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## Recovery walks held in Sault, St. Ignace Sept. 21

St. Ignace

By RICK SMITH

The seventh annual Recovery Walk in Sault Ste. Marie distantly coincided with the inaugural St. Ignace Recovery Walk on the late afternoon of Sept. 21. Both walks took place in conjunction with National Recovery Month, sponsored every September by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. This year's theme was *Join the Voices for Recovery: Strengthen Families and Communities*.

About 25 folks wearing light blue T-shirts bearing words and silhouettes of a bald eagle in flight and the Mackinac Bridge participated in the St. Ignace walk. They stepped off at the Enji Maawanji'Iding Building, the tribe's community center, proceeded easterly along the full length of McCann Street before turning north on State Street, the town's main thoroughfare, to the Museum of Ojibwe Culture on the corner of State and Marquette streets, about a mile.

The walk promotes recovery from drug and alcohol dependency and generate awareness that recovery has positive effects not only on individuals, but families and communities as well. The walk is essentially a display of support for recovery as well as promotion and education about engaging in recovery.

The idea of conducting a walk in St. Ignace began with Sault Tribe member Russ Rickley as a way to help the community. Rickley, along with Bruce Zimmerman, Shirley Sorrels and Christina Burlak, formed the St. Ignace Recovery Walk Committee and began meeting last March at the local public library for planning and development purposes.

"We wanted the community to buy into it as well," said Rickley. Among supporters, Rickley said the event received backing from Sault Tribe Health and Human Services, Great Lakes Recovery Centers and the Michigan State Police Angel Program. Further, Burger King provided water and lemonade for the walk.

Other features of the walk were speakers, talking circles around a fire in the museum's long house, an appearance by the Grandmother Moon Singers, information tables, refreshments and good spirits.

While numbers of participants and sponsors were modest, credit must be given to the folks on the walk committee for how smooth everything seemed to function with the relatively short time frame since the initiative took hold. The inaugural walk appears to have been a good start and showed promise of developing into a larger and more involved event in much the same fashion as the Sault walk developed over the years.

Sault Ste. Marie

By BRENDA AUSTIN

This year's seventh annual Recovery Walk featured guest speaker Rob McRorie, free T-shirts for the first 120 registrants, celebrations of personal accomplishments, children's activities and a barbecue.

The walk began at 5:30 p.m. at St. Isaac Jogues Church in the Sault and ended at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center where youth were treated to games, prizes, craft tables and a jumping castle.

The theme, *Join the Voices for Recovery: Strengthen Families and Communities*, encourages communities to be socially inclusive, offering those in need of recovery the chance to seek help and contribute back to their community.



Photo by Rick Smith

Inaugural St. Ignace Recovery Walk starts off down McCann Street. More photos on page 21.



Photo by Brenda Austin

A diverse crowd showed up to participate in the tribe's seventh annual Recovery Walk in the Sault area.

## New reported requirements instituted for lake trout management units in Lake Michigan

FROM STLE

Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) has implemented a new emergency order for any and all Commercial fishing activity in lake trout management units MM 1, 2, and 3, effective Oct. 1, 2017 at 12 p.m. Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE) has made, or attempted to make, phone calls to all licensed commercial fishermen to advise of the newly implemented reporting requirements regarding these management units.

Please note that all fishing activity in these units is required to be reported on a weekly basis. All harvest reports must be submitted, in person or via fax at (906) 632-0691, to STLE no later than each Monday by 12 p.m. for the week prior. If not fishing in a reporting week, commercial fishers are required to call STLE at (906) 635-6065 no later than each Monday by 12 p.m. Failure to do so will result in citations being issued. If you have any questions regarding this new reporting requirement, contact STLE.

Effective with reports that were due Sept. 10 for the month of August, ALL commercial harvest reports are required to be submitted, by the fisher, to Sault

Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE). All active captains were sent a certified letter in August detailing this change. This letter included some of the specific code requirements. Several letters were sent back to STLE unclaimed and several proofs of receipt have not been received back. As we continue to work through this transition, fishers may receive letters from Sault Tribe Law Enforcement that are their responsibility to review and ask STLE questions regarding the new process of submitting your commercial harvest reports.

If reporting fishing activity, both pages of the two-part reports must be either turned in personally, sent through the U.S. Mail, or faxed to (906) 632-0691. When faxing a report, please call Sault Tribe Law Enforcement to ensure they were in fact received, and that they were readable.

Regardless of the method used to submit, they must be received in STLE's office no later than the due date.

Commercial fishers who did not engage in commercial fishing activity for a report month, per requirements of CORA code, must submit a report of no fishing. The report of "no fishing" does not have to be on the catch

reports provided to all Captains when they renew their license. The important part is that STLE receives this report no later than the deadline.

Those who hold a commercial captain license, and did not fish under their license but instead fished as a "helper" to another commercial captain, are still responsible for submitting a harvest report under their captain's license, regardless of whether they are listed on another captain's report.

STLE is charged with enforcing tribal law and CORA code when it relates to all Sault Tribe treaty activities. All code requirements regarding Commercial fishing activity, including harvest report requirements, can be found in Chapter 20 or CORA Code, available on [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com), Tribal Government, Tribal Code.

Reminder: commercial fishermen NOT fishing MM 1, 2, or 3 are required to submit a monthly catch report no later than the 10th of the following month, whether fishing, catch anything or nothing, or do not fish at all. If reporting catch, ALL fields on both parts must be completed accurately or citations will be issued.

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# Osborn family items donated to JKL School

By Rick Smith

The grandmother of a JKL Bahweting Public School Academy student, Lilly-Ann Pratt, appeared at the school on Sept. 19 to donate a collection of artifacts from descendants of the late Chase S. Osborn for the benefit of the school's students. Lilly-Ann is Osborn's great-great-granddaughter. Osborn was governor of Michigan from 1911 to 1913. He also did stints as proprietor of *The Sault News*, postmaster Sault Ste. Marie and a state fish and game warden among a string of varied other interests and adventures in his lifetime.

The collection consisted of numerous books, a cradleboard, two pairs of beaded moose-hide mittens with beaver fur trim, a quill basket and a root and bark basket.

According to Judy Pratt, Lilly-Ann's grandmother who brought the collection to the school, Ann Osborn Pratt, Chase Osborn's granddaughter and Lilly-Ann's

great-grandmother, immersed herself in Michigan history from a young age and travelled extensively throughout the Upper Peninsula with her husband, Stanley R. Pratt Jr., on behalf of the Chippewa County Historical Society and for pleasure to develop their appreciation of the splendor of the U.P. Along the way, Ann collected adult and children's books on Michigan history with a focus on the history and legends of the Anishinaabe. Several of her books are in the donated collection. "She wanted her children and grandchildren to share her knowledge and respect for the first nation peoples," Judy noted. "Ann would be delighted to know that they would be in use by so many children over such a period of time and that the reader's heritage would be highlighted."

The cradleboard stemmed from Chase Osborn's strong friendship with Joe and Charlie Andrews of Sugar Island, the caretakers of his estate. The Andrews family presented the cradleboard to Ann when Stanley the III, her first child, was born.

Judy Pratt explained the moose-hide mittens were worn by her late sister, Susan Speller, an elementary school teacher who worked in the cold weather of Attawapiskat, Ont.

"These donations are intended for the use of many generations of children at JKL Anishinaabe School and are to remain at the school," Judy Pratt explained.



Photos by Rick Smith

**CHASE S. OSBORN FAMILY ARTIFACTS DONATED TO JKL SCHOOL** — Surrounding the books, cradleboard, beaded moose-hide mittens with beaver trim and quill basket donations to the school, from left, Dr. Chris Gordon, JKL Anishinaabe language and culture instructor; Susan Harries, fifth grade paraprofessional and member of the JKL Culture Committee; Lilly-Ann Pratt, JKL student and great-great-granddaughter of Chase S. Osborn, governor of Michigan from 1911 to 1913; Judy Pratt, grandmother of Lilly-Ann and donor; and Karen Mitchell, JKL librarian.



Far left, one pair of the beaded moose hide mittens with beaver trim.

Left, a quill box.

Far right, the second pair of mittens.

## Annual fall feast coming on Oct. 28

The annual Bahweting Dgwaagi Jiibaakwe fall feast is scheduled for Oct. 28. Ceremony starts at noon, feast at 5 p.m., at the Niigaanagiiizhik Ceremonial Building in Sault Ste. Marie.

Bring your loved ones' favorite foods, pictures and stories to share. Feast bundles welcome.

Please bring a dish to pass.

For more information, please call the Cultural Division staff at (906) 635-6050.

## Annual removal of flags ceremony and celebration

Takes place on Nov. 11, 2017, Veterans Day, at the Wequayoc Cemetery, 2354 E. M-134, Hessel.

Removal of flowers 11 a.m., removal of flags and ceremony 1 p.m. Pot luck lunch to follow.

Please bring a dish to pass.

Free and open to the community. All veteran's welcome.

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

## ASIST training Oct. 30-31

Learn the skills to help save lives. Attend the award-winning Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) workshop and learn to recognize people at risk of suicide and help them stay safe with life-affirming intervention.

The two-day ASIST workshop is open to anyone 16 or older on Oct. 30 and 31. Walk-in registration at 8 a.m. Workshop runs from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Niigaanagiiizhik Ceremonial Building in Sault Ste. Marie.

Register or inquire, email at [jbouschor@saulttribe.net](mailto:jbouschor@saulttribe.net) or [lburnside@saulttribe.net](mailto:lburnside@saulttribe.net) Phone: (906) 484-2298

## Sault Tribe Community Health

# 2017 Flu Clinics

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



### HELSEL, DETOUR, DRUMMOND AREA

DeTour Community Center

Tuesday, Oct. 17 .....9 - 11 a.m.

Hessel Casino (Employees Only)

Thursday, Oct. 19 .....12 - 2:30 p.m.

Hessel Tribal Health Center

Monday, Oct. 30 ..... 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 4 p.m.

### MARQUETTE AREA

Marquette Tribal Health Center

Thursday, Oct. 17 ..... 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 24 ..... 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### MUNISING AREA

Munising Tribal Health Center

Monday, Oct. 23 .....11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 1 .....11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### NEWBERRY AREA

Newberry Tribal Health Center

Tuesday, Oct. 24 .....8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-4 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 7 .....1 - 4 p.m.

### SAULT STE. MARIE AREA

Sault Tribe Health Center

Wednesday, Oct. 18 .....10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 23 .....10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 27 .....10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Kinross Rec Center

Monday, Oct. 30 .....10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sault Kewadin Casino (*Employees Only*)

Wednesday, Nov. 1 .....10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### ST. IGNACE AREA

St. Ignace Tribal Health Center

Monday, Oct. 16 .....9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Mackinac Island Medical Center

Wednesday, Oct. 25 .....9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

St. Ignace Tribal Health Center

Monday, Oct. 30 .....9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 8 .....9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Flu shots are FREE for:** Sault Tribe Members and Members of a federally recognized tribe  
**Flu shots are \$10 for:** Non Native Employees and Non Native spouses (**with or without insurance**)

### FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLINICS

Escanaba Health Center – 786-2636  
Hessel Tribal Health Center – 484-2727  
Manistique Tribal Health Center – 341-8469  
Marquette Tribal Health Center – 225-1616

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



# Sault Tribe employment opportunities listing

Sault Tribe employment opportunities — apply online or sign up for notifications at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com).

## GOVERNMENTAL OPENINGS - SAULT STE. MARIE and KINCHELOE

Health education supervisor — full time/regular — open until filled

Employee specialist — full time/regular — open until filled

Division director (Health) — full time/regular — open until filled

Tribal Action Plan (TAP) coordinator — full time/regular — open

until filled

Chief financial officer — full time/regular — open until filled

Licensed practical nurse — sthc — full time/regular — open until filled

PC technician (2) — mis — full time/regular open until filled

Senior accountant — full time/regular — open until filled

Receptionist (Tribal Court) — full time/regular — open until filled

Diabetes program manager — full time/regular — open until filled

Child care aide (2) — part time/regular — open until filled

regular — open until filled

Child care aide — full time/temporary — open until filled

Internal auditor — full time/regular — open until filled

Executive assistant — full time/regular — open until filled

Traditional practitioner assistant I (intern) — full time/regular — open until filled

Legal aide attorney — full time/regular — open until filled

Concessions worker (Chi Mukwa) — part time/regular — open until filled

Child care instructor — full time/regular — open until filled

Traditional Ojibway practitioner — sthc — full time/regular — open until filled

Human resource director — full time/regular — open until filled

Bus driver — full time/regular — open until filled

Lead fisheries biologist — full time/regular — open until filled

Nurse case manager — full time/regular — open until filled

Laboratory manager — full time/regular — open until filled

Quality improvement coordinator — full time/regular — open until filled

HESSEL, ST. IGNACE, ESCANABA, MANISTIQUE, MARQUETTE, MUNISING and NEWBERRY

Chief solo dentist (Manistique) — full time/regular — open until filled

Community health program manager — rural (Munising) — full time/regular — open until filled

Diabetes case coordinator (St. Ignace) — full time/regular — open until filled

Registered dental hygienist

(St. Ignace) — full time/regular — open until filled

Staff dentist (Manistique) — full time/regular — open until filled

Licensed practical nurse (Munising) — full time/regular — open until filled

Chief solo dentist (St. Ignace) — full time/regular — open until filled

Police officer (Manistique) — full time/regular — open until filled

Driver — west end (Manistique) — part time/regular — open until filled

Maintenance technician (St. Ignace) — part time/regular — open until filled

Nurse practitioner (St. Ignace) — full time/regular — open until filled

Student services assistant (Escanaba) — full time/regular — open until filled

Community health technician (Munising) — full time/regular — open until filled

Teacher aide (St. Ignace) — part time/regular — open until filled

Tutor (Escanaba/Gladstone) — part time/seasonal — open until filled

Physician assistant — (St. Ignace) full time/regular — open until filled

Tutor (St. Ignace) — part time/seasonal — open until filled

KEWADIN CASINO OPENINGS - SAULT STE. MARIE KEWADIN

Guest room attendant — part time / regular — open until filled

Count team counter-part time /

regular-open until filled

Count team manager-full time / regular-open until filled

ST. IGNACE KEWADIN Bartenders — (5) full time/regular — open until filled

Deli cooks — (5) full time/regular — open until filled

Deli cook — part time/regular — open until filled

Front desk clerk — full time/temporary — open until filled

Front desk clerk — (4) full time/regular — open until filled

Dishwasher — part time/regular — open until filled

Casino porter — full time/regular — open until filled

Busser — part time/regular — open until filled

Line cook — (2) full time/regular — open until filled

Lead cook — full time/regular — open until filled

Prep cook — part time/regular — open until filled

Restaurant cashier — full time/regular — open until filled

Gift shop manager — full time/regular — open until filled

HESSEL KEWADIN

Deli cook — full time/regular — open until filled

MANISTIQUE KEWADIN

Count team verifier — part time/regular — open until filled

CHRISTMAS KEWADIN

Casino manager III — full time/regular — open until filled

Gaming dealer trainee — full time/regular — open until filled

Bartender — full time/regular — open until filled

ENTERPRISE OPENINGS

Midjim cashier — Sault — full time/regular — open until filled

## Training opportunities available for eligible applicants

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians WIOA Program has funding available for short-term occupational training opportunities. WIOA may be able to provide tuition assistance for skills training if it leads to an industry-recognized certification.

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

Please apply at WIOA, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., or call Brenda Cadreau at 635-4767 for more information.

## 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](mailto:membersconcerns@saulttribe.net) or contacting them individually at:

Office of the Chairperson, Sault Ste. Marie, (906) 635-6050, (800) 793-0660, [sberger@saulttribe.net](mailto:sberger@saulttribe.net)

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

# Resident tribal members MUST keep address current

Doesn't matter if you move next door or across the country, if you move from your residence to a new address without notifying the Tribal Tax Office and the tribe's Enrollment Department, you lose important benefits, such as possible tax benefits, tribal election ballots, elders' dividends, important notices sent by mail and newspaper delivery.

State Tribal Tax Agreement Resident Tribal Member (RTM) Status

A resident tribal member (RTM) is the term used for a tribal member whose principal place of residence is in an tax agreement area. The term RTM is not based upon members being enrolled members of the tribe, it is merely to designate between members living in the agreement areas and members

who do not live in agreement areas.

The procedure for tribal members to receive their RTM status is only through the submission (to the Tribal Tax Office) of an address verification card along with the required supporting documentation verifying their address is within the boundaries of the agreement areas. It is the responsibility of the members to submit this information to the Tribal Tax Office.

A member living in an agreement area is not automatically registered. Though a member may have lived in the agreement area prior to registering with the Tribal Tax Office, their RTM status will not begin until the Michigan Department of Treasury has been notified that the member has proven through

documentation their principal place of residence is within the boundaries of the tax agreement areas. The Michigan Department of Treasury will then recognize their RTM status (exempt from state income and sales tax) on the first of the following month.

Once a member is registered and given RTM status, it is imperative that any changes to the member's address is reported to the Tribal Tax Office. Per Tribal Code 43: Tribal Tax Code Section 43.1103,

Resident tribal members shall notify the Tribal Tax Office in writing prior to moving their principal place of residence.

— Tribal members must fill out an "Address Verification Card," and provide two proofs of the address stated on the card. A valid Michigan driver's license

or Michigan state identification card must be one of the proofs of address. The address on the identification card must have member's current address. The Tribal Tax Office will not process/register members without an identification card.

— Tribal members who are minors. If the minor has a Michigan driver's license or Michigan state identification card, a copy must accompany the "Address Verification Card." If they do not have state identification cards, then two utility bills with their parent's name and address (matching the minors stated address) are required. The Tribal Tax Office will not process/register without this information.

— Tribal member parents are responsible to request their

minor children (under 14 years of age) be registered for sales tax exemptions on motor fuel purchases. This does not require proof of address if only for motor fuel purchases.

For all Tribal Tax Office business, call Candace Blocher at 635-6050 or toll free at (800) 793-0660 and ask for ext. 26310. Members may also send email to her via [cblocher@saulttribe.net](mailto:cblocher@saulttribe.net).

Also be sure to call the tribe's Enrollment Department to ensure your address is current in order to continue receiving important official tribal notices, election ballots, elders' dividends, newspapers sent via the U.S. mail.

Call the Enrollment Department at 632-8552 or toll free at (800) 251-6597.

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# Fish fry, vacancies, support groups and more

## Sault benefit fish fry Nov. 3

A benefit fish fry for Sue Mackie is set to help with medical costs while battling cancer.

The fry takes place on Friday, Nov. 3, 2017, 4-8 p.m., at VFW Post 3676 at 407 W. Portage Avenue in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Featured items on the menu are whitefish, French fries, coleslaw, dinner roll and dessert.

Cost is \$13.50 for adults, \$7 for children 12 and under.

Take out available!

Other features of this benefit fundraiser include 50/50 draw, silent auction and dessert table.

To donate, please call Heidi Wilson at (720) 227-3066 or Derek Myerscough at (906) 748-1259.

## Committee vacancies

The following committees have vacant seats.

Sault Tribe members interested in filling these vacancies should submit one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation from other members to Joanne Carr or Linda Grossett, 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Call (906) 635-6050 with any questions.

— Anishinaabe Cultural Committee - Five vacancies - males, (four-year term)

— Child Welfare Committee - Five vacancies (four-year term)

— Election Committee - Nine vacancies (four-year term)

— Higher Education

Committee - Three vacancies (four-year term)

— Health Board - Two vacancies (four-year term)

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

— Elder Advisory Committee Unit II - Hessel (four-year term), one regular vacancy, one alternate vacancy

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

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

Unit V - Marquette (four-year term), one regular vacancy

— Elder Subcommittee

Unit II - Hessel (four year terms), four regular seat vacancies, two alternate seat vacancies

Unit II - Nubinway (four year term), one regular seat vacancy

Unit V - Munising (four year term), two regular vacancies, two alternate vacancies

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

## Hogs for Hope Oct. 21

Families Against Narcotics (FAN) is sponsoring its fifth annual fundraising pig roast Hogs for Hope on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Sault Armory in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Tickets are \$10 (from any FAN member or at the door). There will be a pulled pork dinner with all the fixin's, entertain-

ment, kids' games, a silent auction, bake sale, pie contest and a 50/50 draw. Kids 6 and under eat free. This is a fun family event.

All proceeds go to FAN of Chippewa County. For more information visit [www.facebook.com/fanchipp](http://www.facebook.com/fanchipp).

## Sault addictions support groups

Families Against Narcotics (FAN) meets on the third Thursdays of every month, 6:30 p.m., at the Huntington Bank meeting room in Sault Ste. Marie.

For more information, email [chippewa@familiesagainstnarcotics.org](mailto:chippewa@familiesagainstnarcotics.org) or visit [www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org/chippewa](http://www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org/chippewa) or [www.facebook.com/fanchipp](http://www.facebook.com/fanchipp).

FAN is a community based program for those seeking recovery, those in recovery, family

members affected by addiction and community supporters.

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

The group meets on the first and third Mondays of each month, 6 p.m., at the Huntington Bank in Sault Ste. Marie. Call Linda at (906) 440-7252 for more information.

## GED courses now available

Those needing a GED may begin taking free classes in Sault Ste. Marie and Kincheloe.

The classes are offered by Consolidated Community School Services (CCSS) and Sault Tribe Adult Learning Center. Go to [ged.com](http://ged.com) to learn about the GED Test.

For more information contact Tanya Pages at (906) 632-6098, [tpages@eupschools.org](mailto:tpages@eupschools.org), or call the CCSS Main Office at 495-7305.

## 2017-18 GED Class Schedule

Sault Area High School - Room 209, 904 Marquette Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Monday through Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m.

CCSS Main Office - 4900 W. Davis Court, Kincheloe, Monday and Wednesday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## WIOA funding available

The Sault Tribe Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) Program has funding available for on-the-job training and short-term occupational training opportunities. Call Brenda Cadreau at (906) 635-4767 for more information.



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# Mailing addresses, schedules, support groups

## Mary Murray Culture Camp projected schedule

The Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island is an avenue for the tribal community to perpetuate its ancestral beliefs and practices through teaching its people traditional life skills, tribal history and customary practices.

The camp's primary focus is to provide Anishinaabe lessons and life skills to the tribe's children.

However, all ages are encouraged to participate and family participation is strongly encouraged.

Young and old alike experience improved self-esteem. Families enjoy camps together, creating a healthy bond for families and community.

Below is the Mary Murray Cultural Camp schedule for the remainder of the year, through summer 2018.

Details will be announced. Please watch for flyers.

University of Michigan tribal climate: Oct. 15-18

Storytelling: Nov. 17-19, ages 7-15

Childrens' Christmas crafts: Dec. 1-3 for ages 7-14, Dec. 27-29 for ages 7-15

Winter survival: Jan. 5-7, 2018, ages 7-15

Powwow accessories: Feb. 16-18, Ages 7-15

Sugarbush: March 27-29, ages 7-15

Traditional medicine fasting: April 4-9, TENTATIVE

Warrior lessons: June 11-15, boys, ages 11-16

Ogitchidaakwe lessons: June 24-29, girls, ages 10-15

Young environmentalists: July 31-Aug. 1, ages 7-14, TENTATIVE

## Units IV and V membership liaison October hours

Unit IV and V Membership Liaison Mary Jenerou will be available for issues and concerns on these dates and locations for the month of October:

Manistique Health Center: Oct. 3, 5, 9, 11, 13, 17, 23, 25, 27, 31

Munising Health Center: Oct. 2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 16, 24, 26

Escanaba Penn Star: Oct. 19

Marquette Community Tribal Center: Oct. 30

Phone Contacts:

Manistique Health Center: (906) 341-8469

Munising Health Center: (906) 387-4721

Escanaba Penn Starr: (906) 786-2636

Marquette Community Tribal Center: (906) 225-1616

Cell: (906) 450-7011

## Traditional healer's schedule for October

Keith Smith is available during October in accordance with the following schedule:

Sault Ste. Marie clinic — Oct. 16, 17, 18, 23, 25, 30; for appointments, call Peggy Holappa at 632-0220 or Community Health at 632-5210.

Munising clinic — Oct. 24; for appointments, call 387-4721.

Manistique clinic — Oct. 31;

for appointments, call 341-8469.

## Silent Hearts support group for parents dealing with loss

Silent Hearts is a hospice support group in Sault Sainte Marie, Mich., designed to offer peer counseling to parents who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant death.

Support is offered through small group meetings, email, texting, and phone calls.

Child loss, at any stage, is a heartbreaking and life-changing event that may leave families feeling anguished and isolated. In this time of grief, it is helpful to be with and talk to other parents who have experienced similar losses. Although grieving is an individual process there are many similarities in the stages of grief and comfort is often found in sharing these feelings.

On Oct. 15, 2017, National Pregnancy Loss Awareness Day, Silent Hearts will hold the annual candlelight vigil. This event is open to anyone who has suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death.

For more information please call the Hospice Office at (906) 259-0222 or email Margaret Swedene at margaretswedene@gmail.com.

## Mackinac Community That Cares reestablishing itself

Great Lakes Recovery Centers is reestablishing its Community That Cares (CTC) in Mackinac County based out of their office in St. Ignace.

Peter Clegg, newly appointed CTC coordinator, is excited to see the community come together to prevent substance abuse and delinquency among area youth.

The CTC seeks volunteers who work in the community to commit one to three hours a month to be part of CTC's efforts for the well being of the community's youth.

For more information, please contact Peter Clegg at (906) 630-1208 or pclegg@greatlakesrecovery.org.

Stay up to date on what is happening with CTC on Facebook by liking <https://www.facebook.com/MackinacCoCTC/>.

## Current addresses needed for Sault Tribe members

The Sault Tribe Enrollment Department seeks current mailing addresses for the tribal members listed below.

Please call (800) 251-6597 with any information.

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Paul J. Bernier

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Joseph F. Bobee

Michael G. Bohrer

Jerry A. Bouchard

Karen Brewer

Alexander Camp

Karen C. Cardwell

Lester J. Carr

Robin Y. Carrick

Claudia E. Cervera

Francis R. Coughlin

Marcella J. Crist

Joseph H. Cvangros

Mary M. Dale

Mickie J. Darnell

James S. Erickson

Brian D. Falbe

Deborah M. Ford

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Lynne M. Gagnon

Danny M. Gale

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Deborah L. Gereau

Nancy K. Graham

Guy G. Green

Jason J. Greggs

Jay W. Grondin

Patricia L. Gulseth

Ruth V. Hackworth

Marianne Hansen

John M. Hardwick Jr

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Mark H. Hatch

Robin L. Heider

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Donald J. Holmes

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Rene'e Leask

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# Anishinaabemowin 2017

Language is the roadmap of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going.

## Bnakwe Giizis Falling Leaves Moon

by Susan Askwith

### Dbikak — At night

1. Giishpin e-zhaayin gojiing dibikak, gdaa noondawaa g'chi eshkinaak *gookookoo*. "Koo koo koo-koo; koo koo koo-koo-aa?" kido.

If you go outside at night, you could hear a great horned owl.

"Koo koo koo-koo; koo koo koo-koo-aa'aa?" he says.

2. Giishpin e-zhaayin gojiing dibikak, gdaa bijmaamaa *zhigaak*. "Iiyiw!!" kwii kid.

If you go outside at night, you could smell a skunk.

"Iiyiw" you will say.

3. Giishpin e-zhaayin gojiing dibikak, gdaa waabmaak *nangoonhsak shpimsigong*, giishpin wiiba dbikak. "Gnaajiwan!" kwii kid.

If you go outside at night, you could see stars in the sky, even if it's early at night. (i.e. night comes earlier)

"Beautiful!" you will say.

4. Giishpin e-zhaayin gojiing dibikak, gdaa *boodwe* gojing. Giin miinwaa *g'wiiikiwenhsak* daa nmadibiwok gii tashkode.

If you go outside at night, you could make a fire. You and your friends could sit around it.

5. Giishpin e-zhaayin gojiing dibikak, gdaa nmadab *desaganing* miinwaa gdaa minikwe *makade-aaboo*. Gdaa nendam g'chi nendamwinan.

If you go outside at night, you could sit on the porch and drink coffee. You could think big thoughts.

6. Giishpin e-zhaayin gojiing dibikak, *naangodnang* gdaa noondawaak *bgwaji-nimookaajii'ak*. Waa'oonwaat maamwi.

If you go outside at night, sometimes you could hear coyotes.

They howl together.

7. Giishpin e-zhaayin gojiing dibikak, *bbiig'makiinhsak* gdaa waabmaak. K'wii *zhoomingwenh* miinwaa nengaa k'wii baap.

If you go outside at night, you could see little toads.

You will smile and laugh softly.

8. Giishpin e-zhaayin gojiing dibikak, *esban* gdaa waabmaa. "Aashiishmaajii" kwii kid.

If you go outside at night, you could see a raccoon.

"Holy smokes!" you will say.

9. Aanin *bmadzijig zegiziwok* gojiing dibikak. Ginemaa daa zhaawok maamwi wiiikiwenh.

Some people are afraid outside at night. Maybe they could go together with a friend.

10. Giishpin *bizindwaadwaa* miinwaa gnawaabndamwaad wii kakshkwendamook sa! *Ginemaa* gaawiin zegizisiwok.

If they listen and watch, they will be amazed! Maybe they won't be afraid.

11. *Kiishkitoon na* gwa wa wiiikiwenh?

Can you be that friend?

### Halloween Words



### Going further

In other months we've suggested inviting a friend to learn a little of our language together. Experts say this strategy is a powerful one for making progress. Of course, you can start with basic greetings, little comments that you'd say all the time, or new words that strike you funny or useful. This month, take the risk of asking even one person to take this step with you. You can use this and previous newspaper pages ([saulttribe.com/newsroom/sault-tribe-newspaper](http://saulttribe.com/newsroom/sault-tribe-newspaper)) for words, or call the Language Department, (906) 635-6050, for help with words, pronunciation and suggestions.

### 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.

### Health Comments of the Month

- Moozweniigaanhs naash.      Get a tissue.
- Gziijaanewan                      Blow your nose.

### Weather Comments of the Month

- Giizis sa wiigwaa gii zaage'we. The sun appeared.
- Minamaagwat gojiing.              It smells good outside.

### Kosmaan nboop - - MMMMinoopigozi dgwaagik!

Pumpkin soup - - - MMMM it tastes good in the fall !!  
Recipe contributed by Selden Collins.

Saute 1/4 c chopped green pepper and a small onion in 2 T butter until the vegetables are soft but not brown. Then blend in 2T flour and 1 tsp salt.

Now blend in 2 c chicken broth, 2 c pumpkin puree, 2 c milk, 1/8 tsp thyme, and 1/4 tsp nutmeg. Cook this, stirring constantly to keep it from sticking, until it's slightly thickened. You're good to go! Simple and delicious! Darn near perfect.

If you need this to be gluten-free, you could substitute mashed potatoes for the flour. And note, no added sugar! Good food.

This is a good time to introduce one of our long-time language learners, Ms. Selden Collins. One of her many talents includes making delicious pumpkin soup, as some of us can attest! She has a farm in Pickford, raising sheep (*mashtaanishak*) for their wool (*biway*), — multiple prize winning! — and a cabin at her tree farm near Cedarville. She is originally from the Sault and is now retired from her work as our USDA Soil Service specialist to the conservationist. With all these accomplishments plus raising a family and contributing to her church community, Selden still has taken time to learn this beautiful language. She wanted to let people know how welcome they are to join our classes or just to study any way they can, asking for help as needed. By celebrating, we lift each other up and inspire each other. Yay!

### Here's the counting pattern again.

To count to 100, you need to remember how to count to 10 (**bezhik, niizh, nswe, niwin, naanan, ngodwaaswi, niizhwaaswi, shwaaswi, zhaangswi, mdaaswi**).

For each group of 10, say the word below, then say "shi" (and), then finally add the needed number from 1-9.

- 11-19 -> midaaswi                      20-29 -> niizhdana
- 30-39 -> nsimdana                      40-49 -> niimdana
- 50-59 -> naanmidana                      60-69 -> ngodwaasmidana
- 70-79 -> niizhwaasmidana                      80-89 -> nshwaasmidana
- 90-99 -> zhaangsmidana                      100 -> ngod-waak.

+100: use the numbers 2-10 to say how many hundreds you want to talk about

- Examples: 62: ngodwaasmidana shi niizh
- 185: ngod-waak shi nshwaasmidana shi naanan
- 350: nswe-waak shi naanmidana

### Counting quiz!

Say and write these numbers in Anishinaabemowin. For a lot of us, writing things helps us remember them. (answers are below)

- 36 \_\_\_\_\_
- 48 \_\_\_\_\_
- 175 \_\_\_\_\_
- 210 \_\_\_\_\_

(Nsimdana shi ngodwaaswi, Niimdana shi nshwaaswi, Ngodwaak shi niizhwaasmidana shi naanan, niizhwaak shi mdaaswi.)

Please save this page! Each month this year we will have another. Bit by bit we will learn together.



# Court officials meet Bikers Against Child Abuse

By RICK SMITH

Officials associated with the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court became acquainted with the Chippewa County Chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) during an introductory meeting at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building on Aug. 22.

BACA of Chippewa County is the regional chapter of an international, non-profit organization that voluntarily befriends and protects vulnerable children in volatile or abusive situations. The Chippewa County chapter covers the entire Upper Peninsula of Michigan as well as a portion of the state south of the Mackinac Straits. "We currently service the whole U.P., down to Gaylord and over to Alpena," said Eric "Trigger" Welch, the chapter's president. "It will be this way until more chapters form in other regions. We will go as far as needed for a child in need and, during our training phase, most of us took part in activities in Saginaw, Ottawa and Wayne counties."

According to the BACA International web site, [bacaworld.org](http://bacaworld.org), the organization strives to create safe environments for abused children, "We exist as a body of bikers to empower children to not feel afraid of the world in which they live."

BACA gets referrals from local and state agencies for children in need of their special kind of services. BACA riders not only act as bodyguards of a sort, they boost the morale of their charges as well, giving children confidence. Further, the riders, more or less, adopt the children into their fold. In a nutshell, the BACA web site stipulates, "We desire to send a clear message to all involved with the abused child



**BACA OF CHIPPEWA COUNTY** — The folks of Bikers Against Child Abuse with their machines.

that this child is part of our organization, and that we are prepared to lend our physical and emotional support to them by affiliation and our physical presence. We stand at the ready to shield these children from further abuse. We do not condone the use of violence or physical force in any manner, however, if circumstances arise such that we are the only obstacle preventing a child from further abuse, we stand ready to be that obstacle."

Whether needing escort to and from court appearances or school to standing guard overnight in the yards of their charges so the youngsters may enjoy a night of peaceful sleep, the BACA riders do what it takes to alleviate the fears of a child.

BACA riders are your neighbors and folks one might see in the course of a day, could be a retiree, mechanic, salesman, attorney, business owner or members of many professions. The BACA organization has protocols in place for acquiring clearances and background checks before riders

become involved with children.

BACA International was founded in 1995 in Utah by John Paul "Chief" Lilly, a Utah clinical social worker and part-time faculty member of Brigham Young University. Currently, BACA chapters can be found in 47 states across the United States, eight provinces of Canada, 14 countries of Europe as well as in Australia and New Zealand.

All BACA supporters and members go by road names. "Trigger," for example, is the road name for the main founder and current president of the Chippewa County chapter. Most of the chapter's executive board officers have been involved since the beginning of the chapter.

It appears the Chippewa County Chapter of BACA began stirring around 2011 and, in 2014, Trigger announced the Chippewa County Chapter of BACA as active and put out an invitation to folks in law enforcement, social services, judicial systems, case workers as



Photos by Ricks Smith

**BACA EXECUTIVE BOARD** — Back row from left, Linda "Norton" Christie, treasurer; Brian "Kidd" Drumheller, sergeant at arms; Mike "Crow" Drumheller, secretary. Front from left, Eric "Trigger" Welch, president; and Bruce "Brussels" Wagner, vice president.

well as concerned citizens to get on board. "This is a great organization that does a lot of good in local communities all over the world," Trigger wrote. "This is a great cause and a really good reason to ride the bike!"

More about BACA International and chapters

worldwide can be found at [bacaworld.org](http://bacaworld.org). The Chippewa County chapter receives email at [president@cc-mi.bacaworld.org](mailto:president@cc-mi.bacaworld.org) or call (866)-7bacami, extension 5. Testimonials about the work of the international organization can be found on YouTube by searching for BACA.

## Tribe's economic development goals could be going green

By JOEL SCHULTZ,  
EDC DIRECTOR



**Sault Tribe  
EDC**

The Sault Tribe EDC has three targeted areas of effort: Support and development of Sault Tribe member-owned businesses; Sault

Tribe owned and managed investments; and economic development infrastructure efforts.

In previous articles I have cited examples of projects in two of those areas. The Buy Sault Tribe concept is an example of support for Sault Tribe member-owned businesses. That effort is continuing with the creation of a steering committee consisting of member business owners to explore the potential of creating the Sault Tribe Business Association.

Last month, we provided an example of Sault Tribe owned investments discussing how we are working with the Sault Tribe Board of Directors to develop a methodology to evaluate investment opportunities. We continue to use cap rates routinely in our bi-weekly discussion of projects.

This month I'd like to provide an example of work being done under the goal of economic development infrastructure. This goal has us exploring ways as a tribe to facilitate investment in our service area lands to offer com-

petitive advantages for business development. Currently, the board is evaluating the opportunity to facilitate solar energy generation on our lands to help mitigate the high cost of energy in our region.

There is plenty of work left before the first shovel hits the ground, but the board has created an environment where it is a real possibility, and the entire tribe is working together to overcome the last obstacles.

This effort helps our entire region take a step forward to address a real challenge of high energy cost, it offers our enterprises' and government operations' budgets relief by mitigating their energy cost, it has the tribe positioned to be a regional leader in green development, it will stimulate outside investment in our region, and if all goes right, the tribe will make a few bucks!

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# Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Corp. stimulating area growth, excited about future

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Ste. Marie's Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Director Jeff Holt said developers are expecting tremendous growth in the Sault in the next few years.

"We are excited about what the future holds for our area," he said. "We have had three large developers recently come in looking for opportunities. It's exciting to have a major developer contact you asking about information on property."

The EDC works to stimulate growth and community development by attracting commercial and manufacturing business to the area. They offer numerous programs aimed at supporting entrepreneurs and young companies by offering product development support and strategic partnerships and can help with retention, expansion and development and incubation space.

According to the EDC's website, some advantages they have to offer start-up, early stage, existing and new businesses includes access to an international market, a deep water port, rail, a main interstate and state highways, U.S. Customs Port of Entry, a municipal airport, foreign trade zone and an industrial incubator. Additional collaborative services include business development services, business

typing, engineering, equipment and software support utilizing the Sault Ste. Marie SmartZone, Lake Superior State University (LSSU) and the Product Development Center operated by LSSU.

The EDC also offers a brownfield program that allows a tax benefit for businesses that purchase a blighted property or a property needing rehabilitation. If they increase the value of the property, they are eligible for a tax benefit. Holt said examples of companies that haven't taken advantage of the brownfield program tax break include Supervalu (a former gas station) and long-term care facility McKinley Manor (an old schoolhouse). The most recent business to take advantage of the program is the Family Dollar Store that just opened where the former Bambi Hotel stood.

Located in the Smartzone building on Meridian Street by the municipal airport, the EDC has partnered with the Small Business and Development Center (SMDC), a state funded program, focusing on business start-ups and expansions. Once a business is established, the EDC has office and warehouse space in the Smartzone building that new businesses can occupy if they sign a six-month program agreement in place of a

plan and financials.

"We built the Smart Zone to encourage high paying technology based entrepreneurs," Holt said. "We very seldom do a long term lease because we are here to foster growth and encourage them to move on. If we don't have someone waiting to come into the program behind the current client, then we would look at extending them an additional six months."

The EDC also rents "hot desks" for an hour, a day or a week, and are charged accordingly. Wifi is provided, along with access to copying and phones. There are also small office spaces in the Smartzone warehouse for lease. "Our goal in this building is to be a one-stop development center," Holt said.

In addition to the SBDC, the EDC partners with Northern Initiatives out of Marquette, the Michigan Economic Development Corp., LSSU and War Memorial Hospital.

Holt said entrepreneurs wanting to start a business should already have two things going for them, good credit and access to capital. "Rumors are you can start a business without using money of your own, that's just not true and very seldom happens. You should have a savings account or equity in your home you can use."

the top six entrepreneurial communities in the state this year. "We are very proud of that," he

said.

You can contact the EDC by calling 632-5779.



Photo by Brenda Austin

Sault Ste. Marie EDC Director Jeff Holt

## Tahsuda named principal deputy assistant secretary for Indian Affairs

WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke recently announced he named John Tahsuda III, a member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, as the DOI principal deputy assistant secretary (PDAS) – Indian Affairs. The appointment was effective Sept. 3, 2017. The PDAS serves as the first assistant and principal advisor to the assistant secretary – Indian Affairs in the development and interpretation of policies affecting Indian Affairs bureaus, offices and programs.

"I want to welcome John Tahsuda to my Indian Affairs leadership team," said Secretary Zinke. "John possesses extensive experience in federal Indian law and tribal government, and deeply understands and respects our government-to-government relationship with tribes. He'll be a strong leader for the Indian Affairs organization."

"I appreciate Secretary Zinke for giving me this tremendous opportunity to bring greater prosperity to tribes and their communities," Tahsuda said. "I'm looking forward to working with tribal leaders on finding ways to make Indian Affairs programs more responsive to their needs."

Tahsuda joined the depart-

ment from Washington, D.C.-based Navigators Global, LLC, where he was a principal. Navigators Global is a company that specializes in and offers a wide range of political services to multiple industry sectors, including financial services, insurance, energy, health care, defense, emergency management, American Indian tribal affairs and high tech/telecommunications.

He led the company's tribal affairs practice providing clients with advocacy and counsel services on a range of tribal affairs policy issues at state and federal levels, including gaming, tax incentives, tobacco sales, land-into-trust issues, health care, economic development, energy policy, federal recognition, and self-governance.

Before joining Navigators Global, Tahsuda had served on the staff of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs since 2002, first as senior counsel and later as staff director, where he directed policy and legislative efforts relating to Indian tribes. He also was directly responsible for federal policy and legislation affecting gaming, federal recognition, self-governance, and Indian health care.

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# Resolutions passed at September board meetings

## Board meets September 5

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors convened on Sept. 5 in Sault Ste. Marie, passing 12 resolutions, six of those by unanimous vote. All board members were present.

### Resolution 2017-170:

Establish Budget for FY 2018 Air Program 17-18 and Air Program Development FY 2018 Budget Modification — Both the budget and modification was approved.

Res. 2017-171: Demawating Development — Property Management 2017 Budget Modification — An increase in Other Revenue monies of \$6,680 and an increase in expenses of \$5,598.74 were approved. An increase to Capital Expenditures for \$96,000 was also approved.

Res. 2017-172: Authorization to Purchase Real Estate Parcels, Cedar Grove, Lots 274 & 292 — The board approved the purchase of two parcels of land located in Kincheloe, Michigan on Evergreen Dr.

Res. 2017-173: Authorization to Change Signature Authority Bank Accounts — Bank accounts require the signature of two signatories.

Res. 2017-174: Authorization to Change Signature Authority Trust Accounts — Signatures were authorized for tribal trust accounts.

Res. 2017-175: National Congress of American Indians 2017 Annual Convention Delegates and 2018 Dues — The board approved the \$10,000 annual dues and appointed delegates and alternate delegates.

Res. 2017-176: Appointment and Delegation of Certifying Officer for Environmental Reviews — The board authorized the current chairperson and subsequent chairpersons the full authority to act as certifying officer for the tribe.

Res. 2017-177: Authorize Construction Contract and Execute Associated Documents for George K. Nolan Judicial Complex Renovation & Addition Project — McGahey Construction was determined to be the most responsive and qualified bidder to complete the renovation and addition construction services for the George K. Nolan Judicial Complex. The board authorized a contract between the tribe and McGahey Construction and authorized expenditures from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant Funds (CC11461).

Res. 2017-178: Amending Purchasing Policy Internal Sourcing — The Tribal Purchasing Policy is amended to read as Sec 1.2.2 Exceptions as follows:

“a. Purchases are exempt from this policy if the grant or funding source specifies otherwise. If the funding source allows the Tribe to select between this policy and another procedure for purchase, the Tribe shall choose to follow this policy unless good cause exists not to.

b. Except as precluded by a grant or funding source, any department, program, entity or wholly owned governmental instrumentality is exempt from

this policy if the purchase is made from another department, program or entity.”

Res. 2017-179: Authorization of Full Settlement Lesperance V. Tribe — The board approved a negotiated settlement recommended by tribal attorneys for a claim against the tribe in relation to an alleged fall in April 2011 after Linda Lesperance asserted she tripped at the St. Ignace MidJim Property.

Res. 2017-180: Approving Contract: Sonosky, Chambers, Endreson & Perry, LLP; Fields, PLLC; and Gilbert, LLP — The board approved and authorized the Chairperson to sign the contract between the tribe and the three law firms of Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP; Fields, PLLC; and Gilbert, LLP, for the purpose of providing legal services in relation to claims against manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacy chain retailers of opioid drugs for damages caused to the tribe by such drugs. The board also granted to these firms, and the Legal Department of the tribe, the discretion necessary to pursue and prosecute these actions to completion, including the authority to file such legal actions as may be necessary to protect the interests of the tribe and pursue full recompense for damages suffered by the tribe. All settlement monies received will be earmarked for preventative treatment services.

Res. 2017-181: Code of Conduct Resolution — The board determined that it is essential that it adopt a Code of Conduct for the Board of Directors inclusive of the Chairperson position. The Legal Department is drafting a proposed Code of Conduct for the board to review.

To see these resolutions in their entirety, visit: saulttribe.com

## Board meets Sept. 18

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors convened in Munising on Sept. 18. All were present except Keith Massaway and Jennifer McLeod, who were excused.

A fiscal year 2018 budget modification was approved for a decrease in U.S. Department of Labor revenue of \$9,288.60 for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act program.

A fiscal year 2017 budget modification was approved for the tribe's Natural Resources Department for a decrease in revenue of \$116,000 and a transfer in from Nunn's Creek Hatchery of \$21,157.13 with no effect on tribal support. Further, a modification was approved for the hatchery for a decrease in revenue of \$37,282.50 and a transfer out to the tribe's Natural Resources Department

of \$21,157.13 with the additional loss of \$38,775.15 covered by a fund balance in a hatchery account.

A fiscal year 2018 budget was established for Indian Health Service funds of \$391,000 for sanitation installations of wells and septic tanks. No effect on tribal support.

A fiscal year 2017 budget of \$1,500 was approved to start construction of the EDC Mini Storage Odenaang with no effect on tribal support. Another resolution passed approving the establishment of a fiscal year 2017 budget for Eagle Lending with other revenue funding of \$2,589.51 in support of the mini storage construction.

A continued funding resolution passed for certain tribal entities for fiscal year 2018 at 2017 spending levels for a period not to exceed 60 days. Included entities were some ACFS programs, Early Head Start and Head Start programs, Elders programs, Health services, Law Enforcement and Tribal Court programs.

Authority was granted to buy two real estate parcels in Kincheloe, Mich., 5 & 6 Mark Circle, described as Cedar Groves Estates #3, lots 787 and 788.

The board authorized its chairman to enter into agreements for the 2018 Bureau of Indian Affairs Self-Governance Program and Tribal Transportation Program.

Waivers of sovereign immunity and tribal court jurisdiction were granted for PNC in support of a merchant processing application and agreement.

Tribal Motor Vehicle Code Section 74.106 was amended to prohibit general parking in the zone reserved for school bus loading and unloading at JKL School between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on any day when school is in session. Violations of the rule is a civil infraction pun-

ishable by a fine of \$100.

A resolution was adopted placing the Budget Department under the supervision of the tribe's executive director.

Tribal Code Chapter 20: Great Lakes and St. Marys River Treaty Fishing Regulations was amended to add Section 20.121 authorizing the board's chairman or designee to issue emergency fisheries management orders for the purpose of ensuring that neither the tribe nor the fishery suffer harm as a result of fisheries

issues with negative consequences that may be averted. Board representatives and captains shall be notified of any action taken under the new section to fully convey the reason for the action.

Resolutions and voting records from meetings can be viewed in their entirety online at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com), place cursor on the Government drop-down menu, select Board of Directors, select Downloads from the menu, then open Board Meeting Votes and Approved Resolutions.

## Nertoli recognized for excellence



**37 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE** — Sault Tribe USDA Food Distribution Director Tony Nertoli (left) received a Certificate of Appreciation and Excellence for 37 years of service and commitment from the USDA Food Distribution on Indian Reservations Program at the regional conference in Sault Ste. Marie, awarded by Food Nutrition Services Regional Administrator Tim English on Aug. 30.

## MacArthur takes coordinator position with United Way

Sault Tribe member and recent Lake Superior State University graduate Brandi MacArthur was hired by United Way as its Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) project coordinator.

MacArthur grew up on Sugar Island. While attending college, she was employed as the Sault Tribe Higher Education administrative assistant and served as a member of the tribe's Inland Conservation Committee.

Following her graduation with a degree in business administra-

tion with minors in economics and finance, she accepted the position with United Way.

United Way is able to offer the RSVP program, where seniors read to children, through a new three-year grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service.

MacArthur will recruit senior volunteers 55 and older to read to Head Start and Early Head Start classrooms in the EUP and coordinate mentors for after school programs in the Sault, Bay Mills and Brimley.



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# October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The staff at the Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) provides many services to victims of crime throughout the year. For the month of October during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, they take extra measures to raise awareness.

Each year the ARC, along with the Diane Peppler Resource Center, hosts the “Violence is NOT Traditional” Domestic Violence Awareness walk. The ARC also gives out yard signs throughout the reservations.

Jessica McKerchie, community educator for the ARC, said, “Domestic violence is not an individual issue - it’s a community issue, and the more community involvement we get with spread-

ing awareness and encouraging people to take a stand, the more likely we are to put an end to it. Unfortunately, this is still a problem we are faced with on a daily basis, even in a small community.”

This year McKerchie said they want to make an even bigger statement. Sault Tribe Law Enforcement are using auto magnets stating “Violence is NOT Traditional” on each cruiser with magnets on each side of the vehicles towards the back of the car. Law enforcement are also wearing purple lapel pins in support of Domestic Violence Awareness.

McKerchie said there will also be banners hung on light poles at the entrance to Sault Kewadin Casino.



Photo by Brenda Austin

From left, ARC community educator Jessica McKerchie, Sault Tribe Assistant Prosecutor Dennis McShane, Officer Carson Duffy, Officer Josh Mayer and Detective Mike Pins.

## Advocacy Resource Center has two new hires

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Jessica McKerchie was hired last December as a community educator for the Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center (ARC).

Prior to her current position, McKerchie was employed by Anishnaabek Community & Family Services (ACFS) as a case aide for two years.

As a community educator she helps plan, organize and is involved with health fairs, safety fairs, trainings and presentations, setting up resource tables with information that best pertains to each event.

She provides individual and group educational sessions about domestic violence, sexual assault, teen dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking and

facilitates the Survivor Support Talking Circle for the ARC emergency shelter residents. She is working towards completion of training that will allow for the implementation of a child victim support curriculum.

She said she likes the community aspect of her job, and used to do a lot of it on a volunteer basis before taking her current position. In addition to working with shelter residents, she also offers survivor awareness support services to victims interested in learning more about the power and control cycle within abusive relationships and how to break the cycle.

Jane Cadreau became ARC Aakdehewin Gaamig-Lodge of Bravery emergency shelter manager in June, but has been

employed by the ARC for the past four years. She also worked for the tribe previously as a Kewadin Casino Gift Shop manager and has worked for Inter Tribal Council of Michigan as a teen parent advocate and as a homemaker aide serving Native American families.

The 16-bed emergency shelter is one of two remaining tribally operated shelters located within Michigan and offers shelter to victims fleeing for their safety and who are homeless due to violence.

ARC provides victims with transportation assistance, assistance with filing for Personal Protection Orders, information and referral to available community support services, court accompaniment, criminal justice



Jessica McKerchie

advocacy, and provides information and assistance about applying for the Crime Victims Compensation program.

Cadreau said the emergency



Jane Cadreau

shelter is a necessary resource for the tribal community and serves as a life saving “stepping-stone and a really great place for clients to start over.”

## Advocacy Resource Center gifted painting by Cree artist

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) is a program within Sault Tribe’s Anishnaabek Community &

Family Services (ACFS) that provides assistance and support to victims and survivors of abuse or crime.

Recently Program Manager

Jami Moran and ARC Case Manager Jena McKerchie were discussing the possibility of the ARC designing their own program logo. McKerchie was appreciating an art print Moran had on her office wall by Native American artist Betty Albert, who also has paintings displayed in the Kewadin Casino Art Gallery.

McKerchie visited the casino art gallery and was drawn to one of Albert’s paintings in particular that she told Moran would be perfect for the ARC program logo. McKerchie was able to make contact with Albert through Facebook Messenger, letting her know they had seen one of her paintings that really resonated with the ARC’s mission and asked if she would allow the ARC to use the painting as their logo.

McKerchie said she was surprised when Albert responded so quickly, saying the painting was done before digitalization and she didn’t have a digital copy of it. “But she said if you want it you can have it,” McKerchie said. The ARC now possesses the artists blessing and full legal rights to use the painting for program purposes.

Albert’s painting is now proudly displayed within the ARC’s office. McKerchie said the paintings relocation could not have been achieved without

the support and assistance from Kewadin Casino employees, Dave Kucharczyk and Jamie Aube. McKerchie said, “Both Dave and Jamie were very supportive when we approached them and inquired if the painting, while still remaining the property of the casino, might be displayed where survivors seeking services would be able to appreciate it and benefit from its healing message.”

The ARC has since had the painting digitalized and is using it for logos for staff t-shirts.

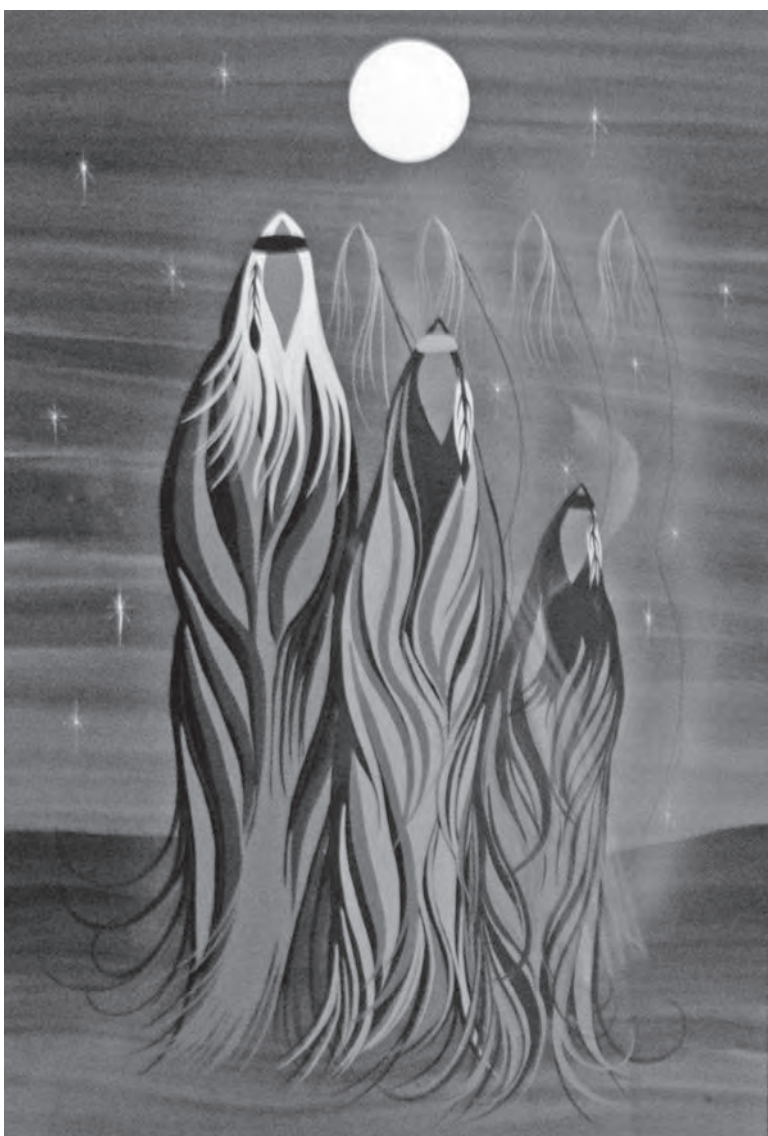
McKerchie said, “When I first saw the painting it wasn’t very clear how many people were in it. My first impression was of the Seven Grandfathers. It looks like all women in the painting, there are four that are very apparent and in the back there are these other figures. Come to find out, and we didn’t know this, it’s titled the Seven Grandfathers.” McKerchie adds,

“...the painting was a perfect fit.”

The ARC program is tasked with never forgetting the memories of the survivors that have walked on, being the voices of the survivors here today, and trying to make a positive difference for the children of the next seven generations. ARC staff agrees that Albert’s painting encompasses these undertakings beautifully.

According to artist Betty Albert’s Facebook biography, she was adopted by a French Canadian family and raised in Northern Ontario, discovering her Cree heritage later in life by reuniting with her biological father.

She began a traditional lifestyle, which helped her develop her painting through dreams and experiences with ceremony. She has been painting in her studio, Wabimeguil Fine Art, for the past 20 years.



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## Learning cooking skills



Photo courtesy Melissa Meehan

Sisters Ally, 4, and Kylee, 6, Meehan of Dafter had a great time at their first cooking class Sept. 14 at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center with dieticians from the Sault Tribe Community Health and MSU 4-H.

# Murder at the Juice Joint at Sault Kewadin Nov. 11

**Murder mystery dinner theater brings the “Roaring 20s” to town for a FUN raiser for the EUP Community Dispute Resolution Center**

A date approaches bringing a mystery to the folks of the eastern Upper Peninsula. The Eastern Upper Peninsula Community Dispute Resolution Center (EUP CDRC) opens its doors to the inaugural dinner theater performance of *Murder at the Juice Joint*, a swanky speakeasy murder mystery theater production directed by Ms. Christin McKerchie, in partnership with the executive director of the EUP CDRC, Mrs. Nikki Dowd-McKechnie, the creator of the original idea of hosting this unique fundraiser opportunity.

This year’s murder mystery performance of *Murder at the Juice Joint* brings the “Roaring 20s” to life right before your eyes, bringing back the days of Prohibition and organized crime.

The ‘Juice Joint’ is without a doubt, the hottest spot around,

with characters such as Rosie Marie, Molly Moll, Southside Sal, Mugsy Malone and Dina Diva, this is definitely an evening you don’t want to miss!

We extend an invitation for you to join us on a journey of adult themed humor, sizzling scenes, mystery and murder.

Each guest will travel through an investigative journey and be faced with the questions: Who will be the victim? Who did it? How did they do it? And why did they do it?

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

The performers, dancers and creative dance styles match the era. The costumes, soundtrack, alongwith the props and guests that arrive in 1920’s attire, will create a unique atmosphere and a theater experience that will not be forgotten for years to come. The actors and actresses involved include many talented members from our community. The dancers

come to us through the Academy of Performing Arts providing depth and vision to the overall mystery.

Rosie Marie, the Juice Joint owner, will be played by seasoned actress Ginger Stratton. Dina Diva, played by Donna Paquette, shows us that her dreams of going to Hollywood are not so far out of reach! The Flirty Flapper, played by Kayla Price, will shake and shimmy her way throughout the evening. Maxine Anderson adds life to the joint with her role as Cy’s main squeeze, Molly Moll. Dan Harris is playing Hollywood Hal and is sure to be an audience favorite along with Aaron Jenkins, who became well known for his role as the ‘Lion’ in the Soo Theater production, *The Wizard of Oz*.

The E.U.P. Community Dispute Resolution Center is excited to announce *Murder at the Juice Joint*, a murder mystery dinner theater production and we hope our enthusiasm turns into your enthusiasm. We ask for your support and hope we can continue to build on this event providing you with quality entertainment for years to come.

## Merchberger crowned county fair queen



**CROWNED** — Sault Tribe member Vicki Merchberger was made Miss Chippewa County Fair Queen for 2017. She graduated from Sault Area High School in May of 2017 and attends the Great Lakes Culinary Institute in Traverse City, Mich. Pictured from left are Jr. Miss Chippewa County Fair Princess second runner up Lydia Hall, first runner up Elle Cottle, Jr. Miss Chippewa County Fair Princess Jayden Crimin, Miss Chippewa County Fair Queen 2017 Vicki Merchberger, first runner up Mady Michalski and second runner up Aubrie Cottle.



SAULT STE. MARIE — Murder at the Juice Joint takes place on Saturday, Nov. 11, at the DreamMaker’s Theater at the Sault Ste. Marie Kewadin Casino.

The fun begins at 6 p.m. Adults \$40 (mature audiences, please, due to adult-themed content). Sponsorship and program opportunities are available.

Please call Christina McKerchie at (906) 440-9397

or Nikki Dowd-McKechnie at (906) 253-9840.

Tickets available as of Oct. 2 at the Kewadin box office, 1-800-KEWADIN or at the EUP CDRC, 129 W. Spruce Street, Suite 7, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 (Arlington Plaza).

For comments, questions, concerns or more information, please call Christina McKerchie at 440-9397, or Nikki Dowd-McKechnie 253-9840.



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The family foster care program is designed to provide a substitute family life experience for a child in a household that has been approved and licensed. A relative may become licensed or may be unlicensed. ACFS makes every effort to place children with a rel-

ative if possible.

Children may need foster care for a temporary or extended period of time. The primary goal during foster care is to reunite the child with his or her parents. The foster family plays an important role in the treatment plan for the child and family. Under the "team" approach, foster parents or relatives, together with the worker, attempt to provide the specific kind of help a child and his family need for reuniting the child with the parents.

When the child cannot be reunited with the parents, the children are prepared for permanent placement with relatives or non-related adoptive families. The majority of adoptions done

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When adoption is not possible for older youth, the goal is to prepare the youth for independent living.

Foster care is seen as a short-term solution to an emergency situation. ACFS needs committed individuals who are:

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

To become a foster care parent, applicants must:

- Complete a licensing application;
- Successfully complete background clearances for all adult household members;
- Provide medical statements for all household members;
- Have an environmental inspection (when applicable);

— Provide three acceptable references;

— Pass on-site visits to the home by the licensing worker; and

— Attend training pertinent to foster care issues.

For further information, call ACFS at 632-5250 or toll free (800) 726-0093.

## Ms. Brown celebrates 90



**Rosann Brown, a Sault Tribe elder, celebrated her 90th birthday Sept. 4, 2017. Her many family members, made up of children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, stepchildren, nieces, nephews and friends, gathered with her at her home in Newberry, Mich., over the Labor Day weekend. Happy birthday, Rosann!**

## Piche twin boys born in Mesa, Ariz.



Alyson Piche and Sam Mourufas of Gilbert, Ariz. (formerly of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.), are the proud parents of identical twin boys, Mason James and Jace Allen, born on Aug. 9, 2017, at Banner Desert Children's Hospital in Mesa, Ariz.

Mason entered the world at 7:33 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 20.25 inches tall.

Jace entered the world at 7:34 a.m. weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces and was 19 inches tall.

Grandparents are Rachel Causley of Gilbert, Ariz. (also formerly of Sault Ste Marie), Mike and Rene Piche of Sault Ste. Marie, Kathy and Herb Kangas of Dafter, Mich. and Nicholas Mourufas of Sault Ste. Marie.

Great-grandparents are Sharon Causley, Judy and the late Larry Piche, Irene and the late William Mourufas, all of Sault Ste. Marie and Karen Bartunek of Dafter.

# Leask honored for \$1.92 million donation to College of Charleston School of Business

CHARLESTON, S.C. — On Sept. 27, members of the College of Charleston's most prestigious donor recognition group, the Bishop Robert Smith Society, gathered on campus in the Alumni Memorial Hall to celebrate donors who have made significant lifetime philanthropic commitments to benefit the college. Among the donors celebrated was local technology entrepreneur and philanthropist, Noah Thomas Leask.

Leask, founder of cyber operations firm Ishpi Information Technologies Inc., recently gave the College of Charleston School of Business \$1.92 million to establish the Noah Thomas Leask Distinguished Professorship in Information Management and Innovation — a grant that will fund a faculty position in perpetuity.

"We — at the college — are so thankful to Noah for his remarkable commitment to our university and our School of Business," said College of Charleston President Glenn F. McConnell



**Noah T. Leask**

'69. "This incredible investment in our supply chain and information management program will propel an already strong and growing program to new heights. In addition, it will further the college's recognition in Silicon Harbor as an institution for talent, extraordinary research and technological innovation. This professorship does for the college what large tech companies and startups

have done for the city — attract and develop the field's best and brightest."

After relocating to the Lowcountry from Washington, D.C., Leask made it a priority to contribute to Charleston's national and international prominence, particularly as a technology hub. He quickly discovered the economic and entrepreneurial vitality of Charleston was directly linked to its relationship with the college.

Upon further exploration, Leask determined the college's School of Business offered the most efficient, effective place to bolster technology entrepreneurship at the university level. Leask's sentiment is strongly shared by Alan Shao, dean of the School of Business.

"Our strong ties to the Charleston business community paired with our desire to create the next generation of ready-to-work innovators makes the School of Business the premiere place for entrepreneurial learning," says Shao. "Through his

generous gift, Noah Leask will amplify the impact our students and faculty have both locally and around the world."

Making a positive impact, particularly on the lives of those who are socio-economically disadvantaged, has been a driving force for Leask, who described his own personal story as one rooted in humble beginnings. By creating the professorship, the college will be able to further opportunities in the field of technology, which was transformative in Leask's own career trajectory.

"On our way up, we believe that as you could give, you give," says Leask. "We've always done that."

The college will commemorate Leask's unwavering commitment to give back during the Bishop Robert Smith Society event, where his name will be featured on the society's recognition walls in Alumni Memorial Hall, which serves as a reminder of the exemplary donors who have generously invested in the college's mission.

# Jordan in internship program at University of Utah, seeks how to reduce severe hypoglycemia mortality

Native American Research Interns Andrew Jordan (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians), Kimberly Chapman (Zuni) and Mica Sloan (Navajo) all completed their oral research presentations. Jordan came to the U from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. Andrew is working along side Dr. Simon Fisher looking at reducing mortality associated with severe hypoglycemia.

Kimberly Chapman comes to the U from the University of New Mexico. Kimberly is working under the leadership of Dr. Owen Chan looking at the effects of recurrent hypoglycemia on Glycogen Phosphorylase expression in the ventromedial hypothalamus. Their laboratory utilizes a combination of neuroscience (microdialysis, microinjection, optogenetics), metabolic (glucose clamps), genetic (targeted knockdown or overexpression) and molecular biology (qRT-PCR,

westerns, immunohistochemistry) techniques to identify the neural mechanisms that are involved in the detection of hypoglycemia and how these central sensing mechanisms are impaired following recurring exposure to hypoglycemia and in diabetes.

Mica Sloan is a student from the University of Utah and is trained by Dr. Danny Chou. Together Mica and Dr. Chou are focus on using synthetic protein engineering to create peptide or protein therapeutics to understand their biological effects in human disease and improve clinical treatment. We are tackling type 1 diabetes (T1D), an autoimmune disease in which the pancreas stops producing insulin, a hormone that enables glucose uptake from blood. By developing novel insulin and glucagon (a hormone that elevates glucose levels) analogues, we hope to maintain normal blood glucose levels in type 1 diabetic patients.



**From left, Andrew Jordan, Kimberly Chapman and Mica Sloan. All three are interns at the University of Utah working with physicians in finding medical cures for fatalities associated with diabetes.**



# Fire cured fish and raptors camp on Sugar Island



Photos by Brenda Austin

**MARY MURRAY CULTURE CAMP** — In early September, youth aged 7-15 learned how to fire cure fish and the Chocolay Township Raptor Center brought several raptors to do a presentation and discussion about how they rehabilitate birds back into the wild.



Cultural buildings coordinator, Jackie Minton, with fish she was curing before putting them in the smoker. Below, Linda Grossett making chili.



Due to his injury and the loss of an eye, this peregrine falcon is a permanent resident at the Raptor Center.



Justin Ritter-Bollman from Mt. Pleasant listens to the raptor presentation by Jerry Maynard.



Chocolay Township Raptor Center co-founder, Jerry Maynard, with a one-eyed peregrine falcon.



Maynard explained the peregrine falcon is the fastest member of the animal kingdom.



Jackie Minton drilling holes for "pumpkin" stems.



Mike Smith and Rowan Carter waiting to paint faces on their wood pumpkins.

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# Turning the Tides: How to protect our sacred waters from the Line 5 Pipeline

STORY AND TIMELINE BY TYLER THEEL, COMMUNICATIONS INTERN

This article will provide specific information on Enbridge's Line 5 Pipeline (L5P) and how tribal members can help advocate for its removal.

Enbridge installed L5P in 1953. The pipeline runs from northern Canada, across northern Wisconsin, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, through the Straits of Mackinaw through lower Michigan to Sarnia, Ontario. L5P was constructed under an easement agreement with state governments that specified conditions Enbridge is legally required to follow for L5P to remain in operation.

## THE PROBLEM

According to the easement, L5P is required to have anchor supports across any span of lakebed greater than 75 feet in the straits. Underwater currents of the straits are 10 times that of Niagara Falls, and a pipeline could rupture if not anchored properly.

A 2003 report identified 16 unsupported gaps greater than 140 feet, with the longest being 224 feet on the east pipe and 286 feet on the west pipe. In 2016, an inspection by state agencies found unsupported spans longer than 75 feet, providing evidence Enbridge did not place support anchors

after the 2003 report. Although Enbridge added support anchors in previously unsupported spans after the 2016 inspection, some experts say permanent damage to the pipeline was caused by more than a decade of unsupported spans. The unsupported spans also leave the pipeline vulnerable to coating gaps.

Another provision of the easement agreement explained L5P was built to last safely for 50 years; it's been in operation for over 60 years. Moreover, L5P was intended to transport synthetic oil, and now transports oil tar sands. Tar sands are heavier, more difficult to remove from water, and more corrosive to the pipeline lining than conventional synthetic oil. Experts claim the sands contribute to coating gaps and cracks in L5P. The tar sands transported through the Line 6B Pipeline (also not designed for tar sands) is cited as a major cause of the extensive cracking and leading to the eventual rupture that caused the 2010 Kalamazoo oil spill – the largest inland oil spill in U.S. history.

An oil spill the size of the 2010 Kalamazoo River spill would cause great and permanent harm to the entire Great Lakes water system – containing over one-fifth of the world's fresh water! Researchers at University of Michigan Graham Sustainability

Institute conservatively estimate a spill the size of the 2010 Kalamazoo River spill would directly impact 700 miles of shoreline and have far-reaching effects on the Great Lakes.

The Great Lakes are tied directly to Michigan's largest and fastest growing industry – tourism. The Pure Michigan campaign has been largely successful and has spurred Michigan's economic recovery, according to U-M researchers. In addition, water, freighter shipping, transportation, fish, and agricultural exports rely upon the Great Lakes system. All of these industries make up the vast majority of economic growth, stability, and income across rural communities in Michigan, including the Tribes. The tourism (including gaming) and fishing industries would be devastated (alongside non-tribal local economies) if an oil spill the same caliber as the 2010 Kalamazoo spill occurred. The Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration indicates Line 5 has at least 2,400 known defects related to exposed pipeline coating and corroded supports. Similar defects were cited as causing the massive spill in the Kalamazoo River.

## POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS

L5P does not meet structural safety standards nor designed for oil sands and has outlived its ser-

vice life. L5P is a disaster waiting to happen. As things stand today, there are five possible options:

**1. The pipeline remains as-is.** The potential for economic, environmental and cultural disaster remains high.

**2. The pipeline conducts repairs.**

Even if Enbridge places support anchors and patches cracks, the pipeline has already suffered damage related to years of neglect, and the corrosion of tar sands.

**3. The pipeline is shutdown, and replaced in the same route.**

With Enbridge's long history of breach of contract and failure to comply with state environmental policy, this approach provides only the same concerns!

**4. The pipeline is shutdown, and replaced with a new route that does NOT border water, and undergoes environmental and economic impacts reports.**

This is a viable solution given the company's precarious approach to safety and easement violations. Concerns of local farmers, wildlife, tribal land and tourism in areas crossed by the new pipeline would be protected. Not to mention, Enbridge may also benefit, as well as the company's employees in Michigan. Enbridge's short-term approach has led the company to have zero growth over 23 years, and it could

not endure a \$10 billion loss.

**5. The pipeline is shutdown, and not replaced.** If the company is required to recognize the entire state's (and bordering states') environmental and economic sustainability they may decide not to build a new pipeline if shutdown. This solution is not as desirable as option 4. However, a shutdown of L5P would prevent risk of complete environmental and economic disaster that outweighs any marginal benefits the pipeline company may provide to residents.

On its face, shutting down the pipeline and heightening regulations that protect Great Lakes residents is optimal. It is also important tribes have a prominent seat at the table in political process of the L5P shutdown to ensure regulations address tribal land, resources and sites.

## HOW TO ADVOCATE

Several groups and organizations have advocated for the shutdown of L5P, including businesses, tribes, local government and individuals. When a diverse group of organizations shares a similar grievance, elected state officials either address the grievance or possibly face repercussions in the polls. The key to effective political advocacy is to change priorities and viewpoints of constituents in order to put pressure on elected-official to address a grievance.

Presently, 10 regional tribes and three regional tribal organizations have expressed support for shutting down the pipeline including Sault Tribe. In 2016, the National Congress of American Indians passed a resolution that expressed disapproval of L5P.

Twenty-six cities and villages, 16 counties, and 28 townships or districts in Michigan have already issued resolutions calling for the immediate shutdown of L5P. If your city has yet to pass a resolution, you may print a sample resolution and contact your city commissioners about discussing L5P with community members. The resolution template for local municipalities can be found at: [www.oilandwaterdontmix.org/municipal\\_resolutions](http://www.oilandwaterdontmix.org/municipal_resolutions).

L5P shutdown has also been endorsed by 271 businesses and 89 non-profits. If you own a business or represent a non-profit, you can endorse the L5P shutdown at [www.oilandwaterdontmix.org/business\\_supporters](http://www.oilandwaterdontmix.org/business_supporters) and [www.oilandwaterdontmix.org/organizational\\_supporters](http://www.oilandwaterdontmix.org/organizational_supporters), respectively. The process will take at most two minutes of your time. If you are an employee of a local or regionally owned business, you may discuss endorsing the pipeline shutdown with the owner.

Individual citizens can be advocates; discussion among locals

can be an effective way to gain support to shut-down the pipeline. Local individuals are better able to show exactly how an event like an L5P spill could impact the people of a specific area than would a message intended for a state or national audience. In addition, local people may have overlaps in identity, culture, lifestyle, interests, and social circles allowing advocates to use reasons that resonate. It is difficult for constituents to prioritize an issue when they cannot see how it directly impacts their own lives.

Since tribal members' culture, traditions, and identity are directly linked with the Great Lakes and preserving our environment, perhaps economic issues are not our first concern. When we are mobilizing within our tribes and coordinating with other tribes, we are able to communicate our cultural concerns in order to establish solidarity and priority.

However, each tribe is part of its surrounding community. Tribal members understand their surrounding community's specific economic concerns. If a non-tribal member already values the environment, they are likely already in opposition to L5P, so the focus should remain on changing the perspective of those who do not value environmental and natural resource preservation when they

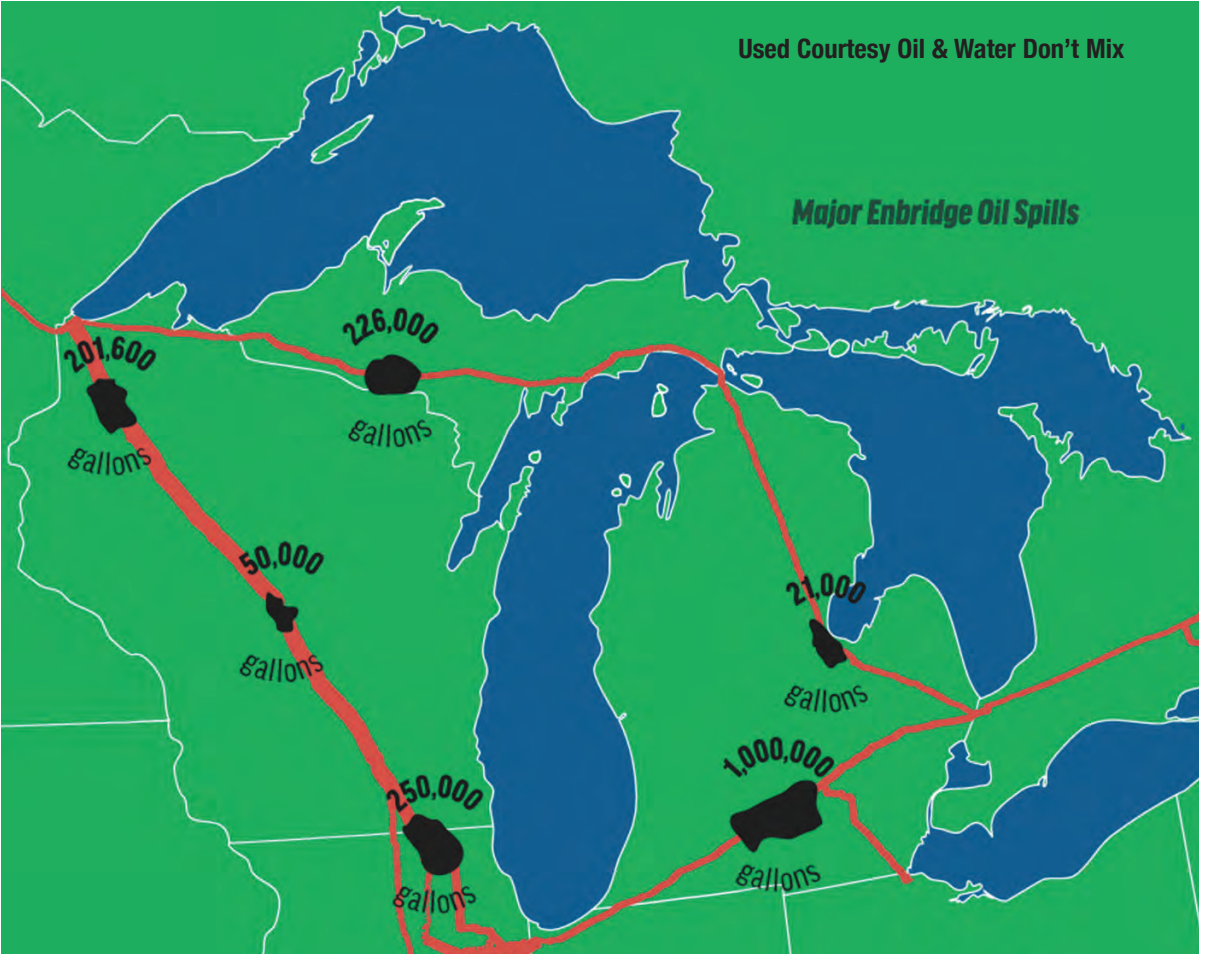
vote.

Tribal people can advocate effectively by establishing inter-tribal solidarity based upon our shared values and culture in order to prioritize environmental issues across tribes, and then com-

municating our shared economic interests to non-tribal locals to influence their political priorities. By influencing the policy priorities of non-tribal members, we may be able to influence the way political candidates are evaluated

or shift priorities of elected officials to address L5P.

In the next article in this series, I will provide an analysis of viable candidates for elected positions that have influence over the outcome on L5P.



# Enbridge Inc. and Line 5 Pipeline timeline of major spill incidents from 1953 through 2017

1953	Enbridge Company's Line 5 Pipeline (L5P) is constructed, routed through the Straits of Mackinaw and bordering about 180 miles along Lake Michigan. (Built to last an estimated 50 years)
1979	An Enbridge pipeline leaks 10,700 gallons of oil in Bemidji, MN.
1979	An Enbridge pipeline leaks 449,000 gallons of oil in Bemidji, MN. (W)
1980	L5P leaks oil in Hiawatha National Forest; the company does not report the spill.
Late 1980s	Oil Transportation Companies required to report spills to state and federal agencies. Increase in number of reported incidents thereafter.
1988	L5P leaks 1,680 gallons of oil in Mackinac, MI. (W)
1989	An Enbridge pipeline leaks 31,300 barrels of oil in Pembina County, ND. (L)
1990	L5P leaks 630 gallons of oil in Mackinac, MI. (W)
1991	An Enbridge pipeline leaks 40,500 barrels of oil into the Prairie River in MN. (W)
1991	An Enbridge pipeline leaks 1.7 million gallons when Enbridge employees misinterpreted alarms from the ruptured line and didn't respond immediately. Polluting a Mississippi River Tributary. (W)
1992	L5P leaks 294 gallons of oil in Superior, WI. (W)
1993	L5P leaks 210 gallons of oil in Lapeer, MI. (L)
1993	L5P leaks 4,200 gallons of oil in Lake Gogebic in Gogebic, MI. (W)
1994	L5P leaks 42 gallons of oil in St. Clair, MI. (W)

1997	Enbridge begins transportation of oil sands via pipeline, resulting in increase of high-volume oil spills.
1999	L5P leaks 222,600 gallons of oil into Marsh in Crystal Falls, MI. (W)
2002	L5P leaks 21,000 gallons of oil in Superior, WI. (W)
2002	An Enbridge pipeline leaks 200,000 gallons of oil in Minnesota.
2003	L5P has aged 50-years, and continues to transport oil past in violation of its easement agreement.
2003	An Enbridge pipeline leaked over 100,000 gallons of oil into the Nemadji River in WI.
2003	L5P leaks 21,000 gallons of oil in Bay City, MI.
2003	An Enbridge pipeline leaks 5,460 gallons of oil in Toledo, OH.
2004	L5P leaks 1,680 gallons of oil in Superior, WI.
2005	L5P leaks 4,200 gallons of oil in Bay City, MI.
2006	L5P leaks 42 gallons of oil in Sterling, MI.
2006	L5P leaks 820 gallons of oil in Marysville, MI.
2007	An Enbridge pipeline leaks 63,000 gallons of oil in Wisconsin.
2007	Two Enbridge construction workers killed in a combustion fire. Enbridge was found liable for the workers' deaths and fined several million dollars.
2008	Michigan launches Pure Michigan campaign.
2010	Enbridge's Line 6B Pipeline leaks 1.15 Million Gallons of oil tars into the Kalamazoo River Basin. (Largest inland oil spill in U.S history)

2010	An Enbridge pipeline leaks 158,928 gallons of oil in North Dakota.
2010	Enbridge's Line 6A pipeline leaks 316,596 gallons of oil in Chicago, IL.
2010	An Enbridge pipeline leaks 843,444 gallons of oil in Marshall, MI.
2011	Patriot Act amended to suppress information regarding pipelines citing that information could aid terrorist activity. (Fewer reports of pipeline leaks thereafter)
2011	Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) indicates that Line 5 had at least 2,400 known defects related to exposed pipeline coating and corroded supports. Similar defects were cited as causing the rupture to Line 6B in the Kalamazoo River Spill.
2012	L5P leaks 810 gallons of oil in Sterling, Michigan.
2012	An Enbridge pipeline leaks 38,010 gallons of oil into in Mokena, IL.
2013	Michigan Department of Environmental Quality issues a citation against Enbridge for contamination of North Ore Creek by an Enbridge pipeline maintenance activity.
2016	Enbridge agrees to pay \$63 million in federal civil penalty (Clean Water Act), after already contributing \$1.2 billion to cleanup costs, committing \$110 million in increase spill prevention requirements, and \$3 billion to replace the Line 6 Pipeline. (Nearly \$4.5 billion in remediation costs)
2016	State officials ordered two independent reports into the pipeline, one looking at the risks of a spill and the other assessing potential alternatives to the underwater crossing in the Straits of Mackinac.

2016	Sault Tribe passes resolution to shutdown L5P.
2016	The United Tribes of Michigan, Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes, and the National Congress of American Indian, have passed resolutions calling for pipeline safety or the outright shut down of Line 5.
2016	Sault Tribe members hold first of many protests to come calling for L5P shutdown.
2017 (February) -	Document shows missing Line 5 pipeline coating comes to light.
2017 (March)	State Congressman, Rick Jones, proposes Senate Bill 292. Stop future pipelines from running through the Great Lakes. It would also require operators of current oil pipelines to undergo a full risk analysis by a qualified independent third party, if report concludes that risks are high, the pipeline would be shut down immediately.
2017 (June)	Report shows Line 5 violated span length requirements more than 200 times in its history report shows.
2017 (June)	Norway-based consulting company submits independent report of oil spill risks. It is revoked by Michigan Department of Environmental Quality due to an employee of the consulting firm being contracted by Enbridge while conducting the report. [Conflict of Interest]
2017 (June)	Attorney General Bill Schuette calls for immediate shutdown of L5P upon reading June Report.
2017 (June)	Attorney General Bill Schuette contradicts his statements in June. He proposes the pipeline running between the Straits be rebuilt underneath the lakebed rather than on top of it. His proposal would allow the pipeline to continue operating while undergoing several year construction not immediately shutting down the pipeline.

2017 (August)	Enbridge confirms that the L5P has coating gaps the size of Band-Aids.
2017 (August)	Governor Rick Snyder calls for immediate repairs to the Line 5 Pipeline. (Not shutdown)
2017 (September)	State agencies order Enbridge to provide pictures of the coating gaps reported in August, and find that Enbridge downplayed the size and risk of the coating gaps.
2017 (September)	State agencies inspect areas of pipeline after false report by Enbridge. Largest patch of exposed pipeline metal is 16 inches long and 10 inches wide, several others larger than a foot wide, "disturbed" coating area that's more than 3 feet long, a "dislodged" coating area that's 13 feet long, among numerous other unreported deterioration.
2017 (October)	Minnesotans protest line 3 Pipeline project.

**Summary –**  
**1,068 Enbridge spills dumped 7.4M gallons of oil from 1999 to 2013 – an average of 71 spills and 500,000 gallons leaked per year.**



# Manistique Health Enrichment Gathering held

BY GAIL SULANDER MS RD CDE

We had another great turnout for the annual Health Enrichment Gathering in Manistique on Sept. 20 with 58 in attendance to share in the fun of Ojibwe language yoga led by Amy McCoy.

They also had the pleasure of hearing and dancing with the Mukwa Giizhik Drum. Chi miigwech to Terry and his fellow drummers for coming over from Hessel.

Attendees also had an opportunity to help prepare the whitefish chowder, wild rice with cranberries and fresh greens with maple vinaigrette offerings made possible with funding from the Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country

grant. I thank Patty Teeples and Kim Mattson for the great job they did in the kitchen.

New this year was the addition of health screenings. Staff were on hand to provide flu shots and offered hypertension screenings. There were also demonstrations on the effects of tobacco and acupuncture for smoking cessation.

The combined efforts of the dental, Community Health, clinic, pharmacy, nutrition, health education, administration, referral and Behavioral Health staff made for a wonderful opportunity to meet them and learn about their programs.

Rural Health Director Marlene Glaesmann and Dr. Gloria Van Klompenberg greeted all who came.

Also in attendance were our tribal board members, Denise Chase and Darcy Morrow.

If this sounds like something you would enjoy and missed it, our annual Health Enrichment Gathering will be offered again next fall.

Here is the recipe for the maple vinaigrette: Combine two tablespoons of extra-virgin olive oil or walnut oil, one tablespoon of apple cider vinegar, two teaspoons pure maple syrup and 1.5 tablespoons of Dijon mustard and mix well. If you are interested in learning more about Ojibwe foods or moving toward a more traditional way of eating, you can contact Gail Sulander MS RD CDE at the Manistique Tribal Clinic.



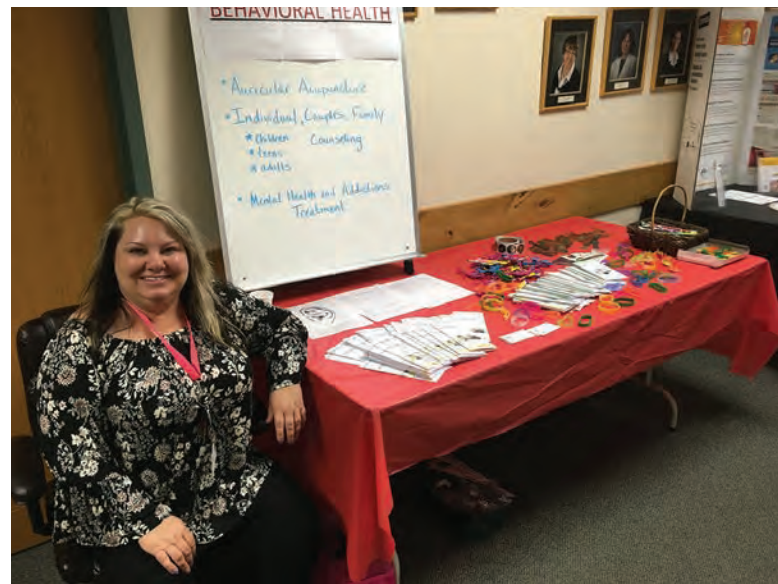
Above, attendees and staff prepare whitefish chowder, wild rice with cranberries and fresh greens with maple vinaigrette made possible with funding from the Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country grant. Gail Sulander on right. Below, Lisa Tatrow at the Behavioral Health table answering questions and providing information.



One of the information booths at the health fair.



An attendee experiencing ear acupuncture.



## Fall Cooking Classes Announced

All Classes are Open to the Public.

All classes at the Big Bear 2nd floor Teaching Kitchen.

Please call Community Health at 632-5210 to Register.

**Comfort Foods Cooking Class**  
**October 12, 2017**  
1:00-3:00 p.m.



**Holiday Cooking Classes**  
**October 19, 2017**  
1:00-3:00 p.m.



**Batch Cooking Class**  
**October 26, 2017**  
1:00-5:00 p.m.



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# Members who have recently walked on . . .

## ABRAHAM L. BOULLEY SR.

Abraham L. Bouley Sr., died on Aug. 29, 2017, at St. Francis Hospital in Escanaba, Mich. He was born on Aug. 16, 1935, on Sugar Island, Mich., to Jane M. Williams and Abraham Bouley.

He lived life to the fullest, loved his family, loved to travel and was a construction tradesman for 35 years with the Boilermakers. Beloved by his coworkers, he loved to make people laugh.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marion; daughters, Rita Bouley and (Jerry Smith), Mary Bouley (Freele) and Charlie; sons, Abraham Norman Bouley, Jame E. Bouley and Sandy; grandchildren Margerita, Jennifer, Sarah, Chelsea, Amanda, Nicole and Levi Bouley; and great grandchildren Zackeri, Aloni, Lillia, Jesse, Evan, Derek, Sonny, Kelesy and Eli Bouley. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and adopted daughter, Peggy Heminway.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jane Mary Williams, better known as Jenny; his father, Abraham, who he lost at only 2 years old; brothers, Antione Bouley, Alvin Williams and George Bouschor; and sisters Sophis (Dolly) and Georgiana.

Following his wishes to be cremated, a private Native American traditional ceremony was held with his wife, sons and daughters at Skradski Funeral Home in Escanaba. He will be dearly missed and loved.

## ELIZABETH B. A. CAIN

Elizabeth Barbara Ann Cain, 70, of Kincheloe, Mich., passed away on Sept.

2, 2017, at War Memorial Hospital. Barbara was born on Dec. 2, 1946, in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., the daughter of the late John and Margaret (nee Bell) Desjardine.

On Oct. 21, 1966, she married Boyd F. Cain on Kincheloe Air Force Base. Wanting to earn her diploma, Barbara returned to school and graduated from Rudyard High School with the Class of 1987. She was an excellent cook and loved to bake. She would bake all fall getting ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas. She also enjoyed shopping and would always be on the lookout for baby clothes to give to whoever needed them. She enjoyed crocheting and hanging out with her grandkids. She also had very strong feelings about her political views. Barbara was a member of both the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Batchewana First Nation.

Barbara is survived by her husband of 50 years, Boyd F. Cain; five children, Shirley Diane Desjardins of Savannah, Ga., Boyd Fred Cain Jr. of Kincheloe, Brian Anthony (Mary) Cain of Columbia, N.C., William Eugene (Lorrie) Cain of Savannah and Catherine Jean (Christian) Anderson of Owatonna, Minn.; 12 grandchildren, Christopher, Mark, Nathan, Kelsey, Kyle, Don, Laura, Carlos, Austin, Amber, Autumn, Jonathan, Codie,



Samantha and Kayleb; and three great grandchildren, Jordynn, Nakoma and Kolton; a sister, Agnes Agawa of Sault, Ont.; three brothers, David (Shirley) Desjardins, Vernon (Wanda) Desjardins and Benjamin (Ella) Desjardine, all of Sault, Ont.; four (other grandchildren), Ebony, Gabriella, Caleb and Cady; and a very special family, Doris and Duey, Francis, Clifford, Terri, Clinton and all of their children.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Theresa Murray, Donna Gingras and Margaret Bell; and a brother, Jack Desjardine.

A memorial service took place on Sept. 6 at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building.

Barbara's family was assisted by C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

## EUGENE CAUSLEY SR.

Eugene Causley Sr., 74, passed away on Sept. 23, 2017.

He was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., April 17, 1943, and was a resident of Fairview, Mich.

Eugene was a maintenance technician at Eastern Michigan University for his entire career.

He is survived by his children, Gina Rendeiro (Brett), Eugene Jr. (Yvonne), Mark Hagar (Janet) and Teresa Dohn (Eric); his grandchildren, Justin, Nick, Kristen, Chase, Kenny, Isabella and Makenna.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Zachary Joseph.

A funeral service took place on Sept. 29 at the Dykstra Funeral Home - Mulder Chapel, in Holland, Mich., with Rev. Chris DeGraaf officiating the ceremony. Entombment took place at Restlawn Memorial Gardens in Holland following the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Oscoda County Council on Aging, 429 N. Mt. Tom Rd., Mio, MI 48647.

## MICHELLE V. ELLIOT

Michelle Victoria Elliott, 51, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away Wednesday morning, Sept. 20, 2017, at the Hospice of the EUP Hospice House.

Michelle was born in Sault Ste. Marie on Jan. 31, 1966, the daughter of the late Cecil and Barbara (Handzaik) Goetz. She graduated from Sault High School with the class of 1984. She worked as a waitress for many years at The Palace, Lockview Restaurant, The Antlers and a few other local establishments. More recently, she worked at Co-Ed Flowers and Gifts, where she really enjoyed building fairy gardens. Michelle was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and was a volunteer for many years with the Soo Township Fire Department.



She enjoyed ceramics and making Christmas decorations, sitting around a bonfire and traveling or going on road trips. She collected Precious Moments and other knickknacks. She loved anything that was the color pink. Michelle loved spending time with her dogs, Riley and Katie.

Michelle is survived by three sons, Joshua, Jacob and Jason Elliott, all of Sault Ste. Marie; her life companion, Bubba Avery of Sault Ste. Marie; a sister, Lori (Dean) Sibbald of Two Rivers, Wisc.; four brothers, Greg Goetz of Brimley, Mich., Joel Goetz and Ron Goetz, both of Sault Ste. Marie, and Kevin Goetz of Rudyard, Mich.; the father of her boys, James Elliott; and nieces and nephews, Jodine (Mike) Pahl, Joel Goetz Jr., Ron Goetz Jr., Amanda Goetz, Tyler Goetz and Jeremy Goetz.

A graveside committal service was Sept. 29, 2017, on the Catholic side of Riverside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Hospice of the EUP.

C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services made arrangements for the family. Condolences may be left at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

## SALLY J. FRAZIER

Sally J. Frazier, 74, of Naubinway, Mich., died at her home on Monday, Aug. 28, 2017, surrounded by her family and while under the care of Northwood's Home Health and Hospice.

Born in Manistique on Dec. 15, 1942, she was a daughter of the late Roy C. and Elsie I. (Kohvakka) Anderson. She was raised in the Gulliver area and attended the Green School. Sally graduated from Manistique High School in the class of 1961. Following graduation, she worked at Blaney Resort and then in the fall she worked as a clerk at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital in Manistique.

On July 10, 1965, she married Carl Frazier at St. Francis de Sales Church in Manistique and moved to Naubinway in 1967. She was then employed at the US Postal Service and then Vallier's Grocery. They bought Cap'n Carl's Galley, which they owned and operated until retirement. During this time, she kept the books for her husband's business. Sally was a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Mission of Naubinway, the Top of the Lake Community Association and the Snowmobile Museum.

Sally loved to travel, especially the bus trips, riding her bike, cooking and being with her family. She helped with numerous fish fries to raise money for different organizations.

Surviving are her husband of 52 years, Carl of Naubinway, daughter and son-in-law Carla (Scott) Steinbrecher of Felch, Mich., son and daughter-in-law Melvin (Cheryl) Frazier of Lansing and one granddaughter Heather Crawford of Felch; one brother and sister-in-law Roy



(Paula) Anderson of Dexter, Mich.; two nieces Chelsea (Jeffery) Kent of Atlanta, Ga., and Mallory Anderson of Austin, Texas; several cousins, in-laws, and her devoted dog, Maisie.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son Roy.

Visitation and prayers were held at St. Stephen's Catholic Mission in Naubinway on Aug. 30 and Aug. 31 until a Mass of Christian Burial with Fr. Marty Flynn celebrating. The Rite of Committal followed at Naubinway Cemetery.

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

## W. "JACK" HOLT

W. "Jack" Holt of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Sept. 9, 2017, at War Memorial Hospital with his family at his side. Jack was born Feb. 28,

1935, in Gould City, Mich., the son of George and Marcella Holt.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He enjoyed playing golf and cribbage, and also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jack is survived by his wife of 59 years the former Betty Barber; two sons, Jeffrey Holt of Sault Ste. Marie, and Steven (Tracey) Holt of Sault Ste. Marie; a daughter, Lynn (Don) Press of Sault Ste. Marie; two sisters, Marilyn McArthur of Gould City, Mich., and Patricia Pierson of Peshtigo, Wis.; a brother, Dwayne Holt of Holland, Mich.; grandchildren Kristen Sawruk, Cassie Holt, Alyssa Holt, Kylie Barr, Jackie Holt, Jenna Holt and Craig Holt; and great-grandchildren Bradley Sawruk, Jackson Sawruk, Heidi Barr and Megyn Barr.

Visitation took place on Sept. 13 at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home, followed by a Christian burial service at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Deacon Bill Piche officiating. Burial with military honors were conducted at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

Memorial contributions to Hospice of the EUP or St. Mary's School would be appreciated.

Online condolences may be left at [www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com](http://www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com).

## ROBERT J. LAPLAUNT I

Robert James LaPlaut I, 81, of Bay City, our loving, fun and outgoing husband, dad, grandpa, brother, uncle and friend passed away on July 25, 2017, at his home. Bob was born in Sault Ste. Marie on Oct. 3, 1935, the son of the late Leo Joseph and Zeta (nee Olmstead) LaPlaut.

While at the ice skating rink, he met the former Freda Helen "Sis" Stephens. They dated, fell



in love and were united in marriage on Sept. 27, 1958. Bob was a proud veteran, serving during the Korean Conflict in the U.S. Army from 1952-54. He retired from The Stalker Corporation after 35 years of service.

Bob enjoyed fishing, hunting and most of all, cheering on the Red Wings, Tigers and Lions. He was a member of V.F.W. Post 9023 in Brimley and a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Throughout life, Bob's greatest joy was family – be it teaching his boys how to fish and hunt, and serving our country. He leaves to cherish his memory, Freda "Helen" "Sis," his beloved soul mate of nearly 60 years. Bob was the loving and supportive father of Robert James (Melody) LaPlaut II, Gordon Scott (Cheryl) LaPlaut and Michael Allen LaPlaut. His memory will live on in the hearts of his seven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild; siblings, Ronald LaPlaut, Joyce LaCross, along with many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Bob was welcomed home to heaven by his son, Steven Leo LaPlaut, along with many siblings.

Bob's family received visitors and observed ceremonial services on July 29 at Skorupski Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Cremation followed.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the wishes of the family. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family online at [www.skorupskis.com](http://www.skorupskis.com).

## JAMES L. MADDIX

James L. Maddix, 88, passed away on Aug. 24, 2017. James was born April 22, 1909, in Filborn Quarry, Mich., and raised in Rexton, Mich.

He attended St. Ignace High School, earning a varsity letter in football and the music award for band, graduating in 1947. James worked for the Soo Line Railroad and A&P grocery as a meat cutter. He met the love of his life, Martha, in 1946 and married her in 1949. They had four children, James, Chris, David and Rebecca. James served four years in the US Navy, April 1948 until April 1952. He was discharged as a petty officer second class.

His career included Mason City Police 1958-62; special deputy sheriff, Ingham County for 39 years; retired from the State of Michigan as employment counselor; licensing and regulation; and the Bureau of Lottery as an investigator. He received the Certificate of Excellence from the Michigan State Police. James taught at Lansing Community College for 12 years (meat cutting). He served 12 years as a Boy Scout master, Troop 62, Mason, Mich. — 17 scouts became eagles including his sons. James made two trips to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. His son, David, became the first to receive the award of Tenderfoot at the National Jamboree in Valley Forge Penn. James was a member of the Order of the Arrow, 4th Degree Member, Council 2781, Knights of Columbus; a Grand — See "Walking On" pg. 23



# JKL teachers aim for national board certification

BY SUSAN SOLOMON

In February 2015, the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) announced a partnership with the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards providing professional development, support and mentoring for teachers in all BIE-funded schools who want national board certification (NBC).

Teachers at JKL Bahweting School have been taking advantage of this opportunity ever since. The school's first cohort of NBC candidates completed their components this spring and will be recognized as nationally board certified by the end of 2017.

"JKL Bahweting Anishnabe PSA is extremely proud of the caring and diligence put forth by this wonderful group of NBC educators who have used their own time to pursue the highest teaching accreditation possible for the benefit of students," said school superintendent, Theresa Kallstrom.

The BIE recognized the potential value of national board certification to Native American students, teachers and schools. For our Native American students, research shows NBC educators have a greater impact on student learning and achievement than non-certified teachers, with their students outperforming their peers in other classrooms. For our



Photo by Vici Clement

Back row from left, Michael Brown, Gretchen Cornwell, Megan Sorensen, Erin Heyboer, Jaci McDowell, Donna Kozma, Greg Chromy, Aaron Litzner, Teresa Ridley. Middle row, Cathy Wilkinson, Sarah Kwaitkowski, Sara Stec, Heather Purple, Richelle Baylis, Katie Fewchuk, Angela Chaput, Janna Deneau, Dianne Heckman, Holly Traynor, Katie Heyboer, Tan-A Hoffman, Kara VanderMeer. Front, Amy Klco, Susan Solomon, Barbara Rogers.

teachers, NBC affords educators with the opportunity to reflect on best practices, hone their skills and find immediate application of what they have learned. For our schools, certified educators typically form strong professional communities in their schools, transforming the culture to collaborative, student-focused learning environments. Currently, about 25 teachers at JKL are voluntarily working through the NBC process, more than any other BIE-funded school in the country and a greater percentage than any other school in Michigan.

"We are proud such a large percentage of our teachers have taken on this additional learning

in the interest of serving our students," said Carolyn Dale, director of Curriculum, Teacher Instruction and State and Federal Programs. "Whether they are just starting or well underway in their journey, becoming a nationally board certified teacher is a tremendous commitment. These teachers have engaged in a rigorous program taking them away from home for weekends at a time and spending endless evenings on the coursework."

Dale added, "We are thankful to the BIE for removing the financial barrier."

National board certification is performance-based and peer reviewed and available in 25

certificate areas from Pre-K through 12th grade. Nationally certified teachers are recognized for meeting the highest standards in the profession. The certification process is designed to collect standards-based evidence of accomplished practice. In all 25 certificate areas, candidates are required to complete four components, listed below.

### 1: Content knowledge

A computer-based assessment asks teachers to demonstrate knowledge of and pedagogical practices for teaching their content areas. Teachers must demonstrate knowledge of developmentally appropriate content, which is necessary for teaching across the

full age range and ability level of their chosen certificate area. This is assessed through the completion of three constructed response exercises and 45 selected response items.

### 2: Differentiation in instruction

A classroom-based portfolio entry primarily comprised of samples of student work and an accompanying written commentary. Teachers submit work samples demonstrating students' growth over time and written commentary that analyzes their instructional choices.

### 3: Teaching practice and learning

This is a classroom-based portfolio entry that requires video recordings of interactions between the teachers and their students. A written commentary in which teachers describe, analyze and reflect on their teaching and interactions is submitted. Both the video and the written commentary should demonstrate how teachers engage students and impact their learning.

### 4: Effective and reflective practitioner

This is a portfolio entry that requires teachers to demonstrate evidence of how they assess and meet the needs of students as a group and how they use their understanding of student needs over time to have a positive impact.

## Back to school with JKL Bahweting Anishnaabe PSA

Photos by Tyler Theel

### Back-to-school family BBQ held

On Thursday, Sept. 7, JKL Bahweting Anishnaabe PSA hosted a barbecue dinner for parents and students, pictured at right.

During the event, families can become more familiar with the school facilities. Also, parents have the opportunity to meet with their children's teachers to

establish a line of communication, ask questions and provide information to teachers to assist them in addressing the individual learning needs of students. Most importantly, the event helps build relationships between families, especially those who are new to the school community.



**MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS HOLD FUNDRAISERS FOR D.C. TRIP** — Beginning in sixth grade, Bahweting students are tasked with raising funds collectively as a class in order to take in a class trip to Washington, D.C. in their eighth year at Bahweting. Middle school science teacher, Heather Purple, said that the fundraising process cultivates the mindset and skills necessary toward setting and accomplishing long-term goals. Visiting D.C. provides students with a unique educational opportunity that may guide their civic engagement and career aspirations. Fundraisers for the class trip were held on Sept. 7 and 9 middle school sporting events.

### Bahweting Middle School girl's volleyball team



**SPORTING FUN** — On Sept. 7, Bahweting girls' volleyball team faced off against Brimley and then against Cedarville on Saturday, Sept. 9. As usual, all teams displayed sportsmanship, teamwork and athletic abilities. The middle school sporting events also hosted fundraisers for the middle school class trip to Washington, D.C., as seen at left.



# Member uses art, exercise to cope with Parkinson's

BY RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe member Gayle Marshall of New London, N.C., was diagnosed as having Parkinson's disease about five years ago. "At first I was devastated," recalls Marshall, "because that is what my dad passed away from, it felt as if someone had hit me in the stomach. I was lucky I had a wonderful doctor who gave me a hug and told me we will fight it together. I found out everything I could about it and started fighting back."

She learned staying active is a key component in countering the debilitating effects of the disease.

Long involved with ceramics and plaster craft since her 20s, Marshall said she even won awards at fairs for her works. Though most of her creations were for herself or gifts to others. She also dabbled in painting on canvas and was commissioned to do a painting of a couple's farm, which was passed on as a Christmas gift. She also paints interior murals. She recounts one mural that started out as a jungle motif for a bedroom that grew into an adjoining hallway, living

room and into the front entrance way.

"So now you can come to my house and it's like being in the jungle," said Marshall, "everyone loves it and so do we."

About a year ago, she returned to painting on canvas along with all the crafts she does. "One of the big things with Parkinson's is to stay very active," Marshall said. "I box with my 70-pound pink punching bag, ride my stationary bike and swim as much as I can. To keep my hands and fingers from becoming rigid like they tend to do with this disease, I paint or draw. I have found using a small detail brush and doing tiny work has helped my fingers a lot."

Until she had a bad fall and injured her back, Marshall also incorporated powwow dancing as part of her exercise regimen. She anticipates returning to powwow dancing after undergoing a surgical procedure in the near future. "I was going at least three weekends out of the month to powwows and dancing," said Marshall. "I have danced in powwows all over North and South

Carolina and from Michigan to Florida."

While Marshall has not had any public showings of her paintings yet, she has fielded a couple of invitations to do so. "One is fairly local but one was in Florida, and I don't drive that far anymore. At one time I would have, but now it is not a good idea," said Marshall. "I have started setting up at festivals and have sold several paintings as well as quite a few dream catchers, wreaths and decorative horse-shoes."

In fact, Marshall reports, she has had such a great response from folks that she is now starting her own business, which she says has taken her mind off of her health problems. "They have found a few more things wrong," she said, "but I decided I was not going to let it get me down . . . I guess what I want to say is, no matter what kind of hand you are dealt, remain positive, get lots of exercise and keep busy doing something you love."

Sounds like sage advice from someone who has been there and done that.



Photos courtesy of Gayle Marshall

Top, Gayle Marshall and horse in regalia. Above left, textured flower painting. Above right, a painted war pony, both by Gayle Marshall.

## Stephen King of the KBIC: A study in vocational diversity

BY RICK SMITH

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community member Stephen King makes for an interesting study in vocational diversity. Hailing from Naubinway, Mich., the "Place of Echoes" and the most northern town on the shore of Lake Michigan in the state's Upper Peninsula, writer, columnist and photographer King has long been involved in a variety of mostly self-employed pursuits in the course of carving out his livelihood.

Looking over a summary of his work experiences, it shows at one time or another since 1983 he owned a café, sold firewood, worked as a woodsman, repaired fishing nets and operated his own small commercial fishing concern. In that time, the Great Lakes Maritime Academy certified him as a lifeboatman.



Photo by Rick Smith  
Stephen King bearing his photography and writing gear along with press passes.

During the 1990s he earned a degree in journalism from Bay De Noc Community College. Further, he topped off numerous high school awards with

two Liberal Arts Development Network (LAND) academic writing competition awards — first place in a Bay De Noc sponsored competition and second place in a contest through the State of Michigan. He also won a Michigan competitive scholarship based on his American College Testing scores. He received credentials in sustainable forestry as a professional logger in 2006 and became a certified master citizen planner in 2007.

King's stories and photographs have been published in many newspapers and magazines throughout the state such as the *Detroit News*, *In-Fisherman*, *Michigan Snowmobiler*, *Lake Superior Magazine*, *Great Lakes Fisherman*, *Newberry News*, *Peninsula Press*, *Win Awenen Nisitotung* and many others.

While keeping busy with freelance and staff coverage of the Upper Peninsula, King also currently operates a flea market.

As might be expected from someone who writes for the periodicals he does, the lifelong U.P. resident says he has "exceptional knowledge of the outdoors and outdoor subjects, including commercial fishing and knowledge of the entire U.P."

Community involvement also plays a big role in King's life. He has served as chairman for the Naubinway Fishermen's Festival as well as the Naubinway Spring Fest, vice president of the Top of the Lake Communities Association, served on the Naubinway Fourth of July Committee for over 20 years and served on the Garfield Township Economic Development Committee,

the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Fishermen's Committee and chaired the Garfield Township Planning Commission.

King said it seems a lot of people at events he covers want to know how he got into the writing field. He is rather casual in his response.

"For me, personally, it was kind of like fate," he wrote in a Jan. 11, 2006, *writersweekly.com* success story feature. Maybe so, but it appears it also required a lot of persistence and hard work, and a diverse field of interests couldn't have hurt any either.

Those interested in contacting King may do so via telephone at (906) 762-4760 or 477-6467, by mail at Box 218, Naubinway, MI 49762 or send email to [sking@sault.com](mailto:sking@sault.com).

## Academy of Performing Arts now offering water ballet

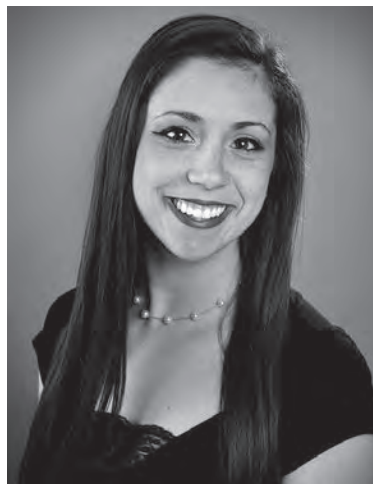
BY BRENDA AUSTIN

If you have ever wanted to try water exercise, there is a new class being offered by the Sault's Academy of Performing Arts (APA) — water ballet! And the best part about it? You don't have to know how to swim or do ballet.

The class was created and developed by APA Operations Manager and Business Analyst Christin McKerchie and instructed by Sault Tribe member Kayla Price, a dance instructor at the academy teaching students ages 3 to 18, hip-hop, lyrical, jazz, pom-poms, acrobatics, ballet and cabaret.

Price worked over the summer months at the Interlochen Center for the Arts as a certified lifeguard and swim instructor at the basic and beginner levels. She also participated in some of the water ballet classes taking place at Interlochen.

After listening to Price tell of her experience, McKerchie said she had the idea of creating



and developing the water ballet program and proposed the idea to Price and then to director and owner of the academy, Luanna Armstrong.

Water exercise works muscles differently because of the buoyancy and viscosity of the water, Price said. Her class will not be strenuous and is also beneficial for elderly people or those who need physical therapy. Her classes are gaining interest from some of her dancers and their parents,

and some athletic teams in the area are interested in taking a class.

Price suggests swimmers wear one-piece bathing suits, bring towels, water bottles, shower items and clothing you might need for after class. Locker rooms are available and if you wish to put a lock on your locker you must provide your own.

Classes are Friday's from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. for senior/adult; 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. for students, dancers and athletes ages 8-12; or 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. for students, dancers and athletes ages 13 and up. Classes are being offered now through December 22 at the Norris Center Aquatic Center at LSSU. The drop in fee is \$15 a class, or you can pay \$175 for the entire session. Price can also book individual and team sessions at different days or times with notice.

For registration information or questions, contact Christin McKerchie at (906) 440-9397, or Luanna Armstrong at 253-2180.

You can also call instructor Kayla Price at 630-0194.

For more information about the Academy of Performing

Arts and the classes they offer, visit them online at [Academyofperformingartsault.com](http://Academyofperformingartsault.com)

## Seasons of the UP



MSU Extension educator and local wild food expert Michelle Jarvie presented a class in Rudyard on Sept. 16. Each session focuses on a different wild food and how to identify them. She takes her class on field trips to look for wild foods and also shares recipes with them as she is cooking them up some to taste. To register or for more information, contact the Mackinac County MSUE Office at (906) 643-7307.



# Summer Health Professional Education Program free for qualified students

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The University of Iowa is one of 13 programs across the country that conducted a Summer Health Professional Education Program for underrepresented minority students, low-income students, students from rural backgrounds and first generation college students this summer.

The 6-week program was free for undergraduate students (community colleges, colleges, and universities) who had just completed their freshman or sophomore year, and is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). The program's goal is to help prepare students for careers in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, and public health.

Michelle McQuistan DDS, MS, Associate Professor at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics, said, "It's a great program, and we are actively trying to recruit American Indian and Alaska Natives into the program with the hope that they will then come to Iowa in the future for professional school."

Sault Tribe Dental Director Bruce A. Anderson, DDS, MAGD - Clinical Adjunct Professor, University of Iowa College of Dentistry, said, "In the 28-plus years that I have been here, I see a real need to attract our tribal kids to the health professions and this might be a great way to do this."

The application period for the summer 2018 program opens December 1 and closes February

15. McQuistan said the RWJF stipulates that a certain percentage of applicants must be from the state each participating university is located in, a certain percentage must be from that region and a percentage must be from across the nation. The RWJF also recommends that a certain percentage be from community colleges. "They would also like to get more Native American students into the program, but there aren't requirements as to how many," she said.

The 13 universities offering the program all have medical and dentistry tracks, and offer two additional health professions. This was the University of Iowa's first year of being funded for the program, and in addition to the two required tracks, they offered students public health and pharmacy tracks.

"We had 80 students, 40 were in the medical track, 20 dental and 10 each in public health and pharmacy," McQuistan said. "For the majority of the 6-week program, the students were together and took a variety of classes such as professional communication, how to write a resume, how to interview well, and how to finance going to health professions school."

One of the biggest benefits of the program McQuistan said is networking. "Networking with 79 other students who feel the same struggles and pressures as you about things such as 'Can I really do this?' 'Do I have the support to do this?' 'Do I know how

to do this?' And making those friends and seeing there are other people like them doing the same things. And when they do apply for school they will have 79 other people they can talk to about where they applied, how it went, what they did and where are you going?"

"Being around supportive facility involved in the program was also a big benefit to the students, and knowing that we are routing for them and want them to succeed," she said.

The 6-week program provides free housing, food, tuition and living expenses. "We were also required to pay for part of their travel, and in our case were able to pay for everyone's travel expenses - but I don't know if that will be the case in the future because of budget changes. They RWJF tries to make the program accessible to anyone who wants to come," McQuistan said.

At the Iowa program, students attended classes in the mornings, such as organic chemistry, anatomy and psychology or statistics. McQuistan said the idea is for students to take a class they haven't taken yet at their home institutions so they have a better understanding of it, which will hopefully allow them to achieve a higher GPA - making them a stronger applicant when they apply for a health professions school.

Then on Thursday afternoons, students were separated into their career tracks and those interested in dentistry came to the dental



Photo courtesy of the University of Iowa Dental School  
Dental students made impressions of each other's mouths, making models of their own teeth, and then they made mouth guards to fit on top of the models that they can use for playing sports or bike riding.

school. The first two weeks they watched dental students provide care on their patients. Students also attended presentations from facility about specialty areas and a demonstration from a panel of students talking about what life is like as a dental student. For the remaining two hours of the day, they did hands-on activities such as making impressions of each other's mouths. They poured the impressions so they had models of their own teeth, and then they made mouth guards to fit on top of the models and can use the mouth guards for playing sports or bike riding.

Dental students also learned about digital dentistry, how to make crowns, how to scan a tooth with a wand as opposed to making impressions, watching

the machine "know" a ceramic crown as opposed to doing it by wax and casting it, how to fill plastic teeth, and how to wax a tooth, which is one of the first things they will learn in dental school. "We tried to give them activities that would be something they will do in dental school, but also to see if they really liked the hands on component of dentistry," McQuistan said.

"It was a really fun program to be a part of because the students were so enthusiastic. It was fun watching them make friends and see them gain confidence. I think that is what the program is about," she said.

For more information about the program and what universities offer it, visit [www.shpep.org](http://www.shpep.org).

## City of Ishpeming designates parks tobacco-free

The City of Ishpeming in Marquette County was recognized by the Sault Tribe Partnerships to Improve Community Health (PICH) Grant Project for designating parks and outdoor recreation areas tobacco-free, which includes cigarettes, chewing tobacco and e-cigarettes.

According to the CDC, tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable disease, disability, and death in the United States. About 20.7 percent of Michigan adults and 10 percent of Michigan youth smoke cigarettes. With the emergence of electronic-cigarettes and other "vape" products, 23 percent of Michigan youth use these new, unregulated devices according to the 2015 Behavior Risk Factor

and the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System. Finally, according to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, one in three of its adult members smoke - putting them at 1.5 times the risk of developing chronic disease or dying from the use of commercial tobacco.

Tobacco-free recreation areas protect and preserve the environment, promote positive community role-modeling for youth, and protect the health, safety, and welfare of all community members. The Sault Tribe's PICH Grant Project provided funding for signs for all outdoor recreational properties owned by the City of Ishpeming. The PICH Grant is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which work

to prevent chronic disease by decreasing tobacco use among adults and youth and decreasing exposure to secondhand smoke.

City Manager Mark Slowin said, "We are grateful to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians for their generous assistance and their wisdom is making it available. Our community is grateful for signs to help Ishpeming be a safer place for all people."

Ishpeming joins over a dozen other communities across the Upper Peninsula that have designated its parks and outdoor recreation areas as tobacco-free.

For more information on tobacco-free outdoor recreation areas, visit [www.UP4Health.org](http://www.UP4Health.org) or contact David Wesoloski at [dwesoloski@saulttribe.net](mailto:dwesoloski@saulttribe.net).



Joseph Juidici, mayor; David Wesoloski, Sault Tribe health educator; Jon Kangas, Public Works director/city engineer.

## Tips for preparing and traveling safely with pets

With a little prepping and planning, it's possible to take our pets almost anywhere. These safety tips can help alleviate travel stress for you and your furry friends and ensure a safe and memorable trip for everyone.

### Before you go:

— Schedule a pre-trip visit with your vet to confirm shots are up to date and you pet is healthy for travel

— Make sure pets have a microchip and wear a collar with ID that includes you name and phone number

— Create a pet friendly travel kit that includes food, a collapsible bowl, and a leash, grooming supplies, waste scoop and plastic bags, medications and plenty of water.

— Keep pets safe and secure with a well-ventilated crate or



carrier.

— Maintain regular diet routines to lend some comfort when your pet may be feeling disoriented in a new territory.

— Bring a copy of your pet's

medical record.

— Know how to access veterinary care away from home.

— Find pet friendly accommodations, parts and activities.

— Keep your pets at ease by bringing along a familiar bed, pillow and favorite toys.

Tips for on the road

— Prepare your pet in advance by taking short drives.

— Consider investing in

waterproof seat covers and floor liners.

— Never leave pets alone in a parked vehicle.

### Tips for air travel:

— Bring small pets on the plane where they can ride under your seat.

— Book a direct flight if possible.

— Review your airline's pet policy.



# Inaugural Recovery Walk takes to St. Ignace



From left, Recovery Walk organizer Russ Rickley speaks with Michigan State Police Trooper Patrick Janisse of the MSP Angel Program.



Photos by Rick Smith



Above left, T-shirt design for the walk. Above right, walkers make their way along State Street through downtown St. Ignace. Below, walkers pose for a group shot.



## Tribal member harvests black bear



Jack Fortin took this 350-pound male black bear in northern lower Michigan with a 450 Bushmaster rifle in mid-September.

## Wild game processors need free permit from Michigan DNR

At its June meeting, the Michigan Natural Resources Commission signed an order requiring anyone who receives compensation for processing wild game to be registered with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The new requirement was brought forward as part of a larger set of deer management regulations related to hunting licenses, chronic wasting disease (CWD) response measures, urban conflict and other issues. The commercial game processor registration requirement is effective immediately.

“This free permit is to determine how many game processors are in the state of Michigan and where they are located,” said Casey Reitz, DNR wildlife permit specialist.

“As we work to manage white-tailed deer diseases in Michigan, we need to be able to contact processors who might be able to assist us in processing donated deer,” she said. “In addition, we would like to provide this information to hunters so they can have their deer processed relatively close to home.

Right now, we do not have those capabilities.”

Reitz added, “If you receive compensation for processing game, you are now required to be registered with the DNR. It is a quick and easy process of filling out an online form and then printing off your permit.”

Commercial wild game processors should register immediately so they are legal for the fall hunting season. The form to register is located at [www.michigan.gov/wildlifepermits](http://www.michigan.gov/wildlifepermits) and anyone who is unable to fill out the online form should call (517) 284-9453 for assistance.

Food safety requirements and licensing are regulated by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the U.S.

Department of Agriculture, not the DNR. MDARD and USDA conduct inspections associated with those regulations.

Wild game processors who have questions related to being licensed or food safety requirements can visit [www.michigan.gov/meatprocessing](http://www.michigan.gov/meatprocessing) or call at 800-292-3939.

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### Position Announcement

Director, Forestry Research & Extension - Upper Peninsula

(Academic Specialist – Outreach – Continuing System)

Department of Forestry, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Michigan State University

**Position description:** The Department of Forestry at Michigan State University is seeking a full-time Director to lead programming, interface with Upper Peninsula (U.P.) communities and stakeholders, and oversee forested property management at the Escanaba field station (currently named the Forest Biomass Innovation Center) and other locations. Reporting to the Department Chairperson, the Director will be responsible for promoting, facilitating and conducting community-engaged research and extension/outreach toward the sustainable management of U.P. forests. The Director provides a crucial connection between MSU faculty and U.P. communities and forestry stakeholders. As an integral part of the Department of Forestry, the Director will participate in Department governance, including faculty meetings. Responsibilities include leading or assisting with the development of proposals for external funding to carry out research, education and extension/outreach, especially for initiatives that link research, businesses and industry, and communities. The Director will facilitate leadership on emerging forestry issues, develop partnerships with K-12 and higher education institutions to promote forestry education, collaborate with the forest products industry and other businesses to spur economic development and quality of life, and collaborate with government agencies, tribal governments and NGOs to promote sustainable forest management, restoration and conservation. The Director will supervise regular, part-time and student employees; oversee the development of short- and long-term forest management plans; oversee the management of records and databases for all experiments, treatments, results, and land-use operations; and oversee the maintenance of facilities and equipment. This position is in the University's Academic Specialist Continuing Appointment System. A complete description of the MSU Academic Specialist system is available at: <https://www.hr.msu.edu/documents/facacadhandbooks/academicspecialist>

Founded in 1902, MSU's Department of Forestry is among the first and most prestigious Forestry programs in the United States, with growing undergraduate and graduate student enrollment and strong support from over 2,000 alumni.

**Required qualifications:** The successful candidate will have a combination of at least five years of graduate education or professional experience in 1) forestry, 2) leadership, 3) community-engaged research, teaching, and extension, and 4) supervision of employees. At least an MS degree in Forestry or closely related field is required; a PhD in Forestry or closely related field is preferred. At least one degree in Forestry is preferred. We seek an enthusiastic leader, dedicated to: sustainable forest management and community development; fostering the success of MSU research and extension; and building relationships among faculty, staff, and U.P. communities and stakeholders.

**Location:** The position is based at the AgBioResearch and Extension Field Station in Escanaba, Michigan, USA. Some time on MSU's campus in East Lansing will be required.

The University is proactive about its obligations under the ADA, and provides individual accessibility plans to students and employees with disabilities. Michigan State University is also proactive in exploring opportunities for employment for dual career families, both inside and outside the University, and respects all family forms. Information about MSU's dual career support can be found at <http://miwin.msu.edu/>. Information about WorkLife at MSU can be found at <http://worklife.msu.edu/>. The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Michigan State University is committed to achieving excellence by creating and sustaining an accessible and inclusive culture that values cultural and academic diversity. We are an equal opportunity / affirmative action employer. The CANR is particularly interested in candidates of all backgrounds who are committed to the principle that academic excellence is achieved through open access and proactive inclusion.

**To Apply:** Apply online at <https://careers.msu.edu> to position number 469227. Upload the following required documents: 1) a letter of interest detailing qualifications for the position; 2) resume/curriculum vitae; 3) a summary of your experience with diversity in research, extension, and/or teaching and an explanation of how you will contribute to inclusive excellence (2 pg. max); and 4) a list of at least three references with contact information.

**Application deadline:** Application review will begin on October 31, 2017 and the position will remain open until filled. Desired start date is in early 2018. Questions about the position should be directed to the Chair of the search committee, Dr. David Rothstein ([rothste2@msu.edu](mailto:rothste2@msu.edu), 517-432-3353).

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# Baami Pii, Ogema Abe-Blue Boulley



For those who do not know, our Tribe is made up of Six Historical Bands and the Original Bands which includes the Mackinac Band. One Band is the Sugar Island Band. In 1938, Ogema Chief Isaac Marshall and Lavina (Boulley) Marshall, filed paperwork to gain federal recognition. In 1951, Ed "Pie" Pine and the Sugar Island Band refiled and in 1972, we were recognized. In the 1950s, Ogema Marshall passed on the role of Chief to his nephew Abe-blue Boulley (above left). Recently, Ogema Abe Blue passed it on to his son, Abraham Boulley (above right). Abe-blue was my gram's first cousin. Abe-blue was a great, traditional man and the last of his generation. While his passing is sad, he told me two days before he crossed over he was excited to see my Gram and his relatives. Baama pii, Abe-blue. Now, join me in welcoming our new Ogema Abe Boulley .

## Celebrating Education ~ If I Can Do It, Anyone Can! CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF REFERENDUM IS ABSOLUTE



Dr. Frimpomaa Ampaw, Dr. Aaron Payment, & Dr. Sarah Marshall, two of my three dissertation committee members. Not pictured is Dr. Derek Anderson.

### Dr. Aaron A. Payment, MPA, MAEd, EdD

*Ahneen, Boozho, Negee,*

On September 25, I heard one of the sweetest statements I had ever heard, introducing...

#### "Dr. Aaron Payment"

When I was young, I never imagined I would go from a high school drop out at 15 to graduating with a doctorate degree in Education. From a GED to a EdD. Now on to finish my third master's which will be in Educational Specialist. I have a master's degree in Public Administration (1991) and a master's in Education Administration (2012).

I publish this to show everyone that you can accomplish whatever you set your mind to. In high school, I had a D/F grade point average. In my first master's, I got a 3.72 on a 4.0 scale and all of my courses for my 2nd and 3rd master's and doctorate have been all As.

Later on 9/25, I traveled to attend the United Tribes of Michigan pre-meeting for our Tribal-State Summit meeting with fellow tribal leaders from other Michigan tribes. The next day, during our Tribal - State Summit, I got choked up as fellow Tribal Leader, Chief Frank Clothier from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, recognized my recent educa-

tional accomplishment; then he went on to acknowledge the work I do to improving Indian Education for future generations. It was overwhelming, such that I have only a faint memory of a standing ovation. This means so much to me coming from my fellow Tribal Leaders.

I do a few things in my research that could be considered novel or groundbreaking. I hope to use this milestone to make a major change and call attention to the crisis which is the worst of the worst statistics for American Indians on every social dimension including suicides, drug and alcohol addiction, high school and college drop out, etc. The likely origin is historical trauma as a result of the Indian boarding schools, removal, forced assimilation, and perpetuation through what is called Tribal Critical Race Theory.

My elected role is my primary commitment. Now, however, I can advocate on a bigger stage. While I get no respect from most of our Tribal Board, my commitment is to you. Remember, when one of succeeds, we all do.

*Chi McGwitch, Negee!*

*Aaron*

## Thank You's & Dedications

*Chi McGwitch, Negee-auk!*

I am so grateful to Rosemary Gaskin, Joseph K Lumsden, Bob VanAlstine, Jack Kibble, Cathy Abramson, Anne Suggit, John Hatch, and especially Nancie Hatch who were pioneers in my Tribe's educational empowerment history and were my role models for Indians in education.

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*This work is dedicated to:*

To the ancestors of my *Anishinabe Nation* (and other tribal nations) who traded millions of acres of land to guarantee educational opportunities for me and other American Indians into perpetuity;

My mom Gotnee (*Waa-boxii-kwe*) for giving me life, my *Nokomis* (Gram Maria) for raising me and my step-mom Barb for urging me to attend and driving me to community college twice a week for a whole semester.

My sister Karen (*Waa-wee-aszhi-kwe*) who holds a MSW and is also dissertation phase for her doctorate in Evaluation Research. Both Karen and I are high school drops-outs who earned our GEDs at 16 and 15, hold undergrad and graduate degrees and will both hold doctorate degrees;

To my nephew Danny (*Mae-un-guns*) who has a high functioning form of Autism yet earned his bachelor's degree with a higher undergrad GPA than me. To my niece Desi (*Shawano geezigo-kwe*) who taught our *binogii* in our tribal head start. To my nephew Adam who just completed his first degree and is aspiring to more. Armahn who is going to be a physicist or astronomer. To all my remaining nephews, nieces, cousins and all Native youth - if we can do it, so can you.

Finally, I wish to share this dedication and my expected life contribution in U.S. Indian Policy and Educational Policy to all advocates for American Indians in Education and especially Dr. Vine Deloria, Jr., whose leadership and personal coaching inspired me to use my intellect to serve other American Indian and Alaska Natives.

*Chi McGwitch, Negee,*

*Dr. Aaron A. Payment, MPA, MAEd, EdD & ...GED*

**Please Vote to:**

# DISAPPROVE

## REFERENDUM ON RESOLUTION 2017-135

...to reinstate our longest serving Great Lakes Conservation Committee and our Inland Committee. Both of these unpaid Committees voted UNANIMOUSLY to keep the committees as they were. Paid Tribal Board Members (who fail to attend committee meetings) voted to disband our hard working committees!



# On issues of fisheries, referendum and health



**KIMBERLE GRAVELLE**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

is at an all time high. This will allow for three sixth, seventh, and eighth grade classes.

I would like to address the issue of the referendum for the separation of the Great Lakes Fisheries Committee back to two separate committees, the Inland Conservation Committee and the Great Lakes Fishery Committee. This is being turned into a political snowball. I will always believe in the right to referendum and the membership's ability to challenge the actions of the board.

I voted to have this as two separate committees and I was on the side of the vote that did not prevail but I accept the majority voice of the vote. I may not like it but I accept it. It should not have been politicized by a member of the board nor do I believe petitioned by a member of board

because the vote did not turn in their favor.

Further, I think the membership needs to know that the cost of a referendum is approximately \$40,000, which includes printing, postage and cost of work force labor. We no longer have as many volunteers to assist with these issues because they are being accused of doing something questionable. I know if I was volunteering my time and someone accused me of wrongdoing I would walk away, too. Because of this we now need to have our employees step in and do the work that goes into a referendum that costs the tribe additional wages and takes them away from their normal work day.

Health care is a number one priority with our tribal members. Because the majority of us live in rural areas we have a hard

time recruiting health staff. The demand for health services is getting greater every year. With this in mind your tribal board representatives work hard in Washington, D.C., to increase our funding so we take care of the tribal members and at this point we are fighting hard to keep the Affordable Care Act that brings in third party revenue. This third party revenue subsidizes a good portion of our health programs.

On that note the financial health of our tribe needs to be a top concern. I'm always on the side of the argument of making sure we can retain and keep casino employees. They are the driving force behind our tribal support dollars. Without tribal support dollars some of our governmental programs would cease to exist.

I would like to extend a

thank you to Melvin Alstergren and tribal staff for procuring some equipment for the Kinross Recreation Center Afterschool Program. This will benefit our youth and community members.

As always, please keep the men and women in our armed forces in your prayers and thoughts for a safe return to their families as well as the victims and families of the Las Vegas tragedy.

Please feel free to call me at (906) 203-6083 or e-mail me at KKGravelle@saulttribe.net. I enjoy discussing the issues with you no matter what side of the debate you are on. This is a way to clear up any misunderstandings or incorrect information that is put out to the public.

Thank You,  
Kim Gravelle

Hello,  
I hope that everyone is well and enjoying our crisp fall weather.

The JKL Bahweting PSA is in the process of expanding the middle school because the enrollment

## Seventh Annual Sault Ste. Marie Recovery Walk



**Brother John Hascall of St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, with Sault Tribe Officer Daniel Menard leading the Recovery Walk procession.**



**91st District Court Judge Eric Blubaugh with Vice President of FAN Chippewa County Ciara Krantz.**



**Court Administrator/Magistrate Traci Swan and Sault Tribal Court Chief Judge Jocelyn Fabry with Courthouse Charlie.**

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Knight 2002-04; Navigator 2006-08. He was a life member of the American Legion, St Ignace Post and commander, Post 148 Mason Michigan. James was a life member of Mason Chapter of the Eastern Star, Gaylord Masonic Lodge; and ZCBJ Lodge Bannister, Mich. He was past president, MSEA Chapter 124; member and Eucharistic minister, St Mary's Cathedral, in Gaylord. James served as Lake Arrowhead Board of Directors for 30 years and was president for five terms. He served on the Otsego County Planning Commission and Fire Board. James was a proud member of the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. His spirit name was Kitchi Wantasid (Big Paw). For many years James recited the Great Spirit Prayer on 101.5 radio station in Gaylord Mich.

James was the son of Frank Maddix and Caroline (nee DeRusha) Maddix. His siblings are Fannie Aslin, Newberry, Mich.; Lola Davis, St Ignace; Jessie C Maddix, Congress, Ariz. He is remembered and loved by all who knew him.

**WILLIAM G. MCGOWAN**

William "Bill" Gerald McGowan, 66, of Kaleva, Mich., died Sept. 18, 2017, with his family by his side.

Following his graduation from Brethren High School, Bill served an apprenticeship learning the trade of iron working. He joined Iron Workers Union AF

of L Local 340, in Battle Creek, Mich., retiring after 28 years of hard work. Bill liked to stay busy; his entrepreneurial spirit led to a number of side businesses, often operated alongside his wife, including a meat processing plant in the U.P. and a stump grinding business. He was mechanically minded with a gift for fixing cars and anything else handed to him and he was a hobby carpenter, building the majority of his home.

In his younger years, Bill was a member of the Gentlemen's Motorcycle Club in Manistee, Mich. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt and fish, especially with his boys, and he specialized in ice fishing. Most of all, Bill loved to spend time with his family.

On Jan. 19, 1990, after 14 years of friendship, Bill married Gay Laure Gilbert, who survives him. He is also survived by his children, William (Michelle) R. McGowan of Woodstock, Ga., Jason (Carla) T. McGowan of Palmyra, N.Y., and Aaron (Megan) Desarmeaux of Kaleva; his grandchildren, Christopher Michael McGowan, Hali Ann McGowan, Shaw McGowan, Cole McGowan, Jane, Gwendolyn McGowan, Garrett Desarmeaux and Grady Desarmeaux; his great-grandson, Parker McGowan; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, union brothers and sisters, and dear friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his mother; and his siblings, Judy

VanOttten, Teresa Kott and Daniel McGowan.

Cremation has taken place and private services will be held at a later date.

Terwilliger Funeral Home made the arrangements, leave condolences at [www.terwilligerfuneralhome.com](http://www.terwilligerfuneralhome.com).

**DONALD J. MCPHERSON**

Donald Jay "Smurf" McPherson, aged 88; of Pontiac; passed away peacefully on Aug. 19, 2017. Born on June 6, 1929, to the late Archie Sr. and Rose McPherson in Sault Ste Marie, Mich.



He was a U.S. Navy veteran and fought in the Korean War.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Virginia; four brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his sister L. Jane Morris (Melvin); and three daughters, Elizabeth Trimm (Michael), Donna Smith (Jeff) and Eleanor Swartz (Gene Jr); proud grandpa of seven, Matthew Trimm (Teresa), Tara Hill (Nathan Jr), James Trimm, Mariah Swartz, Monica Swartz (Eric Elizondo), Devon Swartz and Derek August (Nicole); six great-grandchildren, Keagan, Haedyn, Kaylee, Reilynn, Kiley and Gavin; many nieces and nephews.



**Recovery Walk participants on Marquette Avenue in Sault Ste. Marie.**

Documentary Film Screening

A James Radford Documentary

## PAPER TIGERS

One high school's unlikely success story.

**WHEN**  
October 18, 2017  
Doors open at 5:30PM  
Movie starts at 6PM

**WHERE**  
TAS High School Auditorium  
700 Newberry Ave, Newberry MI 49868

\*SOME CONTENT IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR YOUNGER VIEWERS

**FREE ADMISSION**

\*Information on trauma informed communities available

**PRESENTED BY MDHHS**

\*Refreshments with a meet and greet after the movie



# Please keep an eye out for the safety of elders



**ANITA NELSON,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT V**

Did you know that elder abuse is one of the most under recognized problems causing devastating and even life threatening consequences?

Elder abuse can occur anywhere, in the home, nursing homes or other situations (including writings, public slander and emails). It affects elders across all social-economic groups, cultures and races. Other types of abuse

are physical abuse, emotional abuse, exploitation (theft, fraud, misuse or neglect of authority and use of undue influence as a lever to gain control over an older person's property).

Based on available information, women and "older" elders are more likely to be victimized. Remember, most cases of elder abuse go undetected. Don't assume that someone has already reported a suspicious situation. Together, we have the power to prevent elder abuse. Contact the NCEA ([www.ncea.aoa.gov](http://www.ncea.aoa.gov)) or call (800) 677-1116 Eldercare Locator.

It is important to note that elder abuse can happen to any older individual, your neighbor, your loved one and can even happen to you! Do not be embarrassed or ashamed to report. If you suspect abuse or believe you are a victim of abuse, please dial 911.

In the last few months I have been in contact with persons with a few of the abuses named

above. I didn't have to report the child neglect and abuse situation as someone had already reported it, but if the family member had not reported it, I would have. The case is still open. It is my understanding that our tribal agencies have no jurisdiction for families off reservation; therefore, if you are a victim who does not reside on the reservation, you will have to contact your local authority.

On a separate topic, the Selective Service System is looking for a veteran to serve on its board in Marquette County. I mentioned this is my last newsletter to you. Please contact Major Robert LaPoint at [rlapoint@harborps.org](mailto:rlapoint@harborps.org) or (231) 838-0776 if you are interested.

Other veteran news includes the overwhelming amount of support from the community at the inaugural veteran's food pantry at Lakeview Arena where 120 volunteers helped make the event a success. Fifteen of the volunteers are Marquette and Alger County high school students. It was a

great opportunity for these young people to meet the veterans. The event, which was coordinated by their local labor organizations had 200 volunteers and served 550 veterans. A food pantry for veterans and their families, what a wonderful idea.

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to tell my Unit V people that I have resigned from the Elders Advisory Committee as of Sept. 9, 2017. My term was ending in November anyway. It was difficult for me to attend the meetings since being elected to the board. I felt that a full-time person would serve our Unit V better as being present at these monthly meetings is important to communicate the information back to our local elder committee. I am also resigning from the local elder committee to leave room for new elders coming in. Change is good. I served on both committees for about 10 years and will continue to be in attendance in a different capacity when possible.

In closing, I would like to thank all the fisherman attending our meetings and voicing their concerns. It is my hope that all the decisions made will be satisfying to all of you. I know it's hard for all of you to get away but your presence is important and appreciated.

Hats off to our tribal member students who received student scholarship awards from the Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA). They are Elissa B. Griffin, \$1000; Bailey A. Birenbaum, \$500; and Cimantha R. Veale, \$500. The MIEA scholarship information is online if college students want to apply for these awards. There are also awards for grade school children if they qualify.

Please contact me if you have any concerns.

Monthly quote: "When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on."

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## Health Division audit, clinic issues, announcements



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

At the Sept. 18 meeting in Munising, the contract for the audit of the Health Division came down to a 6-4 vote in favor of approving the contract. There were two board members missing and Aaron ruled we needed seven votes to pass it.

I cannot understand why anyone would be against auditing any division or program. Three board members who voted "no" voted "yes" to the HR audit. It seems that board members are picking and choosing what areas to audit.

The Health Division just posted for a quality improvement coordinator, so obviously they know there is room for improvement and an audit could provide those areas to work on. This resolution will be on the Oct. 3 meeting agenda for another vote.

Also at the Sept. 18 meeting, we voted to hire a new Health Division director. I am not sure at this time whether the person accepted the position or what the starting date will be. If this person does accept the position, they seem very qualified and I hope we begin to move in a positive direction.

There have been issues with members being late for medical appointments and having to reschedule.

I understand the need to keep a schedule so everyone can have the time needed for their medical care, but I also understand that some of our members travel hundreds of miles to be seen, and

then to be turned away for being a few minutes late is harsh. Many times a patient registers at reception and waits 20 or more minutes to be seen.

I am not familiar with the other tribal clinics but I do know the St. Ignace clinic is very short staffed. Patients trying to get appointments wait 4-6 weeks because we only have two full-time doctors. They also need to be able to have time off and be able to properly treat our people. We are down to one dentist and one hygienist, also. Many members who live below the bridge use this clinic so there really needs to be more professionals on staff.

There have also been more than 40 employees who have left in the last six years or so, which is equivalent to a complete staff turnover. One of our professionals just went downstairs to work for Mackinac Straits.

Feathers get ruffled when I try to discuss these issues. Bottom line is our people deserve quality, timely and professional treatment. Our team members also deserve to be treated with respect and dignity. Like I have said a hundred times, this tribe isn't about one person or family, it is about 40,000 members!

The board voted 10-2 at the Sept. 18 meeting to give the chair or his designee authority to issue an emergency order. *Tribal Code Chapter 20: Great Lakes and St. Mary's River Treaty Fishing Regulations* is amended as follows: 20.121 Emergency Orders (1) The chair or his designee is authorized to issue an emergency fisheries management order for the purpose of ensuring that the tribe and or the fishery do not suffer harm as a result of a fishery issue whose negative consequences may be averted via action pursuant to this section.

(2) Any action taken pursuant to this section shall be immediately noticed to the board of directors in such a way as fully convey the reason for the action and immediately noticed to captains.

This action was intended to

avoid a total closure such as the one that happened in 2015. The five CORA tribes have a total harvest limit of 550,000 pounds of trout and we are getting very close to this limit.

Since the state is continuously planting trout, it is difficult for the fishermen to avoid them in their nets. Whitefish is in short supply, which is another reason fishermen rely on trout to make a living. The tribes really need to go after the state for continuing to plant trout and consider planting whitefish.

The chair was unhappy with the board's decision in combining the Inland Hunting and Fishing Committee and the Great Lakes Committee so he did a petition.

The petition, in my opinion, has many issues and of course if the board doesn't send a referendum out, the chair will say the people cannot even petition their government, among other things.

The fact of the matter is this person has been around the tribe for more than 20 years and knows the code, rules and proper way of doing things but chooses to not follow them so he can play victim. I really don't think that many of the people who did sign this even know what they signed or why. I will save the details until my next report when the decision has been made.

The new general manager of the Sault casino property started last month and has been said to have extensive table game knowledge. I am hopeful that Steve will be able to have the time to evaluate each casino and provide a plan of action to the board.

The Education Division brought forward some plans of removing the Sault YEA from the Big Bear and Hessel's YEA from the Hessel Community Center. The plan was to move the Sault to the Malcolm School and Hessel to the Cedarville School.

The positive points are savings on space costs, the possibility of more resources such as a gym and computer lab.

The negative points are taking the students off reservation lands,

paying space costs to another entity instead of paying ourselves, and placing the students at an alternative school.

I don't want to sound judgmental, but many of the students I see who go to an alternative school are there because they may have been kicked out of their own school. I applaud them for continuing on with their education but not sure this is the best environment for our YEA students. I haven't been made aware of any problems with the current sites being used. St. Ignace's YEA program is in our school system and seems to work great. The Youth Services coordinator is in her classroom during the day to help youth with questions or homework they may have.

At this time, I see both sides but believe we really need to have more in depth discussion of where our programs are now and where we would like them to be. We should have a master plan instead of whatever makes it to the agenda first.

I have been contacted by a few team members in regards to the wage compression issue. The board should have all the pertinent information to make a decision very soon. The cost is pretty substantial but our team members are our number one asset and we need to take care of them.

On Sept. 21, St. Ignace had its first Recovery Walk spearheaded by Russell Rickley (32 years of sobriety) with help from a committee.

About 40 people came to walk from the McCann School through downtown and ending at the Museum of Ojibwe Culture. There was a meal provided by the casino and drumming from Mukwa Giizik and the Grandmother Moon Singers as well as teachings from elder Tony Grondin.

Big thanks go out to Russ for bringing the event and awareness to our community.

There will be an organized cleanup of the St. Ignace reservation and surrounding area on Friday, Oct. 13. All residents will

receive the information and time of the event. We need to keep our land free from trash and debris. Please help accomplish this goal.

The next board meeting that will be held in St. Ignace will be on Tuesday, Oct. 21, in the Kewadin Shores Event Center.

On Saturday, Nov. 11 (Veteran's Day), there will be a cleanup at the Wequayoc Cemetery and collection of the flags. Please come join us and bring a dish to pass as well as a chair. The cleanup begins at 11 a.m. with the flag ceremony at 1 p.m.

Don't forget to take advantage of using the Little Bear Fitness Center this fall and winter. This is a free service to tribal members.

In closing I want to express my sincere gratitude to a friend who has endured five years of fighting for her health and life to that evil disease, cancer. This lady has been a warrior for our community for the past several years and has fought so hard with a smile on her face and with such a positive attitude and willingness to live. She has taught me the true meaning of life is to live.

Don't assume you will be here tomorrow, next month or five years from now. Live each day with gratitude and treat everyone with respect and kindness because you don't know the battles they face. With that life, is the importance of spending quality time with your family and friends. The house cleaning, the yard work, the movie or book will be there. Wake up every day with a smile and willingness to live each day that many others are denied.

We have had many good laughs and you have always been so full of life. In your time of struggle, you are still an inspiration to so many. Thank you for being you, LT! We all love you very much!

Many prayers to all those suffering with that horrible diagnosis of cancer!

Please feel free to contact me at [bsorenson@saulttribe.net](mailto:bsorenson@saulttribe.net), [bridgett91@yahoo.com](mailto:bridgett91@yahoo.com), or (906) 430-0536.



# Sharing a seasonal tradition — ghost suppers



**JENNIFER MCLEOD,**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

I have been asked by tribal members to share cultural information in my articles and realized it has been a while since I have done so.

This time of year has always been an important one for me. I sat thinking about all the wonderful memories of Halloween, small game and bow hunting, deer camps and ghost suppers.

It is a wonderful time of togetherness, as we prepare for the coming winter.

The cultural information I wish to share a little about this month is about ghost suppers.

The tradition of ghost suppers (also known as giibi feasts) has been with our people for many hundreds of years.

It is far more than a simple "harvest feast." It is a way of honoring our ancestors.

Beginning around Halloween, and into the month of November, Anishnaabe people throughout the Great Lakes area hold ghost suppers, and there are many differing ways of having them. Sometimes they are held in people's homes, sometimes they are held in big community centers.

It is a commonly held Anishnaabe belief that our ancestors come back to visit us at this time of year and so we remember and honor them with a feast.

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

one.

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

I have visited ghost suppers held in people's homes. Sometimes there were many to go to on the same night and so I just ate a little bit at each one.

Inside, there was a table set, with food prepared and served by family members. Sometimes a place setting would sit unused (to honor the ancestors), sometimes not. At each home, we were encouraged to eat, and eat and eat! Eating was a way to help "feed the ancestors."

Each visitor symbolized an ancestral spirit visiting and brought many blessings. There was always much love, laughter and incredible stories shared during these feasts. After each group of people would finish eating, the family would clear the

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

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

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

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

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

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## Members, board trying to help others in life



**KEITH MASSAWAY,**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III

On Sept. 21, St. Ignace had its first Recovery Walk. The walk brings awareness to the growing problems of substance abuse. It celebrates those who successfully worked through addiction and gives guidance and proof there is a path to finding a way back to sobriety. They had a great turn out and many businesses and volunteers made sure it was a big success.

Russ Rickley spearheaded the effort and I thank him for all he has done for our community. There were so many others, too many to list here, so I will say thank you to everyone who

helped in every way. Hope to see this annual event grow and grow in the future.

The board is busy with the budgets and trying to figure out how we can best use the available funds to help the most people of our tribe. The board also is being apprised of the Health Division's ongoing work in recruiting doctors and professionals to our clinics. Tribal fishing has been on the forefront this past month. The board is working with the chair to find agreement with the other tribes on how to best protect and use this natural resource.

On a sadder note, my father-in-law, Howard Everson, walked on last month. He was a kind and gentle man who loved the out-of-doors and his family. He was also a pillar of this small community and will be sorely missed. The reason this is in my unit report is that Howard, a tribal member, had worked with and helped so many people in his lifetime that he really had positive contact with everyone in this town. He guided so many in the right direction and lifted so many up that no one can really fill those shoes on their own.

What my realization was,

is that we all have to pick up where Howard left off. We have to all do our part. It may be a kind word or part of your busy day donated to helping someone through a rough spot. It may be visiting a sick person or raking a lawn. If we all stop and do a little kindness every day we may be able to pick up the slack that has been left by the passing of Howard.

Thank you for all the e-mails and phone calls. Keith Massaway, 702 Hazelton St., St. Ignace, MI 49781, kmassaway@msn.com, (906) 643 6981.

## Seeing both sides of stories can alter views



**MICHAEL MCKERCHIE,**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

There are two sides to every story. We have all heard this lesson, yet we are quick to judge when we hear one side of a story. I, too, have done this. When you first hear a story of the way something happened, we have to pause and remember that another side exists and before we make an instant response we should take time to absorb and address the situation appropriately.

We've witnessed this at the national level recently and it happens all too often on social media in our organization.

We all can do better. If you hear a problem and are passion-

ate and care about it, research it, discuss it with others and look for solutions. Pointing fingers and finding fault does nothing to promote change.

With stating that, I had to change my unit report. Originally, it was going to be why I believe some things won't change in our organization. But that does no one any good, bottom line is we need to hold people accountable for their actions and their inactions.

We have problem areas in our tribe that need attention. Many respect the system and want it to work the way it's supposed to. Part of our checks and balances is that individual board members have no authority. Only through resolution and motions collectively agreed by a majority of the board should action take place.

When I stated we need to hold people accountable, I mean directors, managers and ourselves — all elected leaders. Whoever is not meeting expectations, should either offer explanation or offer solutions. If they don't, then they should be held accountable.

Our tribe needs to move forward and in a positive direction. We simply can't afford to con-

tinue to argue and get sidelined with inaction. We can be on the "right side" of the wrong argument all day long; we need to start having the right arguments. I will work to help facilitate change not only in our meetings to help keep decorum but also in resolutions to help bring awareness and change to our organization.

Emergencies measures were taken at CORA to prevent a closure on one of the lakes for commercial fisheries. As we move towards 2020 and the renegotiation of the consent decree, we will have to remain vigilant in our fight on what the tribes' "superior right" to fishing treaty waters looks like.

We, as a tribal nation, must also ask and define what we believe those trust responsibilities are as we consider future generations. Meetings are being planned for additional public comment with our legal team, this is a crucial component and the more members who participate the more it will help define what our treaty rights should look like.

A referendum on the combining of the Conservation Committees, Inland and Great

Lakes, is most likely to be validated this month and sent to the membership for a vote. I respect the right to members to engage in the referendum process and bring to the membership critical issues. I also respect the process it must go through to be validated, meaning a review of signatures and making sure everything was completed within the law.

I originally voted to combine the committees, but upon further reconsideration changed my vote and voted to keep them separate.

I have seen both sides of the argument and can respect those that I disagree with. I believe some problems exist, both real and perceived, but keeping them separate makes our tribe stronger with committees that have informed, knowledgeable and willing members. Combining them does not confront the problems, regardless of the referendum outcome I would like to see resolutions to address the concerns.

I recently attended our HUD review, which is a federal review of our tribal housing, and was very proud of our Housing Department and Housing Commission as they received an excellent evaluation. Kudos to

all of those involved.

I also wanted to congratulate our VAWA team/Domestic Violence Court team who recently presented at the Uniting Three Fires Against Violence event.

The Sault Tribe is one of the few tribes who have implemented the Violence Against Women Act and continue to fight to bring awareness and justice to those affected.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month, there is a walk scheduled for Oct. 9 in the Sault — please consider joining us and engaging in those conversations to help prevent violence.

Finally, congratulations to Police Officer George Parish on his retirement. George has worked for the tribe more than 32 years and I thank him for his service. Best wishes as you move on in your new adventures. Good luck and enjoy your retirement.

As always, I urge tribal members and team members to share ideas and thoughts to help move our tribe forward.

Please contact me to further discuss issues at (906) 440-7768.

Chi miigwech,  
Michael McKerchie



# Setting record straight over some "poli-tricks"



**DJ HOFFMAN**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Fall is upon us and "poli-tricks" have reared their proverbial head as individual(s) gear up for the 2018 campaign season. Unfortunately, these types of activities have become more of the norm, which is unacceptable. Ultimately, the tribe does not benefit from these actions/inactions. In the past several weeks the tribe has had many challenges and also some great opportunities. The tribe has many obstacles to face and we need to make sure we address our deficiencies and ignore our personal disagreements to move our tribe forward.

## REFERENDUM

A referendum was submitted on Resolution 2017-135 (Re-establishing Conservation Committee). It is important to note that under the tribe's referendum code (Chapter 12, Referendum Ordinance):

*12.106 Submission by Petition of Eligible Voters*

*(1) An ordinance or resolution enacted by the Board of Directors shall be submitted to a popular referendum upon petition of at least one hundred (100) eligible voters of the Tribe presented to the Board in accordance with this section.*

*(2) The petition submitted shall be in substantially the following form: "WE, THE UNDERSIGNED ELIGIBLE VOTERS OF THE TRIBE, REQUEST A REFERENDUM ON [NAME OF ORDINANCE AND NUMBER OF RESOLUTION ENACTING ORDINANCE, OR NUMBER OF RESOLUTION] ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON [DATE OF ENACTMENT]."*

*The petition shall bear THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH SIGNATORY in legible form. The NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON CIRCULATING THE PETITION SHALL ALSO BE INCLUDED.*

The referendum petition on Resolution 2017-135 consisted of 25 sheets that contained 111 signatures, 13 of whom failed to provide their complete addresses. One of the sheets was dismissed as it did not include the circulator's address, 20 of the circulator sheets did not comply with the referendum instruction sheets which state, "Each petition sheet must contain the printed name and address of the person circulating the petition (circulator) in legible form and the circulator signature. The tribal registrar reviews the signatures, they do not comment on the validity of the petition, only on the signatures.

## In the petitions:

- On one petition, the circulator's name is crossed out and replaced with a different circulator.
- One circulator argued they were not required to be physically present when collecting individual signatures and various individuals could collect signatures under one circulator.

The board is deciding whether the petition circulated is a valid at the Oct. 3, 2017, meeting. If the petition is deemed valid, a referendum vote will be scheduled in the next few months.

This entire issue was politicized to the detriment of the tribe. As catchphrases individuals have propagated this action of the board of directors disbanded the tribe's longest existing committee. This is false.

First, establishing a Great Lakes and Inland Conservation Committee was created by resolution 2010-276, adopted on Dec. 7, 2010, (**less than seven years Ago**) enacted *Chapter 22: Great Lakes Conservation Committee*, effective immediately **and rescinded all earlier Conservation Committee Codes**.

• Resolution 2017-135, adopted July 11, 2017, **re-establishes the Conservation Committee**.

• Resolution 12-28-78 (A) was adopted by the board defining the duties of the tribe's original committee.

The longest formal "committee" established arguably consists of Housing. The Housing Authority was established by the Original Band of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians and Their Heirs, Inc., as a state nonprofit corporation that was the predecessor of the tribe, in Resolution No. 72-101. It was reenacted in substantially its current form by the Original Bands in Resolution No. 9-23-74-2. It was then adopted as Ordinance No. 1 in 1975 following the approval of the tribal Constitution.

In addition, the following are examples of committees also formally approved by actions of the board of directors prior to 1978:

## ENROLLMENT

Resolution No. 5-22-75C, adopted May 21, 1975, established a membership fee schedule. Tribal Ordinance No. 2, Membership Ordinance, adopted as an interim measure by board motion on Sept. 8, 1975, and made a permanent ordinance on Sept. 14, 1976. Resolution 12-07-77C, adopted Dec. 7, 1977, amended the ordinance to establish the position of interim registrar to perform functions of the disbanded Membership Committee. Resolution No. 4-13-77H, adopted April 13, 1977, changed the number of Membership Committee members.

## HEALTH AND EDUCATION

Resolution 5-26-76F, adopted May 26, 1976, established Health and Education Committees.

## HOUSING IMPROVEMENT

Resolution 4-13-77E, adopted April 13, 1977, established a Housing Improvement Committee

As you can see, often buzz words are used to capitalize on changes to generate political

capital. The resolution adopted actually restores the Conservation Committee to its structure prior to 2010. A structure that served the tribe extremely well in negotiating two consent decrees for our tribe's Great Lakes treaty rights, as well as our inland Consent Decree. The key word lost in all of this is that the focus of the committee is and was CONSERVATION, truly ensuring our tribe's treaty rights and resources are protected. Maintaining that focus is exactly what the tribe is getting back to by RE-ESTABLISHING this extremely essential committee.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

Over the course of recent times, the tribe's general counsel provided the board with several "draft" examples of codes of conduct. I understand there are those who have reacted in a harsh manner prior to receipt of these drafts; however, no one should be opposed to adopting a code of conduct, unless they have concerns regarding how they are conducting themselves.

This entire code has been necessitated to ensure a more professional environment for the benefit of our tribe. Any code of conduct adopted would be applicable to all board members and cannot be deemed retro-active (ex post facto). The Unites States Constitution, which we must all follow, prohibits the making of ex post facto law.

No one board member is without fault for our tribe's failures, just as no one board member is responsible for our successes. In life, we all have indiscretions. We all have actions or inactions we cannot undo. It is the opportunities that follow and what we do with them when presented that ultimately shapes our futures. Ultimately, it is okay to agree to disagree with others. It's not acceptable to malign, belittle, threaten or personally attack individuals who do not agree completely with one's respective actions or ideas.

## HUMAN RESOURCES AUDIT

The board approved a firm to audit the performance of the tribe's Human Resource Department. Upon reviewing the audit's findings, the board directed the implementation of certain recommendations designed to address the findings of the audit. As an update to this process, the board's direction **has still not yet been carried out** as evidenced by the fact that none of the recommendations have been implemented to date.

## BUDGETS

Over the past month, the board met in budget workshops to review the various FY2018 governmental budgets. These budgets primarily are generated from historical departmental financial operational needs. A primary element missing from a majority of these budgetary discussions is the individual plans involved for each budget has been a detailed program plan. The tribe needs to require planning as a part of the budgetary process. The last minute, fast forward, pass it or we won't get funding approaches need to cease. It is not responsible to simply hurry up and adopt annual budgets without detailed

plans and goals. It is apparent that we can and must do a better job, as a governing body in this essential area. **"IF YOU FAIL TO PLAN, YOU ARE PLANNING TO FAIL!"**

## COLA

On a more positive note, Resolution (2015-264) was approved by the board on Dec. 8, 2015 to ensure that, as we move forward, our employees are no longer left behind. For FY 2018 the COLA for employees is projected to be 2.5 percent. This will total 6.9 percent in three years in cost of living Increases.

## CHI MUKWA COMMUNITY CENTER

In the Feb. 19, 2016, edition of *Win Awenen Nisistotung*, I wrote the following in my report:

*Big Bear arena has consistently dipped into tribal support dollars since its inception in 1996. Over the course of that time over 24 million dollars in tribal support has been allocated to the Big Bear. First and foremost, I am in no way suggesting the facility be shuttered and closed. However, the tribe has a tremendous opportunity to use our existing resources and departments to make Big Bear a more productive force for our tribe. It is not listed as one of our enterprises and thus should be reflected as a community center, housing our tribes education, culture and YEA activities. Imagine a centralized hub focused on our community for tribal and community families where one can get assistance with higher education, learn the language, get physically fit or strap on a pair of skates. There are several board members who support the development of such a place for our tribe. We have the resources in place and with recent structural changes it is now time to ensure we are investing those dollars to the maximum benefit of our tribal community. I look forward to working with members of the board to make this a reality.*

After several years of workshop agendas, sponsored resolutions to develop plans, tabled motions/resolutions and follow up workshops to once again discuss the topic – a resolution will be acted upon (whether for or against) at the Oct. 3, 2017, meeting regarding this matter. The resolution is as follows:

## BIG BEAR COMMUNITY CENTER BASED APPROACH

*WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian tribe organized pursuant to the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and*

*WHEREAS, the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center opened September 27, 1996. The facility was named "Chi Mukwa," which is Ojibwe for Big Bear. The multi-million, 150,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art recreation facility was one of northern Michigan's largest sports and fitness venues as well as one of the only ice arenas in the Upper Peninsula equipped with two ice rinks under one roof.; and*

*WHEREAS, the Big Bear arena has consistently depended upon tribal support funding since its inception and the tribe*

*has identified an opportunity to utilize our existing resources and departments to make Big Bear a more productive and impactful force for the maximum benefit of our tribal community.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The executive director (or their designee) is directed to incorporate educational and cultural programming/staffing (on site) within the Chi-Mukwa (Big Bear) arena in a community center based approach; and,*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, within the community center based approach, the tribe's education, culture and YEA programming shall take priority in office locations and space utilization (with the exception of the functioning ice rinks) to ensure proper access and programming to the membership; and,*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, within the community center based approach, the tribe's education, culture and YEA programming shall not be assessed any costs for utilization of the facility (aside from offices) as tribal support is currently utilized to offset these expenses for the facility.*

I am hopeful the board will approve this and take this step to enhance these opportunities for our children and our entire community.

## JKL BAHWETING SCHOOL

The middle school expansion is heading into the home stretch. The steel structure is erected and I anticipate the walls and roof will be completed in the next 1-2 weeks. In this same time period the new parking lot will commence paving this week and the larger grass play area will be hydro-seeded and fenced in within the week. Once again, I thank the entire board for supporting this project for the benefit of the children and community. It is truly an example of what can be accomplished when people work together for a common goal.

## DIVERSIFICATION

Once again, I continue to list as a major emphasis. I have and will continue to stress the need to diversify economically. Our new EDC director is doing an excellent job thus far. We need to provide our EDC director the tools and structure to ensure success in the short and long term. A structure focused on revenue generation and sustainability. To ensure this, the tribe needs to ensure its business approaches are structurally separated from its tribal politics.

In closing, I continue to push forward with members of the board who wish to be progressive. I also continue to work to ensure we become innovative in our approach to economic diversification, membership services and stepping out of the non progressive box in which we appear to be confined.

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# Annual Honoring Mother Earth Fair held Sept. 9

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On Sept. 9 Sault Tribe's Environmental Department hosted its Honoring Mother Earth Fair at its offices on Greenough St. in Sault Ste. Marie. The event informs people about environmentally friendly practices, educates about environmental issues and showcases different organizations within the community. Over 100 attended.

The event featured Hessel-based drum group Mukwa Giizhik.

The 4-H Sault Ste. Marie branch was on hand to educate the public about its goals and to recruit new members. Bayliss Public Library offered a rock painting station.

Vendor booths were new to this year's event. Bud Biron sold handmade crafts and customizable necklaces for youth. West Wind Acres sold wool from local flocks, homemade bread and fresh cut flowers.

Several activities geared for kids included sensory pools with water, sand and bubbles; coloring stations, kids' fair games; and the ever-popular educational fishing booth game. Environmental

Program Manager Kathie Brosemer played an educational habitat game with the children and environmental specialist Crystal Falk demonstrated the Enviro-scape table that educates kids on how nature and humans can impact water quality.

Air quality specialist Robin Bouschor offered a home air quality testing demonstration. Participants left with humidity monitors to take home with them with an explanation of how humidity affects indoor air quality.

Environmental staff prepared displays about topics and issues that the department works on — air quality, water quality, composting, recycling and much more were featured. The staff created displays with information about canning, tree wrapping, seed saving and seed storage.

A host of giveaways and free raffles were included. Sault Tribe YEA donated baskets featuring handmade laundry soap and humidity meters purchased with funds donated by Kewadin Casino and an Enviro-Battery. The department also gave away

free white spruce trees to community members to help stop erosion by planting the trees along waterways near the St. Mary's River. Bayliss Public Library brought seven high quality used books to give away to fair attendees, which were a great hit. Brosemer's famous hot cider, freshly popped popcorn and lemonade were served.

The staff at Sault Tribe Environmental would like to

thank Inland Fish and Wildlife for the donation of the boat for the boat wash display, Kewadin Casino for its donation of funds to buy humidity meters to raffle, Sault Tribe YEA for their donation of baskets to raffle, the Sault Tribe Cultural Department for attending and bringing so many tribal youth along with them, West Wind Acres and Bud Biron for spending the day with us and adding the vendor element to

the event, Bayliss Public Library and 4-H for their commitment to outreach and additions to the event, the Mukwa Giizhik Drum group for providing the heartbeat of mother earth and volunteers Mallory Bole, Anna Collins and Eva Collins.

Without all of these people and groups, this year's event could not and would not have been the success that it was.



Photo by Jordan Johnston

Cathy DeVoy and her granddaughter, Luna DeVoy taking advantage of the free tree giveaway.



Environmental Program Manager Kathy Brosemer supervising one of the children's games at the environmental fair.



Photos by Brenda Austin

Dani King (left) volunteering at the craft table while Kamyn Corbiere, 9, makes a beaded leather necklace as her sister, Kacie, 5, and mom, Kristen Corbiere look on.



This youngster was showing off her strength and aim.



Sault Tribe compliance officer, Candace Blocher, set up a booth at the fair with goods from her farm - West Wind Acres. She had yarn spun from her flock of CVM/Romedale sheep.

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