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## Tribe buys White Pine Lodge in Christmas

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe recently purchased the White Pine Lodge and convenience store in the village of Christmas on Highway M-28 near the shores of Lake Superior in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The purchase was finalized in mid-July, adding to the tribe's expanding portfolio of non-gaming enterprises.

The 48-unit lodge and convenience store provides guests with clean, comfortable, convenient, pet friendly accommodations just a short walk across the parking lot to the Kewadin Casino front doors.

The White Pine Lodge convenience store has undergone some recent renovations, including a 1,200 square-foot expansion. The 24-hour convenience sells liquor, beer and wine with travel supplies, trail snacks and necessary items.

The adjoining Sunoco gas station offers resident tribal member discounts and makes it easy to gas up sleds or ATVs prior to heading out on the extensive trail systems in Alger County. The lodge is on the snowmobile trail, making it easy to ride from the front door of your room to over 300 miles of groomed trails leading through the Hiawatha National Forest.

The area boasts year round outdoor activities, such as a 27-mile cross-country ski trail system at Valley Spur just south of Christmas and trails on the Pictured Rocks Lakeshore. Other popular winter activities are ice fishing, ice climbing in the Pictured Rocks and snowshoeing in the National Forest. Grand Island foot, bike and bus tours, a canoe livery on the Au Train River and scuba diving in the Alger Underwater Preserve are just a few summer choices.



The beautiful White Pine Lodge in Christmas, Mich., has 48 rooms and a convenience store (pictured below), is next to Christmas Kewadin Casino. The lodge takes advantage of the region's booming tourist trade with visitors flocking to the natural wonders of Lake Superior and national park.

Nearby attractions include the Glass Bottom Boat Shipwreck Tours, the Pictured Rocks Cruise and several beautiful sand beaches.

According to Sault Tribe EDC Director Joel Schultz, the tribe's board of directors has been familiar with the lodge for some time, considering a purchase about nine years ago. Since that time, neighboring Munising has taken off as a tourism destination point and surrounding businesses have reaped the benefit as well.

"We heard the lodge might be for sale and the board was interested in an investment in the region," Schultz said. "It's a booming area; the Munising area is going off the charts for growth."

Pictured Rocks is the anchor and the national park is the second fastest growing national park in the U.S, Schultz added. "The city was struggling with things

like garbage removal, sidewalks and infrastructure and restaurants were running out of food. In the last two years, Munising has morphed a lot to be able to accommodate the increased demand."

Schultz said that in the first 30 days the tribe owned the property, it was booked solid. "We ran really good numbers from July 18 through Aug. 30. If we did that year round it would be phenomenal," he said. "We retained the majority of the existing staff but there has been some turnover. We are trying to integrate tribal processes, which is difficult because it is very different. We maintained management, which was key. Now we are trying to integrate everything. I give our board kudos for recognizing and



doing things at the speed of business and letting things operate the way they needed to in order to be successful."

The EDC director added, "The goal is to generate revenue for the tribe and it is. It is on a pace to exceed our sales projections

in the first year. The acquisition supports strategic land growth for our tribe; it geographically diversifies our commercial investments and we expect to make money so it hit a lot of points for the EDC and what we are trying to accomplish for the tribe."

## Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver has full funding in 2020 budget

BY RICK SMITH

After 25 years of chronic funding shortages by the state for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver program, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed the 2020 budget on Oct. 1 providing full funding for the state's obligation to pay tuitions for eligible members of federally recognized American Indian tribes attending public colleges and universities in Michigan. The 2020 state budget allots \$12.7 million to fund the program.

State Senator Wayne Schmidt described the legislative effort for full funding as bipartisan. "We had much support from our colleagues on all sides of the aisle," said Schmidt. "This was a long time in coming to make sure that the state lives up to its commitments."

Speaker of the House Lee

Chatfield said, "It is well past time the state finally meets its responsibility and addresses the shortfall in funding for this important program. I am glad the Sault Tribe and I were able to work with our budget committee to make sure it is fully funded this year and that no one will miss out on a great education because of politics."

Michigan took over treaty responsibilities of providing the waivers from the U.S. government as part of a land swap deal. Michigan Public Act 174 of 1976 enacted the program receiving full funding until 1995 when wrangling between then Governor John Engler and the legislature over eliminating the program left it intact but chronically underfunded until now. Leaders of the state's American Indian tribes have pushed for

full funding from the start of the funding shortages.

Those qualified for admission to one of Michigan's public colleges or universities are eligible for the tuition waiver program if they have one-quarter or more American Indian blood quantum, enrolled as a citizen of a federally recognized tribe and a legal resident of Michigan for not less than 12 months.

Full funding of the waiver program is more remarkable because it remained in a budget in which the governor cut nearly \$1 billion in other expenses. Whitmer invited the legislature to discuss reinstating some eliminations.

Schmidt said the legislature is working on restoring the so-called 22d line item funding support for rural and isolated schools. Whitmer cut \$7 million from the program.

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# Traditional blessing ceremony conducted



Photo by Brenda Austin

Members of the Tribal Action Plan Advisory Board, Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program, Health Center personnel and others were on hand on Sept. 18 for a traditional blessing ceremony of the Recovery Hospital Project's vision on tribal land on M-28, part way between the Sault and Brimley. Traditional Ojibwe healers Girard Sagassige and Joe Syrette conducted the ceremony. After the ceremony was completed, Health Director Leo Chugunov addressed those present, offering his continuing support of the project and his dedication to the tribe and its people.

### SAULT TRIBE HEAD START BUS DRIVER NEEDED

Sault Tribe Head Start is seeking a bus driver. Interested parties can apply online at sault-tribe.com or contact Sault Tribe Human Resource Department, 2186 Shunk Rd. in Sault Ste. Marie, (906) 635-4937, toll free (866) 635-7032. This position is open until filled.

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The Mary Murray Culture Camp trail system sign was unveiled Oct. 5

## G'chi miigwech from Language and Culture

Staff of the Language and Culture Department would like to say “g’chi miigwech” to all of our community members who joined us for the unveiling and dedication of the Anishinaabe Miiikaans Trail sign on Oct. 5. We were honored to be able to recognize several of our community members for their dedication and support for our community and making this project come to life.

G’chi miigwech to Edward Cook and Bernard Biron, who designed and crafted the sign for the Mary Murray Culture Camp trail system nearly 14 years ago. Cook and Biron were able to tell us about the history of the land that is home to the Mary Murray Culture Camp and the vision that Mary Murray had to allow our people to come and learn about their Anishinaabe heritage

through cultural and traditional immersion. A special g’chi miigwech to Sandy Reining for visiting with us and sharing the words of her mother, Mary Murray.

G’chi miigwech to Randy Menard and Sault Tribe Construction for working to put up the sign above the trail system. G’chi miigwech to Susan Askwith and our elders, who dedicated their time and knowledge in creating the Anishinaabemowin booklet for the Anishinaabe Miiikaans trail project. On behalf of everyone in the Language and Culture Department, we say g’chi miigwech and we all look forward to seeing our community members at many more events to come.

For more information about the trail system, please contact Cultural Activities Coordinator Joshua Biron at (906) 635-6050.

## Apply for Sault Tribe 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 or Linda Grossett, 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783. Call (906) 635-6050 with any questions.

Anishinaabe Cultural Committee - six vacancies - three males (4-year term), three female (4-year term)

Child Welfare Committee - three vacancies (4-year term)

Election Committee - five vacancies (4-year term)

Higher Education Committee - two vacancies (4-year term)

Health Board - five vacancies (4-year term)

Housing Committee - Unit IV - one vacancy (4-year term)

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

Elder Advisory Committee Unit I - Sault (4-year term), one regular vacancy and one

alternate vacancy

Unit II - Hessel (4-year term), one alternate vacancy

Unit II - Newberry (4-year term), one alternate vacancy

Unit III - St. Ignace (4-year term), one alternate vacancy

Unit IV - Escanaba (4 year term) one regular vacancy

Unit V - Munising (4-year term), one alternate vacancy

Unit V - Marquette (4-year term), one alternate vacancy

Elder Subcommittee

Unit I - Sault (4-year terms), two regular seat vacancies, two alternate seat vacancies

Unit II - Hessel (4-year terms), two regular seat vacancies, one alternate vacancy

Unit III - St. Ignace (4-year term), one alternate seat vacancy

Unit IV - Escanaba (4-year term), three regular seat vacancies

Unit V - Munising (4-year term), three regular seat vacancies

Unit V - Marquette (4-year term), one regular seat vacancy, one alternate seat vacancy

## Training opportunities available for eligible applicants

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

The program may be able to provide tuition assistance for skills training if it leads to an industry-recognized certification or under OJT, the program may

reimburse an employer 50 percent of your wage for a specified training period.

Candidates must meet certain eligibility requirements and be a resident of the seven-county service area.

Apply at the WIOA office at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich, or call Brenda Cadreau at 635-4767 for more information.

## Membership liaison October schedule

Three membership liaisons work with the chairperson’s office on membership issues and concerns across the service area.

The liaisons respond to membership issues and follow up to ensure they are resolved.

Sault Tribe members are encouraged to contact the liaisons when they need help with any tribal issues they may have by sending email to [membersconcerns@saulttribe.net](mailto:membersconcerns@saulttribe.net) or contacting them individually.

### Unit I

Sheila Berger, (906) 635-6050, ext. 26359 (906) 259-2983 (cell)

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sault Tribe Administration, 523

Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie

### Unit II and III

Clarence Hudak, (906) 430-2004 (cell)

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sault Tribe Lambert Center, 225 Wa Seh Dr., St. Ignace, (906) 643-2124 (office)

### Units IV and V

Mary Jenerou, (906) 450-7011 Oct. 31 at Munising Health Center, (906) 387-4721

Oct. 18, 22, 24, 25, 29 and 30 at Manistique Health Center, (906) 341-8469

Oct. 21 at Escanaba Penn Star, (906) 786-2636

Oct. 28 at Marquette Tribal Health Center, (906) 225-1616

## Honoring Our Veterans Powwow Nov. 9

The 16th annual Honoring Our Veterans Powwow is Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019. The powwow takes place at the Kinross Recreational Center, 43 Wood Lake Rd., Kincheloc.

Grand entry is at 1 p.m. and the traditional feast is at 5 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. No drugs, no alcohol, no politics.

All craft vendors are welcome free of charge, but please call to reserve a spot.

For more information, please contact Joshua Biron at 635-6050, ext. 26144, or [jbiron@saulttribe.net](mailto:jbiron@saulttribe.net).

## Fall community ceremony Nov. 16

Bahweting dagwaagin manidookewin — Come join the Sault Tribe Language and Culture Department for our fall community ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building on Ice Circle Drive in Sault Ste. Marie.

Ceremony starts at noon, potluck feast follows. Please bring a dish to share, feast bundles welcome. The function is open to the community. Please bring any baked goods, canned or preserved items or handcrafts for bartering or trade.

For more information, please contact Joshua Biron or Colleen Medicine at 635-6050, [jbiron@saulttribe.net](mailto:jbiron@saulttribe.net) or [cmedicine1@saulttribe.net](mailto:cmedicine1@saulttribe.net).

## Looking for story sharers on racial justice for Oct. 25

The Native Justice Coalition is inviting Anishinaabe community members to share their stories on racism and racial justice. We are looking for story sharers to speak about their experiences in a safe and supportive space. Honorariums and travel assistance are provided for story sharers.

Mary Murray Culture Camp, Sugar Island

Friday, Oct. 25, 1 p.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

For more information, please contact Grey Shea at [grey@nativejustice.org](mailto:grey@nativejustice.org), [www.nativejustice.org](http://www.nativejustice.org).

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# Tunnel merely a smokescreen while Line 5 flows

By **KATHIE BROSEMER,**  
SAULT TRIBE ENVIRONMENTAL  
MANAGER

Sault Tribe members may have been noticing those lawn signs out there, in favor of a tunnel to house a crude oil pipeline (replacing Line 5) under the Straits of Mackinac.



Enbridge has launched a PR campaign to sway the public and decision makers about this idea.

There are many arguments, pro and con, about the tunnel concept. Of course, everyone wants good union jobs in the U.P., and it's tough to argue with that. On the other hand, the tunnel idea does nothing about the 90 miles of aging pipeline running along US 2, which is a much great-

er threat to the fishery and our beaches than the straits crossing is. In addition, other utilities such as the electric company, whose power cables were snagged last year during the anchor drag incident, do not want to co-locate their equipment inside the tunnel. And, continuing to operate Line 5 for the up to 10 years it would take to build a tunnel, just makes a catastrophe that much more likely.

Unfortunately, we have reason to believe the tunnel is entirely a smokescreen and Enbridge has no intention of actually building one, whether or not it would be a good idea. The basis for this is that Enbridge would not give the governor a firm date to have Line 5 out of the Straits. Line 5 is 66-plus years old. Most infrastructure is paid off within 28-30 years, fully depreciated, so this line is earning money for Enbridge, hand-

over fist, and has been doing so for decades. They do not want to shut off the flow of dollars.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a report last October saying that in order to avoid the worst impacts of the climate change that is already happening, we must reduce our burning of carbon fuels (coal, oil, gas) by half, by 2030. Oil companies know this. They're investing heavily in alternative energy. The back covers of glossy magazines carry ads by BP, Shell and the rest of them, with wind turbines, solar arrays, etc. Green washing? Maybe. But they're investing, and meanwhile pension funds and major financial markets are divesting. Changes are coming.

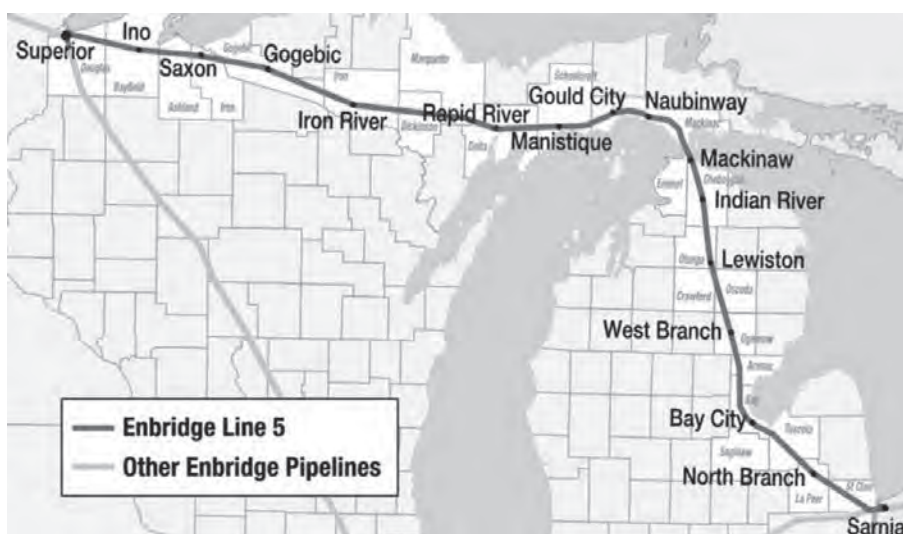
If we must halve the oil flowing through pipelines in 10 years, Enbridge knows that Line 5 will be among the first to stop. They

do not intend to build a half-billion dollar tunnel that is going to be a stranded asset as soon as it's built.

This is a smokescreen to get us all to accept the risks of continu-

ing to operate the old, corroded, bent pipelines that threaten our fishery, our tourism and our treaty rights, for as long as it makes money for Enbridge.

Don't buy it.



**Enbridge Line 5 runs 90 miles along U.S.-2 across the U.P. before going under the straits.**



On Oct. 2 at 6:40 p.m., tribal member Janice Schmidt bagged this beautiful 9-point buck with an 18-inch spread on her property in Pickford, Mich. Her husband Paul said watching her come in from her east blind was really exciting. It took over two hours for her to come down from her adrenaline rush, she said. Schmidt has shot about six bucks in her life, this being the biggest. She said she is getting it mounted and can hardly wait to display her trophy.

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# Two-pronged study looks at whitefish survival

## FROM SAULT TRIBE NATURAL RESOURCES FISHERY PROGRAM

Sault Tribe is working on a study to figure out exactly when young whitefish in the wild are disappearing, and if raising them in a hatchery may help them survive. In the Great Lakes, invasive mussels have changed the ecosystem so much that whitefish populations are starving. What started in lakes Michigan and Huron with zebra mussels has now been amplified with quagga mussels. The mussels are absorbing all the nutrients that are needed by young fish and their food.

Sault Tribe's Natural Resources Department is taking a multifaceted approach to learning about whitefish and their early life requirements in order to make a positive difference in a fish species that is so culturally and commercially important.

### The story of a people

Long before the Friday night fish fry and golden caviar, before Europeans ever visited these shores, whitefish were important to the Great Lakes people. The oldest stories refer to whitefish flowing into what is now the Great Lakes after the icepack broke up in ancient Nipissing Great Lakes at the end of the ice age.

Over the centuries, Great Lakes Anishinabeg lifeway evolved into lakeside fishing villages with gardening and hunting. Atikameg — lake whitefish — was one of the Anishinabeg's principal clans. For millennia, fishing grounds were dominated by lake whitefish, which the Anishinabeg harvested in many of the traditional areas still fished today.

As Europeans settled, the Anishinabeg fished not only for sustenance, but to supply the settlers. Michigan eventually gained statehood after the Anishinabeg signed the 1836 Treaty of Washington with the United States, ceding over 13.8 million acres of land in what is now northern Michigan. The tribes reserved the right to fish and hunt.

### Opening the floodgates

As industry grew, access to the Great Lakes was needed to fuel a growing world. Canals were built to bring giant ships



Fisheries technicians, from left, Dave Pine and Rich Reining hauling in a beach seine as part of the ongoing work looking at juvenile whitefish survival.

into the lakes. This brought economic boom and industry to the far north but it came at a massive cost. These ships brought with them species that aren't native to the Great Lakes and had no predators to keep their populations in check.

### The invasion begins

The first was sea lamprey. These eel-like parasitic fish quickly took hold and nearly wiped out the lake trout and whitefish from the Great Lakes. Sea lamprey suction onto the side of fish and slowly start chewing their way in to feed on the internal organs of the living fish, slowly sucking the life out of them. Methods were discovered to control lamprey but not eradicate them. Fish populations began to slowly rebound.

### The next wave

The next wave came in the ballast water in these large ships. A small hitchhiker from Eurasian lakes was being released. These zebra mussels quickly took hold and started sucking all of the nutrients out of the water where young fish live. These are the areas that young whitefish require in their first days of life. With no natural enemies

and rapid reproduction, zebra mussels spread across the lakes quickly, changing habitats and altering the ecosystem. The lakes quickly became clear and looked beautiful, but in reality it was a catastrophe on a monumental scale. There was some hope though, because zebra mussels could not live in the cold depths of the Great Lakes and at those depths there was still the food the whitefish required to survive.

Then came the quagga mus-

sels. These relatives of the zebra mussels can attach themselves to softer bottoms and can survive at any depths of the Great Lakes. These creatures sucked up the nutrients at the deepest depths and caused the last of the food to disappear for young whitefish. Whitefish numbers started plummeting. When you look at the once 5 million pounds a year fishery has now been reduced to 1.6 million pounds.

As the Anishinabe people try



Sault Tribe hatchery tank where young whitefish are being raised.

to hold on to the traditions that have been handed down for thousands of years, the whitefish that has been of so much importance for all of history is disappearing.

### Keeping the culture, saving the fish

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has felt the impact of this especially hard. At the location of modern day Sault Ste. Marie, there was a large village called Bahweting. The St. Marys River, in front of this village, used to have one of the largest runs of whitefish in the world but now almost none remain. In order to try to save the lake whitefish, Sault Tribe's Natural Resources Department has been hard at work on numerous projects tied together to save their way of life.

Young whitefish hatch from their eggs as the ice melts in the spring. They can survive for about two weeks on their yolk sac but after this they must feed. At this age, they feed on small creatures in the water called zooplankton, which rely on nutrients in the water to survive. This life stage occurs in shallow water next to sandy beaches. Sault Tribe assessments use a beach seine to track the levels of young whitefish that are coming up and assess their condition. The assessment is done from near Drummond Island in Lake Huron all the way over to Bay de Noc near Escanaba in Lake Michigan. These same surveys are conducted in Lake Superior. The goal is to pinpoint where in this early life stage the young whitefish run out of food.

Tied to this assessment work, Sault Tribe's Natural Resources Department is hatching and raising whitefish. As work moves forward on the beaches, information gathered there fuels the work being done in the hatchery to see if large scale stocking could make an impact. The beach work will hopefully show that when whitefish go through a diet change at a certain life stage may be able to survive just fine.

This is where the hatchery comes in. If whitefish in nature cannot get past this point, then maybe a hatchery can raise whitefish beyond this point and stock large enough numbers to make an impact.

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## Bnakwe Giizis Falling Leaves Moon

by Susan Askwith

### Dagwaagi! It's fall!

A time for steaming home-made soup and warm bread like grandma used to make ...

Our grandmothers no doubt used recipes handed down in their families, but as often as not they made their soups with whatever was available in the kitchen. The trick is to know the basics of cooking and you can go from there. This year our editor Jennifer Dale-Burton, Cheryl Bernier and Larry Jacques made up the winning team in a cooking contest. Like Chopped on TV, they created recipes on the spot like our grandmothers did, with ingredients made available in the contest. Here's how Jennifer made the soup.

She put some coconut oil in a soup pot turned on low, and gently fried some chopped onions, then added sliced white button mushrooms. When those were done, in went a can of pumpkin. Then she gradually added some chicken broth and low fat milk. To spice it up she put in salt and pepper, some parsley, tumeric, nutmet, ginger and she isn't sure what else. Again, like grandma, she considered what was at hand and what might work. You have to give it the taste test. Finally, she added shredded parmesan cheese — a LOT of it! (She said it was a whole bag!) Everybody loved it!

Cheryl made a wild rice, spinach and berry salad with apple cider vinegar, olive oil and maple syrup dressing. Larry made a rhubarb smoothie. I'm sure you can think of a number of ways to have warm delicious bread.

So it is with our Anishinaabe traditions. We make do with what we have, we divide up the work and share in the feast. The winning team didn't have to gather food from the woods, fields and waters, but we all forage from our grocery stores. We can all help make our homes good places to live and we all get to share in the feast. As we say "Miigwech" before eating, we can remember all our relatives who came before, and be glad for our traditions that nourish us in so many ways.

Nookimis	My grandmother (the N' stands for my)
Gookimis	Your mother (the G' stands for your)
Ookimisan	Her/his grandmother ('n' at then end stands for someone's)
Nboop	Soup (note this rhymes with "hope")
Nboop kik	Soup pot
Mide	Oil (really any kind of greasy stuff at all)
Zhigaangwishiik	Onions
Zhashkwedoonhyan	Mushrooms
Baakaakwenh	Chicken
Nbiish	Water
Ziitaagan	Salt
Waasgang	Pepper
Dikosing maa'igan	Cheese (cream getting chunky)
Dgwanjigan	Salad
Bkwezshigan	Bread
Zaaw-mide	Butter (literally yellow greasy stuff)
Kosmaan	Pumpkin (or any squash-ish item)

*Wegnesh iidik nongo ge naakshi minozamaa?  
I wonder what I should cook for supper?  
Esnaa memdige kina gegoo minopogwat.  
Everything is just so good!*

"There's no better karate instructor than a spiderweb in the face."



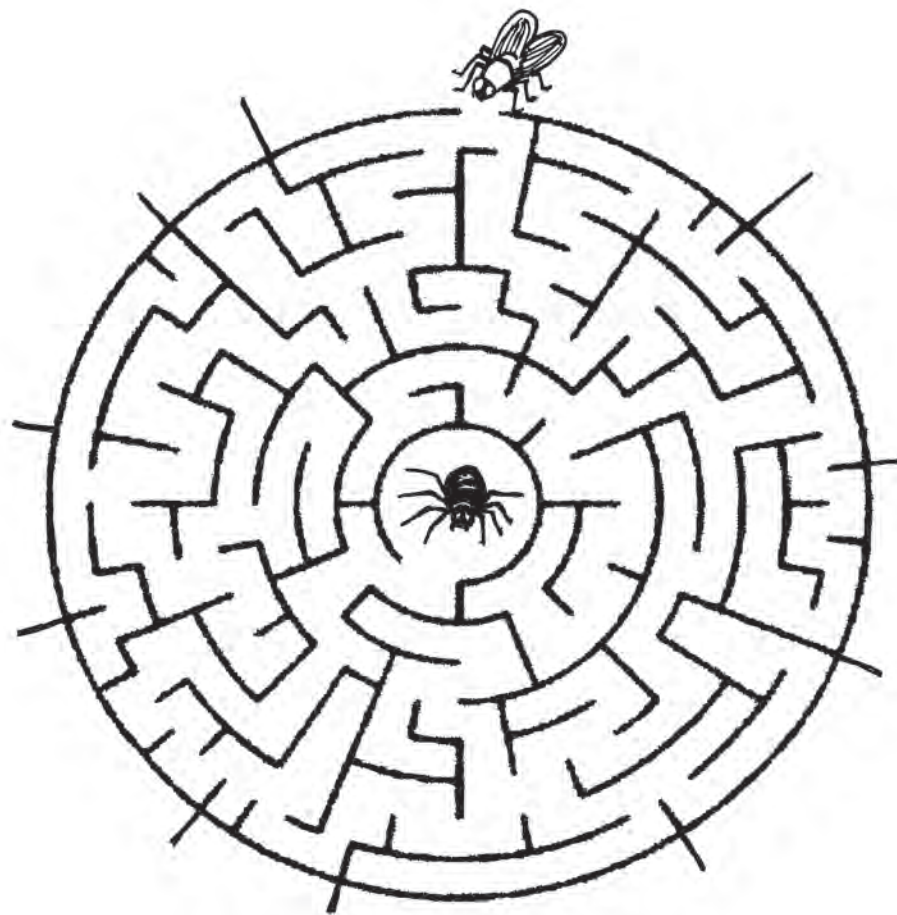
### Little Chats - Bangii ganoozh!

Have a little conversation!

G'miizh wi. Give me that.  
Miizh wi. Give her/him that.

Mii na miizhiyin wi? You're giving me that?!!  
Mii na miizhad wi? You're giving her that?!!

So "miizh" is a command that says "give something to someone". The beginnings and endings tell who's talking to whom! Oh, and "wi" means "that thing." You use it when you're talking about something not alive.



Esbikenh	One way to say Spider
Sabkeshiinh	Another way to say Spider
	sab means net which for a spider we'd say 'web'
	sabke means to make nets; shiinh is a little being
Sabaabiinhs	Thread
Oojii	Fly
N'bakade	I'm hungry
Gii kido	he/she said



Pin shkiinzhik Potato Eye Mindaamin Tawagan Corn Ear  
Nibiish ndip Leaves Head

### Pronunciation guide — how to sound really good

Let's just stick with these basics: letters sound like they do in reading English, except for these ones.

a	sounds like U in cup	i	sounds like I in fit
aa	sounds like A in fall	ii	sounds like EE in feed
o	sounds like OO in book	e	sounds like E in fed
oo	sounds like O in grow	g	sounds only like g in go

**nh has no sound at all; it is only a SIGN that the vowel in front of it is said in a nasal way.**

English has a lot of strange spellings. Our system of writing is easier. We pronounce all the letters shown, even if we say some of them pretty fast and some are pretty quiet.

# Sault Tribe helps with Sault picnic pavilion

By Rick Smith

Sault Tribe was one of the partners in a recently completed project to build a handicap-accessible picnic pavilion with an accompanying interpretive sign conveying a bit of history of the Brady Park site in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

According to Chief Park Ranger Michelle L. Briggs of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sault Tribe Language and Culture Director Colleen Medicine and Bay Mills Indian Community Tribal Historian Preservation Officer Paula Carrick took part in planning the project and co-authored information on the wayside exhibit at the pavilion. Other entities involved in a “handshake agreement” on the project were the Corps of Engineers, City of Sault Ste. Marie, Sault Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Soo Locks Visitors Center Association and the Interlake Steamship Company.

“I think the most rewarding part of the whole project was the work I did with Colleen and



**Sault Tribe Language and Culture Director Colleen Medicine in front of the new picnic pavilion at Brady Park alongside the St. Mary's River in Sault Ste. Marie.**

Paula,” said Briggs. “We met several times during the planning of the project and writing the exhibit that will be installed next

spring. They were very patient and helpful in helping me gain a new perspective on that area and its connection to their personal histories. I am really proud of the work we did on the exhibit to help visitors and local residents appreciate the cultural significance of this particular piece of riverfront to the entire community.”

Briggs said initial work on the project began in September of 2015 with a series of meetings with Medicine, Carrick, the State Preservation Historic Office and

the National Park Service representatives to discuss several issues surrounding the project.

“I am happy to have been able to work and collaborate on this project because it gives the tribes the opportunity to help tell our own story and to have a voice in how that story is told,” said Medicine. “It is also important to me to keep reminding everyone involved why we are all committed to Wadjiwong [Brady Park] and that is and always will be because of our ancestors and relatives who have come before us.

It was a great collaborative effort and I’m proud to have been a part of this project.”

The wayside exhibit to be posted alongside the shelter will touch on the significance of the site to the Anishinaabek with a mention of past French, British and United States activities.

According to a Corps of Engineers announcement, funding for the project came from the Corps’ Handshake Challenge Partnership program, which allows local Corps of Engineers offices to compete for funding to initiate projects to improve recreational opportunities on public lands.

The Corps of Engineers Soo Area Office received \$20,000 from Corps Headquarters along with another \$30,000 in other funding, materials and professional services to complete the shelter. In all, completion of the project amounted to almost \$90,000.

The pavilion stands on the western side of Brady Park, downhill from the adjacent gated Anishinaabe burial ground memorial.

Officials from most of the entities involved in the project spoke at a ribbon cutting ceremony at the pavilion on Sept. 26.

The pavilion is open to the public on a first come, first served basis during regular park hours, from 6 a.m. to midnight.

## Sault murder mystery dinner theater — *Murder at the American Music Awards*

A date approaches in which a mystery takes place! The Eastern Upper Peninsula Community Dispute Resolution Center (E.U.P. CDRC) opens its doors on Nov. 9 to their third annual murder mystery dinner theater production, showcasing a performance of *Murder at the American Music Awards*. A full scale, Las Vegas style theater production and murder mystery dinner theater created and directed by Ms. Christin F. McKerchie, in partnership with the executive director of the CDRC, Mrs. Nikki Dowd-McKechnie, the originator of the idea of hosting a unique fundraising opportunity such as a murder mystery for the CDRC.

This year’s spectacle is a show inspired by the actual event created by Mr. Dick Clark in 1973 and brings a small taste of the legendary and iconic music awards show to life right before your eyes. Paying tribute to some of the music industry’s top creative and artistic talent of today and of years past, this event is sure to be a favorite among those who attend. With the potential celebrity arrivals and celebrity performers of the evening inspired by actual pop-culture celebrities, DreamMaker’s Theater is, without a doubt, the place you want to be!

We extend an invitation to you to join us as we bring a high-class, high-fashion formal affair with an award show to remember; a journey of adult themes, humor,

sizzling scenes, glamour, fashion, mystery, murder and the unexpected. Each guest travels through an investigative but enjoyable and fun journey as they are faced with the question: Who will be the victim? Who committed the crime? How did they do it? And . . . why did they do it?

Enjoy cocktails, dinner and an evening full of entertainment while the mystery unfolds right before your eyes. Will you be able to solve the mystery or are you a part of the mystery? No one really knows for sure! Can anyone in the theater really be trusted?

The fun takes place on Saturday, Nov. 9, at the DreamMaker’s Theater at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center. The evening begins in the corridor outside the theater entrance at 6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$50 (mature audiences due to adult themed content).

Proceeds to benefit the E.U.P. Community Dispute Resolution Center, a non-profit organization providing resolution alternatives to court processes; serving Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac counties.

Tickets are available at Kewadin Box Office, by calling (800) KEWADIN or at the EUP CDRC in Arlington Plaza.

For additional information, call the E.U.P. Community Dispute Resolution Center at (906) 253-9840. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

## Bahweting Jiibay Wiikongewin Spirit/Ghost Feast



Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building

Wednesday October 30, 2019

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6:00pm-Feast

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# Joint law enforcement operation arrests 246 fugitives and violent offenders

SPOKANE – William D. Hyslop, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, announced that a 15-week-long joint federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement initiative has resulted in 246 arrests of fugitives and violent offenders in Yakima County. Fifty-four percent of the arrests were gang-related. The arrests involved a variety of criminal charges, including homicide, assault, sexual assault, extortion, kidnapping, robbery, weapons offenses, burglary, failure to register as a sex offender and narcotics violations.

Operation “Invictus Civitas” (Undefeatable Community) has been a coordinated Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) violence reduction initiative led by the U.S. Marshal Service and the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Washington. Federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement partners reduce violent crime within Yakima, Yakima County and the Yakama Reservation by identifying and arresting violent fugitives and criminal offenders and by targeting violent gang activity. The operation collected and used intelligence information leading to the systematic removal of individuals charged with committing violent crimes.

Operation “Invictus Civitas” launched on June 3, 2019. As part of this coordinated and targeted initiative, the arrests included nine for sexual offenses; 62 for assaults; 19 for robberies; 29 for weapons violations; five for homicides; one for kidnapping; one for arson; 15 for burglaries; 63 for narcotics violations; and 40 for other crimes.

In addition, Operation “Invictus Civitas” resulted in the seizure of 33 firearms, nearly 4.5 pounds of controlled substances, over \$37,000 in U.S. currency, a ballistic vest, and 12 vehicles that were either stolen and recovered or seized as a result of criminal activity.

“The revitalized Project Safe Neighborhoods program is a major success,” said Attorney General William P. Barr. “It packs a powerful punch by combining advanced data with local leadership, further reducing violence in communities across the country and improving overall public safety. U.S. Attorneys continue to focus their enforcement efforts against the most violent criminals and work in partnership with federal, state, local, and tribal police. The Justice Department’s relationships across the board have never been stronger.”

U.S. Attorney Hyslop said, “No violent crime is acceptable in the Eastern District of Washington. Operation ‘Invictus Civitas’ has been hugely successful. And it highlights the joint commitment, dedication, and partnership between our state, local, tribal and federal partners

in combatting violent crime and removing violent criminals and gang members from the community to face justice. I commend the outstanding work and tireless efforts of all our law enforcement partners. In addition, Maike and Associates provided tremendous data analysis and support as the Project Safe Neighborhoods research partner.”

U.S. Marshal Craig Thayer, Eastern District of Washington, commented that, “The 246 violent offenders safely arrested during Operation ‘Invictus Civitas’ are testament to the dedication and professionalism of the participating law enforcement agencies. Our communities are safer because of this success. We recognize that there are still

those who are committing illegal acts against the community, and we want them to know that we are committed to protecting the community from violent crime going forward.”

Operation “Invictus Civitas” is a joint United States Marshal Service, Operation Triple Beam, PSN and Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Task Force initiative geared toward reducing violent crime in the Yakima region.

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a national initiative that brings together federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement officials, prosecutors, and community leaders to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in a community and

develop comprehensive solutions to address them. Yakima County, and specifically the City of Yakima, was selected as a PSN area of focus in 2018 due to its high rates of gang and gun-related violent crime. The U.S. Marshal Service designed Operation “Invictus Civitas” to initiate a community-based, comprehensive, multi-component strategy being implemented over a two-year period.

The Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Task Force (PNVOTF) is a U.S. Marshal Service sponsored partnership composed of federal, state and local law enforcement officers from Washington, Oregon and Alaska. The primary mission of the PNVOTF is to locate,

arrest, and return to the justice system the most violent, most egregious federal and state fugitives. Operation “Invictus Civitas” partners include the United States Marshal Service, United States Attorney’s Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Drug Enforcement Administration, Yakima County Sheriff’s Office, Washington State Department of Corrections, Yakima Police Department, Union Gap Police Department, Yakama Nation Department of Public Safety, Benton County Sheriff’s Office, Kennewick Police Department, LEAD Task Force, Yakima County Prosecutors Office and Maike and Associates.

## What is SOVEREIGNTY?

Sovereignty is the supreme and independent power or authority in government by a community, such as a nation or a state. **Indian tribes possess sovereignty.**

Before European settlers came to America, Native American people governed themselves. After the European settlers arrived, Native Americans continued to govern themselves. The tribes never gave up their sovereignty to the United States federal or state governments.

To this day, every Indian tribe retains its sovereignty, and, through many changes in case law, their status has evolved to that of a nation within a nation. Additionally, the federal government has a trust responsibility to each tribe, originating with treaties.

American Indian tribes’ sovereign status has, in the eyes of federal law, changed over the years at the whims of the U.S. Congress and U.S. Supreme Court. In an era of termination beginning in the 1940s, the federal government terminated numerous tribal rights. As a result, hundreds of Indian tribes have been eliminated as political entities in the United States. In more recent years, however, tribes’ sovereignty has been better protected in federal policy making. See the policy actions below for examples of how the U.S. has upheld their trust responsibilities and reaffirmed tribal sovereignty.

### TREATIES

A treaty is a mechanism used by the United States government to give its word to another government, and that word is not eroded by the passage of time. The United States Constitution calls treaties, “the supreme Law of the Land.”



### POWERFUL POLICY

#### Public Law 93-638

Also known as the Indian Self-Determination and Education Act, this law authorized federal agencies to contract directly with federally recognized tribes.

1975

#### Fox Decision

Supreme Court case that reaffirmed treaty rights for the 1836 treaty tribes in Northern Michigan. The tribes regained the ability to regulate their own Great Lakes commercial fishery.

1979

#### Executive Order 13175

President Bill Clinton established “Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments,” to give tribes a say in federal policies that include tribal implications.

2000

#### UN Declaration

The U.S. finally and lastly signed the 2007 UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, an acknowledgement of the rights, property and culture of indigenous peoples worldwide.

2010



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# Michigan Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein hopes to visit Sault Tribe soon

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein was the keynote speaker at the Chippewa County Courthouse for Constitution Day on Sept. 20, in Sault Ste. Marie. He addressed a total of about 270 students in grades nine through 12, organized into two sessions of 135 students each.

Students participated in court case discussions facilitated by local legal professionals, were encouraged by Justice Bernstein to ask both professional and personal questions and were treated to an inspirational talk about overcoming adversity, building resiliency and how to maintain balance while thriving as a disabled person.

Justice Richard Bernstein became the first blind justice on the Michigan Supreme Court to be elected by voters statewide in November 2014; beginning his eight-year term in January 2015. Prior to becoming a Supreme Court justice, Bernstein was known as an advocate for disabled rights as an attorney heading the public service division for the Sam Bernstein Law Firm in Farmington Hills, Mich.

Blind since birth, Justice Bernstein is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Michigan and earned his juris doctorate degree from Northwestern University School of Law.

Justice Bernstein's cases have set national standards, protecting the rights and safety of people both with and without disabilities.

Justice Bernstein has expressed interest in visiting the Sault Tribe and addressing the local community, including those with special needs and disabilities. He would like to share his story, the path he has walked and maybe inspire others while learning about our tribe, culture and people. It is his hope to have time to sit down one-on-one with those interested, and interact with and learn from them. He has agreed to come back as soon as a visit can be arranged.

Via a phone interview recently, he spoke about numerous topics that have been put into a question and answer format below.

**WAN:** You mentioned you would like to visit the Sault Tribe reservation, why?

**A:** "I would love to come back to the Sault and have the opportunity to connect with folks. Any opportunity to connect allows me to become a better judge because the more experiences that I am able to have, the more I have a better appreciation of the issues, challenges and struggles that people have to face," he said. "The reason I travel so much and do the work I do is I want to take as much life in as possible. Ultimately the more life experience I have, the better I can be at making decisions that have an impact on the people of the tribe."

**WAN:** What would you want to share with the tribal community?

**A:** "I would say anything that



**Justice Richard Bernstein addressing students in grades 9-12 during the morning session on Constitution Day, Sept. 20 at the courthouse.**

**A:** "My passion really comes from being disabled. It's not as much about sharing as it is about connecting with people. I want to have shared experiences, especially with the folks that have disabilities. Those are the folks that so often get left in the shadows. My primary reason for wanting to come and spend time is to focus on the people that are facing some unique hardships or unique struggles or difficulties because of the way they were created. Whether they are blind, autistic, have Down Syndrome or whatever their circumstance, be it a health related issue or a physical challenge, those are the people I really want to have a chance to connect with and a chance to get to know. Or parents that have a child with a disability or someone whose sibling has a disability. These are folks that don't always get a lot of attention and in many situations kind of get left behind. I think that is where we have the chance to make the biggest difference. The more shared experiences we have, I think the more powerful and more meaningful the visit can actually become."

**WAN:** As a blind person, do you rely more than normal on your other senses?

**A:** "It's not that my senses are heightened; they are just more fine-tuned than most people. I have a great sense of appreciation for auditory experiences because I have to. When you go through life and you have never seen it, you experience, understand and appreciate the world in a completely different way than sighted people do. Beethoven could compose because he could hear as a child, so since he could hear he knew what music was. But a blind person like myself that has never seen has no idea, no concept, of how the world looks. If you say to me blue, I have never seen blue so there is no way for me to appreciate or understand what blue even is. Because having never seen blue it is a concept I can't identify. In order to understand blue you have had to see it one time.

I don't really understand what a human face looks like. I can touch a face and know what it feels like, but since I have never seen what a face looks like it's a concept I can't relate to. I have no basis of comparison."

**WAN:** What are some of your favorite sounds and smells?

**A:** "I would say anything that

deals with nature and plants are some of my favorite smells. I love water because it's a very calming, very soothing scent. Water has such a soothing spiritual feel that it has an incredible calming effect on you.

There is nothing I love more than being outside. If the weather is nice my favorite thing to do is spend the entire day outside from sunrise to sunset - that is my passion. I feel a connection with the outdoors, and I think it's the key to being healthy and happy and I think it is great for your spirit. You can always feel the sun. Even when you can't see it you can feel it, there is nothing I enjoy more than feeling the warmth of the sun on my skin. Whenever possible, I have to be outside taking in every minute."

**WAN:** Why did you want to be a lawyer?

**A:** "I want to do something that will have an impact and make a difference for people. The law, for me, allows me the opportunity to really help people and do something that can make a difference. Getting through law school for me was unbearable. Being blind it is indescribable how challenging it was. I remember trying to keep up with everybody else. I was working five times harder than everyone else. For every hour it would take my friends, it took me five times longer. I prayed to God every day that I would have the chance to become a lawyer.

I said, 'God please let me have this opportunity, let me have this chance. I want this in the worst way, so I am asking please allow me the opportunity to have a chance to become a lawyer. God if you give me the opportunity to become a lawyer, if you give me the chance to practice law, I will dedicate my entire professional career to helping people with disabilities and special needs who otherwise can't afford legal representation.' That was the promise I made to God. And I graduated from law school and passed the bar and that is what I did.

I went back to my family's law firm and established a public services division and represented folks who otherwise could not afford legal representation. We absorbed all the costs of their legal representation; we never charged anything for the work the public services division did. This was a separate division of the firm that I established, and it

wasn't part of the general firm. We took on the kind of cases that no one else would take on. I loved it and did that for 15 years.

I wanted disabled people to have more access to things, so we fought so disabled people would have access to public transport, U.S. aviation, and job opportunities - my passion was to try and create new opportunities for people with disabilities so they could participate more in the world. I fought with large entities to make certain that their facility would be open and accessible so that everybody could use and enjoy them.

The biggest challenge that people with disabilities face is isolation. Anything you can do to help create a less isolated circumstance is a great thing. I deal with it by traveling and taking on cases and taking on causes and getting involved in things. I believe it really comes down to having an intensive sense of mission, purpose and focus. If you have a sense of mission, and you live your life with that mission that will break the isolation because you operate with that heightened sense of meaning. When you have a sense of real mission and real focus and you believe in that mission and in what you are here to do you will be amazed in how much you will experience and live each and every day. It comes down to that belief that you are part of a plan, that you are a part of something bigger than yourself."

**WAN:** When you decided to run for the Michigan Supreme Court, what fueled that decision?

**A:** "I decided to run for the court because I had been a litigator for 15 years and I felt that a lot of judges didn't really understand or appreciate what it was like to be disabled. They just didn't have that experience, so they didn't understand it. The Supreme Court does two key things. Number one is they are the last ruling in all Michigan cases, so it rules on major constitutional questions and issues for the state, and it's the absolute last word in Michigan law. The second thing it does is it has a major administrative component; we oversee all the lower courts, we run the court system.

I realized that if I had a chance to serve on the Supreme Court, I would be in a position to work with various judges in the lower courts to allow for them to understand and appreciate disability related issues and concerns in a much better and stronger fashion. I decided by running for this position as a disabled person I would be able to change how the whole system operates and works from an administrative perspective.

As a blind person I felt this would open a new channel of understanding, appreciation and awareness in the lower court. It wasn't just to make decisions and rule on cases, but it's for all the administrative opportunities that come out of the court."

**WAN:** Do you have a cause?

**A:** "I do a lot of international work and am passionate about being able to make life better for people with disabilities and special needs in developing countries. It's something I care deeply about. In most countries across the world if you have a disability you are not going to have too much opportunity and are going to live a very difficult life. One of the things I really enjoyed was being asked to speak at the United Nations in Vienna, Austria. People that are blind in Austria were not allowed the opportunity to serve as judges. After having a chance to speak in Vienna, this triggered media attention across Austria. Austria changed their policy, and now if you are blind and want to serve as a judge you can. In Spain it used to be if you had a disability and you wanted to vote you had to get permission from a judge in order to vote. They changed that as well."

**WAN:** Is religion important to you?

**A:** I am spiritual, and at the end of the day hopefully I will live to 100 or longer. Our life is incredibly temporary. Positions and title and prestige don't matter when you are no longer here. I think a very good way to live life is to live with the sense of mortality, and the sense that you are here for a certain period of time and it's up to you to use that time and do something with it that is meaningful and that matters and that is impactful. You are part of something bigger and grander and more noble than yourself - there is a plan that is unfolding that you are a part of that you can't even begin to understand or appreciate, but yet it is something you are able to realize that you are a part of.

Even though your body may be weak and mortal, it is your spirit that is all powerful and has an incredible resiliency and strength and allows for you to live life in ways that you never imagined or thought possible."

**WAN:** How important are athletics to you?

**A:** "Athletics can teach you so much about life and experiences because it represents all phases of life. It represents pain and suffering, challenge and difficulties, and it also represents perseverance and strength and triumph. Athletics plays a significant role in my life. It defines the inner strength and ability you have in order to live the life you are meant to live."

**WAN:** Is traveling difficult for you?

**A:** "Yes. You need constant help with everything you do. There are people that will host you and help you when you arrive at your destination, but the actual travel is done independently, and you have to rely on people and seek support where you can.

Every day has a level of excitement that seems to come with it. Every day is a unique adventure that you get to experience."

# McLeod honored



On behalf of the Sault Tribe Early Childhood Education Program, we would like to congratulate Karla McLeod as the Outstanding Employee of the Month for September 2019.

# New Chippewa County 4-H Clubs

The 2019-2020 4-H year is starting off with new clubs and continuing ones. If you want more information, please contact our office at (906) 635-6368, msue.chippewa@county.msu.edu or Maggie Merchberger at merchber@msu.edu.

Harvest 4-H Club starts Nov. 6. They are looking for 8 to 12-year-olds who want to explore horticulture and health with hands-on experimentation. The plan is to focus on home gardening, basic food prep and food preservation.

Sew Many Crafts 4-H Club is just what the name implies. They will be meeting every two

weeks to work on sewing and other craft projects.

Log Cabin Chick-n-Bunny 4-H Club teaches youth to raise poultry and rabbits. The goal is to show at the Chippewa County Fair.

Country Clovers 4-H Club is also involved in raising livestock. Their focus is goats and swine. Along with this they will be teaching dog training.

Country Kids 4-H Club teaches photography and orienteering.

These are some of our newer clubs. We also have clubs involved in community service, livestock, shooting sports, quilting and horses.

# Kids loom beads in Rudyard



Photo by Dawn Griffin

Rudyard Youth Education and Activities participant, Damion Curtis, created his own beadwork design using an expandable bead loom.

# St. Ignace YEA homework lab



Photo by Sue St. Onge

Students in St. Ignace use new laptops and math games in the YEA homework lab. The laptops were purchased as a homework resource as a part of the TED Grant.

# DeTour, Drummond programs start, Cedarville gets new tutor



Photos by Lisa Burnside

Above left, after school Youth Education and Activities (YEA) programs in DeTour and Drummond Island are under way. Students in both schools are learning about talking circles, smudging and sewing their own leather pouches. Hessel YEA coordinator Lisa Burnside started a reading circle at the Hessel Tribal Center on Wednesdays after school and at the Pickford Public School on Mondays. Unit II YEA is also very excited to welcome Kristi Goodellas, above right, the new YEA tutor for Cedarville School. Goodellas works with students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

## TRIBAL MEMBER REGISTRATION IN THE TAX AGREEMENT AREA

### TRIBAL MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

(Including the Issuance of Certificates of Exemptions)

### INITIAL REGISTRATION AND OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Under the Tax Agreement between the Tribe and the State, tribal members who live within the "Agreement Area" are able to claim exemption from certain state taxes. In order to take advantage of these benefits, the member must be registered with the Tribal Tax Office and must prove that they do live in the "Agreement Area."

The registration process begins with the member filling out an "Address Verification Card" and providing their name, address, and other personal information. The member must also provide a copy of their MI driver's license, MI State ID card, or voter's registration card. All of these forms of State identification MUST have the member's current address and that address must be located in the Tax Agreement Area. Members must also include a utility bill in their name and their current address as an additional proof of residency in the Tax Agreement Area.

The Tribal Tax Office cannot register a member with the MI Department of Treasury unless these documents are included with the "Address Verification Card."

### CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTIONS

Tribal Code 43.1103 states that Resident Tribal Members shall notify the Tribal Tax Office in writing prior to moving their principal place of residence.

If the Tribal Tax Office receives a request for a Certificate of Exemption and the address for the member on the request is not the same as the address that the Tribal Tax Office and MI Department of Treasury have on record, then no Certificate of Exemption can be issued.

We will usually attempt to contact the member to ask them to update their address by filling out the "Address Verification Card" and providing the required documents, but it is the member's responsibility to provide this information. A Certificate of Exemption cannot be issued unless the member has filed the correct information proving that they live within the Agreement Area.

# Cops visit Sault Child Care Center



Photo by Anne Suggitt

Sault Tribe Officers TenEyck and Sayles visited the pre-school room at the Child Care Center in Sault Ste. Marie and spoke to the children about being safe. The children discussed everything they learned about safety and asked a lot of questions.

# Community College's enrollment is increasing

BAY MILLS, Mich. — Bay Mills Community College's enrollment continues to increase, with the student count this fall reaching one of the highest points since the recession. BMCC is bucking a trend amongst community colleges — a trend of declining enrollment that nearly every higher educational institution in the country is struggling to overcome.

BMCC's administrators attribute the rise in enrollment to several factors, including expanded financial assistance, enrollment management efforts, world class student support services, state-of-the-art facilities and high quality academic programs that continue to evolve to meet the needs of today's students.

"All areas of our campus community have challenged themselves to study how their efforts impact enrollment and ultimately student success; we have worked collaboratively to improve



BMCC's main campus overlooks the Lake Superior shoreline in the Bay Mills Indian Community.

the entire operation," Steve Yanni, Enrollment Management Committee chair, said.

To meet the demands of their enrollment, BMCC opened the Michael C. Parish Administration Center last fall. The 34,700 square foot facility houses classrooms, laboratories, faculty offices and student meeting areas. Each classroom is equipped with computers and technology to meet the needs of both students and instructors. Whether you are

looking to learn about 3-D printing technology or invasive species, the classrooms at BMCC are fully equipped to provide students with the tools to succeed.

But BMCC's success extends beyond that of the traditional classroom. Anyone who aspires to earn a degree from a distance can enroll in one of BMCC's online degree programs. Currently there are 12 fully online programs including bachelor's, associate and certificate programs.

"Our online experience mirrors that of the classroom in terms of content and individualized attention. We feel students should be getting the same education whether or not they choose to be in the classroom," Kendra Voris, director of Distance Learning, said. "During the last two years we have revitalized our offerings, ensuring that quality and accessibility are key and that each course is formatted to reflect an on campus environment. Students

can expect the experience to be fluid as they move through their chosen program."

As a tribally-controlled institution of higher education, BMCC also offers free tuition for individuals who are members of U.S. federally recognized tribes. The Board of Regents Tuition award allows Native students to take courses on campus or online without having to worry about the cost of earning their degree. For non-Native students, the tuition rate of \$95 per credit hour remains affordable. This fall, BMCC also began partnering with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians in Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program, which provides financial support to both tribal and non-tribal members seeking to further their education.

To learn more about Bay Mills Community College, please go online and visit [www.bmcc.edu](http://www.bmcc.edu).

# LSSU recognizes alumna James' achievements

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Wendy James was recognized by Lake Superior State University and the LSSU Alumni Association as they paid tribute to four highly accomplished alumni and friends at the annual Alumni Awards Banquet on Oct. 11 during Great Lake State Weekend 2019. Wendy (Menard) James, who grew up in Sault Ste. Marie, received the Kenneth J. Shouldice Alumni Achievement Award. She attended Lake Superior State University before moving to Lansing at the request of Michigan's governor. She then graduated from Michigan State University. She is a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

"We are proud to recognize the accomplishments of our distinguished alumni. Their dedicated commitment to their communities and the university truly embodies the value of service that we hold as Lakers," stated Dr. Rodney Hanley, LSSU President.

"LSSU was a family affair for me," said James. "My Mom worked in the president's office and my aunt Barb worked the switchboard. My uncle, Harry Pike, was dean of students and my aunt, Ruth Johnston Pike, taught nursing. I babysat for lots of families on campus, most often for Ronand Marion Mason. I transferred to Michigan State for my senior year because I was asked by Governor Milliken to lead a statewide effort to address the spike in youth traffic deaths from lowering the drinking age to 18. I was hired to help create an outreach program to raise awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving among young people."

Of receiving the Shouldice award, James said, "What a thrill! Dr. Shouldice was a friend of the family and someone I always looked up to. And LSSU was such an important part of my personal and professional development. To this day, I have close connections to the university and the community that have helped to shape my life and career. This is an incredible and



Wendy James

very personal honor for me."

James established the Better World Group (BWG) in 1999. In the 20 years since creating BWG, she has developed unique expertise in the media, government, corporate and nonprofit sectors, with a special focus on environmental issues. She also served as a mentor to countless young advocates. She retired from BWG as chief executive officer at the end of 2018.

James has unique expertise in many sectors, with a special focus on environmental issues. She works with environmental and environmental justice groups, government organizations and progressive businesses in framing their environmental strategies and implementing advocacy campaigns in support of a wide array of policies and projects.

"LSSU is where I planted the seeds for my career in politics and my work on the environment," said James. "I remember the first Earth Day at the college in 1970. I was still in high school, but the college hosted the event and I was there — it

stuck with me. I also served on the student government board and it was remarkable. I served on that board with Pat Gagliardi and Mitch Irwin, both of whom went on to serve long and distinguished careers in the Michigan legislature. I went on to work for then-State Senator Bob Davis (while I was still a senior at MSU) and then moved on to Washington, D.C., when he was elected to Congress in 1978."

Prior to forming the Better World Group, James served as president of the nonprofit Environmental Media Association (EMA) working closely with the entertainment industry to support various environmental initiatives. She began her professional career as a reporter and weekly columnist for the *Evening News*, a daily newspaper in northern Michigan and the precursor to the *Sault News*. James is proud to be a founding board member of the Sault Tribe Business Association, an organization of member-owned businesses. She has long-term involvement in numerous professional and nonprofit boards. Over the years, James has been recognized by many organizations including lifetime achievement awards from the Coalition for Clean Air, Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters and Climate Resolve. Among her other accolades, James was honored by the California League of Conservation Voters in 2011 with an Environmental Leadership Award, by the California Climate Action Registry in 2008 and named Small Business Woman of the Year for California's 20th Senate District and 43rd and

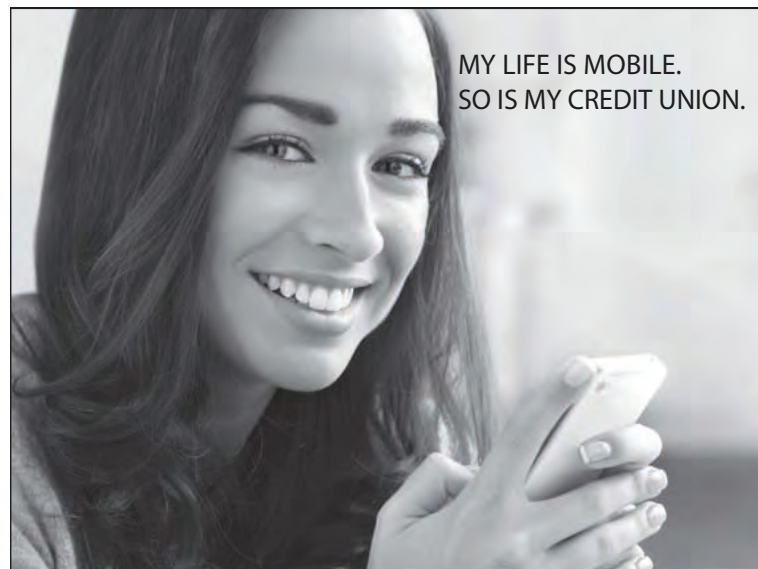
44th Assembly Districts in 2006.

James remembers some of the professors who had a significant impact on her career and her life. She said, "John Matheson was my journalism professor and mentor — and I had the incredible luck to be working as a reporter at the *Evening News* while I was attending Lake State. Bruce Harger helped me pass intermediate macroeconomics at Michigan State. I could not grasp the concepts in the class. The professor gave us an extra credit assignment and said if we were to complete it successfully, we would be guaranteed a passing grade. I knew I was in trouble, so I set out to complete that assignment — by calling Bruce Harger! He spent hours on the phone with me walking me through that assignment — teaching me how to do it. Remarkable."

"I had one class at MSU that I liked," James recalled. "It was a journalism lab and the instructor was Indian. He reminded me of Madan Saluja, but I was hesitant

to say anything because I felt like it was stereotyping. Finally, one day he took the whole class to a bar and I got up the courage to mention Madan. He literally leaped across the table at me yelling, 'You know Madan! You know Madan!' It turned out that they had immigrated to the U.S. together, and then lost touch. He was so thrilled to have the chance to reconnect. I will always be proud of my Laker roots and be thankful for the foundation and inspiration I received from LSSU."

James lives in Burbank, Calif., with her husband Michael. "It's always so rewarding to hear from alumni who appreciate the hands-on education they received at LSSU, and recognize how it helped to prepare them for professional success," said Alumni Director Susan Fitzpatrick. "Wendy is an alumna who truly values the personal relationships she was able to build with faculty and staff, and the support that they gave her even after she left our campus."



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# Sault Tribe team members picnic day Aug. 14



Photo by Rick Smith

Sault Tribe held an Employee Team Building Day across its seven-county service area on Aug. 14. Each site tailored activities to their own sites and teams members. Employees played games, ate good food, mingled and relaxed. Above, team members from the Sault area hung out at Sherman Park for the day.

## SSHS breaks ground on two assisted living facilities

In its ongoing mission to provide quality health care throughout the eastern Upper Peninsula, Superior Health Support Systems set an ambitious goal of opening two new assisted living facilities in the Spring of 2020.

The White-Wiles Home in Rudyard will celebrated its official groundbreaking on Sept. 17, on a donated parcel of land located near the Rudyard Post Office. The event was held at 10946 W. Fair Dr., Rudyard, Mich.

SHSS also broke ground on the Harbor View Home in DeTour on Sept. 10.

"The Rudyard committee first met on Jan. 24," noted Dave Pietrangelo, an SHSS board member. "It usually takes a year to a year and a half to come this far. They got here in August, with all of the rooms sponsored, so we can move forward and hopefully have a winter build, depending on the weather of course.

"We're excited to have two builds this year...and bring our services to the communities, one in Rudyard and one in DeTour. We'll have five rooms for residents and one hospice room, as the other houses have...It's a community effort and relies on a lot of volunteers. We also staff it locally and purchase as much locally as we can."

### White-Wiles Home

The six-bedroom White-Wiles Home is part of the SHSS network that includes the Merlin Home, an adult foster care home in Sault Ste. Marie that focuses on helping those with memory loss, and Pickford's Pennington Home, which assists with residents suffering from a variety of conditions, including Parkinson's disease and dementia. Like the Pennington Home, one room in the White-Wiles Home will be dedicated to hospice care and

facilitated by Hospice of the EUP. SHSS acquired G. D. Nitz Associates, Inc., as the architect, and Whiskey River Construction Company was awarded the building contract. Land was donated by Rudyard Presbyterian Church.

"I am a resident of Trout Lake, have owned a business since 1985 in Rudyard and feel very much part of this wonderful and caring community," Rudyard committee member Chari Fischer said. "The Rudyard community is very excited and pleased to see that this project has developed. They have always talked about and hoped to have a home of this type as they wanted to be able to keep their family members in need of such care close to home. This way, family and friends can visit, volunteer, support and aide in anyway that may be needed. The Rudyard Lions Club was most honored to initiate and coordinate the first meeting and see the progress of this project along with others helping along the way. We thank everyone for their donations."

SHSS will provide professional health care staffing while relying on the Rudyard community to fulfill many other needs.

"This is the result of cooperation between two boards – the Rudyard board and the SHSS board," Pietrangelo said. "We could not have done this without them. In the spring, the Wiles will be cutting the ribbon if all goes according to plan."

### Harbor View Assisted Living/Hospice Home

The Harbor View Assisted Living/Hospice Home in DeTour broke ground Sept. 10 – one year since announcing its fundraising campaign.

DeTour's six-bedroom home, which is part of the non-profit Superior Health Support Systems



**BRINGING HEALTH CARE TO RUDYARD** - The Rudyard community celebrated the official ground-breaking for the White-Wiles Assisted Living Home on Sept. 17. The six-bedroom home, which will be supervised by Superior Health Support Systems, is completely donor funded and will be the fourth SHSS home to be constructed in the eastern Upper Peninsula. Rudyard Committee members and SHSS board members participating in the groundbreaking are (from left), Denise Shute, Missy Robbins, Kris Pippo, Justin Pollard, Tracey Holt, Chari Fischer, Bruce Berkompas, Debra McPherson-Doyle, Linda Schmitigal-Snyder, Dave Pietrangelo, Kathy Cairns and Stacey Swanson.

network, will be similar to the SHSS Merlin Home, an adult foster care home in Sault Ste. Marie that focuses on helping those with memory loss, and Pickford's Pennington Home, which assists with residents suffering from a variety of conditions, including Parkinson's disease and dementia. Like the Pennington Home, one Harbor View room will be dedicated to hospice care and facilitated by Hospice of the EUP. Harbor View acquired G. D. Nitz Associates, Inc., as the architect, and McGahey Construction, LLC, and local contractors as the builders. A picturesque parcel of waterfront property was donated by David Gray.

"The SHSS Board is very excited about building homes throughout the EUP and provid-

ing quality elder care for those who are location bound or for whom driving a great distance is too difficult," SHSS Board Secretary Linda Schmitigal-Snyder said. "The homes allow residents to stay in their hometown where family and friends can visit, and the elderly can still feel like they are part of their communities. What makes this model so successful is that these homes are in the community, staffed by community members and providing elder care by community members."

A home serving residents of DeTour Village, Drummond Township and Raber Township has been in the works for more than a decade. Collaboration with SHSS during the past year made it a reality.

"Fundraising and paying for the construction of the homes eliminates debt and reduces the cost of providing care," Schmitigal-Snyder said. "SHSS provides the staffing and expertise, and the community members pay a reasonable rent."

The Harbor View Board of Directors is nearing its goal. Seven rooms have been sponsored.

"Small towns can do great things," noted HVH board member Dave Henderson. "Dreams can become reality. Everyone who lives here has a story to tell, and we can't wait to hear them. We are grateful, proud and excited."

*Original press releases and photo by Linda Bouvet.*

# 2019 Harvest Your Health fairs run in the EUP

Photos by Rick Smith



The handsome Hessel School House serves as a community center for the Les Cheneaux Islands area and was the site of the 2019 Harvest Your Health Fair in Hessel.



These folks enjoy some lunch from Gourmet Grub. From left, Tod Krino, Phil Payment, Carolyn Lee, Mary Jo Payment and Linda Krino.



Attendees received complimentary reusable shopping bags and chances to win a prize when registering.



On right, from left, nurse Robin Hoffman and community health technician Sissi O'Connor distribute information to raise awareness about cancer as a visitor peruses handouts.



Linda LaTour receives a flu shot from LMAS Health District nurse Julie Lipnitz.



Teresa Filan, diabetic nurse for the tribe's Diabetes Program in St. Ignace, tends to a visitor at the fair.



Sault Tribe prevention specialist, Amanda Frazier, helps a visitor to her table to learn about preventing and recovering from addictions.



Sign at the fair notifies all comers of one of the spots to get flu shots.

Sault Tribe Community Health nears completion of the 2019 Harvest Your Health wellness fairs at five sites throughout the eastern Upper Peninsula. The annual fairs promote health and wellness in the communities where they take place. Attendees can take advantage of health screenings, education and demonstrations, complimentary items and flu shots.

The first 2019 fair took place

at the Little Bear East in St. Ignace on Sept. 11 followed by the fair at the historic Hessel School House on Sept. 19. Fairs were also scheduled for the Big Bear Arena in Sault Ste. Marie on Oct. 9 and DeTour Village Memorial Hall on Oct. 17. A fair scheduled at the Kinross Recreation Center wraps up the season on Oct. 23.

This year, Gourmet Grub, a Hessel food truck and cater-

ing service, provided tasty and healthful fare such as sandwiches, vegetables and hummus cups along with fresh fruit cups.

Win Awenen Nisitotung mingled with the crowd at the fair in Hessel who enjoyed themselves while taking advantage of the health services, information and giveaway promotional items offered by professionals of Sault Tribe Community Health and partner organizations.

## Sault Tribe Community Health

# 2019 Flu Clinics

Check flu clinic schedule for your area and Mark your calendars!



### HESSEL, DETOUR, DRUMMOND AREA

DeTour Village Memorial Hall (*Harvest Your Health Fair*)  
 Thursday, Oct. 17 .....12:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
 Hessel Tribal Health Center  
 Monday, Oct. 21.....9 a.m. -12 p.m. & 1-4 p.m.

### MANISTIQUE AREA

Manistique Tribal Health Center  
 Wednesday, Oct. 16 ...4 - 7 p.m. (*Health Fair*)

### MARQUETTE AREA

Marquette Tribal Health Center  
 Tuesday, Oct. 8.....9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 3 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Oct. 15.....9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 3 p.m.

### MUNISING AREA

Munising Tribal Health Center  
 Wednesday, Oct. 23 ...10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (*Health Fair*)

### NEWBERRY AREA

Naubinway/Engadine Snowmobile Museum  
 Monday, Oct. 14.....10 - 2 p.m.  
 Newberry Tribal Health Center  
 Thursday, Oct. 24.....9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 4 p.m.  
 Thursday, Nov. 7 .....1 - 4 p.m.

### SAULT STE. MARIE AREA

Sault Tribe Health Center Auditorium  
 Monday, Oct. 14 .....1- 4 p.m.  
 Kinross Rec Center (*Harvest Your Health Fair*)  
 Wednesday, Oct. 23 ...12:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
 Sault Tribe Health Center Auditorium  
 Wednesday, Oct. 30 ...10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Nov. 6 ....9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
 Sault Kewadin Casino (*Location TBA*)  
 Wednesday, Nov. 13 ...11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### ST. IGNACE AREA

St. Ignace Tribal Health Center  
 Monday, Oct. 14.....9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Friday, Oct. 25 .....9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Friday, Nov. 1 .....9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 St. Ignace Kewadin Casino  
 Wednesday, Nov. 6.....9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Sault Tribe Detention Center  
 (*Employees Only*)  
 Wednesday, Nov. 6.....4 - 5:30 p.m.  
 Project Connect, Mackinac Island  
 Thursday, Nov. 7 ..... TBA

### FREE flu shots for:

- Sault Tribe members
- Members of a federally recognized tribe
- Non-Native Sault Tribe employees

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 Manistique Tribal Health Center ... 341-8469  
 Marquette Tribal Health Center ... 225-1616

Munising Tribal Health Center ..... 387-4614  
 Newberry Tribal Health Center ..... 293-8181  
 Sault Tribe Community Health..... 632-5210  
 St. Ignace Tribal Health Center ... 643-8689

CLIP & SAVE



# Annual powwow held in Newberry, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula on Sept. 14, was well attended



From left, Joe Paquin, Christie Overland, Shirley Kowalke, Sandy Gomez, and Roger Streeter volunteering for kitchen duty during the powwow.



Scott Garcia (left), from the Sault – jumping off the swings with his friends.



Newberry Powwow grand entry flag carriers.



Pretty little dancer.



Sam Spruce from L'anse, Mich.



Lisa Burnside



Tina Goudreau and granddaughter Corey Leazier, both from Newberry.



Gale Hokenson (right) from Barrian County, and Tony Egert from Newberry were grilling brats and hotdogs.



Lana Causley-Smith with twin granddaughters Alanna (left) and Ava Garlock, 9.



Diana and Russell Kern, with daughter Aiyana Kern, 5.



From left, Roberta Chippewa, Fannie Aslin, 97, and Kathy Egert.



Kendreya Teeple, 9, with her mother, Shelly Sparks.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Janice Maier (left), from McMillian, and Pat Nantell, from Newberry.



Friends Emily Henry (left), 8, and Alana Erickson, 10, from Manistique.



Gail Sulander and Greg Gierke selling goods at their booth, including walking sticks, feast bundle bags, dolls, dog treats and enrichment feeders.



Chris Causley selling goods.

## FALL FOR HEALTH

### Health & Wellness Fair

Wednesday, October 23, 2019  
**10:00 am to 2:00 pm**  
 Munising Tribal Community Health Center  
 622 W. Superior Street Munising  
 Sponsored by Sault Tribe Community Health Program

**Featuring:**

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Head dancers Jackie Minton and Abe Bouschor, and head youth dancers Kendreya Teeple (left) and grass dancer Tyler Bedell (center).



Rebecca Parish, 3, enjoying her hotdog.

# Sault holds recovery walk through reservation Sept. 26



In honor of National Recovery Month each September, the tribe sponsors a Recovery Walk. The annual event was held Sept. 26, beginning at St. Isaac Jogues Church and through the reservation to Big Bear Recreation Center. The walk shows support for individuals and families in recovery and recognizes the positive effects recovery can have. This year's motivational speaker was Justin Mandosking from the Sault. After the walk there was pizza, salad, chips and dessert, along with games and crafts, inside Big Bear. The first 200 people who registered received a free T-shirt. The event was supported by the Sault Tribe, SAMHSA, Tribal Court, Sault Tribe Behavioral Health, Tribal Action Plan Committee, and people in and supportive of recovery.



Motivational speaker Justin Mandosking (center).



Alexandria and Ray Hutchinson



Catherine Rainey hands Trent Flowers from the Sault a free T-shirt.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Walkers show their support by carrying signs down Marquette Ave.



Cathy Abramson, Nicole Causley and Kim Gravelle



Mission Krik Singers provided drumming and songs for the event.



Skye Downwind, 5, (left center) and Aurora Hodge, 6, (center) running down the sidewalk.



Sault residents Colten Patzwald, 10, and mother Vanessa Patzwald, and Pauline Milnor (right), who recently moved from southern New Mexico.

## Special Cooking Class!

# PIZZA MAKING 101

Thursday, Nov. 14, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Big Bear Teaching Kitchen (2nd floor) Open to the Public!

Space is Limited! If you'd like to join us, please call Community Health at 632-5210 to register.



### Featuring



Sharon Hovie, assisted by Steve Hovie, from Carvito's Wood Fired Pizza as our Guest Chef



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## Health care provider recruiter is hired

By BRENDA AUSTIN



**Alexandra Cook**, a Sault Tribe member, has accepted the newly created position as the health care recruiter for the Sault Tribe Health Center. She is responsible for recruiting physicians and medical personnel for all Sault Tribe health clinics and will act as a liaison between Sault Tribe Human Resources and the Sault Tribe Health Center. Cook will also be involved in the interviewing process for medical professionals she has recruited.

Cook graduated last May from Baker College and has a degree in health care administration with a minor in project management.

Starting young, Cook has been working since the age of 14. She began at the Lock View Restaurant where she worked for 11 years, first under her grandparent's ownership and management, and then on their retirement she continued working for the new owner. Following that she worked in Grand Rapids for eight months at Mercy Health doing an internship, before returning to the Sault and taking a position at War Memorial Hospital (WMH). She continued to work at WMH until accepting her current position with the tribe.

Cook said that, based on feedback she has received, one of her goals is to mesh Human Resources and the Health Center more closely together. "There seems to be a disconnect there," she said. "I want to shrink the amount of time the current hiring process takes so new employees are able to walk through the door and start working sooner."

Cook's parents are Tammy Goetz, owner of The Palace Mexican Restaurant and Saloon in Sault Ste. Marie, and Mike Cook, owner of Mike's Garage, also in Sault Ste. Marie.

# Participation surges in canning workshops

By DAVID WESOLOSKI,  
COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATOR

More than 50 attendees participated in September's canning and preserving workshops in Escanaba and Manistique. Participants successfully learned how to can and preserve blueberry jam, salsa and carrots. These workshops introduced pressure canning for the first time and provided the opportunity for can lid testing as well.



Preparing fresh foods for canning.

Participants also learned about the importance of food preservation in preventing spoilage, how to spot spoilage, best practices of food preservation, general tips and the importance of a food's acidic and alkaline value when preserving.

To facilitate the workshops, Health Education partnered with Delta County MSU-Extension food safety educator Stephanie Ostrenga-Sprague.



A participant canning his salsa.



Delta County MSU-Extension food safety educator Stephanie Ostrenga-Sprague conducts the classroom portion of her canning class.

## Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program schedule of October 2019 clinics

Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program  
October 2019 clinic schedule:  
Joe Syrette — Oct. 2, 3 and 4 — Sault Ste.

Marie Health Center  
Gerard Sagassige — Oct. 28, 29 and 30 —  
Sault Ste. Marie Health Center.

Please call Lori Gambardella (906) 632-0236 or Laura Collins-Downwind (906) 632-5268, to make an appointment.

# STRONGHEARTS NATIVE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE AWARDED \$2.8 MILLION

EAGAN, Minn. — Within three years of launching its collaborative project, the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC) recently announced the StrongHearts Native Helpline (StrongHearts) is receiving two grants from the Office of Victims of Crime under the United States Department of Justice for a combined total of \$2,768,168 to enhance services over the next three years. The awards — provided by the Office of Victims of Crime Advancing the Use of Technology to Assist Victims of Crime solicitation and the Field-Generated Program to Improve Services for Victims of

Crime — will be used to extend the helpline's operating hours to 24 hours a day, develop advocacy training and services to assist survivors of sexual violence, as well as implement digital chat services to help increase accessibility and address caller safety. Launch dates for the digital chat service and 24-7 operating hours will be released at a later time. A full list of federal grant recipients can be accessed at [www.ovc.gov/welcome.html](http://www.ovc.gov/welcome.html) under "Grants & Funding."

Lori Jump, Assistant Director for StrongHearts, said, "Considering Native women are 2.5 times more likely to be

Call  
(1-844-7NATIVE)  
for help.

raped or be a victim of sexual assault than other groups, the StrongHearts Native Helpline serves as a potential lifeline for survivors of these crimes."

Jump added, "We also know in remote areas, some victims may not have phone service or fear their abusive partner overhearing them attempt to call, so providing a digital chat service option is crucial for increasing access for everyone in our communities."

American Indians and Alaska Natives suffer from the highest rates of violence in the U.S., according to the National Institute of Justice. In March 2017, the StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-7NATIVE) began providing callers culturally-based support for domestic violence and dating violence, along with connection to Native resources. Grounded in an understanding of Native cultures, tribal sovereignty and traditions, Native advocates are specially trained to provide callers with emotional support, crisis intervention, personalized safety planning and a referral to a Native and tribal service provider

if needed. Currently, the helpline is available every day from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Central Time.

"Since the very beginning, StrongHearts staff listened to the critical needs of Native communities across the country and identified the need for 24-7 operations," Lucy Simpson, Executive Director of the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, said. "Now with these two awards, we can realize the collective vision of having a dedicated Native helpline to serve survivors of violence in a culturally-rooted way at all hours of the day and night."



# Learn how to lower your risk of liver cancer during Liver Cancer Awareness Month

## Testing, vaccination and healthy lifestyles can reduce your risk

LANSING, Mich. – Liver cancer is the sixth leading cause of cancer deaths in Michigan, and between 2008 and 2017, liver cancer mortality increased by 46 percent. To help raise awareness and promote early detection and prevention of liver cancer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is urging Michigan residents to take steps to lower their risk of liver cancer.

New cases of liver cancer continue to rise in Michigan. Between 2007 and 2016, Michigan saw an increase of 50 percent in liver cancer incidence. Moreover, liver cancer has the third lowest survival rate of any type of cancer with a five-year survival rate of 18 percent.

In the United States, chronic hepatitis B or hepatitis C infection are leading causes of liver cancer, making up 65 percent of factors contributing to liver

cancer incidence. However, most people with hepatitis B or hepatitis C do not know they are infected because these infections rarely cause symptoms.

“Michiganders can reduce their risk of liver cancer through early detection and disease prevention,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health for MDHHS. “Talk to your healthcare provider about possible risk factors and hepatitis testing.”

To identify current infections, Michiganders should get tested for hepatitis B and hepatitis C by contacting their healthcare provider or local health department. For individuals with no prior exposure to the hepatitis B virus, infection can be prevented with a vaccine.

For individuals experiencing active infection with hepatitis B and/or hepatitis C, treatments are available that can reduce their

risk of liver cancer. Hepatitis C treatments can cure more than 95 percent of persons infected with hepatitis C.

During Liver Cancer Awareness Month, Michiganders are urged to:

- Identify your risk for

hepatitis B and hepatitis C by taking the CDC’s 5-minute online Hepatitis Risk Assessment at [www.cdc.gov/Hepatitis/RiskAssessment](http://www.cdc.gov/Hepatitis/RiskAssessment).

– Get tested if you are at risk. Talk to your healthcare provider or local health department about

getting a simple blood test for hepatitis B and hepatitis C.

– Protect yourself and your loved ones from hepatitis B by getting vaccinated.

– If you are currently infected with hepatitis B or hepatitis C, talk to your healthcare provider about treatment options. There are treatments for hepatitis B that can lower your risk of liver cancer and new and effective hepatitis C treatments with minimal side effects.

– Follow a healthy lifestyle, such as regular exercise and consuming a healthy diet with limited amounts of alcohol. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to cirrhosis (scarring) of the liver.

For more information on viral hepatitis and testing and vaccination recommendations, visit [www.cdc.gov/Hepatitis](http://www.cdc.gov/Hepatitis) or [www.michigan.gov/Hepatitis](http://www.michigan.gov/Hepatitis). For more information on liver cancer, visit [www.cdc.gov/Cancer/Liver](http://www.cdc.gov/Cancer/Liver).

### American Indian Cancer Foundation hosts live webinar on Liver Cancer in Indian Country Oct. 23

The American Indian Cancer Foundation (AICAF) is celebrating Liver Cancer Awareness Month this October by hosting a live webinar! Our team invites you to join us from 1-2 p.m. CST on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019 for Liver Cancer in Indian Country. This webinar will be presented by Dr. Mary Owen (Tlingit).

Liver Cancer in Indian Country is a webinar for physicians, nurses, healthcare administrators, public health

staff and community members. It will provide information about liver cancer risk factors, signs and symptoms, prevention strategies and what we can do to improve liver health across Indian Country. Dr. Owen will also discuss her experience working with American Indian and Alaska Native patients, and offer guidance on ways to engage with the patients in your community!

Register here now: <https://bit.ly/2n5MBfw>

## August Employee of the Month

### FROM SAULT TRIBE HEALTH DIVISION

Congratulations to Nicole Cornwell for her honor as the August Employee of the Month. Nicole is a phlebotomist who works in the lab. She received the award for going above and beyond her job duties helping out with the cleaning of the second floor as the health center remains very short staffed in the house-keeping department. Thank you, Nicole, for your team playing. She is shown here with Health Center Director Leo Chugunov. She received an appreciation certificate, flowers and a Meijer gift card.



## Sault Tribe job opportunities

**Please note that the Sault Tribe Employment Application process is going Paperless. Applicants will only have to complete their full employment history just once! They will never have to wonder if their application is up to date. They will have complete control over that. Applicants will be able to log in to their existing application and apply for as many positions as they like. No need to complete a new application.**

**They can keep all their information up to date from home and view the newest employment opportunities and apply at anytime from anywhere. Apply Online: [www.saulttribe.com/newsroom/employment](http://www.saulttribe.com/newsroom/employment) Don't have Internet access? The HR Dept. has computers for the public's use.**

### Government Openings

SAULT and KINCHELOE  
Clinical application coordinator  
Bus driver (Head Start)  
Caseworker – Family Services specialist  
Child placement services supervisor  
Community Health educator (exercise)  
Education director  
Eldercare Services Division director  
Events coordinator  
Facilities manager  
General counsel  
Housekeeper/maintenance – ACFS  
Human Resource director  
Legal aide attorney  
Peer recovery coach  
Probation officer  
Project manager (Health)  
Senior accountant  
Staff dentist  
Student services assistant  
Truck driver – USDA

HESSEL, ST. IGNACE, ESCANABA, MANISTIQUE, MARQUETTE, MUNISING, NEWBERRY  
Tutor (Escanaba/Gladstone) -

seasonal – open until filled  
Student services assistant (Escanaba) – part time/regular – open until filled  
Dietician (St. Ignace) – full time/regular – open until filled  
Student services assistant (St. Ignace) – part time/regular – open until filled  
Student services assistant (Hessel) – full time/regular – open until filled  
Tutor (Manistique) part time/seasonal – open until filled  
Staff dentist (Manistique) – full time/regular – open until filled  
Licensed Practical Nurse (Manistique) – full time/regular – 10/04/19  
Health assistant – reception (St. Ignace) – full time/regular – 10/11/19

### Kewadin Casino Openings

SAULT STE. MARIE  
Bartender (Banquets)  
bookkeeper (Casino Accounting)  
Events manager  
Guest room attendant  
Restaurant server  
Sureveillance manager  
ST. IGNACE  
Cage cashier – full time/regular – open until filled  
Restaurant cashier – full time/regular – open until filled  
Restaurant servers – (2) full time/regular – open until filled  
Deli cooks – (3) full time/regular – open until filled  
Line cook – full time/regular – open until filled  
Dishwasher – full time/regular – open until filled  
Dishwasher – part time/regular – open until filled  
Busser – part time/regular – open until filled  
Bar server – full time/regular – open until filled  
Bartenders – (2) full time/regular – open until filled  
Bell valet attendant – full time/regular – open until filled  
Guest room attendant – full time/temporary – open until filled

Guest room attendants – (2) full time/regular – open until filled  
Front desk clerk – full time/regular – open until filled  
Players Club clerk – full time/regular – open until filled  
Food operations manager – full time/regular – 10/18/19  
Vault cashier – full time/regular – open until filled  
Surveillance operator – full time/regular – 10/08/19  
Casino porter – full time/regular – 10/08/19  
Maintenance worker – full time/regular – open until filled

### HESSEL

Deli bar utility person – part time/regular – open until filled  
MANISTIQUE

Bartender – full time/regular – open until filled  
Bartender – part time/regular – open until filled

Restaurant server – part time/regular – open until filled  
Restaurant server – full time/regular – open until filled  
Housekeeping supervisor – full time/regular – open until filled  
CHRISTMAS

Casino porters – (2) full time/regular – open until filled  
Lead cook – full time/regular – open until filled  
Gaming dealer trainee – full time/regular – open until filled  
Gift shop cashier – full time/regular – open until filled  
Players Club clerk – part time/regular – open until filled  
Maintenance worker – full time/regular – open until filled  
Surveillance operator – full time/regular – 10/08/19

### Enterprise Openings

Administrative assistant (Sawyer Village)  
Guest room attendant (White Pine Lodge)  
Lead guest room attendant (White Pine lodge)  
Store manager – Northern Hospitality  
Maintenance technician (Sawyer Village)

## Sault Tribe service area medication take back sites by county

### Alger County

-Putvin Drug Store  
-Alger County Sheriff's Office

### Chippewa County

-Bay Mills Pharmacy  
-Chippewa County Sheriff's Office  
-MSP Post 82 Sault Ste Marie  
-Sault Ste Marie Police Dept.  
-Sault Tribe Law Enforcement  
-Sault Tribe Pharmacy  
-War Memorial Hospital  
-Meijer #293

### Delta County

-Meijer #294 Pharmacy  
-St. Francis Hospital  
-Walgreens  
-Escanaba Public Safety  
-MSP Post 84 Gladstone

### Luce County

-Luce County Sheriff's Office

### Mackinac County

-Mackinac County Sheriff's Office  
-Mackinac Island Police Dept.  
-MSP Post 81 St. Ignace  
-St. Ignace City Police Dept.

### Marquette County

-Meijer #302 Pharmacy  
-Forsyth Twp Police Dept.  
-Chocolay Twp Police Dept.  
-Marquette City Police Dept.  
-Negaunee City Police Dept.  
-MSP Post 81 Negaunee  
-Ishpeming City Police Dept.  
-Ishpeming Twp Police Dept.

### Schoolcraft County

-Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Office  
-Putvin Drug Store



CLIP & SAVE

# Walking on . . .

## CAROL J. ALLEN

Gentle, quiet and kind, Carol Allen lived a life rich in family and friends. Carol was a heart-centered woman who unhesitatingly welcomed others into her life and her home. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, Carol embraced each day as a gift and each person as a treasure. She loved fully and her grace inspired all who were blessed to know her. Cherished by many, Carol will long be remembered by those she loved.



Despite the obvious gloom of the Great Depression, 1930 beheld a power of hope that was unwavering in the hearts of many. With a natural drive to not just endure but thrive in the face of uncertainty, the nation continued to put one foot in front of the other to build a better future. Nowhere was there a greater sense of hope than in St. Ignace, as Aloysius and Irene (Massaway) Vallier welcomed their daughter Carol into their hearts and home on Aug. 1.

The third oldest of the Valliers' eight children, Carol grew up in a home that bustled with activity. While her father worked as a sailor on the car ferries in St. Ignace, her mother was a homemaker. From the beginning, Carol loved to dance and sing. A graduate of LaSalle High School in St. Ignace, Carol was also a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Carol met her husband, Robert, in St. Ignace. He was working on the car ferries at the time. Instantly smitten, he knew right away he wanted to marry Carol and even told her so after their first date. In response to his pronouncement, Carol bet him \$10 that it would never happen. It was the best bet she ever lost!

Carol and Robert married on June 23, 1951, and in their first few years of marriage, they did everything they later told their kids not to do. The couple loved to dance together. He knew just where to place his hands. She knew just where to step. It was perfect, graceful, much like their life together.

After making their home in Kalamazoo, Carol quickly became known as the neighborhood mom. While raising her own children, she always maintained an open door for all the kids in the neighborhood. Her magnetic personality and mountain of love ensured a sense of welcome and care to all who were blessed to share time with her. While she was known to scrape soap on her kids' teeth when they misbehaved, she was more well known for her unwavering love and generous hospitality. She enjoyed the neighborhood block parties where she could be found telling Bob how to cook even though he was the family cook. Carol didn't hesitate to try and instruct her daughter on how to cook a turkey one Thanksgiving. A task she had never attempted. She was always ready to lend a hand. And,

it should be mentioned that she could make a mean cake — out of a box! A memory the family will always hold dear was a family reunion for her Mom and Dad's 50th wedding anniversary. The celebration was marked by a neighbor throwing a rock at a skunk near the camper they were staying in and the pungent days that followed.

Carol always kept track of her children. She would wait at the window with her arms crossed, unable to go to bed until all the kids were safely home. Even when her kids grew into adulthood, Carol stayed in close touch, often reaching out to connect at the precise moment they needed to hear her voice and feel her unwavering faith in them. As her kids blessed her with grandchildren, her loving care continued to grow, enveloping each new family member with her signature grace and kindness. Infinitely patient, Carol never raised her voice — except at Robert now and then.

Carol tried driving once. She couldn't back up and could only move forward. The event scared her son too much and Carol never tried again. Despite never learning to drive, Carol loved to travel. She loved the Upper Peninsula, but hated driving on the metal grate on the Mackinac Bridge. She and Robert traveled all over the U.S. They took special trips to Missouri, Arizona and many other states seeing the sights and attending concerts and special events. Her favorite trip was to Europe. After producing fishing tackle for years at the Shakespeare Company in Kalamazoo, she proudly retired, and the very next day she and Robert boarded a plane to Germany. They planned to stay in Germany for three months but ended up staying for six months. Flying to Germany was her first time on a plane and flying home was the last.

A woman who relished in the simple things in life, a perfect day for Carol was any day spent with family. She liked reading, going to movies and working word search puzzles. She danced often even at Vicinia Gardens, where she lived her final days.

Clearly, the world feels significantly duller in the absence of Carol's beautiful light. And while it is difficult to imagine life without her steadfast presence, may we find comfort in the many memories we are so privileged to share. May we find additional comfort in knowing that we carry Carol's legacy of loving-kindness forward in our own lives. Each time we welcome a stranger as a friend, check in on a loved one, quietly listen from the heart or take a turn on the dance floor with our beloved, we keep Carol's spirit alive and inspiring others as she so inspired us.

Carol Jean Allen, of Plainwell, aged 89, received her angel wings as the Lord took her hand and welcomed her home on Aug. 24, 2019. Carol preceded in death by her parents, Aloysius and Irene Vallier; her sister, Norma Hudson; her brother, Henry Vallier; and her great-granddaughter, Emma.

Surviving are her adoring

husband of 68 years, Robert; children, Ronald (Jan) Allen, Kathleen (Darrell) Peek, Cynthia (Jerald) Rosecrans, Daniel Allen, Thomas (Irene) Allen, and special daughters, Mary Anne (Don) Hicks and Karen (George) Baldino; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; siblings: Donald Vallier, Gail (Fred) Boden, Lyle Vallier, Gary Vallier, Brenda (Gary) Taylor; and a tribe of nieces and nephews.

Visit and services took place Aug. 28-29 at Betzler Life Story Funeral Home in Kalamazoo and burial at Mount Ever Rest Memorial Park South. Visit Carol's personal webpage at [www.BetzlerLifeStory.com](http://www.BetzlerLifeStory.com) where you may read her Life Story, archive a favorite memory or photo, and sign her online guestbook.

Memorial contributions may be made to Parkinson's Foundation. Special thanks to her wonderful caregivers at Vicinia Gardens in Otsego.

## RAYMOND P. BEBO

Raymond Paul Bebo, 90, of Gladwin, Mich., passed away on Sept. 29, 2019, at the Gladwin Nursing and Rehab Centre. He was born on June 23, 1929, in Marquette County, the son of Joseph and Dora (Lavalley) Bebo.



Ray attended St. John's Catholic School in Marquette. On Oct. 22, 1949, he was united in marriage to Eva Vickers from Mt. Morris and together they raised three children, Larry, Paula and Kelly. His children also blessed him with eight grandchildren. His first job as a young man was working on the boats in the Great Lakes. He later was employed with General Motors in Flint until his retirement. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, stationed in Wichita, Kans., proudly serving his country during the Korean War. He was a member of the American Legion, Gladwin Eagles and a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

After retirement, he became a coffee vendor at the Fisher Body Plant serving his fellow colleagues. He and his wife traveled in their camper visiting places around the United States while also visiting friends. Their enjoyment together while traveling was endless until she decided it was more comfortable being home. They also loved solving crossword puzzles together. Ray played the spoons at events and the American Legion. He was a good dancer and had a beautiful singing voice, especially George Strait songs. He knew no strangers.

Ray is survived by his special friend, Norma Jones of Beaverton, three children, grandchildren, sister and brother-in-law, Anita and James Nelson of Munising.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by wife, Eva; brothers, Darryl, Francis, William and Joseph Jr.; and sisters, Marry

Wills and Vernal O'Neill and all their spouses.

Honoring his wishes, cremation took place and internment will be held at Maple Grove Cemetery in Munising with family members. Arrangements are in the care of Hall-Kokotovich Funeral Home, Gladwin, [www.hall-kokotovichfuneralhome.com](http://www.hall-kokotovichfuneralhome.com).

## JESSICA R. DALEY

Jessica Rose Daley, 33, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 23, 2019, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, Mich.



Jessica was born on Feb. 2, 1986, in Sault Ste. Marie. She was a graduate of Sault Area High School Class of 2004, and a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Jess loved traveling, camping, being a barber and going for walks on the beach. She was an extremely social person and loved doing things with her family, especially with her son, Silas, and the son that she loved as her own, Abel.

Jessica had a beautiful gypsy soul and a contagious laugh. Her beautiful signature eyebrows magnified the sparkle in her big, beautiful, brown eyes. Jess was a very caring and compassionate woman, always giving more than she ever received in return.

Her last and final gift was to alleviate suffering by giving the gift of life. She will live on in others. When you are sad and lonely missing her, just remember a part of her could be right next to you. She is there, walking on the street, sitting on the bus, standing next to you in the grocery store, we may not see "her," but know that her gifts are living on in others. Through your tears, please smile, as she always tried to do, even as she, herself, was suffering.

*"I told you I'd see you tomorrow, but tomorrow never came."*

Jessica is survived by her parents, Kellie and Tommy Mitchell of Sault Ste. Marie; adopted father, John P. Daley of Burlington, Ky.; fiancé, Nicholas Tell of Sault Ste. Marie; son, Silas Robert Tell of Sault Ste. Marie; stepson, Abel Tell of Sault Ste. Marie; brother, Steven (Cindy) Mitchell of St. Paul, Minn.; sisters, Becky (John) Randazzo of Sault Ste. Marie, Jill (Mike) Hielt of Mesa, Ariz., Samantha Daley of Sault Ste. Marie, Jade Daley and Bryanna Daley, both of Gaylord; grandmothers, Mary Linda Williams, Elsie Mitchell and Illa Neal, all of Sault Ste. Marie; special uncle, George (Karen Beattie) Neal of Sault Ste. Marie; and nephew, Matthew M. Randazzo of Grand Rapids, Mich. She is also survived by her fur babies, Mia and Joey, who will miss her completely.

Jessica was predeceased by her father, Jon F. Lewis; and grandparents, Patrick and Beverly Daley.

A memorial service took place on Oct. 2, at C.S. Mulder Funeral

Home in Sault Ste. Marie.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to help care for baby Silas. Please make checks payable to Kellie Mitchell.

Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

## DAVID J. EDGAR

Lifelong Newberry resident, David Joseph Edgar, 52, lost his battle with mantle cell lymphoma on Sept. 19, 2019, at his residence surrounded by his loving wife, children, sisters, sister-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Born on Feb. 24, 1967, in Newberry, son of Joseph Peters and Barbara (Archambeau) Edgar, Dave was a 1986 graduate of Newberry High School. On Feb. 12, 1987, he enlisted in the United States Army and served until his honorable discharge on June 12, 1987, and continuing in the Army National Guard 1437th Engineer Company in Sault Ste. Marie until his separation on June 12, 1992.

On Dec. 9, 1989, Dave started his employment at L.P. Corporation in Newberry for several years until his retirement as supervisor due to his declining health.

David was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and enjoyed motorcycling, camping, football, playing his bass guitar, coaching his children in sports and spending time with his pride and joy grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Survivors include his loving wife, the former Carol Michalak, whom he married on Oct. 15, 1994, in Newberry; sons, Matthew Edgar of Sault Ste. Marie and J.T. Edgar of Newberry; step-daughter, Frankie (Chris) Takala of Newberry, and step-son, Robert McNamara of Newberry; grandchildren, Gemma, Chloe with one grandson to be expected; mother, Barbara Edgar of Newberry; siblings, Peggy (Rick) Kerridge of Newberry, Patricia Payton of Escanaba, Mary (Gene) Holbrook of Newberry, Diane (Thomas) Lindsay of Newberry, Bob (Sandy) Edgar of Kingsford and Steve Edgar of Dafer; sister-in-law Sharon (Russ) Lambert of Marquette; and brother-in-law, Greg Michalak of Clinton Township; several loving nieces and nephews including his special niece Andrea (Jerry) Childers of Sterling Heights.

In accordance with Dave's wishes, cremation services were accorded with no public services scheduled. Memorials may be directed to the family in his name.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.beaulieufuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulieufuneralhome.com). Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry assisted the family.

## GARY P. VALLIER

Gary Paul Vallier, aged 74, was born in St. Ignace, Mich. After moving to California in 1959, he met and married his wife Lynda Lee Stenerson in 1966. They moved to Michigan and raised four children. Gary was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. Gary received his wings and went to the Lord on

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Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Aloysius and Irene Vallier; his sisters, Norma Hudson and Carol Allen; his brother, Henry Vallier; and his daughter, Keri Vallier.

Surviving are his children, Gary (Heidi) Vallier, Dennis (Jodi) Vallier, Chrissy Vallier, Jami Vallier; his grandchildren, Denny (Rachel) Vallier, Michael (Jenny) Vallier, Kayla Vallier and Kyle Roberts, Kerrina, Travis, Jordon, Cameron, Anthony, Ricky, Ryan, Karissa, Kali, Nicklas, Jayden, Logan and Kayleigh; great-grandchildren, Kellsey, Colton, Kailyn, and Max; and siblings, Don Vallier, Gail (Fred) Boden, Lyle Vallier, Brenda (Gary) Taylor and numerous nieces and nephews.

## CAROL A. WARD

Carol Ann Ward, age 63, passed away on Sept. 9, 2019, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Carol was born on Sept. 29, 1955, in Sault Ste. Marie and attended Sault High School. She married Donald Ward, a U.S. Air Force man, on Sept. 17, 1975.



She was preceded in death by her parents, William Anthony and Ava Marie (McCoy) Shampine; a nephew, William A Shampine; an uncle, James McCoy; and her husband, Donald Ward.

Carol is survived by her three sons, Donald (Constance) Ward, Anthony (Netta) Ward and Randy (Kathleen) Ward; a sister, Sharon Shampine; a nephew, Michael Shampine; and three grandchildren, Donald Clarence Ward, Kasandra Lynn Ward and Eliza Ann Ward. She is also survived by her two aunts, Linda (McCoy) Tramai and Betty Mae (McCoy) Faunt; an uncle, Leon McCoy; and many cousins.

Carol was a Sault Tribe member. She loved sewing, fishing, making wood yard ornaments, drawing, painting and working in her garden.

A ceremony in in planning for next year. C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

## LUCILLE A. WHITE

Lucille Aurelia (Malloy) White, age 79, of Pickford, Mich., passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family on Sept. 12, 2019, at War Memorial Hospital.

Lucille was born on May 15, 1940, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. On April 10, 1962, she married Daniel White, Jr. in Rudyard, Mich. Lucille worked for 13 years as a cook at the Wesleyan Nursing Home in Seward, Alaska. She enjoyed playing

bingo and going to the casino. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, and great-grandkids.

Lucille is survived by her husband, Daniel White, Jr.; and her children Kimberly (late – Scott) Montgomery of Mesa, Ariz., Jodi (Troy) Thompson of Brimley, Mich., Daniel White III of Sault Ste. Marie and Matthew (Sarah Shadnaw) White of Brimley, Mich. She is the loving grandma of Aaron, Mikaela, Lindsay, Dalton, Riley, Logan, Jordan, Brooklyn, Faith, Waylen, Chase, Wynter, Devin, and David; and great-grandmother of Serenity, Axel, and Ruger. Lucille is also survived by three brothers, Thomas, Bert and John "Bobo" Malloy; a sister, Joan Crane; her best friend,

Midge Sorenson of Arizona and Lucille and Dan's beloved, German shepherd, "Nook."

Lucille was preceded in death by her father, Melvin James Malloy; and a daughter, Nancy

Endresen.

Her family says, "Lucille will never be forgotten and she will be forever missed."

Cremation has taken place and per her request there will be

no funeral service. Arrangements handled by C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

## *G'chi Miigwech to All*

Dorothy Currie and Midge Gugin would like to thank John Causley, Lana Causley, Catherine Hollowell, all the girls in the kitchen, the Mukwa Giizhik Drum and everyone in the Hessel Community for wonderful celebration on Sept. 26 of the new Hessel Community Commerical Kitchen, dedicated to Dorothy and Midge. It was a beautiful dedication ceremony and feast, and the drum was wonderful.

## FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY

### TUESDAY,

### OCTOBER 29

### 4:00-7:30 P.M.

#### JOIN THE SCARE @ THE BEAR

#### 4:00- 5:20 P.M. - SPOOKY SKATE\*

(OLYMPIC RINK)

#### 5:30 P.M. - COSTUME CONTEST

(BASKETBALL COURT)

#### 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. - HALLOWEEN PARTY

(BASKETBALL COURT)

\*Spooky Skate:

\$3/Each - (Includes Skate Rental)

Sault Tribe Members & 5 and Under - FREE



**SPOOKY SKATE & GAMES**

**SPOOKTACULAR CRAFTS**

**CANDY & COSTUME CONTEST**

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[www.BigBearArena.com](http://www.BigBearArena.com)



# Member from Germany visits family in Sault

This September, Sault Tribe member and Berlin, Germany, resident Christopher Steinkohl visited his family in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. His father, Paul Steinkohl, a Sault Tribe member and Sault resident, lived in Berlin for many years after being released from the Army.

Germany is a little different from the United States. "About 50 percent of my pay goes to taxes," Steinkohl said. "It totally pays for my health care, social services and disability. It will take care of me when I'm old."

At the same time, Germany and the U.S. have a lot of similarities and struggle with the same issues, he said. Lobbyists are a problem. The media is controlled by five big families.

But he thinks there is more common sense in Europe. "There are no big pick up trucks because they are bad for the environment, so they are taxed off the road," he said as an example.

School and work are different, too. Graduates have a choice of becoming apprenticed to learn a trade. When he graduated from the German equivalent of high school, Steinkohl decided to apprentice to a pastry chef, but he didn't like it. He was interested in logistics, so his mom and dad, now divorced, paid for private schooling. Steinkohl worked as an import/export clerk.

At that time, he also had to serve in the mandatory draft. One could choose the army or social services. He chose the army. He thought it was good for him — instilling a sense of discipline and responsibility.

But the draft is gone now — his was the last generation having to serve. He has observed a big difference between his generation and the next. "Just the difference between no more mandatory draft and having cell phones has made a big difference," he said, adding the government is thinking about reinstating mandatory service.

Even though young people are different from his generation, they are making change in their own way, he said. "Education is so important," he remarked. "Especially civics."

Steinkohl has had some exciting opportunities come his way.

## Conservation Committee meeting schedule; October meeting rescheduled

All meetings are at the Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Meetings scheduled to start at 5 p.m.

Please contact Linda Grossett at (906) 635-6050 or email lgrossett@saulttribe.net if you have any questions.

Please note the October meeting was changed from Oct. 14 to Oct. 21.

- Miigwech!
- Monday, Oct. 21, 2019
- Monday, Nov. 18, 2019
- Monday, Dec. 16, 2019



**Christopher Steinkohl**

When Groupon started up in Germany, he joined the e-commerce business in its first year. "It was crazy," he said. Then, he joined Hello Fresh when it opened its doors and he was the first customer care agent for Germany, Austria and Switzerland. He stayed with it for six years. As the company quickly expanded, he became management and a lot of things changed. He decided to go with something different because he likes working with people.

For the past year, he has been working for an FMCG delivery company ("fast-moving consumer goods" for those not into the lingo) in customer care. Steinkohl said working with people is his talent, he likes helping people. The young Berliner said he doesn't advertise his Native heritage but his acquaintances "think it's cool." He tries to educate others about it. He has a U.S. passport and an American Indian card. "Dual citizenship is cool," he said.

# Japanese students make Sault visit



Photo by Rick Smith

A visit of students from the Sault's sister city, Ryuo-cho, Japan, took place from Sept. 28 to Oct. 4 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The students and their chaperons took in some of the attractions in the area, including a trip to Mackinac Island, and were made honorary citizens of the City of Sault Ste. Marie. Seen here, members of the delegation display their honorary citizenship certificates with city officials. Sault Tribe member Les Ailing, on right in back wearing a ribbon shirt, conducted a welcoming ceremony for the delegation at city hall. Kewadin Casinos helped with transportation to and from the Chippewa County International Airport as well as to and from Mackinac Island.

## Community Conversation at LSSU Oct. 29

The Freshwater Stewardship Corps (FSC) through the Center for Freshwater Research and Education (CFRE) at Lake Superior State University (LSSU) is hosting a Community Conversation on Oct. 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Crow's Nest in the Walker Cislser Center at LSSU. In partnership with the Center for Michigan and Bridge Magazine, this event consists of a 60-minute discussion entitled *Great Waters, Great Economy*, providing participants with an opportunity to share perspectives on Michigan's waterways, the economic activity that depends on them, and how to balance economic development and water preservation. With the Soo Locks in our backyard and our proximity to three Great Lakes, this topic is more relevant to our region than ever.

This event is a part of the Center for Michigan's *Your Water, Your Voice* campaign, a

statewide public engagement campaign working to identify Michigan's water priorities, concerns, and goals.

Conversations will take place all over the state including a second U.P. site at Northern Michigan University's Seaborg Center on Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. These conversations will result in a citizen's water agenda, which will be delivered directly to elected state leaders to amplify your

voice straight to Lansing.

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# Michigan's bats: Are they friends or foes?

Bats are animals filled with mystery, intrigue, myths and misconceptions. They instill fear in the minds of some and fascination in others. There is a lot of misunderstanding when it comes to bats.

Bats are the only mammals in the world capable of sustained flight. They are more closely related to humans than to rodents. The order they're classified in, Chiroptera, means "winged hand." The bone structure of their wings is remarkably similar to human hands, with elongated fingers attached by membranes.

Over 1,200 bat species identified around the world comprise about 20 percent of the world's total mammal species. Bats are found on all over earth except for the polar regions, and one species, the hoary bat, is Hawaii's only native land mammal. Michigan has nine bat species.

A common myth about bats is that they like to fly into your hair. Insect-eating bats use a sophis-



Photo by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**A tri-colored bat, one of Michigan's nine bat species.**

ticated hunting method called echolocation. The bat emits a very high frequency sound as it flies, and as the sound bounces off an object, the returning "echoes" are processed by the bat. As potential prey sources are encountered, the bat increases the sound transmissions, which

helps bats pinpoint objects. This process is so precise a bat can instantly discern whether something as fine as a human hair is food. So, bats do not fly into your hair. They do sometimes fly close to people, they are after insects attracted to heat and smell.

Different bat species spe-

cialize as either insect/meat eaters or pollinators/fruit eaters. Michigan's species are all insect eaters. Since one bat can consume 500-1,000 mosquito-sized insects per hour, bats play a significant role in keeping insect populations in check. This can be beneficial for agriculture, home gardeners and those simply wanting to enjoy their backyard.

Many other species found around the U.S. and other parts of the world are responsible for pollinating a wide array of plants when a bat sticks its head inside a flower in search of nectar. The fur on its face and neck pick up pollen and transmit it to the next plant it feeds on. A wide variety of food and other products we use are pollinated by bats, such as agave cactus, avocados, cashews, vanilla, bananas, figs, cloves and peaches.

The bottom line is bats are incredibly beneficial to us and there are some simple things we can do to help protect them.

First, be cognizant of chemical use for insect control — these are the same insects bats will be eating. The same thing goes when trying to eradicate bats from a structure with poison — not only is this illegal, but there are many non-lethal ways of accomplishing this. Third, protect their habitat. For example, standing dead trees can provide roosting spots for bats — leave these trees standing. Finally, building bat houses is a fun project to undertake as a family or with a youth group, and these can provide good homes for bats when their preferred natural habitat is scarce. There are many simple bat house plans that can be obtained from a quick Internet search.

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## Why you should generate a household profile

BY TERESA CLARK-JONES, MSU EXTENSION

Would you be able to recall everything you owned if your home suddenly burned down or was destroyed by a natural disaster? My guess is that this would be a difficult task and especially if you are under stress. One of the most important purposes of a household inventory is to provide proof of ownership for filing insurance claims in the event of loss by fire, flood, theft, or other types of disasters. On the other side, it helps you decide how much insurance protection you need to cover your household furnishings and personal belongs.

From a financial standpoint, it is functional in planning and forecasting replacement needs for furnishings, equipment, and clothing. The inventory can also indicate the money value of your possessions for development of net worth statements, which show financial growth.

A household inventory is a collection of pictures and or videos documentation of all your

possessions. As part of the inventory, detailed information would be collected on the expensive items. This may include date purchased, cost, warranties, etc.

Once the household inventory is collected, it should be stored in a safe location, protected from any catastrophic destruction of your home. Consider placing the household inventory in a bank safe deposit box, fireproof home safe, or a secure online data filing system.

With all the great technology available, creating your household inventory has never been easier. Most cell phones have the capability to video record your property. The most important issue is to make sure that the information recorded is downloaded to a safe place for accessibility when needed. Record your household furnishings and personal items in a systematic way. Inventory one room at a time and record everything in the room. Do not forget to go into closets and take special pictures of the more valuable items. Open

drawers and photograph or video record contents of each drawer. Lastly, record storage areas such as the basement, garage, attic and storage units. These areas need to be recorded in the same way as the interior rooms of your house. Take pictures of the whole area and open doors to cupboards, closets or storage chests.

When it comes to prize possessions, take extra care in documenting jewelry, furs, paintings, special collections and other

valuables. Group small pieces of similar items together and place on a solid-colored rug or cloth. Document the brand name and if the item is extremely valuable, include a member of the family in the picture as proof that the items are really yours.

Once the household inventory had been established, it needs to be updated at least annually. When updating, consider the following tips:

— Major purchases need to be

added to the inventory immediately.

— Small items should be done annually.

— Items that you no longer have should be purged from the inventory.

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## Blair earns brand new car



Sault Tribe member, Lynde (Goetz) Blair received her hard earned and well-deserved Mary Kay car on Sept. 17 at Rodenroth Motors in Sault Ste. Marie, presented to her by Tyler Rodenroth (above right). She is the first and only Upper Peninsula Mary Kay regional director. Blair picked up her 2020 Chevy Malibu with her kids, Kendra and Randen; husband, Brent; and parents, Beverly and Dave Goetz, as well as some of the girls in her unit. She said, "I started out with Mary Kay 14 years ago as a stay-at-home mom and I saw it as a great opportunity to go out and meet other women. I only did it for the personal discount until about three years ago when I wanted to make that my full time job!" She became a full time Mary Kay director in March of 2018. "In order to earn the car my unit and I had to meet certain requirements," she said. "I get to keep it for two years and earn another one! I am honored to be part of such an amazing company that was founded 56 years ago by a single mom who was tired of being passed up by males whom she had trained. Her goal was to enrich women's lives. Our company has now spread to 42 other countries and is still debt free after 56 years! I love being a Mary Kay director because I get to share these amazing products with so many people. I get to make other women feel great about themselves." She said in addition to offering cosmetics, they also sell six different skincare lines, body care, sun care and fragrances. "I have customers from all over the U.P., to the southern lower peninsula. They range from young teenagers to women in their late 80s."

### BAHWETING DAGWAAGIN MANIDOOKWIN

Come Join The Sault Tribe Language & Culture  
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For more information please contact Joshua Biron or  
Colleen Medicine at (906)635-6050 or by email at  
[jbiron@saulttribe.net](mailto:jbiron@saulttribe.net) or [cmedicine1@saulttribe.net](mailto:cmedicine1@saulttribe.net)



Testifying in Congress for the 20th plus time in support of Advanced Appropriations to protect tribal funding.

**Dr. Aaron A. Payment**

*Representing  
All Members Everywhere*

*Ahneen, Boozho, Negee,*

This month, some things I have been working on came together. Success sometimes doesn't happen over night. Having a plan, devising and implementing a strategy and persistence are key. Of course there is still work to do. Nothing is perfect. A few sayings come to mind that guide me:

- **Dare to care;**
- **You have to believe to achieve;**
- **If it's got to be, it's up to me; and**
- **Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good**

No one does it alone. I was fortunate enough to have been born during a time when our tribe came together to fight for our fishing rights, to lift our people out of poverty, to return our cultural ways through ceremony and pow wow, through reviving our community through feasts and fellowship and to exist as a tribal Nation through our struggle for federal recognition which brought funding for services and operations and greater opportunity.

Our first law suit as a tribe was a civil rights law suit - *Perry v. Sault Ste. Marie* due to substandard sanitary conditions in which we lived in the Mar-Shunk neighborhood. Our leaders at the time dared to care and dream of a better living conditions for our people. I was just a child and beneficiary of this effort. I am not sure we even realized we'd win but we knew we had to try. We had lots of help with local supporters but make no mistake, it was our own people who "believed to achieve" and that, "if its got to be, it's up to me". We won and we won big in a \$7 million consent judgment which then provided sanitation to our homes on Shunk and Marquette. Next, our roads were paved. Around this same time, we also won our treaty rights!

I am grateful to our leaders and friends of our Tribe over the years who dared to care, believed to achieve and took the initiative to make our dreams a reality. During this Special Advisory Election, I ask that you look to candidates who carry with them a respect for our past and spirit of active

and progressive mobilization. Don't waste your vote on someone with no ideas. If you vote for someone with nothing to offer, you'll get nothing in return. I don't plan to endorse anyone in our Special Advisory Election but we have some great options. So far, it has been civil. I ask that you send us someone to the Board table who will respect the office of Chairperson and not try to undermine your elective choice. Look closely and exercise your right to ask pointed questions.

I work hard for our people. In my heart, I see this as a calling and sacred trust. Please elect someone who will **HELP NOT HINDER** our efforts. Just imagine how much stronger as a Tribal Nation we would be if we elected Board Members who respected the will of the people in electing their Chairperson. Stripping the Chair of all administrative authority has cost us no less than \$500,000 with at least an addition \$200,000 a year expense. Please vote for someone who will support a Referendum Vote to delegate the necessary and critical administrative authority back to the Chairperson - whether it is me or the next Chairperson.

**DOING MY BEST WITH WHAT I HAVE**

Our Sault Tribe Constitution is a corporate charter constitution with a chairperson and board of directors. You generally do not see this with a legitimate sovereign nation, but with a company. In 1934, the federal government realized it could streamline how to exploit tribes and their people by streamlining the method for access our natural resources and diminishing our treaty rights. Most tribes who sought recognition after the 1970s, promulgated constitutions with a separation of powers which finds its origins in the *Iroquois Confederacy Great Law of Peace*. While we have paid over \$500,000 and countless volunteer hours to amend our constitution to separate the powers of the Board (legislature), Chair (executive) and Tribal Court (judicial), make no mistake there is an inherent conflict of interest for our existing one branch unitary form of government to resist change as currently they have unilateral and discretionary authority. They are answerable to no one as we do not have an independent Tribal Court and the Tribal Board refuses to

**ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:  
LET'S MAKE OUR ANCESTORS PROUD!**

grant standing in Tribal Court to Tribal citizens to defend our rights. This is embarrassing.

In 2010, while I was not in office, the Board tricked the voters into believing a Constitutional amendment to take out the CEO functions of the Chair would be a good thing. Instead, this act made the administration of the Tribe entirely up to the discretion of the Board. The additional costs is well over a \$500,000 swing in the wrong direction and relegated the administrator to the whims and will of a majority of our Board. The people of the Tribe, when they elect the Chairperson, expect a level of authority to be exercised. The subsequent act to strip the Chair of ALL authority and to supervise no one, diminishes and cheapens the office of Chairperson.

**FOCUSING ON THE POSITIVE**

Still, I do my best with what I have. Fortunately, my previous senior level administrative experience at our Tribe, executive experience at another tribe and senior administration in employment outside the Tribe prepared me to do the advocacy work I do. I have chosen to focus on the positive and rededicate myself to the inter-tribal and national tribal work that benefits our people back home, protects our treaty rights, and returns great dividends in terms of treaty based programs and services funding. It might surprise you to know, I have no day to day duties or responsibilities as Chair. At key moments, we have lost or stalled opportunities like securing our land in trust for downstate developments due to having no staff or ability to direct staff to perform critical follow up. This hurts our tribe and our future. I have documented when I have tried to persuade others to follow up but given they do not report to me as Chairperson, they simply refused. This is clearly not in the best interests of our Tribe.

**STANDING OUR GROUND IN DC**

In September, I had the honor of co-hosting at the National Congress of American Indians Tribal Unity Days where we have a dozen key legislators present to us their work in supporting our funding and upholding the treaty and

trust obligation. This work puts me as your Tribal Chairperson right in the center of opportunity for funding and to ensure our legislative priorities are heard. During this trip, I met with the new White House Tribal Liaison Tyler Fish (see below) to provide input on what I felt was needed and how he can be most effective. I pledged to support him in his role irrespective of partisan politics and advancing American Indian Policy should transcend politics and presidents.



In September, I got to visit with Sault Tribe citizen Nichole Hannah (see below) who used to work in the US Department of Justice but now works in the Department of Interior. Nichole holds a juris doctorate and advises in US American Indian policy.



Next, I got to visit with my long time friend of over two decades Kim Teehee (see below), a citizen of the Cherokee Nation who has been nominated by her Nation to serve as a non-voting member of the US House of Representatives per a



Treaty the Cherokee signed with the federal government in

1835. Kim previous worked as the first White House Tribal Liaison and is extremely well qualified. As President of the United Tribes of Michigan, I sponsored and gained approval a resolution of support.

**FULFILLING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

While in DC last month, I attended an anniversary celebration for the enactment of the Violence Against Women Act which in 2013 included additional protections for Native victims. Tribal leaders and I are pushing hard for reauthorization. Below is a picture with our Sault Tribe Member Team who have carved out a position of National influence here. I am so proud of our team!

I am also ecstatic to report that I can check off my list a major success in my advocacy to return the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver to full funding. If your read my report last month, you can see where I was pushing for full funding. I am grateful for MI Speaker Chatfield, Senator Wayne Schmidt and our very own Sault Tribe Citizen Senator Jeff Irwin for making this happen.

This brings me to yet another legislative push I'm working on which is Advanced Appropriations for federal IHS and BIA funding. I have reported on this previously but recently I got to testify in support at the invitation of the House Natural Resources Committee Chair (see picture top left). If you recall, I have done over 25 interviews and previously testified. I feel we are close and I believe we will prevail.

**MAKING MY ROUNDS**

In the last few months, I began to once again drop in on our Elder Subcommittee and Elder Advisory Board meetings. In the past, I have been denied travel reimbursement for these so I will pay out of pocket because it is critical to see you face to face to represent your interests. Check the Tribal paper and website for a list of dates. *Chi McGwitch* (thank you) for the opportunity to represent and serve you.

*Chi McGwitch, Negee!*



L to R: Mike McCoy, Liz Carr, Rachel Carr, Congresswoman Deb Haaland, Hali McKelvie, Lori Jump and Me at an anniversary celebration and rally to reauthorize the Violence Against Women's Act.

# Honoring Our Veterans annual powwow Nov. 9



**KIMBERLE GRAVELLE**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Hi, the annual Honoring Our Veterans Powwow will be on Nov. 9, 2019, at the Kinross Recreational Center in Kinross, Mich. Grand entry will begin

at 12 p.m. and the feast at 5 p.m. We would like to invite all Native veterans to this great event. Native vendors are welcome and there will be no fee for vendors to set up a booth. If you have any questions, you can contact Josh Biron, cultural activities coordinator, (906) 635-6050, ext. 26144.

Just a reminder, our tribe has three recovery housing units in Kinross, Mich. Each unit consists of three separate rooms with one common living area. The number one challenge for an individual who is returning home from a period in a secure setting is lack of transitional housing or sober/safe living units and access to employment and job training. These are available for individuals who have been in a treatment program and need

a place where they can continue to recover. Recovery coaches will assist them in finding the resources they need to continue living a healthy life style. Assistance will be provided for attending meetings, doctor appointments, job interviews, cultural events, school, budgeting, etc. This would not have been possible without the collaboration of our administration, health center and housing department and all the team members who work behind the scenes to help our community that has been affected by the substance abuse epidemic. Also, the Sault Tribe Housing Authority and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant. Chi miigwech to everyone involved in this project. For more information, please

call (906) 632-5200 and follow the prompts for the Behavioral Health Department.

We have been working diligently on our revenue allocations in order to make sure our tribal member services continue to be maintained. With the help of our Economic Development Director Joel Schultz and his team, we have been focusing on diversifying our tribe's revenue streams. Our existing businesses are becoming more profitable and I can definitely say that Joel thinks outside the box.

Just a friendly reminder: if you move from your residence to a new address without notifying the Tribal Tax Office and the tribe's Enrollment Department, you may lose important benefits, such as possible tax exemptions, tribal election ballots, elder's

dividends, important notices sent by mail and newspaper delivery. You can contact our administration office at (906) 635-6050 and they will direct you to the correct department.

Water is Life! Shut Down Line 5 — We cannot risk destroying the Great Lakes!

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

I would also like to thank all the team members for the hard work they do every day for our tribe. Please feel free to call me at (906) 203-6083 and leave a message or e-mail me at [KKGavelle@saulttribe.net](mailto:KKGavelle@saulttribe.net).

Thank you,  
Kim Gravelle

## September 2019 resolutions passed by board

The Sault St. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors convened in Sault Ste. Marie on Sept. 3 where they reviewed and passed 18 resolutions, 13 by unanimous vote. All board members were present.

**Resolution 237 — ACFS - OVC Tribal Set Aside**

**Establishment of FY 2020 Budget** — Approved with DOJ federal revenue monies of \$417,827.27.

**238 — Law Enforcement - COPS TRGP 2015 Establishment of FY 2020 Budget** — Approved with DOJ federal revenue monies of \$233,320.43.

**239 — Natural Resources — Lake Whitefish Rearing Project Establishment of FY 2020 Budget** — Approved with BIA Federal Revenue monies of \$53,857.22.

**240 — Sault Tribe EDC Commercial Development Position** — The board authorized the creation of a position to oversee retail and commercial development efforts of the Sault Tribe EDC, and to fund the position from a corporate tax fund balance.

**241 — Demawating Development Property Management and Maintenance 2019 Budget Modification** — Approved for a change in the personnel sheets and an increase in expenses of \$3,400.19.

**242 — Business Solutions Establishment of FY 2019 Budget and Eagle Lending FY 2019 Budget Modification** — The board approved a budget with Other Revenue — Wage Reimbursement \$36,058.75 and loan proceeds — Eagle Lending monies of \$8,700. The budget modification was also approved to increase Other Revenue — Loan Interest \$121.80 and approve the lending to Business Solutions monies of \$8,700.

**243 — Trust Land Status White Pine Lodge (E7889 W. State Hwy M-28, Christmas, MI 49862)** — The board requested the Secretary of the Interior accept title to the White Pine Lodge in trust for the benefit of the Sault Tribe to be used for economic development and declared to be part of the reservation of the Sault Tribe.

**244 — Health Center - Mental Health FY 2019 Budget Modification** — Approved for a change to the personnel sheet and a reallocation of expenses.

**245 — Health Center - Purchased Referred Care, Sault Administration, Sault Pharmacy, St. Ignace Medical/Nursing, St. Ignace Pharmacy, and Recovery Hospital FY 2019 Budget Modifications** — Approved for a change in personnel sheets, reallocate revenue and expenses.

**246 — Health Center - Walk In Clinic and Third Party Revenue FY 2019 Budget Modifications** — Budget modifications were approved for consulting and third party revenue for additional monies of \$280,000.

**247 — 2019 Head Start and Early Head Start One-Time Funding** — The board approved a submission of a grant to the Office of Head Start, American Indian and Alaskan Natives Program Branch, for one-time funding to support the construction of the new early childhood education facility.

**248 — Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity and Consent to Waiver of Tribal Court Jurisdiction with EmpowerDB** — The tribe waived its sovereign immunity from suit to enter into an agreement with EmpowerDB for the purposes of providing case management services to the Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center.

**249 — Health Center J.L. Associates Contract 2019 Approve to Purchase Services** — The board approved the purchase of the services of J.L. Morgan and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$147,656.40 over three years.

**250 — Authorize Submission of 2020 Indian Health (I.H.S.) Services Joint Venture Construction Program (JVCP)** — The Health Division was directed to submit the JVCP pre-application.

**251 — Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity and Consent to Waiver of Tribal Court Jurisdiction in RE Greektown Holdings, LLC** — The board approved a limited waiver of sovereign immunity.

**252 — Support for Assistance in Securing Reliable Passage for the Users of the St. Marys River Ferry System** — The tribe is requesting assistance from federal and state representatives to assist the tribe in securing written assurances that the U.S. Coast Guard will meet its obligation to tribal

members residing on Sugar and Neebish Islands as well as other island residents to have access to essential goods and services, to live peaceably and safely in their island community by confirming the inadequacy of the federal ice breaking in the lower St. Marys River and obtaining relief from the U.S. government to ensure ice breaking levels of service for the naturally ice-free ferry crossings to Sugar and Neebish Islands are instituted and implemented to meet this critical need arising from federal funding of winter navigation.

**253 — Sault Tribe Health Billing Temporary Outsourcing and Audit of Billing Department Project 19-046 Contract Award and Budget Authorization** — A contract with ClaimCare, Inc., was approved to provide temporary medical billing services and to concurrently perform an audit of the tribal Health Division's Billing Department.

**254 — Fisherman's Fund FY 2019 Budget Modification** — Approved to fund public relations with Tribal Support monies of \$100,000.

The board reconvened on Sept. 17 in Sault Ste. Marie with all present except for Unit I Director Jennifer McLeod.

**Resolution 2019-255 — FY 2020 Budget Document 002 (Excluding Health Division)** — Approved for a total of \$7,570,843 of which \$799,355 comes from tribal support.

**256 — Continuing Funding Authority For Health Division — Fiscal Year 2020 October to September** — Funds gap in health services budget between expiration of the fiscal year 2019 budgets and approval of the fiscal year 2020 budgets, not to exceed 60 days.

**257 — Health Center Optical and St. Ignace Optical 2019 Budget Modifications** — Approved for change in personnel sheets and reallocation expenses with no effect on tribal support.

**258 — ITC Perinatal Opioid 2019 Budget Modification** — Modified the Other Revenue budget to accommodate ITC Perinatal Opioid funding of \$21,800 with no effect on tribal support.

**259 — Good Health and Wellness In Indian Country Acceptance of Grant and**

**Establishment of 2020 Budget** — Accepts and establishes budget for annual Centers for Disease Control and Prevention funding of \$375,000 annually for five years with no effect on tribal support.

**260 — Cultural — Repatriation FY 2019 Budget Modifications** — Approved for a change to the personnel sheet and reallocation of expenses with no effect on tribal support.

**261 — Accounting Services 2019 Budget Modification** — Approved to change the personnel sheet, reallocate expenses and reduce the Other Income fund \$7,600 and increase net income \$21,805.37 with no effect on tribal support.

**262 — Authorization to Purchase Real Estate Parcel Sault Ste. Marie/St. Ignace** — Authorized purchases with funding from the Facility Fund.

**263 — Amending Resolution 2018-185: Property Acquisition** — Authorized the tribe's EDC executive director to purchase 24 properties with previously approved funds.

**264 — Accepting a Donation of Land From the Fecteau Family** — Authorized in order to increase land base.

The board reconvened for a special meeting in Sault Ste. Marie on Sept. 25. All present except for Jennifer McLeod.

**265 — Acceptance — 2020 Indian Housing Plan** — Approved and funding requested from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide housing opportunities.

**266 — Authorization to Execute — Irrevocable Letter of Credit No.5 Gitchi Auto, Home and RV** — Authorizes the chief financial officer to execute an irrevocable letter of credit from Huntington Bank in the amount of \$186,500 that may be modified by a change order in the future to guaranty and act as assurance for the performance of the purchase of modular homes by Gitchi Auto, Home and RV for the Sault Tribe Housing Authority.

**267 — Approving Special Counsel Contract Michael T. Edwards** — Authorized the executive director to sign a contract between the tribe and Michael T. Edwards, ending Dec. 31, 2019, for the purpose of providing legal services to the tribe.

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## Annual Removal of Flags Ceremony & Celebration



**November 11, 2019 Veterans Day**

Wequayoc Cemetery

2354 E. M-134, Hessel, MI 49745

Removal of Flags & Ceremony Starts 11:00am

Pot luck lunch to follow. Please bring a dish to pass.

Free and open to the community. All Veterans welcome.

For more information, contact Russ Rickley at (906) 440-5696

# Advice: Always strive to keep things in balance



**MICHAEL MCKERCHIE,**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

As with everything in life, being on the board is about balance. You have to balance how much time is devoted to work, how much time is devoted to your family life and how much time you make for yourself. Many of these can coincide and

you luck out, but, unfortunately, other times you have to decide and try and balance things out. With the special advisory election in full swing, I would like to offer advice to those moving forward: Always strive to keep things in balance.

I recently attended two conferences held on Mackinac Island, Uniting Three Fires Against Violence Leadership Summit and United Tribes of Michigan. Both conferences were very informative, it was really nice to see a strong presence of the Sault Tribe at the leadership summit. Two of the speakers at this national conference were Sault Tribe members, coming from New Mexico and Washington, D.C., to share their knowledge and help us advocate to protect our women, primarily focusing on what tribes can do to implement VAWA. VAWA is a national law that recognizes

a tribe's sovereign right to hold non-Natives accountable for violence against women on tribal land. Many tribes do not implement VAWA; we are fortunately one of the few tribes that do. Gchi miigwech to the many staff we have involved and also to the members who continue to fight to protect our women.

The 2020 negotiations continue for the Great Lakes Consent Decree. Now that the federal government has appointed a designee, I expect many more meetings. Our tribal fisheries is an integral part of who we are as communities, I take my role as a negotiator very seriously and worry about the next decree. We have weekly meetings on the subject and I encourage anyone concerned with the fisheries of the Great Lakes to reach out to anyone on the negotiation team, Conservation Committee or any board member to voice your

concerns. The decree ends next year and is fast approaching.

Our tribe is facing many obstacles. With the recent departure of our Human Resource director, our organization is once again contending with lack of leadership in several key positions. We have many dedicated and talented employees but without key positions being filled, our tribal infrastructure will continue to struggle. Without these key positions, many of the issues our tribe faces will continue to be unresolved. We have to do better. Our team members deserve better, our membership deserves better; I will continue to push for accountability and prioritizing our team members.

As stated previously, everything is about balance. These are my views and I must, as a board member, remember to not overstep my position. The

board of directors is responsible for creating and governing laws to help foster a healthy work environment and creating laws to better our community. As I've said before, unless there is a motion or resolution, there is no "the board said..." One or two board members have no authority to influence managers and/or directors; the only power that comes from the board is its ability to create law and policies with a majority of the board. The decisions we make affect all tribal members in all areas. So let's keep that in balance as well and keep the authority where it belongs, with a majority voting on issues that matter; and letting the managers and directors do their job with no interference.

As always, if anyone wants to discuss issues or concerns that our communities face, please contact me at (906) 440-7768. Gchi miigwech.

# Ghost suppers a way of honoring our ancestors



**JENNIFER MCLEOD,**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Aaniin Anishnaabek, I have been reminded recently to share a bit of cultural information in my articles and thought I would share about ghost suppers (aka giibi feasts). This time of year has always been an important one for me, I often find myself thinking about all the wonderful memories of Halloween, small game and bow hunting, deer camps and ghost suppers. So many beautiful memories of my friends and rel-

atives who have walked on seem to pour into my heart and mind in the fall. I remember all the wonderful times of togetherness as we prepared for the coming winter.

The tradition of ghost suppers (aka giibi feasts) has been with our people for many hundreds of years. It is far more than a simple "harvest feast," it is a way of honoring our ancestors. Beginning around Halloween and into the month of November, Anishnaabe people throughout the Great Lakes area hold ghost suppers and there are many differing ways of having them. Sometimes they are held in people's homes, sometimes they are held in big community centers. It is a commonly held Anishnaabe belief that our ancestors come back to visit us at this time of year, and so we remember and honor them with a feast.

No matter the location (home or community center), traditional foods such as venison, wild rice, corn and berries are prepared; also, individual families prepare special dishes that perhaps were a

favorite of a deceased loved one. But ghost suppers are not just for remembering and respecting our ancestors, they are also a celebration and commemoration of what we are thankful for. A ghost supper is a wonderful way to keep our traditions alive and bring people together!

I have visited ghost suppers held in people's homes. Sometimes there were many to go to on the same night and so I just ate a little bit at each one. Inside, there was a table set, with food prepared and served by family members. Sometimes a place setting would sit unused (to honor the ancestors), sometimes not. At each home, we were encouraged to eat...and eat...and eat! Eating was a way to help "feed the ancestors." Each visitor symbolized an ancestral spirit visiting and brought many blessings. There was always much love, laughter and incredible stories shared during these feasts. After each group of people would finish eating, the family would clear the dishes and set new places for the

next group to come in and join in the feast. This would repeat itself, until there were no more visitors. Then the family would often set the table one more time and leave the food out during the night for the ancestors.

I have also attended ghost feasts held as a huge event in tribal communities. Most often held in community centers, these feasts also consist of wild game, berries, corn, wild rice, etc. Families would contribute (pot luck style) special dishes of a beloved ancestor's favorite dish. From banana cream pie to spaghetti, each holds a special place in the memory of a family and is a way of remembering and honoring an ancestor. Food that is prepared for a ghost supper is generally (although not always) homemade and always prepared or purchased with love and good thoughts.

Perhaps the ghost supper is new to you, perhaps not. But to all, I encourage you to keep our ways alive. It is the first purpose of our tribal constitution — to

perpetuate our way of life. It can be as simple as a small meal that includes a loved one's favorite dish, or as elaborate as a feast to feed hundreds! It's all about remembering who we are, honoring those who came before and passing the traditions on to our children.

In these uncertain times, amid all the political worries, we are still (and always will be) Anishnaabe. Don't be afraid to try a ghost supper in your own home — even a little bit is good! I believe that our ancestors would rather have us try, than do nothing. Make some beautiful memories! If I can be of any help or if you have any questions, please contact me.

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# 2020 Consent Decree negotiations now underway



**CHARLES MATSON SR.,**  
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Aanii. The summer season has come to an end and the transition to fall has begun. The fall colors are starting and the leaves are changing color. Fish are getting closer to moving towards the shallows to start their spawning cycle and deer season is just around the corner. We really hope that tribal members are getting out and exercising our treaty

rights. The harvesting of these resources is a very important part of our heritage as Anishnaabeg and great way to provide a quality food source for our people.

We have started negotiations for the 2020 Great Lakes Consent Decree with the State of Michigan. Our negotiating team has been meeting with the other four tribes involved (Bay Mills, Little Traverse Bay Band, Grand Traverse Band and Little River Band) for the past six months. We have been meeting with the tribes to try and identify our common goals and get on the same page for our people to form a position of strength to come in with a unified position as we move forward with negotiations. One thing our tribe has in its corner is the state is not challenging that the treaty rights exist on the Great Lakes treaty ceded waters. Remember that they did not do this out of the kindness of their heart. This treaty right was upheld in 1978 through the U.S.

vs Michigan case and the Judge Noel Fox decision. I will be giving updates on the progression of negotiations but have to be aware that there is only so much information that can be shared so as to not violate the confidentiality agreement we have in place.

The purchase of the White Pine Hotel in Christmas is proving that it was a very sound investment for our tribe. The numbers showed a significant gain from last year. This is not saying that we do not still have work to fine tune the operation. We will need to promote the facility to take the most advantage of booming tourism industry in the area. It is my hope that we can tie our gaming facilities into the hotel and promote both businesses well into the future.

I would like to say thanks to our EDC Director Joel Schultz and all the EDC staff for their hard work. Some of the projects they have completed and are working on are:

— Completed and in January opened the Tamarack Business Center. This was a result a \$250,000 MEDC grant. Tipping Point Solutions based in Denver Colo., JETA Corp. based in Neenah Wis., Moore Traspor based in Lansing Mich., and Ben's Auto Brokerage based in Detroit, Mich., have all located offices and leases in the Tamarack Business Center.

— Received a \$2 million grant from EDA for construction of an industrial warehouse.

— Received a grant from MBDA to create a business development arm of the EDC to assist and attract Sault Tribe member owned businesses.

Thanks once again to all of our EDC employees for their hard work.

I just want to apologize for not getting the deal completed for development of a facility in the Marquette area. We thought it was completed but the seller backed out and wanted to change

the agreed upon terms at the 11th hour. I just want to let the community members now that I remain committed to finding a facility that suits our needs.

The Thanksgiving elders dinners will be Nov. 14 at 4:30 p.m. in Munising at the Munising Tribal Center; and Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. I hope to see all of you there.

Respectfully,  
Charles J. Matson Sr.

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# St. Ignace recognizes Indigenous People's Day



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

The tribe passed a resolution for Indigenous People's Day a couple of years ago and had encouraged local governments such as Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace to do the same. I have been working with my local council members to encourage them to pass the resolution for the City of St. Ignace and I am happy to report they passed it unanimously on Monday, Oct. 7. The resolution states the second Monday of October will now be referred to as Indigenous People's Day. This is great news and takes a step forward in correcting our history. Our local school population of American Indians is about 57 percent, which I believe is the highest in the service area.

We have been trying to purchase property when we find or hear about it, especially the ones contiguous to our reservation land. Recently, 20 acres next to our Kewadin Shores Casino (Rabbit's Back) was listed by a

local realtor and I reached out to Vice Chairman DJ Hoffman recommending we should purchase it not only because of it being contiguous to our reservation but also for its cultural significance to our tribe. The board voted to purchase the property at the Sept. 17 meeting. This has been a long time coming and I am thankful for the board for finally purchasing this.

The 2020 Indian Housing Plan was on the Sept. 17 meeting agenda and was tabled with no real areas of concern mentioned. I did have a question but got the answer prior to the vote. The motion was to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 25 to accommodate the chair's travel schedule. The chair ended up out of town and the meeting lasted 5 minutes. What a waste of time and resources!

Once again the board voted to cancel the Oct. 1 meeting so some could attend conferences on Mackinac Island. I doubt a majority attended, more likely the chair and two to three board members. I am not saying these conferences and meetings are not important but the board has plenty of work to do and the meeting and workshop shouldn't have been canceled.

I'm not quite sure what is going on, but the chair has recently stated he is not going to be participating in the 2020 Consent Decree negotiations. Whether or not he agrees with certain things should not mean he refuses to attend.

We are still struggling with executive staff vacancies. Many



**St. Ignace Mayor Connie Litzner and Sault Tribe Unit III Director Bridgett Sorenson hold up the city's resolution to make the second Monday in October Indigenous People's Day.**

board members refuse to hire an internal tribal member who qualifies for the general counsel so here we sit with a vacancy hoping someone comes knocking on our door (even though it has been posted for over a year). The assistant executive director position is still vacant when that easily could have been filled using common sense. The executive director is going to need some time off and we need someone that can step in and keep the ship moving ahead. We are also looking for a Human Resource director and an Elder Services director. The HR director has already left and the Elder Services director will be leaving this month. All these vacancies put added duties and responsibilities on others.

We are still operating under a 2012 wage structure and the executive director had put out bids

to do a compensation study and there were not enough votes to award the bid and move forward. Something has to give because we have to be able to recruit and maintain staff because the cost of turnover is killing us. I am not saying that wage is the only thing that keeps or recruits people, but it is a significant factor. We continue to give team members a yearly COLA but we have yet to do merit increases.

We recently passed part of the Schedule B budget excluding the Health Division. Currently, the Health Division is on a continuing funding resolution, which means they operate under last year's numbers. Their budget year begins Oct. 1. The board just met with the Health Division at the last workshop in September to review the budget. There were many concerns brought up during

the review with new positions and services and their cost. We all want to add services in all of our areas but we need to be mindful of maintaining and not have to turn around and cut it in the near future.

We have yet to look at the Schedule C budget and the casino budget. We really need to add an extra day a week to review these budgets. Then again, if only half of the board is there, we just have to repeat the review anyway. It is frustrating for some of us and especially for our staff who sit in the lobby waiting to address the board for sometimes several hours because we don't stay on topic. Sometimes it is hard to stick to the agenda because things come up and the board is usually only together once a week so it is hard to fit everything in.

On Sept. 26, I attended the third annual St. Ignace Recovery Walk. Russ Rickley does a great job organizing the event. Other volunteers were Christina Burlak, Tony Grondin, and Gennie and Gayle from the Grandmother Moon Singers. Local AA participants also took part in the event. Russ has been sober for 34 years and enjoys helping others on their road to sobriety. We were fortunate enough to have 9&10 News film the walk. The route was from the McCann Building (community building) to the Museum of Ojibwa Culture, where a feast and teachings were held for the public.

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## 2019 Newberry powwow was a wonderful event



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

Niibin, "summer," has come to a good end.

I'm late getting this unit report in, so it will be short and a wrap up to our summer and the events we held in our unit. This last month we held the 13th annual powwow in Newberry. The day was perfect and the elders and community who pitched in to welcome us was sincerely appreciated. This one-day event was filled with our drums and songs, feast and good heartfelt visiting. In all the years of this gathering, I've never seen so many elders attend in unity to gather and host for all of the area. It was a very good day and I appreciate Lois Bryant, Joe Paquin, Steven Paquin, Sandy Gomez and the community for the feast and cooking; and the Elder Committee for jumping in when we needed things and feeding our head staff. One of our eldest elders in the tribe, Fannie Aslin,

spent the entire day visiting and watching — I do know that is important to me and many others. Also, thanks to Jim and Mary Archambeau, Lisa Simmons and her husband, Shirley Kawalki, Christi Overland, the young boys who hauled things for us — when I say "us," I mean the head staff we hosted, as they did such a good job and the entire community. I know it was so appreciated. A very special thank you to Lisa Burnside and my sister Crystal, you ladies know. Next year's is already looked forward to.

We also held our naming and Nokomis feast for our naming dedication for the Hessel kitchen. We waited in line many years for this addition and many, many women past and present worked very hard to serve our community here. This was another gathering to celebrate our community and families. Dorothy and Midge attended with many of their families and grandchildren of the other women who helped through the years came for those ladies who aren't with us, anymore. We mentioned all our past Anishinaabe kwe and it was a good feeling to remember them and witness love and celebration.

As I've spoke about many times, we plan and work toward a recovery facility to be built in Dafter. Quite some time ago, I sponsored a resolution to mark and secure 160 acres of land for this project to be built. I don't use the word "I" much but it was always my goal to make this a

commitment for the people. I will hold this always as my biggest accomplishment and that just tells you how much it means to me. Well, this past month we held a small ceremony at the site to offer semaa and speak about the work that will be done there for members who need it. Our traditional healers did a fire and we gathered to bring good thoughts to this land. It was humble and traditional; I appreciate all that came and work toward this. It's a huge endeavor and I know since doing this all members who walk in this facility will have all the prayers of the people who attended. This is our way and it was done in a way to help and I wanted to share that with you.

I'm not going to offer much of my opinion on the next subject but I received many calls about the distribution of our 2 percent and the resolution to withhold funds to certain parts of the tribe (our unit) if they received funding from Graymont. Thankfully, this resolution did not pass the board of directors. The chairman supported this resolution so it was a close vote, but in the end, the board will not starve out our small community this time. Director Hollowell and I will always advocate for any funding we can receive for enhancement of our communities and the projects that need assistance. We both feel like we dodged yet another bullet but we will hold our own and always try and keep what we have and enhance our people in

Unit II. What the outside entities do cannot interfere with our community needs and the ways we try and help our own people, and withholding money to a certain demographic is unfair and unacceptable. We all need it for our projects. I could say much more but I won't, I want to, though.

The 2020 negotiation workgroup is working very hard to build common ground moving ahead. I'm confident in our unit with Director Hollowell being the delegate (I am the alternate) on this team. She is building relationships and trust and inviting all input from our fisherman and dedicates many hours to this and the weekly meetings. I want to also invite input from fisher families and assure you that we both will take that and welcome any thoughts you have. I'm confident our tribe's rights are being protected from our unit's standpoint anyway, this is serious and priority to us. Catherine and I value our own fishermen to steer and guide us through it and members from the Conservation Committee have been assets to the work.

Our youth activities have begun for the schools and there are many opportunities. All schools in our unit have a presence, so please contact Lisa Burnside or Dawn Griffin if you have questions. These ladies will steer you to what is available in each school. We have always had a hard time with communications and the old fashion way calling to inquire is always the best practice: (906)

484-2298. Transportation is available in most activities and we have many new activities in the unit to offer.

Lastly I want to mention that we did look at a potential location in DeTour for a small outlet to assist with medical clinic items in this area. I want to thank all who contacted me with ideas, I'm sure there is talk as it's a small town. Just know this is a priority we are pursuing and I'm hopeful we can secure this service again in the area. It will be up to the entire board and all our legwork with be accomplished and vetted. Thank you again, this means people read my report. (Smile).

It been a good summer for our community and gatherings. Chi miigwech to everyone who took the time to attend and also gave of themselves to help. There are many struggles we go through and I want to say how proud I am of our communities building and supporting each other. We have that here and I'm very thankful even if it's in a small part for now.

As always, contact me with anything you want to discuss or need help with. I'm not looking forward to snow but am looking forward to the colors and our surroundings resting for the season.

Baamaapii and take care of each other.

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# St. Ignace Community walks for recovery

Photos by Bridgett Sorenson  
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