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Tribal recovery homes open in eastern U.P.

BY RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe members who are at least 18 years old and meet certain admission criteria can find help in dealing with post-treatment opioid addiction through the tribe's new "Their Home of Hope" project, the Enji Bgosendamng Endaa'aad. Funded by a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental

Health Services Administration, the project currently functions with three three-bedroom houses in the Kincheloe area operated on the widely known Oxford House living environment concept of self-reliance and self-respect, according to Mark Senkus, LMSW, Sault Tribe Behavioral Health therapist.

According to the organiza-

tion's website, the first Oxford House opened in Silver Spring, Md., in 1975 and gradually evolved into a nationwide, non-profit, organization to counter addiction and is recognized for its high success rate.

"Oxford Houses are run by residents and emphasize peer support as an essential component of recovery," said Senkus. "For residents of the homes, support services are available and encouraged, such as 12-step meeting participation and outpatient counseling services."

Described as integral to the project, Senkus said residents will have state-certified recovery coaches available for support. Further, residents of the homes elect officers, carry out duties such as chores and are encouraged to seek employment.

The project is designed specifically for members 18 years of age or older who have been diagnosed with opioid use disorder as defined by the American Psychiatric Association. Other criteria that must be met for admission are medical clearances that applicants are free from withdrawal symptoms, maintenance of sobriety for a minimum of 30 days (case by case exceptions may apply), successful completion of or attendance in a chemical dependency treatment program, commitment to abstaining from any mind-altering substances not prescribed by a licensed medical professional,



Photos by Rick Smith

Homes of Hope interiors above illustrate the cheerful, peaceful places where those recovering from opioid addiction can get the support and encouragement they need to make their way back to independence.

demonstrate medical and emotional stability for participation and willingness on the part of individuals receiving medically assisted treatment to coordinate their treatment with the program.

As can be seen, the Enji Bgosendamng Endaa'aad is not the first step in recovering from opioid addiction, their Home of Hope is a step on the way to independence.



Photo courtesy ACFS

Gail Gaynor, a Sault Tribe elder, loves to knit in her spare time and has been sending hats, scarves, mittens and baby blankets to Anishinaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) for several years. The items are distributed to all ACFS offices in the tribe's service area to give to tribal families. Ms. Gaynor recently traveled to Michigan to visit family, and made it a point to stop by the main ACFS office to deliver more items and to meet ACFS staff. She is a wonderful, giving person, and had lots of fun stories to share. Staff was very happy to finally have an opportunity to meet her. Thank you so much for your generosity to our families!

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Tribal 2 percent helps animal shelter



The Mackinac County Animal Shelter receives 2 percent funds from the tribe to help with the cost of spay and neutering of shelter animals and a grant program that will pay for half the cost of a spay and neuter for residents of Mackinac County at their vets office. Above, left, Administrator Tina Newsome holds a kitty who is up for adoption. Above, right, shelter worker Kendra Kacel poses puppy Landon, also up for adoption.

Summer 2019 YEP participants bid baamaapii

BY MIRIAM CLARK,
SUMMER WORKER

The Sault Tribe Summer Youth Employment Program offers healthy work experience for youth aged 14-21. Running from June to August, the focus of the program is to benefit youth by placing them in entry-level positions where they are provided with a source of income and a way to gain healthy work skills for academic or professional success.

Sault Tribe Summer Youth Employment Program places youth where they can gain healthy work skills for professional success.

Early work experiences can be very helpful for young workers, especially when it comes to being a better employee and knowing the basics of working

skills. Around 28 youth workers participated in the program in the summer of 2019.

Christian Carroll, 14, from the Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities Program (YEA) in Manistique, talked about his employment in the program and

said, "I wanted to get more experience in the work field."

Jordan Nertoli, 17, was employed at the Big Bear Summer Rec Program. During an interview, he was asked what he got

out of working for the Summer Rec Program, and he replied with, "I got a really good learning experience here, I know a lot more about what having a job means." When asked if he liked his job, Jordan's answer



Madeline Glaister was employed at YEA in Munising.

was a quick, "Yeah, I like it."

Madeline Glaister, 15, was employed at YEA in Munising. "I wanted to work in the YEA program because I wanted a job and I enjoy this job way too much." Glaister "mostly help set up lunch or help clean up around the office and van." When asked if she liked her job, she said, "I love it!"

Henry Captain, 19, was employed in the Entertainment Department at Kewadin Casinos, and said, "I always wanted to work at the casino, the whole atmosphere of the casino is nice and a good place to be. I just like helping set up for events and concerts, making sure they run good. It's a really good experience to have."

Captain added, "I like work-



Jordan Nertoli was employed at the Big Bear Summer Recreation Program.



Henry Captain was employed in the Entertainment Dept. at Kewadin Casinos.



Felicity Madigan at tribal court.

ing here, it's fun. I'd like to stay here as long as I can."

All in all, it seemed to be a good experience for the youth participating in the program.



Rece Boulette at Elder Services.

For more information about the Summer Youth Employment Program, contact Brenda Cadreau at (906) 635-4767.



Sault Tribe Summer Youth Employment Program participant Miriam Clark was placed with the tribal newspaper.

2019 Summer student workers

Anthony Franklin, Cultural Maintenance; Rece Boulette, Elder Services; Henry Captain, Entertainment; Jenna Chase, Manistique Tribal Center; Miriam Clark, Communications; Angelina Fabry, Northern Hospitality; Scott Garcia, Carrie Gregg and Jackson Hetrick, Sault YEA; Rilee Green, Kewadin Casino Marketing; Spencer Hampton and Christian Carroll, Manistique YEA; Kylee Kosiewicz, Community Health; Felicity Madigan, Tribal Court; Julianna Menard-Sauro, Jocelyn Nystrom and Jordan McLeod, Purchase Referred Care; Jordan Nertoli, Alyvia Malloy and Armahn Payment, Big Bear Summer Recreation Program; Dawson Rolph-Ripley, Sault Tribe Health Center; Joshua Salvador, Hessel YEA; Jade TenEyck, Ayden Visnaw and Eli Visnaw, Facilities; Grace Visnaw, Environmental; Madeline Glaister, Munising YEA; and Anthony King, Traditional Medicine.

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Location: Hessel School House

Sault Ste. Marie: Wednesday, Oct. 9th ~ 12:30-5:30 pm
Location: Big Bear Arena

DeTour Village: Thursday, Oct. 17th ~ 12:30-5:30 pm
Location: DeTour Village Memorial Hall

Kinross: Wednesday, Oct. 23rd ~ 12:30-5:30 pm
Location: Kinross Recreation Center

FEATURING:
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*"Gourmet Grub" luncheon will be provided from 1-3 pm
Snacks provided from 3-5:00 pm*

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Presented by the Sault Tribe Community Health Program

Update on tribe's food distribution program

BY RICK SMITH

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service has long operated food and nutrition programs for disadvantaged people of all ages all over the globe. One of those programs is the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), which Sault Tribe started in August of 1980, according to the program director, Tony Nertoli. At the start, the program only served Chippewa County because that was the extent of the tribe's reservation recognized by the USDA. "In the following years," Nertoli explained, "we expanded to three counties — Chippewa, Mackinac and Luce. We eventually went to the seven-county service area because we had reservation land to meet the requirements of service to folks on or near a reservation."

As requested by the USDA, the tribe began serving the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, eventually the tribe's program also gained counties

in the northern lower peninsula as a part of the tribe's service area and still maintains service in those areas. Currently, Sault Tribe's FDPIR functions includes 15 counties in Michigan at sites in Cheboygan, St. Ignace, Manistique, Rapid River, Marquette, Munising, Newberry, Hessel, Kincheloe and Sault Ste. Marie. Sault Tribe members and long-time employees Carmen Wagner, Michelle Nalett, Marcie Smith, Rich Rapson, Darin Trumbley, Marty Nolan, Les Hill and Brian McLeod conduct all of the food distribution to all of the sites. "They do an excellent job for the membership," said Nertoli.

More recently, the USDA funded renovations to the program's Sault building, including a new addition used for receiving shipments. In the fall of 2018, the method of distribution at the Sault site shifted to a mode similar to shopping in a commercial grocery store. Before then, clients selected foods from lists of options of available food and warehouse staff gathered the selections. A

remodel of the store is in progress at this time and should conclude sometime in the winter.

"Eligibility for the program is based on USDA regulations," Nertoli said. "In general, recipients must be members of a federally recognized American Indian tribe, meet income guidelines established by the USDA and cannot be simultaneously enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program."

If an individual or family is eligible for the program, clients may choose from over 110 food items in the program's inventory for the month of eligibility.

Those wishing to investigate if they are eligible for the program should ask for applications by mailing the FDPIR at 3601 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783; phone 635-6076 or (888) 448-8732; or go online and log on to the tribe's web site at www.saulttribe.com, select ACFS from the membership services menu, direct services from drop-down menu, food distribution program and select application.



Photos by Rick Smith

Warehouse worker Marty Nolan checks a customer's selections out after the client finished gathering the items.



A cooler stores fresh vegetables, another cooler holds fresh fruit while fresh and frozen meats are also available.

Payment appointed co-chair of NACIE



Aaron Payment, Ph.D., (far left) pictured with members of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education including his co-chair, Dr. Debra Denison (fourth from the left), Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos (wrapped in a Pendleton blanket) with U.S. Department of Education Office of Indian Education Director Angeline Bouley, a Sault Tribe Member on Secretary DeVos' right.)

WASHINGTON, D.C. — At the Sept. 11-12 meeting of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education, the NACIE council appointed Dr. Aaron Payment, Chairperson of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors, as co-chair of NACIE. NACIE advises the Secretaries of Education and the Interior on issues affecting American Indian education including the Bureau of Indian Education, Johnson O'Malley, Title VI Indian Education, Title I, implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (for which Chairperson Payment also served as a member of the National Negotiated Rule Making Team), and all aspects of public education funding and programs which affect American Indian students.

"It is humbling to serve with such an extremely well qualified group of American Indian educators who have dedicated their careers and lives to follow our ancestors' direction to advance our children and future generations through educational opportunity. I am heartened by their vote of confidence."

Chairperson Payment, a high school drop out who earned a GED, holds three master's degrees in public administration, education administration, education specialist and a doctorate in educational leadership.

ANISHINAABE HEALING STORIES ON RACIAL JUSTICE

The Native Justice Coalition invites Anishinaabe to share stories on racism and racial justice Oct. 25-27 at the Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island, Mich. Seeking story sharers to tell their experiences in a safe and supportive space. Honorariums and travel assistance provided. To learn more, email Grey Shea at grey@nativejustice.org.

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

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

Training opportunities available for eligible applicants

Tribal members: need assistance?

Three membership liaisons work with the chairperson's office on membership issues and concerns across the service area. The liaisons respond to membership issues and follow up to ensure they are resolved. Sault Tribe members are encouraged to contact the liaisons when they need help with tribal issues by emailing membersconcerns@saulttribe.net or contacting them individually at:

Unit I — Sheila Berger, Office of the Chairperson, Sault

Ste. Marie, (906) 635-6050, (800) 793-0660, sberger@saulttribe.net

Units II and III — Clarence Hudak, Lambert Center, St. Ignace, (906) 643-2124, chudak@saulttribe.net

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

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Special advisory election set for Unit I vacancy on board

SAULT STE. MARIE — A Special Advisory Election is set to fill the vacancy left by the passing of Unit I Director Dennis McKelvie. The Sault Tribe Board of Directors approved the election at its Sept. 3 meeting in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

The election is for Unit I voters only.

On Sept. 6, the tribe's Election Committee released a notice of

election of the special advisory election.

The general election day, when votes will be counted, is Nov. 7, and the term will last until June 25, 2020. Please see the Notice of Election below.

For more information, please see the Election Ordinance at www.saulttribe.com/images/downloads/government/tribal%20code/Chapter-010.pdf.

Don't forget to enroll eligible minors into tribe

In February 1998, the membership rolls for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians closed to all adults. However, the biological minor children of members are still eligible for enrollment.

It is important for eligible minors to become enrolled in their tribe so that they may have access to the many benefits of membership throughout their

lives.

To enroll a minor child, at least one biological parent must be enrolled with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians as a full bonafide member. The enrolled tribal parent must fill out an enrollment application and submit a copy of the child's courthouse birth certificate (or state copy). Enrollment does not accept hos-

pital birth records. The information can then be sent by regular mail, email, fax or delivered to the Sault Tribe Enrollment Department in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

No fees apply in enrolling minor children under the age of 18.

For applications or for more information, call 632-8552 or (800) 251-6597.

SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS NOTICE OF SPECIAL ADVISORY ELECTION SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

The Election Committee of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians would like to inform you that a SPECIAL ADVISORY ELECTION will be held for the currently vacant Unit I director's seat to occur immediately. Below are important dates and information.

The timetable for the election process is as follows: (All deadlines are 5 p.m. ET).

- Sept. 13 Deadline for voter registration. Last day to receive letters of intent for potential candidates. Roll of registered voters prepared and posted. Nomination petitions available.
- Sept. 19 Nominating petition deadline.
- Sept. 20 List of eligible candidates available.
- Sept. 23 Deadline for contests relating to nominations and voter registration.
- Oct. 1 Primary election ballots mailed to voters.
- Oct. 17 Primary election date.
- Oct. 18 Deadline for contests relating to vote count.
- Oct. 23 General election ballots mailed to voters.
- Nov. 7 General Election day.
- Nov. 8 Deadline for contest relating to vote count.

OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

UNIT I – One director

The term for this seat will expire June 25, 2020.

Election rules: This expedited SPECIAL ADVISORY ELECTION is not a general election pursuant to the Election Ordinance at Sub-chapter I or a special advisory election pursuant to the Election Ordinance at Sub-chapter II. This SPECIAL ADVISORY ELECTION is being held by the Election Committee at the direction of the board of directors. The Election Committee has established the above time lines pursuant to that directive. The conduct of the election will otherwise follow the Election Ordinance.

Voting procedure: All ballots will be mailed to registered voters by first class mail. In order to be counted, ballots must be received by the Election Committee by 5 p.m. at the United States Post Office-Sault Ste. Marie location on **October 17, 2019**, for the primary election and on **November 7, 2019**, for the general election. A post office box is provided by the United States Post Office for return of the ballots. The address of the box will be included on the ballot.

Address correction requested: The election will be conducted by mail to the address shown in the tribal registrar's records. It is the responsibility of the tribal member to ensure that the address shown for him or her is correct. Please contact the Tribal Registrar's Office for any changes: Tribal Registrar's Office, 2428 Shunk Road, Mailing address: P.O. Box 1628, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, phone (906) 635-3396 or (800) 251-6597.

Nomination of candidates: Any tribal member who meets the requirements detailed in the Election Ordinance is eligible for election to office. A candidate for nomination must be eighteen years of age or older by **November 7, 2019**, a qualified voter, and have established one year residency within the election unit which they seek to represent. Any member who holds appointed/elected position in another unit of government; has been convicted of election fraud, misdemeanors involving gambling, theft, dishonesty or fraud; or a felony offense is ineligible for election to office. Any person elected shall voluntarily resign employment position and/or surrender any rights under any contract with the tribe prior to assuming office. To be nominated, a candidate must file a letter of intent, background investigation forms, nominating petition, campaigning financing forms, etc. with the Election Committee in accordance with the Election Ordinance. A nominating petition must bear the original signatures of the proper number of registered voters from the unit to be represented. A voter may sign only as many petitions as there are offices to be filled from their unit. Petitions must be submitted on the forms provided by the Election Committee obtained at the designated offices.

Finance reporting: The Election Committee requires candidates **and** others who expend money on the election to file reports on campaign fundraising and spending. If you plan to spend money on the election, you must contact the Election Committee to obtain the proper forms before doing so. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in criminal prosecution.

Election contests and complaints: Any tribal member may raise election disputes before the Election Committee. All disputes must be stated in writing, addressed to the chairperson of the Election Committee, contain the original signature and received under procedures provided in the Election Ordinance. The Election Committee will review disputes according to the Election Ordinance.

Election Ordinance: This letter is a narrative statement of the requirements of the Election Ordinance and the Constitution. Any discrepancies the Election Ordinance and Constitution are controlling and superlative. Questions regarding the election should be directed to the Election Committee.

Designated offices: The Unit 1 designated office is Tribal Court, located at the George Nolan Judicial Building,

Sault Tribe committee vacancies

These committees have vacant seats. 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 - six vacancies (4-year term)
- Higher Education Committee - Two vacancies (4-year term)
- Health Board - five vacancies

- Housing Committee - Unit 4 - 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
 - Unit III - St. Ignace (4-year term), one alternate vacancy
 - Unit IV - Escanaba (4 year-term) one regular
 - 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 term), one regular seat vacancy, two alternate seat vacancies
- Unit II - Hessel (4-year term), two regular seat vacancies, one alternate seat vacancy
- Unit II - Naubinway (4-year term), one regular seat vacancy, two alternate seat vacancies
- Unit III - St. Ignace (4-year term), one alternate seat vacancy
- Unit IV - Escanaba (4-year term), two regular seat vacancies
- Unit IV - Manistique (4-year term), one regular seat vacancy
- Unit V - Munising (4-year term), three regular seat vacancies
- Unit V - Marquette (4-year term), one regular seat vacancy, one alternate seat vacancy

Membership liaison schedules

- 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
Sept. 20 at Munising Health Center, (906) 387-4614
Sept. 18, 19, 23, 24, and 26 at Manistique Health Center, (906) 341-8469
Sept. 30 at Marquette Tribal Health Center, (906) 225-1616

Volunteers sought for Angel Program

Michigan State Police Sault Ste. Marie Post seeks volunteers for the Angel Program, which allows individuals struggling with addiction to walk into any post and ask for help without fear of arrest or investigation.

Angel volunteers respond to assist MSP post personnel in locating appropriate treatment options and with transporting participants to treatment centers. Volunteers are reimbursed for mileage and meal expenses and once eligible (after 20 hours of service), receive an hourly stipend. Angels will be trained by MSP personnel on the responsibilities and expectations of being an Angel.

The MSP Angel Program is supported by the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative and is modeled after a similar initiative developed in 2015 by the Gloucester, Mass., Police Department.

The Sault post will soon conduct training for new volunteers. If interested in learning more about the MSP Angel program or becoming an "Angel" volunteer, please contact the Sault post at 632-2217 or visit www.michigan.gov.

Violence is not traditional Domestic Violence Awareness walk Oct. 14

Join the Advocacy Resource Center and the Diane Pepler Resource Center for a domestic violence awareness walk on Oct. 14, at the Big Bear Arena in Sault Ste. Marie. Registration begins at 5 p.m. with the walk starting off at 6 p.m. with activities afterwards, including a free pizza dinner.

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September 28 Grand Prize Night
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CUSTOMER APPRECIATION - October 5 – 4 p.m.-10:30 p.m.
Hot seat draws, Money Machine, Grand Prize Draw up to \$1000 CASH
See Northern Rewards Club to register and for more details!

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WIN A 2019 POLARIS RANGER 900 XP - October 12
Hot seat draws 12 p.m.-10 p.m. Win up to \$250 CASH. Earn entries until Oct. 12.
SXS Draw on Saturday, October 12 at 10:30 p.m.

KEWADIN CASINO ST. IGNACE
Up to \$15,000 Pinktastic Spin to Win Tournament - October 4-5
\$22,500 Mega Bingo - October 19

KEWADIN CASINO SAULT STE. MARIE
NIGHTMARE in the THEATER with the Bluewater Kings Band
October 25 at 8 p.m. Costume Contest - Win up to \$1000 CASH!
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(Earn your seat in \$95 Satellite Tournaments September 20, 27 & October 4)
\$45 Poker Wednesdays in September & October
Up to \$15,000 Pinktastic Spin to Win Tournament - October 18-20
Spooktacular Halloween \$15,000 Keno Tournament - October 25-27

* Point requirement for all promotions. See Northern Rewards Club for more details.
Must register at Northern Rewards for promotions and tournaments. Club hours vary by site.

Anishinaabemowin 2019

In the realm of ideas, everything depends on enthusiasm.
In the real world, all rests on perseverance.

Kina gego gwekse, pane. Everything is always changing. Every something it is changing, all the time

Maybe it starts when young people are graduating from high school and wake up to the reality that things are changing big time. As adults, it gets more and more obvious: *everything* is always changing. Our kids grow up, we change jobs, divorce happens, babies are born, friends move away, the political situation shifts, our bodies change with health and age, we get interested in different activities or hobbies, we move to a new place or remodel our old one, new things we learn can change us, the big wheel of the seasons goes round and round, climate changes, insect hordes come and devastate our trees. **Leaves turn colors - it's Waabagaa Giizis.** And yes, some of our friends and family walk on.

In Sault Tribe's Language Department, we recently lost our teacher and friend, Leonard Kimewon. Like almost all of our teachers, Leonard was from



Manitoulin Island. One thing that set him apart from others is that he grew up speaking Anishinaabemowin and was never forced to abandon it by residential schools. He spoke it with family, friends, fellow workers, and with his lovely wife Elizabeth and their kids — consistently over the years. He knew it deeply and fully, inside and out. So that quality was a great gift to us at Sault Tribe (**Bawating Anishinaabek**) when he came to teach us after he retired from his jobs in lower Michigan.

Like all people, there is much to say about Leonard's life, but we'd like to especially note that **he really valued learning**. Though he left school in junior high to work in a **lumber camp**, he used the opportunity to learn **more skills** there and polished up the **English language**. When he and Elizabeth moved down state and he worked in the auto industry, Leonard took classes (**kinoomaage-gamigong: at school**) to finish his **GED**. Besides learning the many **specialized skills at work**, he took several **seminars** to learn about electronics and motors, etc. And he **learned from friends** about house and car maintenance. He **learned about people**: how we are and how to get along with different personalities. After retirement he went to Thunder Bay to **learn to teach the language** he knew so well. Until the end, age 77, he continued **learning computer skills**.

With Leonard's passing we have lost a huge opportunity to learn our language. This is true of all our teachers, some who have passed on and some who have moved away. All have been friends and great gifts to us. Thankfully, we still have Shirley Recollet with us, and **we re-gift by helping each other**. May we be cheerful and skillful in that!

Naadamooshin! (Help me!)

Little chats - Bangii ganoozh! Have a little conversation!

Kwii ntaa-jiibaakwe na? Do you want to be a really good cook?
Enh. N'gagwejitoon. Yes. I'll try. **I'm going to practice.**

A **shkinwenhs** told a **kii'eziih**, "You can never understand my generation. We have jet planes, space travel, Internet, nuclear energy and computers."

The **kii'eziih** replied, "You are right, my son. We didn't have those things - so we invented them! What are you doing for the next generation?"

nda nisitotam - I understand



Waabagaa Giizis Leaves Turning Color Moon

by Susan Askwith

Bemaadzijig

Binoojiinhik
Gwiizenhs
Shkiniigish
Shkinwenhs
Nini
Kii'eziih
Kwezenhs
Shkiniik-kwezenhs
Shkiniik-kwe
Kwe
Mindimoo'enh
Waya

People

Children
Boy
Young boy
Young man
Man
Old man
Girl
Young girl
Young woman
Woman
Old woman
Someone



Aapji gwa ntaa nokii maaba nini.
This man is good at working.



Kinoomaage-nini aawi.

He is a teacher.

Kinoomaage-nini-kwe aawi.

She is a teacher.

E-kinoomaagozid n'daaw.

I am a learner.

G'doo nokiitaage na?

Do you have a job?

G'bishigendaan na e-naangizheyin?

Do you like the kind of work you do?

Nda naadmaa'ik, n'wiijkiiwenh.

My friend helps me.

G'chi miigwech.

Thank you very much.

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.

Horton assumes post as Sault clinic manager

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Carrie (nee Bosbous) Horton, BSN, RN, was hired as the Sault Tribe Health Center clinic manager. She fills the position left vacant when outgoing manager Tony Abramson retired recently. Horton, a Sault Tribe member born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie, graduated from Sault Area High School (SAHS) in 1992, and from Lake Superior State University (LSSU) in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in nursing. After graduating from LSSU, she married Stephen Horton and they moved to Escanaba, Mich., where she accepted a position as a floor nurse in a long-term care facility. She also worked as an

adjunct professor at Bay de Noc Community College, and part time at the Delta Menominee District Health Department. About 10 years ago, the young family moved back to the Sault and Horton accepted a position at War Memorial Hospital as the director of their long-term care unit, where she remained until accepting her current position as clinic manager of the Sault Tribe Health Center. Horton said she is excited to learn more about the tribe, explore her tribal roots and learn the culture. "I have always worked with sick patients, or patients that were at the end of their life. I am excited to focus

my attention on prevention of illnesses as well as treatment, whether that is through traditional or non-traditional medicine. I am hoping my years of experience in both public health and the private sector will help me build upon what is already in place here," she said. Horton works under Health Division Director Leo Chugunov and Assistant Health Director Joel Lumsden. "I have enjoyed my first month at the tribal health center, everyone has been really friendly and accepting. I am getting to know the doctors, nurses and staff, and they have all been wonderful. I am looking forward to working with tribal members



Carrie Horton, BSN, RN

to help them achieve their health goals and live a healthy life," Horton said.

In addition to managing the clinic, Horton also oversees the walk in clinic, dental department, optical, lab, pharmacy and vision. She said, "I am very excited to see how this new adventure goes, I am up for the challenge!" Horton's parents are Tony and Margaret Bosbous of Sault Ste. Marie. She is married to Stephen Horton, and together they have two children, Emma, 19, and Ryan, 16. Emma attends LSSU as a sophomore and Ryan is a sophomore at Sault Area High School. The family has two cats, Grace and Mia. They love to fish, are involved in local sports and enjoy and appreciate outdoor adventures and activities.

Martin joins ACFS

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Maria Martin is the latest to join Sault Tribe's Anishinabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) staff, after she accepted the position of secretary. In her position, she provides walk-in support, answers phone calls, makes requisitions for the department and handles in and outgoing mail.



Maria Martin, ACFS secretary

Cedarville High School in 2003. For the past six years, she worked at Community Action in the Sault, most recently as a housing resource specialist helping the homeless find placements. Martin is a member of the Sault Tribe. Her parents are James Martin and the late Susie Martin. She has one brother, Duncan (Cathy) Martin and is the proud aunt to 3-year-old twins, Nora and Ruby.

Martin hails from Cedarville, Mich., but has been a resident of Sault Ste. Marie for the past seven years. She graduated from

Sault quilt show on Sept. 22

Keeping the Piece helps Hospice of the EUP

Keeping the Piece Quilters Guild conducts their biannual quilt show entitled *Life Is Sweet* on Saturday, Sept. 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Sault Middle School.

If you've never been to a quilt show before, you will be amazed at the beautiful works of art our area quilters make. We also have vendors galore, door prizes, a Chinese raffle, our boutique room where you can find "new to you" items along with handmade items from our members for sale, and a tearoom where you can have a light lunch or a snack.

Keeping The Piece Quilters Guild donates quilts made by our members to Hospice of the EUP, along with donations to the Chippewa County Animal Shelter, the Crisis Pregnancy Center, HOPE Animal Crisis Response Team, Diane Pepler Shelter and many other charities.

Spend a few hours enjoying the beautiful works of art our area quilters have created!

If you are interested in joining our group or learning more about us, we meet on the third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of First Church of Christ on Spruce Street. Or you may contact us at ktpqg2019@gmail.com.



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Governors oppose USDA food blockage plan

BY RICK SMITH

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer is among a coalition of 17 governors who officially lodged opposition on Aug. 28 against a plan by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that would essentially end federal help with nutrition for some of the country's most vulnerable people, such as children, individuals with disabilities and the elderly.

The objections were sent in a letter to USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue.

Mainly, the objections focus on the proposed elimination of Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility from the Supplemental

Nutrition Assistance Program.

According to the governors, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) beneficiaries in their states would lose help from this basic food assistance program; impacting about three million people across the country, according to USDA estimates.

The Broad Based Categorical Eligibility policy requires states to enroll eligible households in SNAP for food assistance if qualified for other low-income benefits. Adopting Broad Based Categorical Eligibility means fewer restrictions on income and asset standards and better coordination of SNAP with other

state programs. States have seen an increase in the number of low-income households accessing needed food assistance. Further, the BBCE makes administrative costs lower for states. The BBCE elimination proposal would increase administrative costs for states as well as result in massive number of reductions in the number of people who would be eligible to get help with basic nutrition.

"We can all agree that no one should be forced to go hungry in the U.S., especially children," the governors wrote. "Yet, the department's analysis acknowledges that its proposal may worsen hunger at a time when nearly 16 per-

cent of households with children are experiencing food insecurity. We should be doing more to help these families, not less."

The governors also pointed out the proposed rule would drop automatic enrollment in the free and lower priced breakfast and lunch programs for children in families enrolled in SNAP. "Everyone knows that a child can't learn when they're hungry," the governors noted, "but these changes would make that a reality for thousands of kids in our states and across the country."

Calling the proposal "misguided," the governors asserted it also hurts people striving to advance themselves when they suffer sub-

stantial losses in benefits because of small wage increases or similarly cutting off aid to families with children, the elderly and disabled because of modest savings. Further, it traps people in poverty, making life exceedingly difficult.

Under the proposal, the governors said people struggling through life would be discouraged from seeking higher paying jobs and building savings accounts because of needing what they can get to simply get by, which is in opposition to SNAP goals.

Perdue was urged to rescind the rule and work with the states in reaching "the common goals of protecting and supporting the most vulnerable among us."

Whitmer signs order creating Michigan Opioids Task Force

LANSING, Mich. — Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed executive order 2019-18 on Aug. 21 creating the Michigan Opioids Task Force, which will bring together leaders from across state government to tackle the opioid epidemic. Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive for the State of Michigan and chief deputy director for health for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), will serve as chair of the task force.

The task force will be charged with identifying the root causes of the opioid epidemic and implementing response actions to help Michiganders struggling with opioid addiction access the recovery services they need. The task force

will also work to raise public awareness about the opioid epidemic and the resources available to those impacted by it.

"As governor, my number one priority is protecting our families and our overall public health," said Whitmer. "Right now, Michigan is among the states with the highest levels of opioid prescriptions and overdose deaths, with 2,053 overdoses in 2017 alone. This task force will bring us one step closer to finally ending the opioid epidemic in Michigan and keeping families safe."

By convening the expertise of numerous state departments, the task force will bring all possible tools to bear and work across systems to meet individuals strug-

gling with addiction where they are. Focuses include increasing access to medication-assisted treatment, harm reduction and specialized populations like pregnant women and returning citizens.

In particular, helping Michigan's returning citizens access needed treatment will be a key priority for the task force. Individuals exiting emergency rooms after an overdose and jails after an arrest are at extremely high risk when they are released. The task force will work to build coordinated care between substance use disorder treatment provided across the system and warm handoffs to community based services.

"Too many families have

been devastated by the opioid epidemic in Michigan," said Dr. Khaldun. "If we're going to keep Michiganders safe and healthy, we must get to work addressing this crisis. The team at MDHHS is ready to work with all of our partners in state government to help Michiganders get on the road to recovery and prevent opioid addiction in the first place."

The Michigan Opioids Task Force will consist of Dr. Khaldun, Chief Justice Bridget McCormack or the chief justice's designee, and the directors or the directors' designees from the departments of Health and Human Services, Attorney General; Licensing and Regulatory Affairs; Michigan State Police; Corrections;

Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; Insurance and Financial Services; Military and Veterans Affairs; Labor and Economic Opportunity; and Education.

Earlier this year, Whitmer announced a \$10 million partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies to help address the state's rising opioid overdose death rate. Additionally, in June, Whitmer and the Michigan Opioid Partnership announced \$5 million in grants to Beaumont Hospital in southeast Michigan, Munson Medical Center in northern lower Michigan and Wayne State University Center for Behavioral Health and Justice to help people who need treatment for opioid addiction get on a path to successful recovery.

NCAI reiterates denouncement of Trump's usage of "Pocahontas"

BY RICK SMITH

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) officially condemned the usage of the term "Pocahontas" by the president of the United States as a slur for political purposes in 2017. The NCAI raised the objection after a speech to an assembly of the National Rifle Association in which the president employed the name in referring to Senator Elizabeth Warren. During her lifetime, the Senator had claimed to have an American Indian ancestor mixed into her lineage. The president claimed Warren had no such ancestry but claimed American Indian ancestry to gain education and employment advantages.

"With the election long over," then NCAI President Brian Cladoosby said in an announcement posted on May 3, 2017, "we hoped that President Trump would refrain from using this name as a pejorative term and other such terms that insult Native peoples and degrade their cultures in order to score political points. We hope that this was but a momentary

slip-up and this it is not indicative of how this administration intends to treat and work with Indian Country moving forward."

Instead, the president continued using the name in a fashion that would be more expected to come from a middle-school antagonist than one of the leaders of the western world.

Eventually, the president's

claims were proven false, Warren's ancestral claim was shown to have validity.

Although it's not clear he ever stopped, with another election cycle approaching, Trump said he plans to "revive" his "strategy" of using the name Pocahontas as an insult against Warren in her run against him as a Democratic candidate for president.

NCAI CEO Kevin Allis was quoted in an Aug. 28 release saying, "NCAI condemns the president's continued use of the name 'Pocahontas' as an insult for political gain. Not only does it disrespect Pocahontas' legacy and life, it likens her name to a slur."

Allis went on to say American Indians have endured numerous slurs others have used in attempts

to dehumanize them, mock their cultures and dismiss their rights and places as the country's original inhabitants.

Allis called on all citizens of Indian Country as well as other citizens of the United States to denounce such activity. "Silence in the face of such behavior and degrading rhetoric is complicity," he said.

St. Ignace 3rd Annual Recovery Walk Thursday September 26, 2019

Gathering between 4:30pm-5:15pm at The Elder Center at McCann and walking to the St. Ignace Museum of Ojibwa Cultural. The Annual Recovery walk in St. Ignace is a walk to support individuals & families in recovery & to recognize the positive effects recovery can have on community. The public is invited to make the walk or just celebrate recovery and encourage treatment with activities, food and traditional teachings for children and adults at the Museum of Ojibwa Culture following the walk. For more information contact Chairperson Russ Rickley 906-440-5696.



National Recovery Month is an annual celebration sponsored each September by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA), which is a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Need help?

Call Anishinabek Community and Family Services to learn about resources that might be available to you or your family.

Main office — 632-5250 or toll free at (800) 726-0093.

Registering to exercise your right to vote is very easy

Registration

If you're not registered, these easy steps will help you get registered:

First, you must be a Michigan citizen, a citizen of the town where you're registering and at least 18. Fill out an application, you can get one at online at www.Michigan.gov/sos or you can visit your local Secretary of State office or local county, city, or township clerk's office. Fill it out and sign it.

If you hand-deliver your application, the staff person helping you will take your form and you don't need to do anything else.

If you have never registered to vote in Michigan and choose to mail in your application, enter your driver's license number or personal identification card number on the form or send a copy of your driver's license or personal ID card. If you don't have those IDs, send a photocopy of a paycheck stub, utility bill, bank document or government document that lists both your name and your address.

Your city or township clerk will send you a voter registration card upon processing your application. Keep it in your wallet or purse so you know where to go to cast your ballot.

Voting

If you go to the polls on Election Day, you will be asked to present voter identification. Acceptable photo ID includes: a driver's license or personal identification card, tribal identification card with photo, federal or state government-issued photo ID, U.S. passport, military ID with photo or student ID.

If you don't have photo ID, you can vote by signing an affidavit.

If you don't have time to go to the polls on Election Day, you can submit an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots are available to registered voters for all elections in Michigan. They provide a convenient method for casting a ballot instead of attending the polls on Election Day. You don't have

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to give a reason.

You can get an application form from your local clerk's office or online at the Michigan Voter Information Center at www.michigan.gov/vote. You can return your form by hand, mail, fax, or email, as long as a signature is visible. Requests to have an absentee ballot mailed to you must be received by your clerk no later than 5 p.m. the Friday before the election.

You must be a registered voter to receive an absentee ballot, but you can register and apply for an absent voter ballot at the same time.

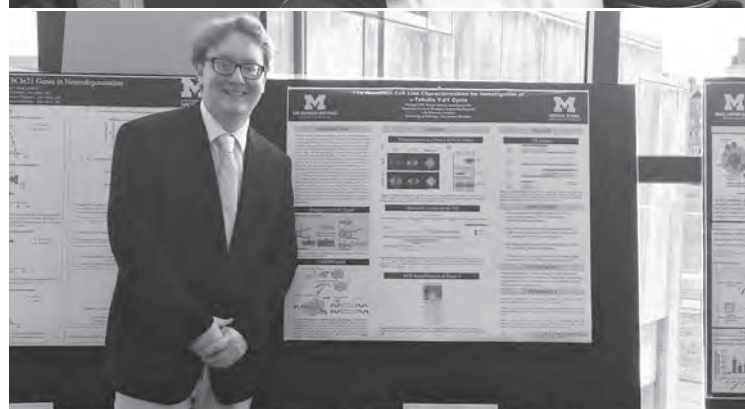
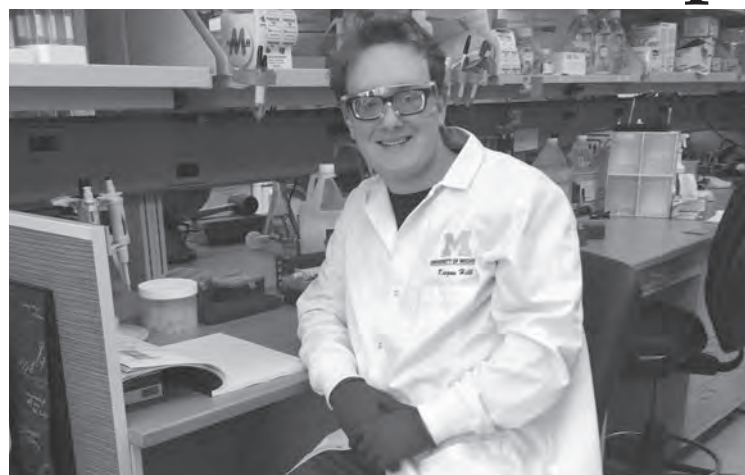
After receiving your absentee ballot, you have until 8 p.m. on Election Day to complete the ballot and return it to the clerk's office. Your ballot will not be counted unless your signature is on the return envelope and matches your signature on file.

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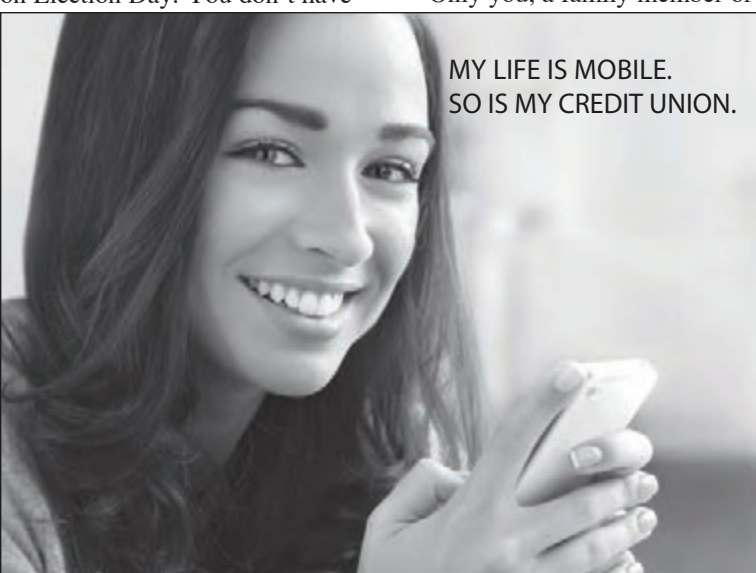
person residing in your household, a mail carrier or election official is authorized to deliver your signed absent voter ballot to your clerk's office.

Adapted from Michigan.gov/vote.

Hill completes U-M research internship



Sault Tribe member Keegan Hill, of Sault Ste. Marie, recently completed the University of Michigan's AspirNaut Summer Research Internship Program. Hill was one of six high school students selected from around the state, and the first student to represent the Upper Peninsula in this program. Hill spent six weeks on U.M.'s Ann Arbor campus immersed in working with a team of researchers at U.M.'s Life Sciences Institute. Students conducted their own biomedical research projects and gathered results contributing to cutting-edge research they presented in a symposium to the University of Michigan scientific and medical community. Hill is a senior at Sault Area High School.



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Chi Mukwa (Big Bear Arena)

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

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

- Motivational Recovery Speaker
- Recovery Walk
- Pizza, salad, chips, and dessert provided
- Games and crafts

Questions?

Please call Sault Tribe Behavioral Health at (906) 635-6075 or Tribal Court at (906) 635-4963

Registration will begin in the parking lot of St Isaac Jogues Church (1529 Marquette Ave) at 4:30 PM. The featured speaker will start at 5:00 at Marquette Hall at St Isaac Jogues with the walk to Big Bear Arena beginning promptly after.

The first 200 registrants receive a T-Shirt.

Shuttles available:

4:15—5:10 PM from Big Bear Arena to St. Isaac Jogues
6:45—8:00 PM from Big Bear Arena to St Isaac Jogues

Anyone who is unable to participate in the walk is welcome to go right to Big Bear at 5:30.

This event was supported by the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, SAMHSA, Tribal Court, Sault Tribe Behavioral Health, TAP, and people in & supportive of recovery.

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Folks flock in Hessel for annual assembly

The weather was iffy for the 27th Gathering of the Eagles Hessel Pow-wow, but attendance numbers were high and it wasn't long before the overcast broke and the sun shone on the proceedings, much to everyone's delight.

Photos by Rick Smith



Antlers incorporated with the feathers and leathers on this regalia.



Spiffy! This lad bears the result of a lot of work on his regalia.



Looking like she's launching into flight, a young lady dances with gusto during the Hessel powwow.



Lake Superior Community Development Corporation was on hand promoting Native financing options for housing.



Creating that jingling sound.



This young jingle dancer tries out her steps as the drum keeps time.

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Ladies, please be mindful of
your moon time cycle/teachings.
Chi Miigwech to everyone for
bringing healing and wellness
back to our Anishinaabek
communities

We are all
spirits living a
human life. To
learn to sit
with our first
family allows
our spirit to
reconnect
with who we
are as
Anishinaabek



A hydration station for some cool, refreshing water when needed.



A drummer scans the dance circle as a lad observes the activities in the drum arbor.

Gathering of Eagles Powwow Aug. 16-18

Photos by Rick Smith



The matching regalia suggests these two dancers are twins.



These ladies do some socializing while dancing with a little princess in tow.



The arbor covering the participating drums.



One of the several vending stands conducting transactions at the powwow.



Swaying to the beat of the drum in colorful regalia.



Another example of colorful, eye-catching regalia.

13th Annual Sault Tribe Manistique Area Gathering of the Clans Powwow held August 24



Photos by Brenda Austin



Joyce Tufnell (left) and Diane Kerridge, at the unit IV elder booth selling jewelry, smoked fish, hand made bird houses and more.



Watching out for each other in the dance arena.



Tom Tufnell, chairperson of the Sault Tribe Unit IV Elder Committee.



Veteran carrying a staff during grand entry.

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Chi' Miigwech for your interest and support in helping to bring wellness back into our Anishinaabek communities.



Mens fancy dancer



Little one learning dance steps by watching others around her.



Bernard Robach, from Manistique, Mich., and daughters Cheryl Robach (right), 14, and Paige Robach (left), 18.



Gary and Dixie McCormick from Grand Maris, Mich.



Teresa Barber-Buch from Oneida Wisc.



Dale and Judy Richards from Champion, Mich.



Anna and Lanny Voss from Thompson, Mich.



Sharon and David Grow from Gould City, Mich., in the summer, and Elkhart, Ind., in the winter. They saw the powwow advertised and decided to attend.



Bill Langford and his step-daughter Susan Beasley.



Ed and Andrea Schroer from Rapids, Wisc., with children Edna (left), 9, and Grant (right), 11.



Taylor Casteel from Manistique, 11, holding her little brother Teylor Erickson, 1.

Annual Kitchi-Miniss Munising powwow held



Aaron Payment with his nephew, Tyler Langston.

The annual Kitchi-Miniss Munising Powwow was Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Bay Furnace Campground, in Munising, Mich. See more photos on page 15.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Afternoon grand entry.



Marj Langford from Ishpeming Township, at her booth Spring Water Creations, LLC, and Nathaniel Landreville with Mukwa Giizhik Drum.



Eileen Valencac (left), and Kelli Constantino, both from Gladstone, with Zander Makosky, 14.



Jaylin Robach, 10, Kim Wilson, and Cheryl Robach, 14.



Rebekah Armatti holding her daughter Wren Erickson, 5, and son Charlie Erickson, 9.

Sault Tribe Community Health

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<p>ESCANABA AREA Escanaba Tribal Health Center Friday, Sept. 20 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.</p> <p>HESSEL, DETOUR, DRUMMOND AREA Hessel School House Thursday, Sept. 19..... 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. <i>(Harvest Your Health Fair)</i> Drummond Island Twp Hall Wednesday, Oct. 2 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Hessel Tribal Health Center Monday, Oct. 7..... 9 a.m. -12 p.m. & 1 - 4 p.m. Hessel Casino <i>(Employees only)</i> Thursday, Oct. 10..... 12 - 2:30 p.m. DeTour Village Memorial Hall <i>(Harvest Your Health Fair)</i> 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.</p> <p>MANISTIQUE AREA Manistique Tribal Health Center Monday, Oct. 2..... 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7..... 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16 4 - 7 p.m. <i>(Health Fair)</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>MUNISING AREA Munising Tribal Health Center Wednesday, Oct. 9 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. <i>(Health Fair)</i></p> <p>NEWBERRY AREA Newberry Tribal Health Center Thursday, Oct. 3..... 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 4 p.m. 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.</p>	<p>SAULT STE. MARIE AREA Sault Tribe Health Center Auditorium Monday, Sept. 23 1 - 4 p.m. Nokomis-Mishomis (Sault Elder Services) Wednesday, Oct. 2 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. <i>(Adults only)</i> Big Bear <i>(Harvest Your Health Fair)</i> Wednesday, Oct. 9 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. Sault Tribe Health Center Auditorium Monday, Oct. 14 1 - 4 p.m. Kinross Rec Center <i>(Harvest Your Health Fair)</i> 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 <i>(Location TBA)</i> Wednesday, Nov. 13 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.</p> <p>ST. IGNACE AREA Little Bear East <i>(Harvest Your Health Fair)</i> Wednesday, Sept. 11 12 - 5:30 p.m. St. Ignace Elders Complex <i>(Adults Only)</i> Wednesday, Oct. 2 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 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 <i>(Employees Only)</i> Wednesday, Nov. 6..... 4 - 5:30 p.m. Project Connect, Mackinac Island Thursday, Nov. 7 TBA</p>
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CLIP & SAVE



Munising Powwow on Lake Superior's shore



Tami Roberts from Gwinn, Mich., cradles the hand of an Army veteran to thank him for his service.



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Katy Matson, head female dancer, and Alec Lindenberger, Indian princess from Marquette.



Tami Roberts, Samantha Roberts, and Tara Armatti.



Cindy and Ken Tonak from Wetmore, with their grandson Lee Edgette, 3.



Bill Langford getting a fist bump from a young gentleman thanking him for his military service.



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Susan Beasley is lost in the moment on the Lake Superior shoreline in Munising.

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Michigan moves to be first state banning e-cigarette flavoring

BY COMMUNITY HEALTH STAFF

The State of Michigan made a landmark decision on Sept. 4 by banning the sale of flavored e-cigarettes and vape products.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said, “Youth vaping constituted a public health emergency,” and that her “number one priority is keeping our kids safe and protecting the health of the people of Michigan.”

The ban will cover both retail and online outlets. It prohibits sales of products that use not only candy and fruit flavors but mint and menthol varieties as well.

The ban went into effect immediately, but businesses will have 30 days to comply.

“I could not be more proud of our state for the decision to ban e-cigarette and vape flavoring,” said Mary-Ellen Hemming, Sault Tribe Community Health educator, “Michigan is paving the way to protect not only our youth but all Michiganders by becoming the first state to do so.”

Mary-Ellen recently attended the National Conference on Tobacco or Health in Minneapolis where public health researchers shared the links of youth addiction to e-cigarettes.

“Colorful, lively, targeted advertising first encourages teens to try vapes. Then they become ‘hooked’ on vaping because of the flavors. The final stage of the three-part cycle that keeps teens coming back for more is the amount of nicotine in vapes or Juuls,” Hemming explained. “So, by eliminating the appetizing flavors in vapes, Michigan is one



Photos courtesy State of Michigan Above are two typical flavorings for e-cigarettes and vape products that look just like labeling for kid's candy.

step closer to breaking the chain of youth e-cigarette addiction.”

This move comes at a critical time. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently released a health advisory titled Severe Pulmonary Disease Associated with Using E-Cigarette Products. Their announcement states that “as of Aug. 27, 2019, 215 possible cases [of severe pulmonary dis-

ease] have been reported from 25 states and additional reports of pulmonary illness are under investigation.” The release goes on to report “one patient (in Illinois) with a history of recent e-cigarette use was hospitalized on July 29, 2019, with severe pulmonary disease and died on Aug. 20, 2019.”

Currently, no conclusions have been reached regarding the etiology of e-cigarette-associated pulmonary disease. However, all patients involved in these cases had reported using e-cigarette products.

Additionally, on Aug. 28, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) reported cases of e-cigarette/vaping-associated respiratory illnesses that are still being investigated in Michigan. As of Aug. 27, the MDHHS said its reviewing six cases; all of which were diagnosed in the last 60 days in Michigan’s lower peninsula.

The MDHHS said, “E-cigarette or vaping users should immediately seek medical attention if they develop symptoms such as shortness of breath, chest pain, cough, fever or nausea and vomiting. Symptoms may occur long after the use of a device.”

According to the 2018 Monitoring the Future Survey from the University of Michigan, “The percentage of teens who reported vaping within the past 12 months has increased dramatically to “record” levels.”

The survey includes responses from more than 44,000 students from 392 public and private

schools. High school seniors had the sharpest one-year increase, with more than 37 percent reporting vaping in the past 12 months – a jump from nearly 28 percent in 2017. High school sophomores are also vaping more, 32.3 percent reported using in 2018, up from 23.9 percent in 2017.

Eighth-graders had a smaller, but

still significant rise in reported vaping - 17.6 percent reported using vapes in the past 12 months – up from 13.3 percent in 2017.

For more information on e-cigarettes, or to receive quitting support, call Sault Tribe Community Health Education at (906) 632-5210.

Health Center Employee of the Month



Medical records referral coordinator Linda Hammonds was nominated as the July Team Member of the Month at the Sault Tribe Health Center. She is shown here with Health Center Director Leo Chugunov. She received an appreciation certificate, flowers and a Meijer gift card.

Miparacon holds tenth annual convention



The 10th anniversary of Miparacon — the Michigan Paranormal Convention — by the Upper Peninsula Paranormal Research Society (UPPRS members pictured above) Kewadin Casinos and Sault Events was a big hit. Vendors packed the rooms and hallways and DreamMakers Theater was dedicated to paranormal speakers. Paranormal TV stars were on hand to sign autographs and chat, paranormal authors sold their books, and special readings and healings were available. Even though there were a good thousand people there with 300-400 more expected for the weekend, it seemed a close community with many greetings, hugs and groups hanging out. Headliner Amy Allen of the Travel Channel’s *The Dead Files* thrilled a packed house with a Q&A session on her show as well as her own brand of dark humor.

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WALKING ON

JAMES E. BELLANT

James "Jim" E. Bellant of Boyne Falls, Mich., walked on in the early morning of Aug. 30, 2019, to be with his family who walked on before him. His loving wife and seven devoted children surrounded him at home. Jim was born in Cheboygan, Michigan on May 1, 1939 to Euclid F. Bellant Sr. and Arbutus C. (nee Davenport) Bellant and he was an elder in the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.



Jim attended Cheboygan schools and later married his childhood sweetheart, Helen L. Merchant in Cheboygan on Feb. 16, 1957. Jim joined the Merchant Marines at a young age, worked as an industrial painter at Silver Lead Company in Lansing, Mich., and was a tool and die operator at Besser Headquarters in Alpena, Mich., for many years. He enjoyed spending time outdoors and keeping active with his family, which included fishing, hunting, camping, boating and snowmobiling. Jim was a family man who had a great sense of humor, a generous heart for family and friends alike and gave sound advice to anyone who asked.

Jim was loved immensely and his memories will live on by those he left behind: his adoring wife of 62 years, Helen; children, Bonnie J. Fockler of Boyne City, Mich., Tina M. (Mark) Cook of Niles, Mich., James L. Bellant of Boyne City, John E. Bellant of Midland, Mich., Jeffrey L. Bellant (Sheila) of East Jordan, Mich., Kelly J. Bellant (April) of Boyne City and Melissa A. Bellant (Nichole Wenzel) of Midland; 26 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; brothers, Richard E. (Judith) Bellant of St. Johns, Mich., Robert H. (Ilene) Bellant of Bay City, Mich., Theodore L. Bellant of Bay City; sisters, Mary J. (Terry) Minesal of Commerce, Ga, and Debra L. (Lyle) Smith of Midland; numerous nieces; nephews; cousins; family members; and friends.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Pamela D. Bellant; granddaughter, Stacie A. Wieschowski; grandson, Ronald F. Fox, III; brothers, Euclid F. Bellant, Jr. (Junior), William P. Bellant, (Bill) LeRoy Bellant (George); and sister, Carol S. Bellant.

His family and anyone who knew him will sorely miss him. As per Jim's wishes, no memorial service will take place. Memorials can be sent to Hospice of Northern Michigan - Petoskey, Mich., 49770.

ARCHIE KARR

Archie Karr passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Aug. 29, 2019, after an extended illness. Archie was born on Dec. 23, 1933, in Marquette Township, Mich., the son of Manton F. and Lillian Karr. He was 85 years of age.



Archie was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved long rides down country back roads, watching old westerns and Redwing hockey and having fun with friends.

Archie is survived by his children, Manton (AnnMarie) Karr, Tammie (Mark) Massie-Sharp, Krista (Chris) Karr, Robert (Charlotte) Massie, Timothy Boatwright and Debbie (George) Howell; grandchildren, Mark Sharp II, Mikaila Sharp, Heather Wood, Samantha Massie, Dallas Karr, Hunter SanAngelo, Teela Claydon, Eric Rader, Jennifer Rader and many great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Delano Karr; sister, Illa Neal; and many nieces and nephews.

Archie was predeceased by his wife, Deloris Karr; daughter, Rose Marie Karr; father, Manton F. Karr; mother, Lilian Latour; brother, Nelson Latour; and sister, Laura Obeshaw.

Per the family's wishes, there will be no services. Final resting place will be in Donaldson

Cemetery.

Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com

WAYNE J. GOETZ

Wayne Joseph Goetz of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Aug. 12, 2019, at War Memorial Hospital. He was born on Nov. 29, 1946.

He is survived by his wife, Wilda (McKenzie) Goetz, of 49 years; his sisters, Ruth (Jim) Conley and Norma Pesti; and a brother, Albert Goetz. Wayne is loved by many nieces, nephews, in-laws and a cat named Baby Bert that misses him terribly.

Wayne is predeceased by his parents, Edward and Violet (LaPlaunt) Goetz; and brothers John, Peter, Walter, James, Richard, Cecil, Leon, Raymond and Robert Goetz.

He proudly served in the U.S. Army in the 125th Infantry Division (Tropical Lightning) and the 716 Military Police Battalion in Saigon from 1967-69.

He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and sailed on the Great Lakes aboard the George G. Crawford and the Benjamin James Fairless. He worked at the Corps of Engineers and later at the United States Postal Service for 34 years. For the past 16 years, Wayne was the bookkeeper for his niece at the Palace.

He was involved in sports all through school and played softball in the men's league for years. He loved listening to the oldies, watching the T.V. show M.A.S.H., fishing with his buddy, Ralph; feeding birds and animals and helping others. He liked to stay busy and loved pulling pranks. Wayne could make drinking cheap wine out of a Styrofoam cup look classy!

Wayne loved to help people. He enjoyed the camaraderie of making meatballs at the Christopher Columbus Hall and pasties at St. Francis Church. Wayne delivered pizzas to the Diane Pepler Resource Center on Sundays. He was a driver for Road to Recovery and the Veteran's Administration. He assisted friends and family with projects. Wayne gave treats to

nearly every child (young or old) and pet he met. He aided people anonymously in ways that are only known to him and the receiver.

Wayne was a man of strong faith. He loved being involved in the church that his family was baptized, raised, married and buried in. Wayne had the greatest respect for Father Sebastian Kavumkal and was honored to assist him however he could.

Wayne always sang or whistled every morning. He was always singing a crazy tune and had a beautiful voice. That stopped the day he experienced the word "cancer." Let's hope he resumes singing with the angels now that he is free of heartache and pain. He will be sadly missed by many.

Visitation and services took place on Aug. 22, 2019, at Holy Name of Mary ProCathedral with Father Sebastian Kavumkal as celebrant.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Name of Mary ProCathedral, 377 Maple Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or the Chippewa County Animal Shelter at 3660 Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

THOMAS E. JOHNSTON

Thomas Earl Johnston, age 79, of Kincheloe, Mich., passed away on Aug. 11, 2019, at War Memorial Hospital. He was born on Dec. 10, 1939, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to the late Norman and Virginia (Earls) Johnston.

On Sept. 21, 1973, he married Sandra Kessler in Morocco, Ind. He worked for many years as a chief maintenance technician and electrician at Capital Products, an aluminum extrusion plant in Kentland, Ind.

Thomas was a proud Native American who enjoyed golfing, fishing and hunting. He also enjoyed traveling all over the United States and looking into the history of the places he visited. Thomas' family was everything to him. He was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and former member of the United Steelworks Local 118, where he was president of his local for five years.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Sandra Johnston; children, Kevin (Kathy) Johnston and Linda Murphy both of Kentucky, Heather (Joseph) Garrison, Crystal (Michael Phelps) Chapple and Terry (Debra) Pass all of Indiana; nine grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mona Hyndman and Liane Johnston both of Kincheloe, Mich.; and a brother, Mike Johnston of Holland, Mich.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Jason Johnston; three brothers, Dave, Norman and Art Johnston; and a sister, Mari Beth Snowberger.

According to Thomas' wishes, no public services took place. C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services assisted with arrangements. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

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Swedene earns stillbirth doula certification

Margaret Swedene, who in 2006 helped found Silent Hearts bereavement support group, recently completed stillbirth doula certification.



children who suffered the loss of two babies. "Recognizing this is a birth like any other birth, it's a sad birth, but they still can have a positive outcome in that they can bond with their baby, even though it's just for a short time."

A stillbirth doula is called in by hospital staff to join a family when it learns its baby has died or is going to die soon. She supports the family through labor, delivery, time after birth and the grieving process. "One of my goals is to help the family overcome their fears so they can heal from this loss," said Swedene, a mother of six living

Swedene became a Hospice of the EUP volunteer 15 years ago and found hospice to be a natural home base for Silent Hearts.

For more information about Silent Hearts, call (906) 259-0222 or: www.hospiceoftheup.com/grief-support.



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Unit I elders rummage sale Sept. 27!

Sault Tribe Unit I elders are having a rummage sale on Friday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the elders' center on Shunk Road in the Sault.

Donations of items for the sale can be dropped off on Sept. 25 or 26 at the Nokomis/Mishomis Building.

For more information, call the elders' center at (906) 635-4971.

ACFS Project Backpack helps students with supplies



Anishnaabek Community and Family Services attended Project Backpack in Sault Ste. Marie on Aug. 9, and in St. Ignace on Aug. 28. Information on services and back to school safety was provided to participants. Various items were given away to students to help fill their backpacks. Above, ACFS staff manned the table in St. Ignace.



Nokomis-Mishomis Dedication Community Feast

Celebrating our New Hessel Community Commercial Kitchen

Sept. 26, 6 p.m.
Hessel Community Center
Drum: Mukwa Giizhik

The kitchen is being dedicated as "The Nokomis Kitchen" in honor of Dorothy Currie & Midge Gugin.

Please join us in celebrating our new Nokomis Kitchen and honoring Dorothy & Midge for their years of love and devotion to our Hessel community.

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CHARLES MACARTHUR SR.

Charles "Chip" MacArthur Sr. of Sugar Island, Mich., passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 19, 2019, at Mackinac Straits

Hospital. Chip was born on March 11, 1961, to Grace and Edward



"Ed" MacArthur of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Chip was known throughout the community for his kindness, generosity, excellent sense of humor and as a mentor.

As an avid outdoorsman, Chip suffered annually from buck fever. His hunting and fur trapping skills were admirable. Everyone loved his smoked fish, smoked hams and the plethora of venison dishes and jerky he shared over the years. He spent many hunting seasons teaching his children the traditional ways of harvesting wild game. Chip also loved fishing with his best friend, Matt. They spent hundreds of hours over the past 15 years fishing along the Sugar Island banks. The bigger the fight, the better the fish. We may have heard a fishing fable or two over the years.

Chip is survived by his mom, Grace MacArthur, and his wife, Gail MacArthur. He leaves behind his daughter, Brandi MacArthur, and two step-daughters, Kelly Daniels (Andy), and Catherine Barnett. He also leaves behind a son, Charles "CJ" MacArthur Jr. (Cassie) (our mom, Cindy MacArthur), a stepson, Russell Lunsford (Irene), and two grandsons Stephen and Maison MacArthur.

Sadly, Chip's first granddaughter is due in four weeks and she'll never have the opportunity to meet the man who impacted the lives of so many people. You can bet she will hear lots of stories over the years as Chip's family continues living his traditional lifestyle and passing along his life lessons for many future generations. He may no longer be here with us on earth, but he will never be forgotten.

Chip also leaves behind two brothers, Alan (Carolyn), Alexis (Anthony), and Bradley MacArthur. Dale (Patricia Jones),

Kariann (Jordan & Harper), Travis (Lacey) MacArthur, and sister-in-law, Lynn MacArthur.

He also leaves behind one sister, Karen (Cheri & Brianna) MacArthur along with many aunts, uncles, grand kids, great grand kids, cousins, and friends.

Chip is predeceased by his father, Ed MacArthur, and his brother, James "Jimmy" MacArthur.

Chip's fire ceremony was performed on Aug. 20, and remained burning for the duration of his funeral. On Aug. 21, family and friends performed a welcoming ceremony and a visitation and feast were held prior to his pipe ceremony. On Aug. 22, drop-in visitation was held with a feast and pipe ceremony. On Aug. 23, funeral services were orated by Brother John Hascall at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building. Burial services took place on Sugar Island at the Wilwalk Cemetery. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

DAVID D. POVEY

David Daniel "Mr. Povey" Povey, age 50, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Aug. 25, 2019, at War Memorial Hospital.

David was born on Feb. 23, 1969, in Sault Ste. Marie to Glen and Josephine (Maciag) Povey. David was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He enjoyed watching Detroit Lions football as well as Michigan Wolverine football. He enjoyed feeding his birds and when he was younger, he enjoyed fishing and hunting.

David is survived by his children, Haeli, Kloey and Kylie Povey all of Kinross, Michigan; two grandchildren, Oakland and Oren; his partner, Janet Nolan; his mother, Josephine Povey; siblings, Steve (Sue) Povey of California, Robert (Valerie) Povey of Alabama, Ernie (Stacy) Povey of Rudyard, Mich., Michael (April) Povey of Sault Ste. Marie, and Lynette Povey Rogers of Sault Ste. Marie; several great friends and several favorite nieces and nephews.

David was preceded in death

by his father, Glen Povey.

Visitation and services took place on Sept. 3 at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to help with funeral expenses. The family was assisted by C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

DAVID E. RIPLEY

David Elden Ripley, 62, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., died on Aug. 19 with family by his side, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was born to the late Paul and Donna (Andersen) Ripley on June 5, 1957, in Pontiac, Mich. David lived most of his life in the U.P.



Dave was a father and talented welder. He worked on lake freighters in Wisconsin and ended his career working at Bunkers in the Sault, as well as working at many other odd jobs along the way. He was an avid hunter, car junkie, I-500 enthusiast and was a hippie at heart. He loved his music and hanging out with family and friends while spinning a tale or two. He was proud of his family history and was a collector of memorabilia.

David was also a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

David is survived by his children, Amber (Mike) Aikens of Dafter, Mich., Jeremy (Danny Sarns) Ripley of New York, N.Y., and Dawson Ripley of the Sault, as well as his grandson, Nick Aikens of Dafter. He is also survived by his sisters and their families, Mary (Gary) Horn of Florida and Patti (Bob) Kjolhede of Michigan.

His sister, Carol Ann Johnson, preceded him in death.

A memorial service took place at Hovie Funeral Home on Aug. 25. In keeping with David's wishes, family and friends gathered following the memorial to celebrate his life and share stories.

In lieu of flowers, donations

can be made out to the family to be dispersed to areas dear to Dave's heart. Amber Aikens, his daughter, is handling the donations.

Anyone wishing to send the family a message or share a story is asked to visit David's memorial page at Hovie Funeral Home, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

JAMES D. SALLY

James "Jim" Donald Sally, 70, of Sugar Island, passed away peacefully on Aug. 16 surrounded by family. He was born on Feb. 16, 1949, to John and Beverly (Griffin) Sally.

Jim attended Sault High and was a member of Bay Mills Indian Community. He served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany during the Vietnam War, and the U.S. Merchant Marine. When Jim returned home he began work as a mechanic, a trade he kept up with until his last days. He was always tinkering with something. He spent many years at Cryderman's Machine Shop and working for Sault Tribe Construction.

Jim enjoyed a good game of cribbage, old westerns and anything that had to do with cars. And he loved Sugar Island.

In March 1999, Jim married the love of his life, Melissa McKerchie. He welcomed her sons, Brian and Jimmy, as if they were his own.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Carolyn Napoletano; baby brother, Kenny Sally; and furkids, Scooby, Specks and Tommy.

He is survived by his wife, Melissa Sally; sons, Brian McKerchie and Jimmy Smith; sister, Marian (David) Jones of Dayton, Ohio; brother, Tom (Dorothy) Sally of Surprise, Ariz.; father-in-law and good friend, Ken McKerchie of Sault Ste. Marie; sisters-in-law, Mary LaJoice and Michelle (David) MacArthur of Sault Ste. Marie; nieces and nephews, Shannon and Jim Jones, Cary and John Napoletano, John, Josh, Ryan and Aaron Sally, Cheyenne

and Aaron LaJoice, Danny Bowerman, Michael McKerchie, Adam and Keith MacArthur; as well as numerous friends he met throughout the years.

Cremation has taken place with the assistance of Gaylord Community Funeral Home. A celebration of life took place at the Sault VFW on Aug. 24. Jim wanted to be remembered without tears and with plenty of friends enjoying a meal and raising a glass to him.

The family would like to thank Dr. Maloney of Bay Mills and Dr. Miranda of Sault Ste. Marie for their care of Jim throughout the years.

JAMES MICHAEL DUPONT

On July 15, James (Mike) Michael DuPont, 63, walked on. He was born at the Virginia Naval Base to the late James George DuPont and late Patsy May DuPont (Shaft). Mike grew up in Comstock Park and Ada, Mich., attending Forest Hills Northern and later Ferris State. He served his country in the US Navy then worked for 41 years as a line-man in the brotherhood of the IBEW. Mike embraced his Native American heritage with great pride and enthusiasm, visiting the Sault Ste. Marie reservation as much as he could. Mike lived his life with great zest, always on the move, never slowing down. Now he rests.

He is survived by his son, Jeremiah James DuPont (Kelly), and granddaughter, Stella James DuPont, of Zebulon, N.C.; siblings, Janae Vogg (Willie) of Wetmore, Mich., Mark DuPont (Carla) of Lowell, Mich.; nieces and nephews, Josh DuPont (Sarah), Brian DuPont, Lauren Kemeny (Michael), Erica Kemeny (Michael) and Jesse Vogg; beloved aunts, Alberta Goodson and Mary Ellen Benaway; as well as many cousins.

Friends and family will celebrate Mike's Life Sept. 29, 1 p.m., at Caledonia Lakeside Park enclosed shelter, 370 N. Lake Street, Caledonia, MI 49316.



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Ahneen, Boozho, Negee,

I begin my report with a picture with one of my favorite Tribal Board Members of all times ~ Martha Miller, retired from Unit 4. We had a nice visit but make no mistake she filled me in on a number of things we need to be working on as a Tribal Board. I love Martha and this pow wow and have attended for at least 20 years.

WE CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

Since my last report, I have been extremely busy trying to influence candidates for the up coming presidential election to not take our Native vote for granted. In July, a few tribal leaders and I were invited to pose questions to the candidates in Detroit. We met with Senators Warren, Sanders, Harris, Mayor Buttigieg, and Governor Bullock. Most were well prepared. I shared the chart to the right to show how the Native vote in 7 key battle ground states could have made the difference in 2016

and how these states are likely in play with the Native vote being multiples greater than the margin of victory for either candidate.

Whether you voted for Trump or Clinton, Democrat, Republican, Independent or Green Party is less important than how Natives can make the difference in supporting a candidate who respects and honors or treaty and trust responsibility. I often say, "I don't vote R or D, but I vote **I for Indian**". I realize that for many of us, we vote our conscience on various issues important to us. Natives are not a monolithic voting block. I urge you, however, to please consider voting for a Presidential candidate who supports our treaties and fully funding our tribal services for which we "pre-paid in full". In our Tribe's case, we ceded 4 million acres of land in 1836 that allowed Michigan to become a state in 1837. Tribes across America traded 500 million acres to make this country great.

Platform items I addressed included full funding, advanced appropriations, reauthorization of VAWA (the Violence Against Women Act), addressing the high Native high school drop out rate, reauthorizing the Special Diabetes Program, expediting moving Indian land in trust, a Clean Carcieri Fix, and IHS portability funding so Tribal Members can benefit from an insurance type card no matter where you live and where you go. I also advocated for an appointment of an American Indian to a cabinet level position like Secretary of Education, Interior, Commerce, etc.

Pictured left is State of Michigan Senator and Sault Tribe Citizen Jeff Irwin at the Pipe Out: Paddle Out Protest in Mackinac City to shut down Enbridge Line 5. Below is Sen. Irwin, Bay Mills President Bryan Newland, Little Traverse Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bently and me. We work inter-tribally and with the State to protect our waters.



With the Geroux, Lenga Clan at the St. Ignace Pow Wow. From left to right: John "JT" (son), Kim, and Cas Lenga (son). Next, is matriarch Mary Geroux and cousin Jeff Jones. Patriarch was Bob Geroux, Sr.



Natives Could Deliver 77 Electoral College Votes in 7 Battle Ground States

Electoral College #	Winner	Votes	%	Margin %MAR	Native % of Total
Michigan 16	Winner D. Trump	2,279,805	47.6%	11.612	0.24%
	D.H. Clinton	2,268,193	47.3%		2.3% Natives as % of Total
	L.G. Johnson	173,057	3.6%		
	G.J. Stein	50,700	1.1%		
	U.D. Castle	16,926	0.4%		
	N.E. Soltysik	2,236	0.0%		
4,790,917					
Wisconsin 10	Winner D. Trump	1,409,467	47.9%	27,257	0.93%
	D.H. Clinton	1,382,210	46.9%		2.7% Natives as % of Total
	L.G. Johnson	106,442	3.6%		
	G.J. Stein	30,980	1.1%		
	C.D. Castle	12,179	0.4%		
	O.R. De La Fuente	1,561	0.1%		
	O.M. Moorehead	1,781	0.1%		
2,944,620					
Arizona 11	Winner D. Trump	1,021,154	49.5%	84,904	4.12%
	D.H. Clinton	936,250	45.4%		15.8% Natives as % of Total
	L.G. Johnson	80,151	3.9%		
	G.J. Stein	25,255	1.2%		
2,062,810					
Nevada 6	Winner H. Clinton	537,753	47.9%	26,434	2.35%
	R.D. Trump	511,319	45.5%		6.0% Natives as % of Total
	L.G. Johnson	37,299	3.3%		
	N None of these	28,824	2.6%		
	I.D. Castle	5,254	0.5%		
	N.R. De La Fuente	2,541	0.2%		
1,122,990					
Colorado 9	Winner H. Clinton	1,206,095	47.2%	71,741	2.80%
	R.D. Trump	1,136,354	44.4%		5.1% Natives as % of Total
	L.G. Johnson	129,128	5.0%		
	G.J. Stein	33,009	1.3%		
	U.E. McMullin	26,715	1.0%		
	Remaining Combined	25,104	1.0%		
	2,558,405				
Minnesota 10	Winner H. Clinton	1,366,676	46.9%	43,785	1.50%
	R.D. Trump	1,322,891	45.4%		3.2% Natives as % of Total
	L.G. Johnson	112,944	3.9%		
	I.E. McMullin	53,080	1.8%		
	G.J. Stein	36,957	1.3%		
	O.D. Vacek	11,290	0.4%		
	C.D. Castle	9,466	0.3%		
	S.A. Kennedy	1,670	0.1%		
	O.R. De La Fuente	1,430	0.0%		
2,916,404					
N Carolina 15	Winner D. Trump	2,339,603	50.5%	177,529	3.83%
	D.H. Clinton	2,162,074	46.7%		3.9% Natives as % of Total
	L.G. Johnson	127,794	2.8%		
4,629,471					

Other ethnic minorities have reached this milestone; it is long past time we do too. To my great satisfaction, Senator Elizabeth Warren proposed creating a cabinet position to honor the treaty and trust responsibility and to administer Indian Affairs much like the US Department of State; after all, our Nation's first Secretary of State was founding father Thomas Jefferson who wrote *Article I, Section 8, Paragraph 3* in the *US Constitution* which is the basis for recognizing our perpetual tribal sovereignty.

Let me be clear, this is not intended to be an endorsement of any candidate or party. To the contrary, I urge each Sault Tribe Citizen to watch closely, ask questions, and make each candidate earn your vote. In August, I attended the Frank LeMere Indian Country Presidential Candidate Forum in Sioux City, Iowa. I was among a few tribal leaders who urged several candidates at the Detroit Debate round tables, to attend. This was a non-partisan event. No republicans chose to attend but one Independent along with 9 democrats laid out their platforms to prove they do not take our vote for granted.

Remember, we pre-paid for all tribal funding we receive!

Results Speak Loudly!

When we started the preparing for this phase of continuing our *US v MI* Consent Decree, I pledged to our Tribal Fishers that I would use my government to government skills and relationships in DC to secure litigation support funding. The federal government is our trustee and is obligated to support our position and therefore fund our litigation. Along with the support of the Chairs from our other four CORA tribes, Bay Mills President Bryan Newland and I testified in Congress several times, hit the Hill in DC, met with key administrative officials and finally got results.

On September 4th, I received a call from The Assistant Secretary of Interior Tara Sweeney to announce that our request would be honored in the amount of \$418,000! Add to that \$60,000 we already received, and our total is \$478,000!

I believe when we follow our Anishinabe Biimaadziwin, we can do anything for our people. I am humbled and honored to operate under a servant leadership philosophy as your Tribal Chairperson.

Chi McGwitch, Negee!



Links for the Candidate Forum and *Native America Calling* national radio program I did the next day appear below:

Day 1, Part 1 [I appear at 3:10:00]
<https://vimeo.com/354646088>

Day 1, Part 2
<https://vimeo.com/354709089>

Day 2, Part 1
<https://vimeo.com/354879851>

Day 2, Part 2
<https://vimeo.com/fourdirectionsvote>

Native America Calling

<https://www.nativeamericacalling.com/thursday-august-22-2019-highlights-from-the-presidential-candidate-forum-on-native-issues/>

I appear briefly on the Daily Show with Trevor Noah. Watch closely as it is just a glimpse:

<https://www.facebook.com/thedailyshow/videos/3038821592855666/UzpfSTE2ODIwNjU3MzU06MTAY-MTIwNjU4MDUxNTUzODI/>

LSSU DR. PLEGER MEMORIAL



Above is a sculpture of an eight foot cooper feather (I helped forge) to memorialize Dr. Tom Pleger who passed away while serving as LSSU President. Tom met with me on his first day on the job and allowed me to orient him on the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver. He then fought for full funding. Sen. Schmidt supports and increase and Sen. Irwin proposed full funding.

Please urge MI House Speaker Lee Chatfield to honor this request and fully fund the MITW.

PHONE: 517-373-2629

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This year's Hessel powwow one of the best ever



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

This last month we held our annual Gathering of the Eagles Hessel Powwow. This was one of the best we have ever had, the atmosphere with families and friendships will always hold a special time for our community. We take great pride in hosting this each year and all the help and commitment we get from the committee, community and casino staff is so appreciated. Our head staff did such a good job keeping our powwow going and the dancers, singers and drums brought everything together. Many women from our community and other areas who came

and helped make our grounds beautiful with our medicines, these things need to be said. It's my favorite time of year and it keeps me going through the seasons. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported our traditional gathering and thank you to Sault Tribe Construction who worked hard to get our parking lot ready. The tribe also held many others in the units and the pictures told the story of a very good powwow season. We enjoyed our annual Newberry powwow recently and I'm looking forward to seeing many from that area.

Our health services staff has been working hard creating a strategic plan for the recovery facility. There are many steps to take in order to plan for this as other tribes have attempted this huge endeavor and experienced financial difficulties once opening in sustaining the huge costs. We have taken the step to request IHS assist us in the future for the specific project (above what we already receive) as it's one of the highest priorities in our community and for better health in Indian Country. We prepared requests for the administrators of IHS and will

advocate for this assistance. As reported, we have secured the land for this and taken steps internally with the Betty Ford Foundation. Working together toward this is beneficial and we must plan exactly in order to sustain once it's opened. Other tribes have experienced a drain in their resources so we do not want to make the same mistake. Our casinos still contributes \$17 million toward programs and this has maintained but is accounted for other services. I'm thankful to the health services staff and team members who work toward this endeavor.

The latest update for the vacant seat on our board has been discussed, the majority of the board has supported sending this out for a special advisory election, per the law and code of our tribe. It surprises me it was such a close vote but it is what it is — as I said in the last report, I would have supported appointing (if Unit I or a majority could have agreed on a member) and if not I would support sending out for an election of the position. I did that, I will not play games or hold that seat up. I will also assure you that, since it's an "advisory" and the board does

NOT have to appoint the winner after it's complete; I assure you no matter who wins this, I will be supporting the member who succeeds, as it's the will and voice of the people, no games or nonsense from me. Throughout my tenure on this board, I've had to make some pretty hard decisions, this is NOT one of them; it's an easy one for me as it's the right thing to do. I guess I'm pretty proud of that as it's fair and the decision of the people to make. I do not feel threatened or intimidated with this seat being filled and my goal is to have a whole board to make the decisions. I can and will try to work with anyone who holds the seat. I watch closely at what plays out and it always amazes me the energy that is put in to try and keep people down and hold the reign. Anyway, I will not get down a rabbit hole on this but you can count on me to just appoint whom the members choose, and I still miss Denny! The Election Committee will be conducting this in the next few months and in a very timely turn around.

Also in the next few months, things will get political. All I can say is I will keep rolling along

advocating for our unit, supporting our team members hard work and working on the priority items that many of you discuss with me. I'm embedded in my communities, people know that and the nonsense that goes on with the board sometimes is wasted energy I just don't get involved in, I don't answer to them and won't. I know that upsets some but I take pride in just that. I watch and listen, pick my battle and at the end of the day recount the areas that need me at my best.

I would like to thank the community of DeTour for calling with some ideas (you read my reports!) attempting to get a small clinic rolling again for the DeTour/Drummond area. We will be meeting with the health services director on Sept. 17 to further focus on this.

As always, please contact me if you want to talk or meet with me. Have a great fall season, the harvest of all the medicines this year has been awesome. Baamaapii. (906) 484-2954; 322-3818; lcausley@saulttribe.net.

Lana Causley-Smith
Sault Ste Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians
Unit II, board of directors

Board of directors resolutions approved Aug. 6

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors held a regular meeting in Sault Ste. Marie Aug. 6. They reviewed and passed 29 resolutions, 25 by unanimous vote. All board members were in attendance with the exception of Bridgett Sorenson.

#209 - Brady Park Cemetery Establishment of 2019 and 2020 Budgets: Approved for a total of \$2,000 for each year.

#210 - Cultural and Education Hotel Tax FY 2019 Budget Modifications: The Cultural Hotel Tax and Education Hotel Tax were combined into one cost center.

#211 - Mental Health Job Title Change 2019 Budget Modification: Approved to change the personnel sheet with no effect on Tribal Support.

#212 - Mental Health Interim Position 2019 Budget Modification: A change in the personnel sheet was approved with a reallocation of expenses.

#213 - Emergency Preparedness and Health Center Administration 2019 Budget Modifications: Approved for a change in the personnel sheet and an increase in State of Michigan monies for Health Center Emergency Preparedness, and a reallocation of expenses and a change in the personnel sheet for Health Center Administration.

#214 - Tribal Practices for Wellness in Indian Country FY 2020 Budget Modification: Approved for an increase in Federal CDC monies of \$58,435.27.

#215 - Ruffed Grouse 2019 Budget Modification: A change in the personnel sheet was approved along with an increase in Federal BIA monies of \$69,981.09.

#216 - Environmental - GLRI Invasive Species Establishment of FY 2020

Budget: Approved with EPA Federal Revenue monies of \$67,883.36.

#217 - Environmental Contracts - Housing FY 2019 Budget Modification and Environment Contracts - Utility Establishment FY 2019 Budget: A change in the personnel sheet was approved with a reduction in Other Revenue monies of \$28,339.35 for Environment Contracts - Housing, and a budget was approved for Environment Contracts - Utility with Other Revenue monies of \$32,000.

#217 - Sanitation BE-19-K53, Establishment of 2020 Budget: Approved with Federal IHS monies of \$406,400.

#218 - Industrial Warehouse Complex and MEDC Industrial Warehouse Establishment FY 2020 Budgets: A FY 2020 budget for the Industrial Warehouse Complex was approved with Federal Department of Commerce monies of \$1,666,667. A FY 2020 budget was also approved for the MEDC Industrial Warehouse with state of Michigan monies of \$245,000.

#219 - Continuing Funding Authority for Fiscal Year 2020, September to August: Continuing funding for five cost centers for FY 2020, at their 2019 spending levels, was approved for a 45-day period until final approval of their 2020 budgets.

#220 - Trust Land Business Lease to Sault Tribe EDC (St. Ignace, Mich., Mackinac County, MC-008): A lease of trust land to Sault Tribe EDC was approved.

#221 - Trust Land Business Lease to Sault Tribe EDC (256 W. Three Mile, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.): Trust Land Business Lease to Sault Tribe EDC (256 W. Three Mile, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.): Approved land lease to

the Sault Tribe EDC.

#222 - Authorization to Bid on Parcels Public Land Auction, Aug. 8, 2019: The Tribe's EDC executive director was authorized to place bids on land parcels, not to exceed \$6,000.

#223 - Authorization to Sell Property, Kincheloe, Mich.: The board authorized the tribe's EDC to sell parcels located in Kincheloe, Mich.

#224 - Sault Tribe Business Solutions Loan: Tribal enterprise, Sault Tribe Business Solutions, was authorized to borrow up to \$8,700 at a rate of 4 percent from Eagle Lending.

#225 - Partial Waiver of Convictions: Approved.

#226 - Waiver of Sovereign Immunity and Consent to Waiver of Tribal Court Jurisdiction, Abacus Data Systems, Inc.: The board agreed to waive the tribe's sovereign immunity in order to enter into a Case Management Software Services Agreement with ABACUS Data Systems, Inc., for the purpose of providing case management services to the prosecutor's office of the tribe.

#227 - Authorization to Open Bank Accounts for EDC (White Pine Lodge) with People's State Bank: Approved for the day-to-day financial operations relating to the tribe's acquisition of the White Pine Lodge.

#228 - Application for state of Michigan - Department of Health and Human Services - Culturally Specific Underserved Grant: The board authorized the grant application to the state of Michigan, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Victim Services.

#229 - Amending Tribal PRC Eligibility Policy Member Employees and Dependents: Sault Tribe member employees who reside in the Contract Health

Service Delivery Area, and who are also participants in the tribal health and vision benefits plan, will be enrolled as participants in the Purchased and Referred Card program without the requirement of enrollment or completion of forms. Dependents of those employees will also be enrolled in the PRC program, provided they are members of the tribe and enrolled in the health and vision benefits plan as dependents.

#230 - Approving Lease Amendment for the Escanaba Tribal Community Health Center: Lease was approved through July 31, 2020.

#231 - National Congress of American Indians 2019 Annual Convention Delegates and 2020 Dues: The board approved \$12,000 in dues for 2020, and appointed delegates and alternate delegates.

#232 - Resolution to Finalize the Purchase of Land Comprising Part of the Methodist Mission Reserve: The board authorized the purchase of two parcels of land comprising part of the Methodist Mission Reserve that have historical and cultural significance to the tribe and its members from the city of Sault Ste. Marie for the sum of \$1. The tribe's counsel negotiated a proposed assignment and assumption agreement with the city and the state of Michigan relating to the property.

#233 - Approve Project and Tribal Funds for Sault Tribe ACFS/CCDF Early Childhood Center: The Department of Health and Human Services, Administration of Children and Families Child Care Bureau awarded \$1.3 million to the tribe for the construction of a new early childhood center to include child care, Head Start, and Early Head Start. The board

approved an additional \$2 million in financing, for a total budget of \$3.3 million.

#234 - Child Care Development Fund: The board authorized ACFS to reapply for and administer the CCDF program for FY 2020-2022.

#235 - Authorization to Purchase Property, Harvey, Mich.: Using funds from the sale of Sawyer Village, the board authorized the purchase of parcels of land in Harvey, Mich.

#236 - Sault Tribe Corporate Charter Board Appointment Approval: Dr. Madan Saluja and Alan Barr were appointed to the Corporate Board of Directors of Sault Tribe Incorporated, replacing the vacant seats of Earl Bower and Ted Moore.

Note: There are two resolutions named 2019-217 (referred to here as #217). A note was made of this inconsistency by the board, and it was determined the resolutions would remain named as they are.

To view these and other approved resolutions in their entirety, visit www.saulttribe.com and go to the board downloads section.

Conservation Committee 2019 meeting schedule

Below are remaining 2019 meetings. All meetings take place at the Sault Kewadin Casino on Mondays starting at 5 p.m.

Contact Linda Grossett at (906) 635-6050 or send email to lgrossett@saulttribe.net for any questions.

Sept. 16, 2019 (changed from Sept. 23)
Oct. 14, 2019
Nov. 18, 2019
Dec. 16, 2019

Special advisory election a difficult decision



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

The board declared the Unit I seat vacant after the passing of Denny McKelvie and the Election Committee met and decided to not hold a special election. I have mixed feeling about holding an election when the general election will be announced at the end of January. Director McKelvie had mentioned to leave his seat open and donate his stipend to the Dress Down Fund such as what was done in Unit V after that vacant seat. The money was kept in that unit until the seat was filled. The board voted at the Sept. 3 board meeting to hold a special advisory election. After much discussion at the board table, there was not going to be seven votes for anyone. Some felt Unit I representatives should decide,

some wanted to appoint a past board member, some wanted to go with the next highest vote. So would it be the next highest vote in Denny's election or in the 2018 election? One of the highest candidates now resides in Washington, D.C., and would not qualify as a resident in the service area. So the logical decision for me was to hold a special election so the seat would be filled in a timely manner instead of games at every board meeting like what happened in the past.

The Election Committee came up with a relaxed timeline with someone in place by early November. There were a few board members who didn't agree with a primary as well, but why not have a primary when the timeline presented fits one in and the winner will have a majority of the votes instead of a much smaller percentage. It would be good policy to set code for the appointment such as the highest vote getter to take the politics out of the process.

On Sept. 4, I attended the quarterly Health Leadership Team meeting. There were several presentations on community health services such as canning workshops, cultural workshops, physical activity and nutrition, community gardening, etc. Some of the staff are now certified kayak instructors as well. The tribe owns 12 kayaks and they have been using them with our YEA

programs. It is so important to get youth outside and keep them active.

There is also a program your doctor can refer you to that helps members begin a healthy lifestyle. The client meets with a coach who creates an exercise prescription that they work on with the client at the Big Bear Fitness Center. They monitor blood pressure, pulse/oxygen, weight, strength and balance, to name a few. They have had 150 clients enrolled in the program and currently have 50 clients with a waiting list. This is a great program for people suffering from diabetes or those who have other health conditions. They have also put together an awesome video to show the grant administrator. It is rewarding to see how many great programs we provide our people.

Our Human Resources director has put in notice and the position is posted if you know of someone who would be interested. I would have to think this is one of the toughest positions to hold in the tribe. There are always concerns on policies, wages, hiring, etc. Many times the department comes forward with policy changes that are not accepted. There is a Policy Review Committee that consists of department managers and division directors that come together to discuss concerns and offer changes. I used to attend these as I had previously worked

in Human Resources as well was casino administration but there were some negative comments from the chair about a board member attending. I think it's important so that the board member can be a liaison. Sometimes it's frustrating to the group to spend time working on changes only to be kicked off the agenda, tabled at a meeting, etc. Changes need to happen and a continuous review of policy is necessary.

Nepotism is alive and well in the tribe. It really all depends on whom you are whether or not it matters. Some people get pay increases and others are shot down. It is contributes to the dysfunction in all areas. Those who work hard and are loyal to the tribe are often the ones that suffer.

I almost believe all board candidates should have to disclose all their relatives who work in the tribe so the membership is aware of the situations. I am thankful I only have one relative working for the tribe in an entry level position. People who participate in the election process are related, as well, not just committee members, either. Sometimes members question decisions that are made and sometimes there is no disclosure so the board votes without knowing the connections.

I just wish the tribe ran more on fair practices instead of politics. Imagine if we could operate under the people's best interests, not

political motivation.

The McCann School kitchen renovation project should be starting soon. This kitchen is the original from the elementary school when I was a kid. The building no longer holds the elder lunch program but is available for community gatherings and funerals. To request use of the building you need to contact the Facilities Department at (906) 635-6050.

Reminder of the youth sponsorship program that helps youth in the seven-county service area with sports fees, equipment, drivers' ed, camps, etc. Please call the Education Department at the Big Bear with questions and applications are available on the sault-tribe.com website.

The annual St. Ignace Sobriety Walk is on for Thursday, Sept. 26, at the McCann School. Please gather at 4:30 p.m. to get your shirt. Walkers leave at 5 p.m. with the destination being the Museum of Ojibwa Culture. A feast will be provided.

The government offices will be closed on Friday, Sept. 27, in observance of Native American Day.

The Unit III Christmas party will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15, in the event center from 1 to 4 p.m.

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

Competitive wages should be a high priority



**JENNIFER MCLEOD,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aaniin, Anishnaabek, ordinarily, I try to keep my unit reports positive and focused on my activity from the previous month. But this time, I want to share with you a problem I've been wrestling with — our prioritization up at the board

level as well as here in my unit reports and I'm seeing the lack of prioritizing having real implications. One of the items I think we should focus on immediately are employee wages. It sickens me that we have full time positions in our tribe that pay less than \$10 per hour — that's less than \$400 per week! For a family of four, that's below the federal poverty guideline of \$25,000 per year. Our tribe should not have anyone employed at wages so low that they cannot sustain their family without supplemental assistance of some kind. I look around the Sault area and see HELP WANTED signs advertising \$11 per hour and up for entry level work, and its no surprise to me that people are leaving the tribe to work elsewhere. Who wouldn't? True, the tribe has an excellent insurance package as a fringe benefit, but it's not FREE! Employees still have to pay a

portion of the cost. We are losing employees, and fast. Just look at the tribal website and you will see the evidence of a growing list of unfilled positions, many of which have been vacant for a long time.

The tribal board has paid experts to provide opinions on what we should do, complex, convoluted suggestions on reworking wage grids, etc., etc. But I see the answer is simpler than that. The very first business class I ever had taught me about the law of supply and demand. If the SUPPLY is small, the price goes up. If the DEMAND is high, the price goes up. Right now, the SUPPLY of employees willing to work for our tribe is small — that means we must pay more. Additionally, the DEMAND for employees in our area is HIGH (there are HELP WANTED signs posted about town). Again, this means the tribe must pay more.

We don't. We are losing.

While I've proposed the solution is simple, I recognize the actual implementation is not. But again, it can be made simpler: LET PROGRAM/BUSINESS DIRECTORS (executives) BRING FORWARD BUDGETS that include proper contemporary wages with a plan of where the money will come from. Many of our programs and businesses have enough funding/profits to accommodate this. What will ultimately happen is that the money the board receives to run governmental activities (that are not funded elsewhere) will be less, meaning the board must PRIORITIZE what to spend those remaining dollars on as well as figure out ways to increase revenues. How to increase revenues is another question the board can ask of program and business directors (executives) to propose answers.

What we are doing isn't working, it needs to change, and FAST. It will be easy for many to find reasons why WE CAN'T, and to completely discredit what I've said. Let them. I'm looking for people who believe WE CAN, and are going to help look for real solutions! What we're doing isn't working.

I'm very concerned about the future of our tribe and I am sharing my thoughts with you on this issue, as I will in future reports. I invite you all to share your thoughts with me. WE CAN DO BETTER!

Shawindekaa (Many blessings) and Anishinaabe gagiget (Anishinaabe for always),

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Thanks to the many services holding youth camps



**MICHAEL MCKERCHIE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

With summer ending, I want to thank the many programs and

services that held camps for our youth: day camps, traditional warrior camps, Junior Police Academy and the various workshops held for passing on traditional teachings such as drum/rattle, black ash, regalia and moc-casin-making as well as outside agencies such as Uniting Three Fires Against Violence for hosting youth empowerment camps. Not only do they provide youths with activities, they also provide them with traditional knowledge. Chi miigwech to all those involved.

Progress is still being made for Head Start and Early Head Start to complete a new building; current plans are to add on to the Big Bear complex. This is long overdue

and I am very excited to see the final product. Kudos to our staff for making this happen and to our leadership for supporting this much needed project.

The 2020 negotiations continue with the five tribes, the state and the federal government recently meeting in Traverse City. The Great Lakes Consent Decree, which defines how treaty rights regarding commercial fishing among other treaty rights are to be implemented, ends next year. It is important to note, this consent decree only establishes how the tribes, state and federal governments will work co-operatively. Treaty rights themselves are established under the treaty. Much is at

stake, as Sault Tribe is currently the biggest commercial fisher in the Great Lakes. Will keep you posted.

As many are aware, we will be having a special advisory election to fill the seat vacated by Denny

McKelvie's passing. It is only for a short term, ending next June. Having the opportunity to serve on the Election Committee was a very rewarding experience and allowed me to participate in

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Health billing outsourcing, audit much needed



DENISE CHASE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

The tribal board recently approved the following resolution:

Sault Tribe Health Billing Temporary Outsourcing & Audit of Billing Department Project #19-046 Contract Award & Budget Authorization.

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors has determined that it is in the best interest of the tribe to temporarily outsource medical billing services to catch up on the Tribal Health billing backlog and to perform an audit of the Sault Tribe Health Billing Department, concurrent with performance of the above medical billing services, to determine and address the causes of the delay in medical claims billing; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Executive Director directed the Purchasing Department to conduct procurement for a contracted service provider to temporarily outsource medical billing services and to concurrently perform an audit of the Tribal Health Division's Billing Department; and

WHEREAS, Sault Tribe received two bid proposals, which were analyzed by a review team, and the Purchasing Department has prepared the attached Bid Recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes the selection and contracting with ClaimCare, Inc. to provide temporary outsource medical billing services and to concurrently perform an audit of the Tribal Health Division's Billing Department, as outlined in the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Sault Tribe Health Billing Temporary Outsourcing and Audit of Billing Department Project #19-046 dated 07/15/19, and authorizes the Chairperson to sign and execute all documentation to facilitate this agreement.

This audit is very much needed in the Health Division Medical Billing Department to find out where the bottleneck is occurring. For years its been brought forward by myself and Director

Morrow that team members and other patients who use our tribal facilities contact us all the time that the tribe is either not billing their insurance in a timely manner or their billing is too late (sometimes over a year) and their insurance company is denying their claims. This messes with people's deductibles, when they have to go outside the tribal providers for specialist appointments. This audit will help pinpoint the issues and, once fixed, allow the billing to happen in a timely manner going forward.

The board determined it is in the best interest of the tribe to temporarily outsource medical billing services to catch up on the tribal health-billing backlog of up to a year or more with a recent reported loss of \$600,000 in revenue, due to untimely billing or wrong coding.

The audit of the Health Billing Department will also determine and address the causes of delay in the medical claims billing and bring recommendations back for implementation.

Two percent funding was given to the City of Manistique towards the construction of two new dugouts at the water tower baseball and softball field. This 2 percent funding was given to help support Manistique area youth baseball teams; who over the past few years (junior league and older

youth baseball players) have had to travel out of town to play their season of baseball games. With the new renovated baseball field and dugouts completed, this will allow for home baseball games to be brought back to Manistique.

Director Morrow and I were invited for a photo opportunity with the baseball teams and they gifted us and other supporters with signed baseballs by the team players. We were glad to be able to approve short-term 2 percent funds for this community project. Very happy to hear from Jason McEvers that there is a group of parents who have organized and are working to raise funds to support the Manistique High School baseball program that was initiated this year. (See photo below.)

I have been receiving many calls already inquiring about heating assistance. The LIHEAP heating assistance program starts on Nov. 1, 2019. Call (800) 347-7137 or 341-6993 for more information or to talk to a direct services worker. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that we don't have as much snow as last year!

Native American Day at the U.P. State Fair was well attended by Sault Tribe members and families. We distributed a high number of free ride wrist bands to the youth. It was a great collaboration of Sault Tribe programs in attendance providing information to the

membership. I thank the following departments in attendance: Sault Tribe Law Enforcement, ACFS, Enrollment, Community Health, Nutrition and Prevention and the tribal liaison. Director Morrow and myself distributed the Unit 2 wrist bands along with our Unit 4 children's wrist bands.

It was a good day, nice weather and families could also enjoy the powwow under the tent. All the children's smiling faces was the best part of the day!

On behalf of the powwow committee, I'd like to say miigwech to everyone who helped with the set up and clean up of the powwow grounds.

A huge thank you to everyone who worked and helped in the food tent, auction, preparing for the feast, kitchen helpers and clean up at the end of the day.

You have no idea how much your help, time and assistance means to the powwow committee and our community.

We had another great gathering this year and I would like to thank everyone who attended. The powwow committee is putting a thank you in the local advisor. I won't even try to mention individual's names or volunteers, as I don't want to leave anyone out.

Thank you!

Denise Chase, Unit IV board representative, (906) 203-2471 or dchase@saulttribe.net



Miigwech to Manistique powwow volunteers



DARCY MORROW,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

This past month has been very busy. I started off the month attending the governmental team members' picnic. It was a nice day at the Manistique Pine Park. It was great to see and chat with so many team members from our tribal centers in Manistique, Escanaba and Newberry, the YEA program, the Elder Division and the Housing Department. People were playing horseshoes, basketball or just sitting down to catch up. Thank you for the invitation, I really enjoyed the event.

I would like to apologize I was unable to attend the Manistique

Kewadin team member picnic. I was not notified until the day before the event and it was on a Tuesday, which was a board meeting day.

We had a huge success with our free wristband giveaway at the Escanaba Fair on Native American Day again this year. It was a beautiful day at the fair for the families to attend the Native American events and enjoy the rest of the fair. Director Chase and I would like to thank each department that was able to attend this event: Enrollment, Community Health, Sault Tribe Law Enforcement, ACFS, Prevention and tribal liaison. With these departments participating, the membership was able to update their addresses, enroll their children, get their pictures taken for their membership I.D.s, get blood sugar and blood pressure checks, health information and program information from ACFS, prevention and tribal police. It was nice to visit with the other board members away from the board table — Jennifer McLeod, Mike McKerchie and Charlie Matson also gave away wristbands for their units.

After the wristband giveaway, we worked on finalizing the Gathering of the Clans Spiritual

Gathering and Powwow, on Aug. 23 and 24. We had great success with our first Spiritual Gathering on the Friday evening before our powwow this year. We had Bud Biron host a talking circle along with elder Emily McGeary adding her expertise and insight around the sacred fire. We hosted a feast meal that evening along with a giveaway.

The next day was another beautiful day, we had great attendance for the powwow this year. The committee would like to thank everyone who helped make our

events a success by attending either one or both events and everyone who donated a dish to pass at one of the feast meals. We would also like to thank everyone who helped with set up and/or take down, helped in the taco and T-shirt booth, helped in the kitchen and helped with clean up and garbage removal. Without everyone's help, we wouldn't have an event, so thank you to everyone from the Gathering of the Clans Committee members: Viola Neadow, Mary Jenerou, Betty Neadow, Denise Chase and

Darcy Morrow.

It's that time of year again when all the students are back in school. I hope they all have a wonderful year of fun and learning. It's also time when students and their families will start attending more school events, like flag football and high school football games, so please be mindful of students when you are traveling.

Any questions, contact me at (906) 298-1888, dmorrow@saulttribe.net.

Thank you, Darcy Morrow,
Unit IV representative

Mike McKerchie Unit I report continued —

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our election process for over 17 years. In all those years, I have never been a fan of advisory elections — I support our members' right to choose their leadership and feel they have done that (by electing the current board); that elected board members are bound to uphold our Constitution, which states we shall appoint vacancies. The majority of the board chose to conduct a special advisory with an expedited time-frame. Since this is "advisory" only, results of the advisory election are only to help the board choose someone to appoint.

This is why I felt we should have just appointed someone, especially considering the next election cycle (for this seat) starts in January. Even though appointments bring up many challenges, primarily the inability to agree on someone, I would still have liked the opportunity. I believe following this advisory, we will need to take a look at formalizing a process to help the board choose an appointment rather than hold an advisory election.

The City of Sault Ste. Marie has elections coming as well for city commissioners as well as a new mayor. As with all elections,

take a good look at each candidate and what they have to offer. Anyone can point out problems and blame other people; we need leaders working together and helping to find solutions. And remember to stay involved, go to events, workshops, etc., in your community; if there are none, invite someone to hold an event there or plan a trip and attend an event in one of our many communities.

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

Unit IV summer activities, events successful



A friendly game of bocce ball.

The weather was pleasant for Unit IV's employee picnic at Manistique Pine Park. Team members from Manistique, Escanaba and Newberry, the YEA program, the Elder Division and Housing attended.



Relaxing with co-workers.



Hanging out under the pavilion at Manistique Pine Park.



Colleagues line up for a photo.



Above and below, on grill duty.



Chatting with friends and colleagues.



Community Health offered free services and education at the fair.



At left, Native American Day at the U.P. fair was a big success. Tribal departments Enrollment, Community Health, Sault Tribe Law Enforcement, ACFS, Prevention and tribal liaisons were on hand at the fair. Tribal members were able to update their addresses, start enrollment for their children, get their pictures taken for their membership IDs, get blood sugar and blood pressure checks, health information and program information from ACFS, prevention and tribal police.



Signing in for a day of fun, not to mention a free event water bottle.



Enrollment updated addresses and took ID photos at the U.P. fair.

Below, wrist bands for free rides were handed out to tribal members on Native American Day, and the weather cooperated beautifully!



Picnic food for a picnic day.



Membership liaison at work.



Unit IV directors Denise Chase (above left) and Darcy Morrow (above right) gave out free ride wrist bands to Unit IV tribal children at the U.P. fair.





KEWADIN CASINOS ENTERTAINMENT

OCTOBER

Mark Chesnutt

Saturday | 12th | 8 p.m. | \$19
St. Ignace Kewadin Event Center

**Big John's MMA
Northern Chaos**

Saturday | 12th | 8 p.m. | Start at \$25
Sault DreamMakers Theater

**Nightmare in the Theater with
The Bluewater Kings
Band**

Friday | 25th | 8 p.m. | \$10
Sault DreamMakers Theater

NOVEMBER

MUDDFEST with

**Puddle of Mudd,
Saliva, Trapt, Saving Abel &
Tantric**

Friday | 1st | 7 p.m. | Start at \$29.50
Sault DreamMakers Theater

**Hotel California -
The Original Tribute to
The Eagles**

Saturday | 9th | 8 p.m. | \$12.50
St. Ignace Kewadin Event Center

The Price is Right Live™ 2019

Saturday | 17th | 8 p.m. | Start at \$25
Sault DreamMakers Theater

Tony Orlando

Saturday | 23rd | 8 p.m. | Start at \$25
Sault DreamMakers Theater

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