilities. NCEA, National Center on Elder Abuse, contact Connie Grahovac (906) 786-4701.

Again, our local Unit V powwow "Kitchi-Miniss Jingtamok" on Aug. 13 was a success. The weather was not the greatest but we had large tents for coverage. The view was spectacular, the beautiful Lake Superior and site of Grand Island, the home of Chief Naybanash. I personally want to thank the Powwow Committee: Kris LeVeque, Deb McNeill, Jen Myer, Peg Morin, and our liaison, Mary Jenerou, for all their hard work. Also, the volunteer helpers, but I won't name them for fear I may miss someone. Mostly, from Manistique Unit IV. We received many compliments from our local people and nearby campers throughout the Midwest. There will be a more complete article in the *Munising News* by Kathleen Nino-Corp. Thank you, Mr. Peterson, for sending someone to cover our celebration.

According to our chair and

new CEO we have good things coming for our existing casinos and good news by Labor Day of the coming ones. It's exciting to hear the changes Michael plans to make. He has been making several visits to the sites.

I haven't set up regular hours as yet, but I'm at the Grand Island Center before and after the dinners the first and third Thursday of the month. I will also see you by appointment, (906) 379-7825.

In closing, I have to commend the staff, security and EMTs for the quick response in taking care of an elder who fell and was injured in the Dreamcatcher's Restaurant at the Sault during breakfast time on Aug. 3. She was well cared for and taken to the hospital. Thank you.

Anita L. Nelson,  
Director, Unit V  
anelson1@jamadots.com or  
anelson@saulttribe.net.

## Hoffman: Moving forward on critical issues



**DJ HOFFMAN**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

The last month has gone by extremely quickly. Our tribe has welcomed two new board members, a new casino CEO and commenced the budgeting season. During this time period, our tribal board also held elections of officers and I am humbled and grateful that the board has selected me as the vice chairperson of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

The following topic areas have been updated from last month's report:

### CASINOS

Less than one month after new leadership has taken the helm of our casino operations small

changes appear to be happening for the better. There is a noticeable difference visibly when entering the facility and this is a welcome change.

Our casino has also, contrary to reports, adopted certain smoke-free zones based on the recommendations of casino management. No grant funds have been returned, nor jeopardized, in the process. The casino management was allowed to do their respective jobs and decide if and where, they wanted these zones, not have them legislatively dictated.

### POLICY

I will continue to stress the importance of policy and adherence to our personnel policies and Tribal Code. As I have noted in the past, these policies are being abused and policies are being selectively ignored, positions are being "handpicked" and, ultimately, the abuses that many have championed against are still being allowed to continue.

I am still awaiting an update on proposed tribal labor laws and policies to ensure that everyone, including the tribal board of directors, adheres to the policies and procedures of the tribe.

### SUBSTANCE ABUSE

In my last report, I touched upon the threat of substance abuse, its prevalence in Indian

Country, and our need to do more. Recently, in budget workshops, it has been discussed that a feasibility study will be placed in next year's budget to address this matter. The funding source will be Health's third party revenues.

### HR AUDIT

The RFP for the audit closed on July 27, 2016. The sole bid was provided by REDW CPAs Business and Financial Advisors to conduct the performance audit of Human Resources and Employee Morale. I, along with other members of the HR Audit Committee, will be presenting this to the board for consideration in the next few days. I am hopeful that we will finally commence this process.

### MEMBERSHIP CARDS

I have never understood why our tribal cards expired. In the past, it has been noted that it is to ensure we have accurate addresses for our membership, however, that argument can be negated every time there is an election and this paper runs four pages of bad addresses. In addition, elders' cards do not expire.

In the past, I have proposed eliminating the expiration with no success. In the coming week, I will be proposing an alternative solution: Children's cards not expiring until their 18th birthday.

This will save families time and money. In addition, this is precisely how the cards for tribal children were handled historically.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

I have, and will continue to stress, the need to diversify economically. The tribe cannot continue to depend upon the funding of its casinos as its main revenue generator. We need diverse income streams to ensure our tribe's future. It is essential that we strive to develop new revenue streams to fund social programming and ensure their respective long term sustainability. Irresponsible leadership enacts programs that have no future

sources of funding to sustain and maintain them.

The Economic Development director position has been stalled. It is my belief that it has been treated as merely a placeholder in the tribal support budget that can be, if left unfilled, utilized to illustrate a budget savings or off set shortfalls.

I will be bringing forth legislation to ensure that this position is properly funded and filled to ensure that our existing businesses have proper guidance and our tribe has the opportunity to diversify into different fields.

## Moving ?



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### Tribal Members!

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# Lack of communication, leadership and team work



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

While I had hoped that things would change for the better after the election, it appears to be more of the same. When an individual has authority over tribal operations but does not see the need to communicate, lead or work as a team to serve the common good of the tribe, we are not functioning to our maximum potential.

The board or maybe a select group is kept in the dark in many areas. How can we be effective leaders if we cannot even get the information to do our jobs? The chairman used to provide a calendar of his activities monthly. I am not sure why we are not getting this information but at the very least it would be appropriate to let us know when he is going out of town for committees, meeting, etc. We come to a workshop or other meetings and are told he won't be here. Sometimes people don't know where, for how long or what purpose. I am not implying that the board needs to keep track of him every second but as the person

with the authority over the tribe it would be nice to at least know when he is out of town. Why does it need to be a secret?

The board had received an email from the chair requesting to attend a political event in Lansing, and we were told that unless there was an objection he was participating. I asked what the purpose was. What was the cost center that the money was coming out of? What was going to be spent? And what would be the balance in that line item? I never said I was against it, just wanted more information to make an informed decision. All I got was the run around. At the end of the day it was said that a majority of the board didn't respond with support. The email asked for objections not majority support. Many board members do not like to respond to those emails and many times the chair has the authority to make those decisions anyway.

Another example was when we hosted the Partners in Action conference in July. There were about half of us there in a break out session. During the break, a board member grabbed me to say we were having a private meeting with federal officials. I then notified four other board members about the meeting. Apparently the chair had only notified one or two of the board and I was lucky enough to be told about it. What purpose is being served when elected leaders are being kept in the dark? As I said before, it is not about who you like, it is the fact that we were all elected by our constituents to govern the tribe and run our businesses.

The board continues to change

meetings to accommodate the chair's travel even though we have a vice chair position that is very capable of filling in. The chair was not in support of Director Hoffman being nominated and voted in as vice chair. He made it very known that he was upset that board members were considering nominating someone who did not support his administration. If you recall, Aaron was voted in 2000 to be Bernard's vice chair. A direct quote from Aug. 21, 2000, unit report, "There is a great deal of work to go around such that territorialism is unwarranted."

Probably the two most contradictory quotes to this administration: "Again, the day when one person 'micro-managed' all expenditures and signed off on all hires is long past us," and, "Further, though the day-to-day functioning of upper level staff should fall under the supervision of the executive director, evaluation of this level of staff, as well as, the executive director should fall under the direction of the tribal board of directors." Currently, every hire is signed off by the chair. So when he is frequently traveling for possibly a week at a time, there are staff shortages. This is not what is best for the tribe. We have managers who are responsible for their budgets and if they overspend, then you hold them accountable. When things don't get done and they have waited weeks to fill a position, whose fault is it? In the tribe, to post a job you need four to six if not more levels of signatures and then to hire that person you need to do it again and that includes the budget department verifying you have that position in your budget.

In another unit report dated Aug. 12, 2002: "The previous vice chairman, George Nolan, set a very high standard including accepting requests for assistance by the tribal chairman. This takes the form of participating in negotiations on our tribe's behalf, serving in an 'ambassador' role to other levels of government, positively representing our tribe and giving speeches to large groups of people, chairing meetings and workshops, signing off on major grant submissions, and serving as a project leader on various committees in the tribal chair's absence."

So what seemed logical when he was a board member is somehow not acceptable as the now tribal chairman.

Another concern I have is the many resignations of staff recently with possibly more to come. I really don't believe it has to do as much about compensation and 401k as it has to do with the chaos. People want to come to work and do their job and not feel compelled or pressured to do certain things. We have no succession planning either. Something has to give or their will be a mass exodus.

Our casino busses have finally been wrapped so when you pass them on the road, you know they are from Kewadin Casinos. Hopefully, this helps when they are running back and forth across the Mackinac Bridge with the new Odawa slot shop in Mackinaw City as well in our other casino communities. We will be seeing some changes coming in marketing promotions with some being the same at all five properties and some that will be site specific. I am really looking forward to each

casino having their own individuality in certain respects.

The board will be going through budgets for the next few months. This is always a very frustrating time for staff and board members. It seems that each year we just increase or decrease the budgets by a few percentages either way. We have yet to really establish strategic plans and goals to see if the dollars we spend really match those goals. Some budgets only include a small fraction of direct services.

Today, Aug. 14, was our Unit III elder picnic. Keith and I grilled burgers, brats and chicken. We had a very good crowd and many good side dishes. Unfortunately, I was too busy visiting to remember to take any pictures. The elders will be having their annual garage sale on Saturday, Sept. 17, at the McCann School if you have something you want to donate to the sale or would like to stop in and shop.

It is very hard to believe that summer is almost over and school is right around the corner. As much as I wish I had more time to be able to do more things with my kids this summer, I like to get back into the daily routine and structure of the school year and of course, hockey season! Good luck to all those college freshmen leaving home for the first time and those sad parents that may become empty nesters. I will have a senior this year and will have those feelings soon enough.

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

## Hopeful and optimistic this term will be productive



**CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

The Sault Tribe general election has concluded and the incumbents prevailed in all races. Anita Nelson won the advisory election in Unit V and will be appointed to fill that vacant seat until the 2018 election.

And, Mike McKerchie is the new board member in Unit I—filling the seat vacated with Cathy Abramson's retirement.

Congratulations to the winners and ALL the candidates who stood tall, entered the race and gave it their all. A special chi miigwech to Cathy, for her years of service and leadership.

I'm very hopeful and optimistic that this term is going to be very productive. You have a seasoned board that knows the complexities it faces. We don't have a meeting of the minds on all issues—far from it. But I am certain that each and every person you have duly elected to serve our tribe cares deeply for our tribal nation's health and prosperity. I am hopeful and optimistic that we can listen to and

respect the voice each of us brings to the table.

We have a new Kewadin CEO, Mike Olujic. Mike is a seasoned professional who brings a great set of knowledge, skills and abilities to our gaming enterprise. We have come a long ways in terms of professional development, financial controls and economic stability since I first took office in 2010. Now, we need to step out of the way and allow him to do the job we hired him for—without undue political interference.

On our governmental side, I think it's fair to say we've experienced some growing pains over the last number of years. I will never discuss employee issues publically—including social media. That is unacceptable. Performance and

operational issues need to be dealt with in executive session—not in some public display. You can hold your elected representatives to be accountable and transparent. But personnel issues discussed on social media—and the resulting public humiliation cannot be tolerated from public officials or co-workers.

Having said that, I'm excited about some of the foundational investments we've made over the last few years. One of the themes we advocate for at the federal level is more coordination across various federal agencies to craft durable, sustainable solutions to the federal trust obligation. We have to make sure we exercise the same coordination in our own tribal government operations. This is a matter of

policy and falls to tribal leadership to grapple with. Our department and division managers have a full plate administrating the program objectives they are responsible for. Some fellow named Aristotle said, "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts." I am hopeful and optimistic that we can all move forward with that message of solidarity, strength and sovereignty in our hearts. And as an elder from our community reminded us recently, "Regard heaven as your father, earth as your mother and all that lives as your brothers and sisters"

Contact me anytime with your question and concerns. If you get my voice mail, please do leave a message.

Respectfully Catherine,  
(906) 430-5551



**KEITH MASSAWAY,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

## Massaway updates Unit III membership

Bridget and myself had a great time at our annual elders' picnic. We cooked brats, hamburgers and barbecue chicken for them and they brought side dishes to pass. It was wonderful to see everyone having such a great time and enjoying such a beautiful day. Our elders are our teachers and I feel blessed whenever we can sit down and listen to them tell stories or give life lessons.

We are once again into the budget season. We are start-

ing on the second set of budgets that have to be done in September. This set of budgets deal mostly with health, elderly, law enforcement and family services. These budgets are mostly grants from the federal government and are set in how we must spend them. We are a self-governing tribe, so we have some latitude on how we can apply them but still have to fulfill the requirements of the grant specifications.

We have finished most of our

audits and submitted them to the respective oversight organizations. The Audit Committee is doing a good job in watching over the entire tribe and making sure we stay on track and everything and everyone is watching their respective areas closely. All our businesses seem to be doing well this summer. Our casinos have shown some improvement and we are closely watching them to make sure the upward trend continues.

It is sad to say, but winter is

not too far away and our programs for heating assistance and other programs will be taking applications soon. Please contact your board of directors or the chairman's office to find out the particulars on how to apply. Thank your all the e-mails and phone calls.

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# Update on new CEO hired for casino properties



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

Summer is going by so fast. I wanted to give a brief update on the new CEO for our casino prop-

erties. He is doing a very good job on making certain he has knowledge with all the financial aspects, construction needs and staffing priorities. I'm very confident he will be an asset to our properties. Our Lansing project is still in the approval stage of land in trust and I can say confidently our group had done a good job to keep that on track. I'm advocating to hire a professional projects manager to oversee this and keep us moving forward.

This coming meeting I have sponsored a resolution to forgive any back transportation costs to elders who have past due bills for traveling to and from doctor appointments. I inquired over a year ago for the process to be

looked over and come back with recommendations for solutions and nothing was presented. I did get calls that elders stating they are receiving bills again. We will be voting on forgiving those past due and revamping the program to better assist.

We will begin reviewing our annual budgets for 2017 this week and I will be having input for increased services and priorities being included in this budget.

I'm excited about bringing forward and working with new and old board members on constitutional amendments, securing a law firm for our 2020 negotiations and prioritizing direct services for members. It's way overdue for a fresh start and delivery

of services.

This past month Director Hollowell and I did sit down with the new education director and executive director to talk about new changes and priorities with the needs for our unit's youth. We had input on increased youth participation rates and vocalized needs in our area. I'm looking forward to what they will be working on for the department this coming year.

This past week, myself, our language instructors (we have a very small staff that does their best to reach out), cultural camp coordinator Jackie Minton, our Education Director Lisa Corbiere and Bay Mills participants met with interested staff from the

University of Michigan to begin a language project to benefit our tribe and Bay Mills. We are in the very infant stages of the project and I'm hoping it becomes one of a kind to assist in identifying and assisting young and older members to protect and preserve our language. I was very excited to be part of this and it will be my priority for the coming months.

I've been here quite some time and very humbled that I can represent. My method will continue to be straight forward and no nonsense. I'm looking forward to professional changes and being seated at the table. If you would like to meet, please contact me at: Lcausley@saulttribe.net, (906) 322-3818 or 484-2954.

# Remember to appreciate elders and their history



**KIM GRAVELLE,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aanin. First, I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the elder cookout so enjoyable. It is a chance to sit and talk with everyone and hear their stories. I would like to remind anyone who has an elder they can talk to write down the information they are telling you because when they are gone, you no longer have that wealth of history to rely on. My mother just passed away and I have picked up the phone to call her so many times to ask her about some historical information on Sugar Island or family members. We just had the Leask family reunion, which had over 350 relatives attend and I mentioned to my husband there weren't very

many elders this year and he stated that's because we are the elder generation now. I tend to forget my age sometimes. I would like to thank everyone for their support during this difficult time.

Please remember to appreciate your elders and family because you don't know how long you will be blessed to have them in your life. I was lucky to have my mom for as long as we did. She lived a full, busy life surrounded by children, grandchildren and siblings who were always stopping to visit. She taught us that hard work get results, if you have more than you need then share with others, never brag about stuff because it can be gone

tomorrow, to be thankful for what we have and the love of reading.

I have been dealing with tribal members who have applied for jobs at Sault Tribe over and over and receive interviews only to find out they didn't get the job or told they don't qualify for that position. The same position is posted the next month with the same routine of applying again. It often takes over five months to hire someone. It is frustrating for the individuals applying for these positions who are well qualified and want a chance to prove they can do the job and will be a dependable team member.

We let employees stay in their positions when they show up

countless times late for work, don't take directions from their supervisors, can't get along with their co-workers or simply do not perform their jobs. If terminated, they appeal it because have an appeal process for team members who are terminated for attendance or behavior issues.

We need to get back to the old school mentality of hiring team members who want to work, are qualified, take pride in their job and enjoy being around people.

If you have any questions or comments, you can contact me at (906) 203-6083 or at kkgavelle@saulttribe.net.

Thank you,  
Kim Gravelle

# McLeod relocates office in Chi Mukwa Recreation Center



**JENNIFER MCLEOD,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aakiin, Anishnaabeg, lots of good things are happening. It has been a busy summer, and the fast approaching fall is shaping up to be quite busy too! In August, I relocated my office in the Chi-Mukwa (Big Bear) building. Although still located in the administration office, it is in a much quieter location, and I am very grateful. Many, MANY thanks to the staff who helped me move, and especially to Tammy Graham and Rex Matchinski for suggesting the move in the first place! It is working out very well.

Last month, I explained I was setting up gatherings in order to have face-to-face contact with our tribal citizens, and to share some of our culture and language with our children. The first meeting will be on Sept. 25. It will be held at the Concord Inn located at 1919 Star Batt Dr., in Rochester Hills, Mich. Note that the hotel has new owners and

may experience a name change. Please check my Facebook page (Jennifer McLeod - Sault Tribe) for updated information. The children's session will be from 12 to 1 p.m. These sessions will include storytelling, singing, and other Ojibwe language activities as well. It is open to children of all ages, however ALL children must be accompanied by an adult, who must remain in the room until the session is over. The session for adults will start at 2:30 p.m. All tribal members are welcome! For planning purposes, please contact me if you are planning to attend. I want to make sure I bring enough of everything (especially for the children!). Also, for those who are interested in learning our language, there is a new children's e-book available. It is beautifully illustrated and has great audio files so you can hear the language spoken! It is called, *My First Ojibwe Words*, and is available on Amazon. Check out this Web site for more information: [ojibwewords.com](http://ojibwewords.com).

In September, I will be attending the National Indian Gaming Association conference. I am not a gaming professional (education is my area of expertise) and will be going with the intention of learning more about the industry. Our tribe is expecting good news regarding gaming expansion and I believe it is important for me to be more knowledgeable and prepared to make better-informed decisions on our gaming operations.

I am also working with staff

to prepare oral testimony for the annual Office on Violence Against Women conference. As you may recall, I am a member of the Inter-tribal Working Group for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) supported by the Department of Justice, and have been working to help hold non-Indians responsible for their domestic violent crimes in Indian Country. I consider it an honor to speak on behalf of our tribe.

I serve on the BOD Advisory Early Childhood Council, and in August we met with senior program specialist WJ Strickland, from the federal Office of Head Start. He conducted our annual on-site visit, which he likes to refer to as "having a cup of coffee." It was decidedly a bit more than that, lol! However, his casual demeanor and candid approach made for a good meeting. I am always so proud to be associated with our tribal education programs. I want to give credit where credit is due — Anne Suggit, all of the teachers, staff and parents have created an amazing early education program for our children. Throughout Indian Country, our programs are considered one of, if not THE best. The professionalism of Anne and her staff, and the dedication of everyone associated with our early ed programs, works to give our children the best possible education experience. This program is vital in ensuring a bright future for so many of our little ones. I wish ALL of our children EVERYWHERE would have

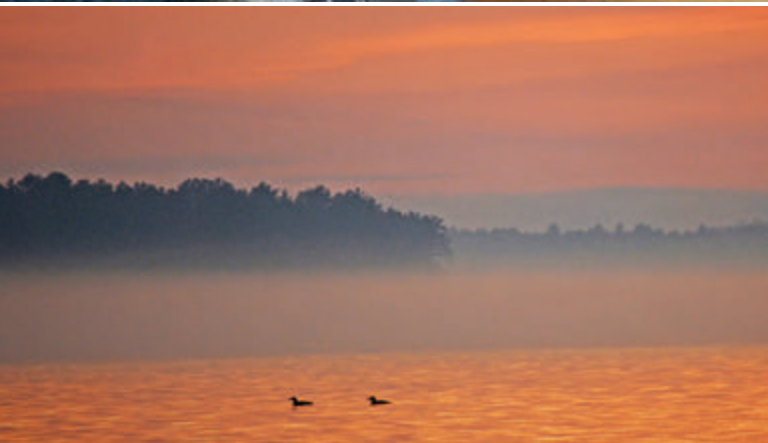
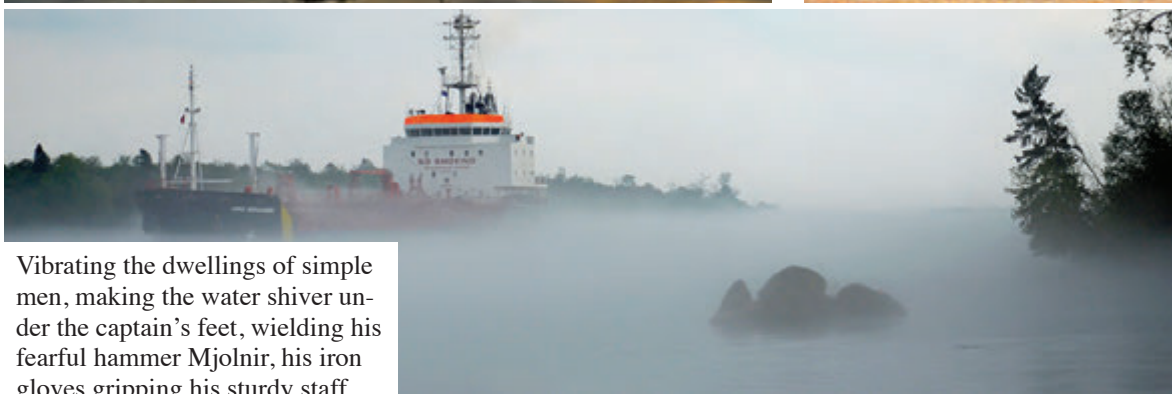
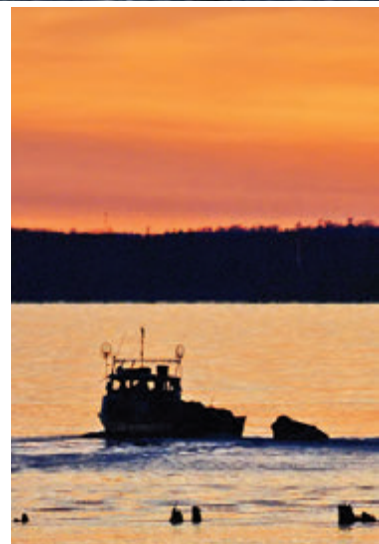
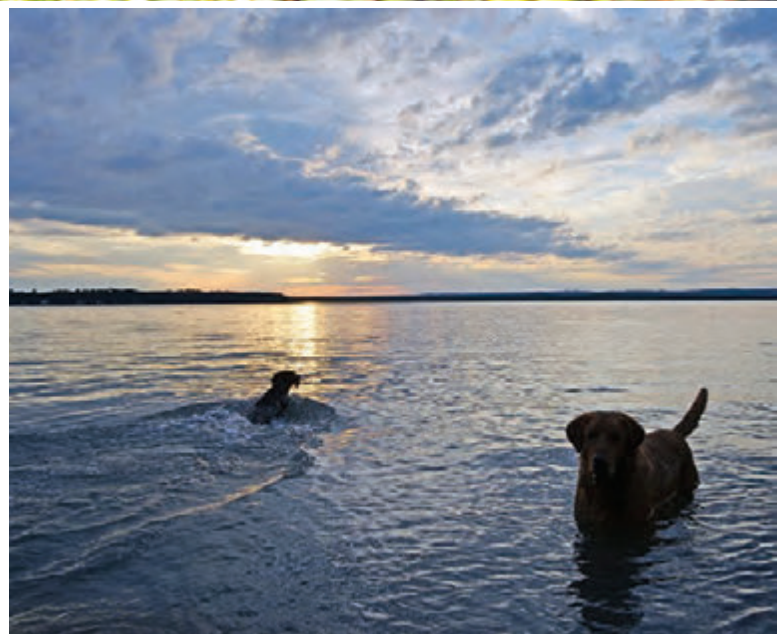
the opportunity to receive such a good beginning to their education, our programs are simply amazing!

Another "shining star" in our children's education is the JKL Bahweting Anishnaabe School. It is K-8th grade, and has been going through some remarkable changes. Over the past months, you have seen that AMAZING, brand new gymnasium that was added to our school. I cannot adequately express the joy of the children that first day they saw the inside. The new gym has truly made a HUGE difference for them — so much so, that a record number of middle schoolers have remained (instead of transferring to the public school) and we are exploring expansion of the middle school! Working together, the JKL Fiduciary Committee and the school board are making more improvements inside and out. New paint and hallway carpeting are scheduled to be complete before the beginning of the new school year. The expanded cafeteria is ready to go. There is new playground equipment sitting outside just waiting for the "OK" from the Army Corp of Engineers. We ran smack into "bureaucracy" over the playground equipment. It appears that the playground our children have played on for DECADES may be classified as "wetlands," and permits and "soil delineations" are needed before we can remove dangerous tree stumpage, and install the brand new ADA compliant swings, slides and climbing tow-

ers on the already established playground! I'm sorry, I'm all for saving the environment, protecting REAL wetlands and waterways, BUT, in my mind, a grassy, previously and REPEATEDLY sand-filled and fenced-in school playground does NOT fit my wetlands description. I mean no disrespect to the tribe's Environmental Department, nor even to the federal Army Corps of Engineers, I understand they are doing their best to follow the rules, but sometimes, just SOMETIMES, common sense needs to enter the picture. Unfortunately, only time will tell if the first day of school will see our children swinging high into the sky on brand new swing sets or looking at a huge stack of shipping crates tucked into the corner of their playground. Ah, bureaucracy.

For more up-to-date information, please visit my Facebook page and website (see below) and, as always, if I can be of any help or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a wonderful beginning of fall and back to school for kids and especially their parents! Miigwech, Anishnaabe gagige (Anishnaabe for always),

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Vibrating the dwellings of simple men, making the water shiver under the captain's feet, wielding his fearful hammer Mjolnir, his iron gloves gripping his sturdy staff – he but lifts his arm and thunder peals. Fierce-eyed he looks around, his hair and beard a fiery red. He sends a bolt of lightning to the ground, and as he reaches into his belt for another round – my dogs circle and lay at my feet and the cats all run and hide. It's Thor! I tell them all. A welcome visitor this warm fall night.

—Brenda Austin



# NEW PROMOTIONAL SCHEDULE



## MONDAY

*Players  
Day*

## TUESDAY

*Local  
Day*

## WEDNESDAY

*Seniors  
Day*

## THURSDAY

*It's Your  
Day*

## FRIDAY

*Local  
Day*

### **MONDAY - Players Day**

After earning 50 Base Points

- Black Card \$25 Credits
- Gold Card \$15 Kewadin Credits
- Silver Card \$5 in Kewadin Credits

### **TUESDAY - Local Day**

- Promotions vary by site. Check your Northern Rewards Club for details.

### **WEDNESDAY - Senior Day**

- All players 50+ earn 25 points, receive \$10 in Kewadin Credits per site.

### **THURSDAY - It's YOUR Day**

- 1st Thursday Black & Gold Cards - Hot Seat Draws and Black \$30 Kewadin Credits, Gold \$20 Kewadin Credits
- 2nd Thursday Silver Card - Hot Seat Draws and \$10 Kewadin Credits
- 3rd Thursday All Cards - Hot Seat Draws
- 4th Thursday Century Club - By Invitation
- 5th Thursday All Cards (when applicable) - Hot Seat Draws

### **FRIDAY - Local Day**

- Promotions vary by site. Check your Northern Rewards Club for details.

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