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FedReg suggests non-Indians possess eagle feathers

By Rick Smith
Confusion lurks in a case over the possession of eagle feathers. It appears the McAllen Grace Brethren Church and the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty are asking the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to revise federal regulations to allow the possession of eagle feathers by state-recognized tribes. The church is in McAllen, Texas, and the Becket Fund is a non-profit Washington, D.C., law firm.

Current federal law allows federally recognized tribes to acquire eagle feathers and other body parts of protected birds through the National Eagle Repository in Colorado. It does not allow acquisitions by any other tribes.

Robert Soto, pastor of the church, is also vice chairman of the tribal council for the Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas. The tribe lacks federal recognition, but is recognized by the state of Texas and the National Congress of American Indians. Soto explained the tribe cannot gain federal recognition for the lack of documentation of the people. He explained that, the ancestry of some Apache people

were accounted for by the federal government when their ancestors were confined to reservations while others were more elusive, escaping control of the government and its accounting.

After an incident over 10 years ago when federal agents seized about 50 eagle feathers from Soto during a church-sponsored powwow. Legal action ensued where, eventually, the Department of the Interior (DOI) settled with terms calling for the return of the eagle feathers and an agreement to consider a petition to change existing federal rules on the possession of eagle feathers and other eagle parts. The USFWS, a component of the DOI, received the petition on July 26, 2018.

Here is where it gets confusing. According to the Federal Register, the petition asks “to modify existing regulations or issue new regulations concerning the possession of eagle feathers by persons who are not members of federally recognized tribes.”

Further, the petition calls for the protection of sincere religious believers — “Members of a state or federally recognized Indian tribe, a Native American church or other Native American reli-

gious organization should enjoy a presumption of sincerity; others should have the opportunity to demonstrate their sincerity in other ways.”

The petition also calls for reforms of the National Eagle Repository to increase funding and staff to enhance its operation.

However, in keeping with U.S. Department of the Interior

procedures, the USFWS seeks public comments on the matter. Comments must be submitted on or before July 1, 2019.

The petition and associated material can be found at <http://www.regulations.gov> in docket number FWS-HQ-LE-2018-0078.

Comments can be submitted online at <http://www.regulations.gov> and following instructions

for submitting comments to docket number FWS-HQ-LE-2018-0078. Comments may also be mailed or hand-delivered to Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-HQ-LE-2018-0078; Division of Policy, Performance and Management Programs; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: BPHC, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.



JKL Bahweting School's Students of the month for March are: Kindergarten: Klayton Franklin, Mason Vaught, Bronx Gehrke; first grade: Aries Woodhall, Nora Baier, Alex Houghton; second grade: Stephanie Murdock, Destiny Robinson, Isaiah Hammon; third grade: Khloe Cantafio, George Tessier, lyla Nagy; fourth grade: Austin Laaksonen, Sierra Snider, Asia Jones; fifth grade: Annabelle Talsma, Drake Rexstrew, Jaron Compo; sixth grade: Hue Volrath, Johnny Osborn, lyla Beaulieu; seventh grade: Alyssa Yirs, Jacob Demolen; and eight grade: Cody Batho, Savannah Wing.

Tribes adamant: no tunnel, deal decommission Line 5

By JENNIFER DALE-BURTON
MACKINAC CITY, Mich. — In a meeting with members of Governor Whitmer's staff and EGLE staff, tribal leaders reiterated what they've been saying since 2014: decommission that pipeline.

Sault Tribe was invited to a May 3 tribal consultation between the Executive Office of the Governor and each of Michigan's 12 federally recognized Indian tribes to collect input regarding the future of

Line 5 and a possible tunnel under the Straits of Mackinac. Of the 10 tribes attending, all were united in their desire to see Line 5 shut down, in line with the United Tribes of Michigan resolution.

Gov. Whitmer has been negotiating with Enbridge regarding a tunnel to house Enbridge's oil pipeline running through the Straits. But Sault Tribe says that is unacceptable. “I'm not looking for a deal to be struck with Enbridge,” Sault Tribe

Chairperson Aaron Payment said. “I'm looking for the governor to stand up for the people of Michigan.”

Enbridge's Line 5, a 30-inch-diameter pipeline built in 1953 that extends a distance of 4.6 miles beneath the Straits of Mackinac, is as dangerous as ever. Line 5 was designed for a 50-year life and is now 16 years beyond its design life. This pipeline at any given time contains nearly 1 million gallons of crude oil beneath the waters of the Straits of Mackinac. For 4 to 6 months of the year, the Straits are ice-covered, making spill response nearly impossible. Numerous small ruptures have already occurred on land

portions of this line, including a spill in early December 2014, on the bank of the Manistique River just 1 mile from Lake Michigan.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians passed a resolution in February 2015 entreating any regulatory authority, be it federal, state, or other, to take all action toward requiring decommissioning of the Enbridge Line 5 pipeline at the Straits of Mackinac and specifically requesting the Michigan Petroleum Pipelines Task Force to include in its recommendations the decommissioning of the Enbridge Line 5 pipeline at the Straits of Mackinac.

Sault Tribe's position has not changed. “We have a new

day, a new opportunity, a new governor,” said Payment. “Unfortunately, the new governor has inherited this problem.”

Decommissioning Line 5 now is the only decision that makes sense. A catastrophic oil spill in the Straits of Mackinac would devastate the tribal fishing industry, as well as shut down water intakes for numerous communities and devastate the shoreline and island ecosystems and tourist industry — all for an investment that probably won't be relevant by the time it is completed.

“A half-billion dollar investment in a tunnel will be either a stranded asset (never used), or it guarantees climate disaster,” said Payment.

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Sault Tribe legalizes marijuana

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors approved a resolution at its April 16 meeting to legalize marijuana on the Sault Tribe reservation. The new law takes effect May 15.

“The wave of legalization of personal or recreational use of marijuana has reached the Sault Tribe reservation for adult Sault Tribe citizens,” said Tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment. “Some will celebrate while others have concerns. Fundamental change is never easy.”

On April 8, Bay Mills Indian Community adopted an ordinance, allowing individuals to cultivate, possess and use marijuana, which mirrors state law. Michigan voters approved a referendum last fall legalizing marijuana.

The Sault Tribe law also mirrors state law: Only those 21 and older can possess, use and grow small amounts of marijuana within their residence. Those with past marijuana related offenses may request they be vacated via Tribal Court. Marijuana cannot be used or displayed in public;

drivers cannot be under the influence of marijuana. Permitted manufacture, process and sale of marijuana is limited to authorized tribal enterprises.

The new Tribal Code, Chapter 71: Criminal Offenses, Subchapter XVI: Controlled Substances and Related Offenses, takes effect May 15 to be in accord with the 30-day referendum timeline set forth in the Sault Tribe Constitution, said Payment. The tribe will use the time to put an implementation plan and press plan in place, according to the resolution.

Tony Abramson retires after 35 years of service

Rarely has a retiring team member commanded such respect and affection. Three former health directors, board members, colleagues, family members and team members from across the tribe packed into the health center auditorium April 17 to pay their respects and rib retiring Health Center Clinic Manager Tony Abramson.

After an introduction by Health Director Leo Chugunov, Cecil Pavlat presented Abramson with a plaque and an eagle feather and informed the crowd that Abramson has been adopted into the tribe as an honorary member.

Former health director Mary Beth Skuppien, said, "Tony loves his wife and family, and his culture, so much. He is known throughout Indian Country as a scholar and a resource. He handled being a non-Native professional in Indian Country with grace and class; he is an example for every one of us. "You are amazing," she said to him.



Photos by Brenda Austin and Lisa Corbiere

Sault Tribe Health Division Director Leo Chugunov stood by Tony Abramson's side as he gave an emotional farewell to those gathered for his retirement party at the Sault Tribe Health Center in Sault Ste. Marie.



Cecil Pavlat presented Abramson with a plaque and an eagle feather and informed the crowd that Abramson has been adopted into the tribe as an honorary member. He said, "Tony made a choice to be part of our community."

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors honored Abramson's years of service with a Pendleton blanket, one of many gifts he received from well-wishers.



Emotions were high as Cathy and Tony Abramson celebrated his retirement with coworkers, friends and family.



Left: Mary Beth Skuppien, Ph.D., Cathy and Tony Abramson. Skuppien is the former director of the Sault Tribe Health Division, and has been friends with Tony since they attended nursing school together.



Cathy and Tony Abramson spend time with coworkers and friends during his retirement party.

Opens April 29th

Weatherization Program



The Sault Tribe Housing Authority will be accepting applications for the Weatherization Program beginning April 29, 2019 thru May 28, 2019

The purpose of the Weatherization Program is to provide energy conservation improvements for homeowners in need of repair/replacement to improve the energy efficiency of their home.

Description of services to include:

- Repair/Replacement of Roofs, windows, and exterior doors
- Air-sealing measures such as weather stripping and caulking
- Insulation of pipes, skirting, roof area/attic

- Must be a Sault Tribe Household
- Must Own Home and Land
- Trust Land Leases Accepted
- Must reside in the seven county service area
- Must meet income guidelines

Please contact the Homeownership Program
Jamie Harvey @ (906)495-1450
or (800)794-4072



Shkode: Fit For Life Running & Wellness Program

When:

Begins June 17, 2019
Monday - Thursday 4p-7p
Saturday 5K's: To be Determined

Where:

Activities will take place at Big Bear Arena, unless otherwise indicated.

What:

FREE 7 week running & wellness program open to youth ages 12-18. Will include run/walks, traditional games such as lacrosse & warrior games, with trips to local 5K's. Will also include partnership with LSSU Recreation & Sault Tribe Registered Dietitians.



Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Space is limited. To register, or get more information, please contact Charlee Brissette at 906-632-5210 ext. 45241 or cbrissette@saulttribe.net



Supported by the Sault Tribe Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country Grant. Made possible with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

June USDA road schedule

Sault Tribe USDA Food Distribution Program staff certify eligibility of clients and distribute food at a central warehouse in Sault Ste. Marie and repeat the process at eight tailgate sites every month serving 15 counties in all. Those counties served are Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Schoolcraft, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Leelenau and Manistee. Those wishing to apply must reside in one of the 15 counties served in order to apply.

Applicants need to verify membership in any federally

recognized tribe for at least one member of their households. Applicants also must verify all that applies to them on the application, such as all income received, all expenses paid out such as child support, day care, utility bills, rent or mortgage receipts.

Applicants over 60 or disabled may qualify for a medical deduction as well.

Those who may have questions should call 635-6076 or toll free at (888) 448-8732 to inquire.

A nutrition educator is also available to help with any nutrition questions you may have.

The application process to receive these benefits takes up to seven business days from the date the office receives it, and you cannot receive SNAP (food stamps) and commodities in the same month.

Here is the June 2019 food distribution road schedule:

Cheboygan	June 27
Hessel	June 10
Kincheloe	June 10
Manistique 1	June 4
Manistique 2	June 18
Marquette	June 6
Newberry	June 14
Rapid River	June 12
St. Ignace	June 20

Wequayoc Cemetery spring cleaning set for May 18

The Wequayoc Cemetery spring cleaning and potluck is on May 18 at 10 a.m. Potluck at 12 p.m. at 2354 E. Hwy M-134 in Hessel.

Equipment needed: rakes, trash bags, work gloves and any other items for cleaning the graves and

tidying up the general cemetery area.

Please label items with your name to reduce chances of getting mixed up with others' items.

For any questions or for more information, call Russ Rickley at 440-5696.

Marquette hand drum workshops

Sault Tribe Unit V hosts a two-day hand drum making class, May 24, 3-6 p.m., and May 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., with instructor Ogemaa Chichuck/Bud Biron at the Peter White Public Library, 217 N Front Street in Marquette for Sault Tribe members. Must be 12 years of age or older. All materials provided to create your own hand drum and drum stick! Class is free of charge but only 12 spaces are available! Lunch also provided each day!

Contact Charles Matson to register by calling, (906) 450-5094 or email: cmatson@saulttribe.net.

Learn how to make bark medallions

Join Biskakone Greg Johnson (Lac du Flambeau) and Community Health Education to learn traditional birch bark harvesting methods and to learn how to make birch bark medallions.

Saturday, May 18 — Workshop at 9 a.m., Sault Ste. Marie elders building

Sunday, May 19 — Workshop, 9 a.m., St. Ignace elders complex

Contact Sault Tribe Community Health to register or to get more information at 632-5210, Charlee Brissette@saulttribe.net.

Conservation Committee meetings remaining in 2019

All meetings take place at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. Meetings are scheduled to start at 5 p.m.

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

Tribal members are encouraged to attend.

Monday, May 20

Monday, June 17

Monday, July 22

Monday, Aug. 19

Monday, Sept. 23

Monday, Oct. 14

Monday, Nov. 18

Monday, Dec. 16.

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 at 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Call (906) 635-6050 for any questions.

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

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

Election Committee - nine vacancies (4-year term)

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

Health Board - five vacancies (4-year term)

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

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

Elder Advisory Committee

Unit I - Sault (4-year term), one regular vacancy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Elder Subcommittee

Unit I - Sault (4-year term), one regular vacancy

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

Unit II - Naubinway (4-year term), three regular vacancies, two alternate vacancies

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

Unit IV - Manistique (4-year term), one regular vacancy

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

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

Helping families tell their stories

Helping Families Tell Their Stories, June 10, 6-7:30 p.m. Sign-in starts at 5:30 p.m., at the Smartzone, 2345 Meridian Street in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

For those who would like to participate but cannot attend in person, please consider joining us via Zoom. People can participate via Zoom using a computer or a cell phone. When registering, indicate your preference. A Zoom link will be e-mailed to registrants prior to our session together.

Individuals and family members of children, teens and young adults with special needs/disabilities are their best advocates and most powerful change agents.

The most powerful tool to have to create change, whether it is at an individualized education plan meeting, person-centered

plan meeting, or influencing policy makers in family-centered systems change, is YOUR individual or family story.

This workshop helps people to understand the power an individual and family story has to create positive change in all aspects of the systems and services, which will create a lasting legacy for families to follow. Plus, they learn how to organize, articulate and present strengths and needs in a format that provides your team with the knowledge they need to assist you in producing family-centered services that respects your family's attributes, knowledge and desires.

To register for this session online, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L2JQKH3> or call (800) 292-7852 ext. 472.

Training opportunities available for eligible applicants

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

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

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

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

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

BMIC and BMCC thanks basketball tournament supporters

The Bay Mills Indian Community and Bay Mills Community College thanks and acknowledges the following for their generous support of the 2019 Inter-Tribal Basketball Tournament on April 13: Bay Mills Resort and Casinos, Boys and Girls Club of Bay Mills, Brimley Area Schools, Brimley Booster Club, Central Savings Bank, Jack's Grub and Pub, LSSU Men's Basketball

Rodenroth Motors, SOO CO-OP Credit Union, War Memorial Hospital, volunteers and officials.

The tournament was a great success this year with 15 teams competing in male, female and coed age groups ranging from 12 and under through adult. Plans are already underway for next year's tournament!

Chi miigwech. (Thank you very much).



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May is National Foster Care Month

National Foster Care Month is observed during the month of May every year. The purpose is to raise awareness about foster care and encourage more people to get involved. Currently, it is estimated over 400,000 children are in foster care in the United States and children spend an average of 20 months in care. More than 117,000 children and

youth are waiting to be adopted. Please help us spread the word that foster children are in need of caring individuals who can provide safe and nurturing homes.

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services is looking for foster parents who are willing to work with children's birth parents, supportive of efforts to

return children home, able to work with children who have emotional and behavioral needs and able to encourage teens towards independent living.

Make a difference in a child's life! If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, please call Anishnaabek Community and Family Services at 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093.

Child Care Development Fund has openings

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) has openings!

You may be eligible for child care assistance if you are working, going to school or in a qualified job search program; children are members or eligible to be members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; live inside the tribe's seven-county service area and meet income guidelines.

You may choose a state-licensed child care service, tribe-licensed child care center, state-licensed family/group child care home, tribe-licensed family/group child care home, child care provided by a relative or an in-home aide. Call (800) 726-0093 for more information.

Applications available online at <https://www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/acfs/direct-services/child-care-development-fund> or at any ACFS office listed below.

ACFS main office, 2218 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

ACFS-Kincheloe, 60 Kincheloe Road, Kincheloe, MI 49788

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

ACFS Munising, 622 W Superior Street, Munising, MI 49862

ACFS Manistique, 5698 West Highway U.S.-2, Manistique, MI 49854

If choosing a state-licensed or tribe-licensed child care center or family/group child care home, they must have a valid and current license. If opting for a relative to provide care, they must meet the following criteria prior to providing care:

- Relative of the child(ren) needing care (grandparent, great-grandparent, uncle, aunt, sibling);

- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Live in a separate residence;
- Care only for children they are related to;

Obtain a clear Michigan Department of Health and Human Services clearance;

- Obtain a clear Internet Criminal History Access Tool report through ACFS;

- Obtain a clear tribal registry clearance through ACFS;

- Provide signed open door policy, provider registration form and client/provider agreement;

- Follow the CCDF payment schedule and payment paperwork requirements;

- Complete initial home visit with CCDF coordinator.

There may be more criteria in the near future.

If choosing an in-home (aide) care provider, they must meet

the following criteria prior to providing care:

- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Live in a separate residence;
- Complete FBI and state fingerprint background checks;

- Obtain a clear Michigan Department of Health and Human Services clearance;

- Obtain a clear Internet Criminal History Access Tool report through ACFS;

- Obtain a clear tribal registry clearance through ACFS;

- Provide signed open door policy, provider registration form, and client/provider agreement;

- Follow the CCDF payment schedule and payment paperwork requirements;

- CPR and first aid within 90 days;

- CCDF training requirements within 90 days.



Health Director Leo Chugunov congratulates Rita Lewis on her selection as Health Employee of the Month.

Shkode: Fit 4 Life youth program

starts up

This program will teach youth how to be Fit 4 Life in the U.P. and show that physical activity can be FUN by combining training and friendly recreation!

What: FREE seven-week running and wellness program open to youth ages 12-18. Include run/walks, traditional games such as lacrosse and warrior games, with trips to local 5Ks. Will also include partnership with LSSU Recreation and Sault Tribe dietitians.

When: Begins June 17, 2019, Monday-Thursday 4-7 p.m. and Saturday 5Ks to be determined

Where: Activities take place at Big Bear Arena, unless otherwise indicated.

Registration is on a first come, first served basis. To register or get more information, please contact Charlee Brisette at (906) 632-5210, extension 45241, or cbrisette@saulttribe.net.

Space is limited. Call or email to register TODAY!

Supported by the Sault Tribe Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country Grant. Made possible with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Escanaba elder's

clerk position open

The Sault Tribe's Elder Employment Program is accepting applications for a part-time Community Health program clerk at the Escanaba Tribal Community Health Center. Applicants must be Sault Tribe members aged 60 or over and reside in the seven-county service area. Application and job details may be picked up at the Escanaba Tribal Community Health Center, 1401 N. 26th St., Suite 105, or by calling Brenda Cadreau at (906) 635-4767. The deadline to apply is June 7, 2019.

Head Start and Early Head Start now accepting applications for 2019-20

Early Head Start is for children from birth to 3 years old and pregnant women. Center-based services provided in Sault Ste. Marie, and home-based services in Chippewa and Mackinac counties. Head Start center-based services available in Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace. Children must be 3 years old by Dec. 1, 2019.

High quality educational services provided by highly-qualified teaching staff, including services to children with disabilities. Must provide proof of income and tribal identification.

Applications available by calling (906) 635-7722 or emailing kmcleod1@saulttribe.net or lmclinch@saulttribe.net.

Membership Liaisons May 2019 Schedule

Membership liaisons assist members with questions, issues and concerns.

Unit I —Sheila Berger, (906) 635-6050, ext. 26359

(906) 259-2983 (cell)

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sault Tribe Administration,
523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie

Unit II and III —Clarence Hudak, (906) 430-2004 (cell)

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sault Tribe Lambert Center,

225 Wa Seh Dr., St. Ignace,

(906) 643-2124 (office)

Units IV and V —Mary Jenerou, (906) 450-7011

May 17 and 28 at Munising

Health Center, (906) 387-4721

May 21, 22, 23, 29 and 31 at

Manistique Health Center, (906)

341-8469

May 20 at Escanaba Penn Star,

(906) 786-2636

No May hours at Marquette

Tribal Health Center due to holi-

day, (906) 225-1616.

Sault Tribe health clinics in Sault Tribe service area

ST. IGNACE

1140 N. State St., Suite 2805

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2864 Ashmun St.

Phone: 632-5200

Toll Free: (877) 256-0009

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5698W US Highway 2

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Toll Free: (866) 401-0043

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Lockview Restaurant under new ownership

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

In a town known for its whitefish and tourist shops along Portage Ave. near the Soo Locks, a local restaurant under new ownership in Sault Ste. Marie has decided to stick to their well-known and loved menu, with whitefish being their staple. Steve and Amy Goetz bought the Lockview Restaurant from a family friend in February, and after two months of preparation, opened for business May 1.

Until two years ago, the Lockview was owned and operated by Steve's Uncle Bob and Aunt Doreen Goetz and their two children Rob and Tammy, who had been the owners since the late 80s. After Steve's uncle passed away, the family continued to operate the business until two years ago, when they sold it to family friend Dennis Borrousch. When Dennis approached Steve about purchasing the restaurant last summer, he initially told him he wasn't interested. But after talking it over with Amy and praying about it, they decided to give it a shot. "As a joke, I told my uncle years ago that when I retired from the food service with the state I was going to come cook for him. I would never have imagined owning the place."

Amy's knack for business management and Steve's extensive experience in food management have prepared them both for their new roles, and with

their adult kids on board with their decision, emotions have been running the gamut - from nervous and getting no sleep at night, to being excited and looking forward to continuing a family tradition.

Steve has been in food service since the age of 13, working in local restaurants, including Abner's, where he spent five busy years learning the ins and outs of the business. He retired five years ago, after over 24 years at URF West prison in Kinross as a State of Michigan food service supervisor.

Amy has been managing businesses for the past 30 years, and two years ago helped Mid American Title Co. open a branch office in the Sault, where she still works and plans to continue her passion as a title agent during the day. Prior to that she worked for EUP Title Company for 19 years, and as their manager from 2006 until 2017, when she left. She has an educational background as a paralegal, and early in her career worked for local attorneys Tom Veum and Leanne Deuman for 11 years.

Following in his father's footsteps, their son Mitchell manages the kitchen in a restaurant in Grand Rapids, and has taken a break from there to help his parents with their new endeavor. And Steve's first cousin, daughter to his Uncle Bob and Aunt Doreen, Tammy "Goetz" Cook, is the owner of The Palace Mexican Restaurant & Saloon,

across the street and down a block from the Lockview, and Steve says she has been giving him advice and is always there to help answer whatever questions he has about the restaurant.

The Goetz's said their staff includes employees that have been there since they were 15 and are now in their 30s and 40s. The head cook has been battering whitefish in the Lockview kitchen for over 25 years. "We rely on our staff, most of them came back from last year and years past," Steve said. "There is a lot of passion in the workers here. They love this place and we honestly could not have done this without them."

In addition to flying the American, Michigan and Canadian flags outside the restaurant, they are also going to raise and fly the Sault Tribe flag. Steve and their children and grandchildren are all Sault Tribe members.

The Goetz's have five children, Tiffany Grove, Holly Greeley, Katrina Wade, and Michael and Mitchell Goetz, all of which have been in the past, or are presently, employees of the Sault Tribe.

Their ribbon cutting was held May 9, with family gathered outside around the flagpole, gaining strength from each other and pride in their accomplishment's and community.



Photo by Brenda Austin

Chamber Ambassadors, family and guests held a ribbon cutting ceremony at Lockview Restaurant on May 9. New owners are Steve and Amy Goetz. Lockview Restaurant is located at 329 W. Portage, and they feature breakfast, lunch and dinner, including their famous whitefish. The Goetz's said their staff includes employees that have been there since they were 15 and are now in their 30s and 40s. The head cook has been battering whitefish in the Lockview kitchen for over 25 years.

Latest Sault Tribe job openings

Apply online at www.saulttribe.com

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Human Resource manager
Medical laboratory technician
Perinatal care coordinator
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Tribal attorney
Youth program administrator

HESSEL, ST. IGNACE,
ESCANABA, MANISTIQUE,
MARQUETTE, MUNISING,
NEWBERRY
Staff dentist (St. Ignace)
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Maintenance technician (St. Ignace Lambert Center)
Tutor (Escanaba/Gladstone)
Student services assistant (Escanaba)
Dietician (St. Ignace)
Student services assistant (St. Ignace)
Tutor (Manistique)
Clinical social worker (Manistique)

Bus aide (St. Ignace)
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Program clerk (Newberry)
Community Health technician (Newberry)
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Dishwashers
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Physical Activity Referral Program sees early success

FROM COMMUNITY HEALTH

When John Goetz was diagnosed with diabetes, he knew he needed to make serious lifestyle changes for his health. John needed to lose weight, but his hip and shoulder pain made exercising for weight-loss difficult. He decided to start small. He began by walking regularly, then he cleaned up his diet, and, eventually, he enrolled in Sault Tribe Community Health Education's new Physical Activity Referral Program (PA Program).

Now, about 14 months after starting his new health and fitness journey, John has better control over his diabetes and he's lost more than 50 pounds. With assistance from the PA Program, he now exercises regularly — he lifts, rows and even does yoga. He says he's more relaxed and that his *numbers* — A1C and blood pressure — are improving. John is one of many in the PA Program experiencing similar results.

In the PA Program, John started lifting weights again, which burned more calories than walking alone and helped him lose more weight. He also joined the pro-



Health educators working in the Physical Activity Referral Program are (L-R) Samantha Radecki, MPH, RYT-200; Mike Goetz, BS, ACSM EP-C; Charlee Brissette, MS, ACSM EP-C, NASM CES; Josh Firack, BS, ACSM EP-C; and Heather Hemming, BS, ACSM EP-C.

gram's weekly yoga and functional strength class, which he says is "so relaxing." Overall, John says he's benefitted greatly from participat-

"The most significant change is my overall state of physical and mental fitness. With my weight-loss and clean eating, my diabetes is better controlled, and with my



Health Educator Josh Fireck, left, works with John Goetz, who has been in the PA Program for over a year and is seeing significant results.

yoga exercise, I don't have pain in my hips and shoulders so I can do more strenuous workouts," John said in a testimonial interview where he agreed to share his story with Community Health Education. "Now I can exercise the way that I want to exercise without having to worry."

The six-month PA Program is specially designed for patients with serious medical conditions like diabetes, hypertension or obesity, for example — those who need to be physically active, but may not have the physical ability or the knowledge to safely and effectively get moving on their own. The program follows the American College of Sports Medicine's Exercise Is Medicine guideline. Community Health Education's trained and certified exercise physiologists use these criteria to develop individualized exercise prescriptions for each patient in order to improve their overall fitness level.

"There is no *one-size-fits-all* physical activity prescription for every patient," Heather Hemming, the Sault Tribe Health Education supervisor who oversees the PA Program, said. "At the initial fitness assessment, we determine the patient's best route for fitness improvement, whether they need extra-specialized attention in one-

on-one sessions or if they would benefit more by being placed in a group class. Not every patient receives one-on-one session, but all are placed into the sessions most appropriate for their abilities and physical activity needs."

The Physical Activity Referral Program beta test period started in late 2018. Since that time, the exercise physiologists have worked with more than 60 patients referred by Sault Tribe medical providers. The PA Program is only currently offered in Sault Ste. Marie. However, all Sault Tribe patients in need and who fit the program's eligibility criteria may be referred, if they are willing to travel to the Sault. After beta testing concludes and with future funding, Community Health Education hopes to expand the PA Program to other Sault Tribe health centers across our seven-county service area.

"At Sault Tribe Community Health, we seek to provide the highest quality of care for every patient and the PA Program adds great value to the services we already offer (i.e. nicotine dependence, nursing, nutrition)," Hemming said.

If you would like to learn more about the program, talk to your Sault Tribe medical provider, or call Hemming at (906) 632-5210.



Youth Education and Activities brought two teams to Bay Mills on April 12 to compete in this year's inter-tribal basketball tournament. Participants practice often during open gym hours at the Big Bear Recreation Center, as well as compete in YEA's 3-on-3 bi-weekly basketball tournaments. Both of our 14-and-under and the 18-and-under teams won second place. The 14-and-under team, from left, Adam Horrigan, Deshawn Lowes, Da'Jon Willis, Brandon Erlichman, (center) Terrel Suggit-team captain, Damien Everitt, Grant VanLuchene and coach, Jill Lawson. The 18-and-under team, from left, Nick Bourne, Jackson Hetrick-team captain, Willem Perron, Hunter Walther, Reilly Cox, James Benoit, Jonathon Willis, and (center) Alex Hedges. Not pictured is Coleman Bumstead.



Photo by Rick Smith

The most recent Fitness Challenge conducted by the All-In-One Fitness Center in Sault Ste. Marie was a 12-week challenge started on Jan. 21. Body assessments were conducted on participants before and after the challenge measured weight, body fat percentages, body measurements, flexibility, aerobic fitness and strength. Winners were chosen based on overall improvement between their individual assessments. The winners of this challenge were, from left, Calvin Hartwig, second place; Karin Pingatore, fourth place; Crystal Falk, third place; and Don MacDonald, first place.

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and Conservation notices

By **ROBERT MARCHAND**

INLAND HUNTING, FISHING AND GATHERING

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE) is accepting bear and elk applications for the lottery drawing in June. Applications available online at www.saulttribe.com, Membership Services, Natural Resources, at the bottom of this page, select "For Applications Please Click Here."

Applications accepted from May 1-31, 2019, and only up until 5 p.m. on May 31. A \$4 application processing fee applies per application (elders 60 and over and youth 16 and under are free). The lottery drawing takes place at a Conservation Committee meeting in June 2019. Those drawn for an elk permit are contacted after the drawing. For bear permits, members who applied need to contact STLE no sooner than two weeks after the drawing as it takes time to put all the lottery winners' information together. Please remember you must have in your possession a current inland harvest license to receive your bear or elk tag.

Spring turkey season, which began on April 15, ends on June 15. In the spring season, you are authorized to harvest two bearded only turkeys. Coyote season is all year long with no maximum amount you can harvest.

If you held a 2018 harvest license, hunting tags, non-hunting harvest license, etc., you are required to submit the annual harvest report, regardless of activity. Failure to do so will delay the renewal of your 2019 licenses until that report is received.

Great Lakes commercial fishing

Please remember all licenses issued in 2018 expired Dec. 31, 2018, (as displayed on card) and until you renew for 2019 following the regular process, you are not licensed to commercial fish. If you have not renewed for 2019 yet, you are not required to submit monthly or bi-weekly harvest reports.

Please contact STLE to schedule your appointment to renew for 2019.

If you are properly licensed, and fish in MM-123, the bi-weekly harvest report submission is still in effect. Reports in this area for the period of the 1st – 15th are due at STLE no later than the 20th of the month. Reports for the period of the 16th to the end of the month are due no later than the 10th of the following month. If you plan to stop fishing in MM-123 at any point, you must contact STLE to advise them of this. If you advised or your catch reports indicate that you fish MM-123, then STLE expects to receive two harvest reports each month. If you contact STLE, we will make a note to not expect twice monthly reports until you tell us you are going back in to MM-123.

If you are properly licensed and fish in any other areas other than MM-123, you are required to submit monthly harvest reports no later than the 10th of the following month. If you are properly licensed and do not have any activity or do not have any catch to report, you are still required to submit a report of no activity/no catch by the 10th of the following month. For example, for the month of April, your reports are due to STLE no later than May 10.

STLE provides several methods to turn in your harvest reports: U.S. Mail to P.O. Box 925, Sault, MI 49783; fax to (906) 632-0691 – if you fax, you must call STLE to ensure your report was received; hand deliver to STLE at 2175 Shunk Road, Sault, Mich.; and now there is a black mailbox attached to the column at the right of the entrance to the George K. Nolan Judicial Building where the STLE office is located in which you may submit your reports after hours or on the weekends.

The Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) implemented an administrative order regarding MM-123 and an interim regulation regarding gillnet fishing in MH-1. All captains should have received a copy from CORA, but STLE will be including a copy of these orders in the captains' report packets. If you have not received these notices and would like a copy, please contact STLE at (906) 635-6065 and one will be mailed to you.

Great Lakes subsistence/gillnet fishing

Subsistence and subsistence gillnet licenses authorize fishing on the Great Lakes in Sault Tribe's treaty area only. These licenses are not good on inland lakes and streams in the treaty area.

Tribal Code Chapter 20, Section 20.107, is where tribal members can find the subsistence fishing rules. The CORA Code also has information related to subsistence fishing, with which all license holders need to make themselves familiar. They will find that, per tribal code, no member shall sell or offer for sale any species of fish harvested under a subsistence license; fish captured by subsistence fishers shall not be used for any purpose other than consumption by themselves or their families. Another section advises that possession of more than 100 pounds of fish based on the combined weight of all species by a subsistence fisher in any one day is strictly prohibited. Each day begins at 12 a.m. and ends at 12 a.m.; subsistence fishers cannot have in their possession more than 100 pounds at any given time throughout a specific day.

When tribal members hold subsistence or subsistence netting permits, regardless of activity during a reporting period, they are required to submit a monthly catch report no later than the 10th of the month following the month you are reporting for. For example, for the month of May 2019, if a tribal member held a subsistence or subsistence and netting permit, they would be required to submit a catch report no later than June 10, 2019. STLE provides an informational handout to all tribal members who apply for and receive these licenses that indicate when their first catch report is due, and provides the various methods tribal members may use to submit their monthly catch reports. If you fax your report, you are required to call STLE to ensure it was received. If you email your report, you must receive a response advising your report was received. If you do not receive an email response, please contact STLE. Regardless of the day of the month you renew your license, you are still required to submit a catch report for the month you renewed. For example, if you renew on May 31, you are required to submit a report

for the month of May that will be due no later than June 10.

General information

All tribal codes that regulate treaty fishing and hunting activities can be found at www.saulttribe.com, Government at the top, Tribal Code from drop down list. Chapters 21 and 23 regulate inland hunting, fishing and gathering activities; Chapter 20 and CORA Code regulate commercial fishing and subsistence and subsistence gillnet fishing.

Please remember that when you obtain any of the authorized treaty licenses, it is your responsibility to learn and understand the rules governing those rights. If you cannot find the answers you are looking for in any of the tribal codes that regulate all Sault Tribe treaty licenses, please contact STLE at (906) 635-6065 and you will be put in touch with a conservation officer who will be able to assist. STLE not only issues all treaty licenses, but is responsible for enforcing the laws associated with them.

Robert Marchand is the chief of Sault Tribe chief of police and conservation law enforcement.

2019 Sault Tribe Elk Application

The 2019 Elk application period will run from May 1, 2019 to May 31, 2019. All applications must be received by Sault Tribe Law Enforcement before **5:00 pm on May 31, 2019**. Applications received after 5:00 pm on May 31, 2019 will **NOT** be accepted. A lottery will be conducted at the June Conservation Committee Meeting.

First Name Middle Name Last Name

Address City State Zip code

File number (red #on Tribal ID) Phone number

STS number (red # on harvest card) Date of Birth Sex E-mail address

There is a \$4 application fee. Each elk application must be accompanied by a check or money order for \$4. Checks can be made out to 'Sault Tribe.' Elders (60 and older) and youth (16 and under) are not required to pay application fees.

Please send all applications to:

**Sault Tribe Law Enforcement
Elk Applications
P.O. Box 925
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783**

For questions, please contact the Sault Tribe Natural Resources Department at 906-632-6132.

2019 Sault Tribe Bear Application

The 2019 bear application period will run from May 1, 2019 to May 31, 2019. All applications must be received by Sault Tribe Law Enforcement before **5:00 pm on May 31, 2019**. Applications received **after** 5:00 pm on May 31, 2019 will **NOT** be accepted. A lottery will be conducted at the June Conservation Committee Meeting. Please be sure to indicate which Bear Management Unit you are applying for (see map below).

First name Middle name Last name

Address City State Zip code

File number (red # on Tribal card) STS number (red # on Harvest card) Phone number

Date of birth Sex E-mail address

Please select **one** of the following Bear Management Units. Please note that all Sault Tribe bear permits are only valid with in the 1836 Ceded Territory. See map for generalized boundaries of each Bear Management Unit

Upper Peninsula	Lower Peninsula
<input type="checkbox"/> Drummond	<input type="checkbox"/> Baldwin
<input type="checkbox"/> Baraga	<input type="checkbox"/> Gladwin
<input type="checkbox"/> Gwinn	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Oak
<input type="checkbox"/> Newberry	

There is a \$4 application fee. Each bear application must be accompanied by a check or money order for \$4. Checks can be made out to 'Sault Tribe.' Elders (60 and older) and youth (16 and under) are not required to pay application fees.

Please send all applications to:

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Bear Application
P.O. Box 925
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783**

For questions, please contact the Sault Tribe Natural Resources Department at 906-632-6132.

Tipping Point Solutions chosen for prestigious honors

President/CEO of Tipping Point Solutions, Rick Schmidt, honored as Colorado's 2019 Small Business Person of the Year

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

President/CEO of Tipping Point Solutions, Rick Schmidt, is this year's Colorado Small Business Person of the Year award winner. Tipping Point



Tipping Point Solutions President and CEO Rick Schmidt

Solutions (TPS) has also been chosen as a 2019 winner in the 11th Annual Colorado Companies to Watch Awards, with the top 50 being officially announced at a ceremony on June 21.

TPS is a leading developer of interactive training and media solutions, and is based in Centennial, Colo., with a satellite office located in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Tipping Point Media, the film production division of TPS, delivers superior quality training products for organizations, producing professional quality media that addresses organizational training challenges. The company's new office in the Sault Tribe's Tamarack Business Center in Sault Ste. Marie hosts a professional film studio, including a state-of-the-art green screen wall, supporting Hollywood-style filming.

Schmidt, who is a Navy veteran and Sault Tribe member, oversees the day-to-day instructional design, film production and technology development efforts that support the company's various customers. With over 28 years of experience in delivering creative solutions for both the military and commercial markets, Schmidt is a recognized expert

in the convergence of film-media with interactive training technologies.

His last assignment, prior to his retirement as a career Naval officer, was as a director of training at the Navy's Information Warfare Training Command (IWTC) in Pensacola, Fla. "I was fortunate to be exposed to the training profession during the last three years of my Navy career. That experience really opened my eyes to the impact of quality and focused training and how few providers really get this right, with the result being ineffective training that produces little organizational value," he said.

Knowing he wanted to be a small business entrepreneur, Tipping Point Solutions was born. "The success of our products is entirely dependent on the effective analysis of our customers organizational needs," Schmidt said. "One of the things Tipping Point specializes in is the employment of an instructional design process that determines how training will truly influence employee productivity. Essential to our process is the close collaboration we have with subject matter experts. We feel that if customers are willing to commit time and money to employee training, then we need to ensure that the training meets the mark and provides a return on their investment. We evaluate those items that really have the greatest impact on employee or organizational performance, and then target positive change in those areas. While I know this seems obvious, this is lacking across many training providers."

Awarded Colorado's Small Business Person of the Year and chosen as a winner in the 2019 Colorado Companies to Watch Awards, Schmidt said that being singled out as a leader from among so many wonderful companies that he respects and admires is a great achievement. "Tipping Point Solutions is successful due to the daily contributions of its employees," he said. "I see the look on their faces and the pride they have in the company with these awards. It makes me humbled and excited to know they have the same level of professional satisfaction that I have - and it's shared across our

team."

The company's slogan is "Changing the Way the World Learns," and Schmidt said the fact that TPS is starting to make inroads to be able to achieve that

is very meaningful.

Schmidt said the opening of their Michigan office four months ago is the result of in-depth exploration and planning which would not

have been possible without the support of the state of Michigan's Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), the tribal EDC and the Sault Tribe Board of Directors.

SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT 2019 JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY

Law Enforcement Training Activities:

- Physical Fitness Training
- Evidence Collection
- Taser Training Presentation
- MILO Simulator
- First Aid Training
- Swat Team Techniques
- K-9 Unit Presentation
- Outdoor Emergency Preparedness

- Felony Traffic Stops
- Simunitions
- Building Entry
- Report Writing
- Water Safety
- Fingerprinting
- Fire Safety



Recreational Activities: Swimming / Games

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Sault Tribe Members 11 - 15 Years of Age

WHERE

Boedne Bay, Moran, Michigan

WHEN

Monday - Friday, August 5 - 9, 2019

COST - None

TRANSPORTATION MAY BE PROVIDED IF NEEDED-SEE FORM CONTACT

Robert Marchand, Chief of Police
(906) 635-6065

SUBMIT REGISTRATION FORMS TO:
Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Department
P.O. Box 925, 2175 Shunk Road
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

-----PLEASE RETURN THIS BOTTOM PORTION-----

REGISTRATION FORM:

CADET'S NAME: _____

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____ NIGHT TIME PHONE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE: _____ GRADE: _____ MALE OR FEMALE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

T-Shirt Size: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ Extra Large _____
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Transportation From Camp Needed? _____ If yes, to St. Ignace, Manistique, Kinross, or Sault Ste. Marie? (Circle One)

REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE June 28, 2019
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UPON SELECTION, YOUTH WILL RECEIVE AN APPLICATION PACKAGE WITH RULES & REGULATIONS TO BE REVIEWED AND SIGNED BY CADETS AND PARENTS. ALL REQUIRED FORMS ARE TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED PRIOR TO CAMP (deadline will be included with packets).
SPACE IS LIMITED SO PLEASE RETURN FORMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

LSSU Athletic camps

Free registration for Sault Tribe youth!
Only ONE free camp per Sault Tribe member

Women's Individual Basketball Camp, June 17-20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Females entering 3rd-9th grade. Lunch fee must be paid by participant.

Men's Individual Basketball Camp, June 24-27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Males entering 6th-9th grade.

Little Lakers Basketball Camp, June 24-27, 9 a.m.-Noon. Females and males entering 3rd-6th grade.

Middle School Volleyball Camp, July 30-Aug. 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Females entering 5th-8th

grade. Lunch fee must be paid by participant.

Registration is limited: first come, first served. Only ONE free camp per Sault Tribe member. Register online at www.BigBearArena.com.

Registration Deadlines:

Women's Basketball Camp, June 12 at 5 p.m.

Men's Basketball Camp, June 19 at 5 p.m.

Little Lakers Basketball Camp, July 24 at 5 p.m.

Middle School Volleyball Camp, July 2 at 5 p.m.

Opposition on executive order changing water protection

By RICK SMITH

U.S. President Donald Trump issued an executive order on April 10, 2019 containing changes to the Clean Water Act. Five governors of Great Lakes states led by Michigan Governor

Gretchen Whitmer sent a letter of opposition to a section in the order to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The governors of Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania co-signed the letter along with

Whitmer.

The *Executive Order on Promoting Energy Infrastructure and Economic Growth* contains a section the five governors say disregards mounting environmental concerns to the public. It appears the order would remove protections of non-navigable waters and tributaries of the Great Lakes, even if jeopardized by pollution from industries.

“We strongly oppose any attempt by this administration to undermine state authority and ability to enforce water quality standards,” the governors wrote. “We remain committed to do what is necessary to protect sources of drinking water, public health and our environment. The residents of our states deserve to have this critical work continue unimpeded. We urge this administration to reconsider this executive order and respect the rights of states to protect our waters.”

The Chippewa-Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA), Bay Mills Indian Community (BMIC) and the Grand Traverse Band (GTB) of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians also filed complaints with the EPA. Specifically, they opposed an

EPA proposal to change the definition of the waters of the United States.

In a letter dated April 10, CORA Executive Director Jane A. TenEyck told EPA the proposal would bring adversity to fish, fisheries and ecosystem services vital to tribes and their way of life. “Removing Clean Water Act protections for a defined set of headwater streams and wetlands, implementation of the proposed rule will negatively impact tribes, tribal communities and tribal members and their cultural practices and lives by the inevitable accompanying degradation of water quantity and quality,” she wrote.

TenEyck added that the goal of the Clean Water Act is to “restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the nation’s waters.” Because the Clean Water Act grants protections to ‘waters of the United States,’ limiting the definition of these waters has huge ramifications on the ability of federal, state and tribal agencies to limit pollution of our nation’s water resources.”

TenEyck implored EPA as well as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to the description of

waters of the United States as put in place in 2015.

The BMIC also expressed concerns calling the proposed change in the definition of U.S. waters blatantly ignore science that removes protection for imperiled waters and infringes on tribal rights to hunt, fish and gather in accordance with the 1836 Treaty of Washington. “The proposed definition of the waters of the United States is a direct threat to the Bay Mills Indian Community,” they wrote. “This definition and the directives behind it would strip protections for many of the nation’s waters and would threaten treaty resources while diminishing the federal government’s trust responsibility to tribes.”

Thurlow McClellan, chairman of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Tribal Council, also echoed the concerns of CORA and BMIC in a April 11 letter and said the EPA should have conducted a comprehensive analysis to determine whether rolling back Clean Water Act would be detrimental on treaty-reserved rights in the state of Michigan.

It seems the situation has a strong chance of going to court.

Michigan bills to allow sandhill crane hunting

By JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

On April 10, House Resolution 61 and Senate Resolution 30 were introduced by Rep. Jim Lower (R-Cedar Lake), and Sen. Dale Zorn (R-Ida). Lower introduced a similar resolution (HR 154) in 2017. The bills urge the Michigan Natural Resources Commission to add sandhill cranes to the game species list and seek approval from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a hunting season in Michigan.

Zorn said in a statement the sandhill crane population in Michigan could support “a new and exciting hunting experience in our state.” His statement said his bill would help the state “scientifically manage sandhill cranes as it does other wildlife.”

Lower said a hunting season would help control the population and limit damage to farms where cranes eat corn and wheat shoots.

The Audubon Society of Michigan, a science-based conservation society, has come out against the bills, as it did in 2017. It says there is a better way to deal with crop depredation than hunting.

“Newly developed, non-toxic chemical seed coatings have the potential to redirect sandhill cranes to consume insect pests in corn fields and avoid the seed, resulting in a win-win for farmers,” said Michigan Audubon Executive Director Heather Good

in a statement.

Good added that hunting cranes in the fall would have little affect on their behavior in the spring.

There are also concerns that the robust Michigan population is needed as a “source population” to help other crane populations that are still endangered. Cranes have a low reproduction rate, less than one chick per breeding pair. There is also a concern that hunters will accidentally shoot the whooping cranes that fly with the sandhills. There are only 100 breeding pairs of whooping cranes.

Sandhill cranes also add to the state’s economy. According to Michigan Seagrant, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) indicated that wildlife watching generates a billion dollars of economic activity in Michigan every year.

According to the USFWS, of all the wildlife in the United States, birds attract the largest following. In 2011, there were 47 million birdwatchers 16 and older in the United States, which amounts to about 20 percent of the population.

Besides economic and aesthetic appreciation, the sandhill crane is a bird of spiritual importance to the Anishinaabe as one of the people’s original clans, the Jijjaag dodem.

Volunteers sought for CCC/POW camp archaeological project

GLADSTONE, Mich— Hiawatha National Forest and the U.S. Forest Service Passport In Time Program (PIT) seek 12 volunteers to participate in an archaeological excavation at the historic Camp Au Train July 29-Aug. 2, 2019. No special skills are required to volunteer, but volunteers under age 18 must participate with a responsible adult and the minimum age is 12. Volunteers must commit to participate in the entire session.

Participants will join archaeologists from the U.S. Forest Service and the Industrial Heritage and Archaeology Program at Michigan Technological University. PIT volunteers will help map the site, engage in a metal detector survey around the sites of the recreation hall and barracks, and excavate test units in the camp midden and near the mess hall.

Camp Au Train was established as a Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) camp in 1935 during the Great Depression (ca. 1929-1939). As one of many established camps for this federal public work relief program, Camp Au Train served as the home for numerous, unemployed

young men as they engaged in conservation work in the central Upper Peninsula of Michigan from approximately 1933 to 1942. However, during the final years of World War II, the camp was re-purposed to house German prisoners of war (POWs) captured during Rommel’s failed Africa campaign. Camp Au Train was one of five POW camps located in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula and housed about 225 prisoners and 40 US troops while occupied from 1944 through 1946.

Archaeological research at the Camp this year will focus on the everyday lives of both the CCC enrollees and the German POWs while they lived at Camp Au Train. PIT participants will map the site, engage in a metal detector survey around the Rec Hall and barracks, and excavate test units in the camp midden and near the mess hall. There is ample history to take in, and much to learn about this site, so we hope you’ll join us this July!

To apply for this volunteer opportunity, please visit the Passport In Time website (<http://passportintime.com/camp-au-train-excavation-2019.html>). Applications due June 3.

Down Payment Assistance Program

Application Period Open April 29, 2019 through June 11, 2019

The Down Payment Assistance Program (DPAP) is designed to assist Sault Tribe members in becoming homeowners of structurally sound homes. The funds are HUD dollars and restricted to low-income Tribal members. Eligible applicants could receive up to \$9,500.00 to be applied towards down payment and closing costs. Each participating applicant will need to contribute \$500.00 of their own money to receive the maximum grant of \$9,500.00 or 20% purchase price of the home. This program is open to Sault Tribe members residing within the seven (7) county service area; Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac, Alger, Schoolcraft, Delta, and Marquette.

DPAP is open to Sault Tribe members with total income at or below 80% of the area median income, adjusted for family size. Participants must obtain a mortgage with a local lender. The Housing Authority will assist applicants in demonstrating that they have stable income and the ability and willingness to meet financial obligations.

DPAP funds are available to lower the cost of buying a home. Funds will be in the form of a Note applied as a lien against the property. No monthly payments apply; the amount depreciates 20% each year and is forgiven after five years.

Trained staff will assist eligible applicants in successfully working through the process of making an application to a bank/lender for a mortgage loan, assist with inspection concerns, and aid in the real estate process.

Borrowers are required to participate in the Homebuyer Education session designed to assist the homebuyer in understanding and fulfilling the responsibility of homeownership.

If you have any questions please contact Dana Piippo Homeownership Specialists at 906.495.1450 or 1.800.794.4072.

Application period ends June 11, 2019 @5:00 p.m.

1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
\$40,264	\$ 46,016	\$ 51,768	\$ 57,520	\$ 62,122	\$ 66,723	\$ 71,325	\$ 75,926

VA to host Veteran Town Hall in Eastern UP

The Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center is inviting veterans, their families, veteran service organizations and community health care partners to the following veteran town hall meetings through May 20-22 to learn about and discuss the VA Mission Act and how it impacts VA Community Care.

- Drummond Island on May 20 at 5 p.m. (Drummond Island Resort and Conference Center, 33494 S. Maxton Road).
- Mackinaw City on May 21 at 11 a.m. (Joint town hall

with Saginaw VA at American Legion Post 159 at 106 S. Huron Avenue).

- Brimley on May 21 at 2 p.m. (Superior Town Hall, 7049 S. M-221)
- Sault Ste. Marie on May 21 at 5 p.m. (American Legion Post 3, 3 Legion Drive).
- Paradise on May 22 at 10 p.m. (Whitefish Twp. Community Center, 7052 M-123).
- Grand Marais on May 22 at 2:30 p.m. (Burt Twp. Community Center).

— Manistique on May 22 at 5:30 p.m. (VFW Post 4420).

— Newberry on May 23 at 10 a.m. (American Legion Post 74).

For those unable to come in person, the Sault Ste. Marie town hall will also be streamed live on the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/VAIronMountain) and the video post will be available for later viewing.

Leaders from the VA Medical Center, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency and area coun-

ty veterans service offices will be on hand to present the VA Mission Act, scheduled to be implemented June 2019, and how it better serves veterans and answer questions attendees may have.

"The VA Mission Act puts the VA at the center of veteran care to ensure veterans receive the best care possible, whether in VA facilities or through a community provider," Brad Nelson, public affairs officer at the Iron Mountain-based VA Medical Center, said.

The town halls are also opportunities for attendees to provide feedback or ask questions about VA services and benefits.

"These town halls are not limited to those who use our services," Nelson said. "We welcome any veterans and their families who may not be enrolled in VA health care to come and ask about services we provide."

Any questions can be directed to VA Public Affairs Officer Brad Nelson at (906) 774-3300, extension 32001.

Pathways to Healing: VA Services for MST Survivors

IRON MOUNTAIN – April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the VA uses this month to raise awareness of Veterans who are survivors of military sexual trauma (MST).

Military Sexual Trauma (MST) is sexual assault or sexual harassment that occurred during military service. It is not a diagnosis. It is an experience. MST has affected all genders, ages, ranks, branches and eras of service, racial/ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, religious backgrounds and Veterans of various physical sizes and strengths.

Survivors frequently struggle with mental health symptoms and diagnoses, but people may be surprised to learn it can affect a Veteran's physical health

as well. They can experience gastrointestinal issues, have reproductive problems, or even have physical injuries as result of a sexual assault. It can affect a Veteran's social, emotional, physical and spiritual well-being.

This year's VA theme for Sexual Assault Awareness Month is, "Creating Pathways to Healing: VA Services for MST Survivors." We often hear Veterans say they do not or cannot tell anyone and they feel so alone. It is important for survivors of MST to know they are not alone. The VA can help!

One Veteran who experienced MST wrote, "Work was my happy place and I am no longer able to work. It has been very hard to find a way to deal with memories, flashbacks and night-

time hallucinations. I have been working to get better and knowing you are not the only one that feels this way is powerful."

One in four women and one in 100 men who use the VA report having experienced MST. The VA offers outpatient, inpatient and residential services to assist Veterans who are recovering from an MST experience. Due to the growing number of male Veterans reporting MST experiences, the VA offers an MST group specifically for men who are survivors of sexual trauma.

Free MST-related care is offered to Veterans even if they are not currently enrolled in the VA. They do not need to have reported the incident(s) when it happened or have other doc-

umentation that it occurred. It is not necessary for Veterans to have a VA disability rating, i.e., be "service connected," in order to receive MST-related care. For further information on receiving a disability rating, please contact your local county service officer.

Some veterans with "other than honorable" discharges may be able to receive services related to MST as well. For further information on eligibility for VA care or MST-related care, please contact Enrollment and Eligibility at: (906) 774-3300 Ext. 32810. To learn more about MST, visit the VA website at

www.mentalhealth.va.gov/msthome.asp.

Every VA healthcare facility has a designated person assigned as an MST Coordinator to assist veterans in obtaining this sensitive care. The MST Coordinator at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center is Sarita Gruszynski, LMSW. She can be reached by calling (800) 215-8262, ext. 32531.

Sarita Gruszynski is a Licensed Master Social Worker and the Military Sexual Trauma Coordinator at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical in Iron Mountain, Mich.

Vets receive free dental care June 8

To show gratitude to the men and women who've served our country, Aspen Dental will open nearly 500 of the nation's largest network of branded dental offices to provide free care to as many as 5,000 of our nation's veterans on Saturday, June 8, during their sixth annual Day of Service. Like millions of other Americans, veterans can struggle to find oral health care when they need it, which is why beginning May 1, veterans can call 1-844-277-3646 to find a participating office near them and schedule an appointment.

Aspen Dental Day of Service
WHAT: Aspen Dental is offering free dental care for local veterans as part of its Healthy Mouth Movement

WHEN: Saturday, June 8, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

WHO: Local veterans, Aspen Dental dentists and team members

WHERE: Aspen Dental, Traverse City, Mich., and in Gaylord, Mich.

WHY: Achieving oral health is especially challenging for the majority of U.S. veterans as they are not eligible for dental benefits through the U.S. Veterans Affairs unless they are 100 percent disabled, have a service-related mouth injury or were a prisoner of war. Day of Service is all about thanking veterans for their service in the best way that we at Aspen Dental know how and helping to empower them with the gift of a healthier mouth. This

year, we expect to give free dental care to approximately 5,000 on that one special day.

Since launching the Healthy Mouth Movement in 2014, dentists and their teams from Aspen Dental-branded offices across the country have donated more than \$15 million in dentistry to over 22,000 veterans and people in need through their volunteer efforts.

Aspen Dental will also look to build on the success of last year's Day of Service campaign, in which more than 4,300 veterans across the country received free dental care at 426 participating Aspen Dental locations.

For more information, visit www.HealthyMouthMovement.com.

Tribal Veterans Service Officer hours

Tribal Veterans Service Officer Satcy King hold office hours at all Sault Tribe Health facilities. King can be reached at her email: s.king@michiganlegion.org; her primary work cell phone is: (906) 202-4238 or her office, (313) 964-6640.

May 2019 TVSO Schedule						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	4/29 SSM 8:30-3:30	4/30 Escanaba 8:30-3:30	1 Marquette 8:30-3:30	2 Munising 8:30-3:30	3 Manistique 8:30-3	4
5	6 SSM 8:30-3:30	7 Newberry 8:30-2:30	8 Manistique 9-3:30 UNIT IV Elder Meeting	9 Hessel 8:30-3:30	10 St. Ignace 8:30-2:00	11
12	13 HOLIDAY American Indian Day	14 Escanaba 8:30-3:30	15 Marquette 8:30-3:30	16 Munising 8:30-3:30	17 Manistique 10-3:30	18
19	20 St. Ignace 8:30-3:30	21 SSM 8:30-12:30 Brimley 1-4 SSM Town Hall 4:30-7	22 Hessel 8:30-3:30	23 Newberry Luce County Wellness Fair - American Legion	24 Manistique 8:30-3:30	25
26	27 HOLIDAY Memorial Day	28 Escanaba 8:30-3:30	29 Marquette 8:30-3:30	30 Munising 8:30-3:30	31 Manistique 8:30-3:30	

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2 percent payments fund educational programs

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Communities throughout the Upper Peninsula are benefitting from 2 percent contributions from the Sault Tribe, including senior and youth services and recreational and cultural opportunities for area residents.

The tribe has distributed 2 percent payments twice-annually since 1993 to U.P. communities and organizations. Payments are based on 2 percent of slot revenues that are generated from the tribe's Kewadin Casino properties located in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Hessel, Manistique and Christmas. In the past 24 years, over \$42.5 million has been awarded, with seven U.P. counties benefitting from the semi-annual distributions – Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette and Schoolcraft.

Distributions are organized into two categories – short and long-term. Short-term recipients change each distribution cycle, depending on what community or organization is chosen for the allotted funding. Long-term distributions are on-going payments to organizations or communities.

At the end of each school year, Indian Education Title VI coordinators in each of the tribe's service areas write for Title VI grant funding from the federal government for the following school year, based on the number of Native American and Alaskan Native students in their school district. Title VI funds are generally used to pay the salaries of the Title VI coordinators and for tutoring programs within the schools. Title VI funds do not pay for extras such as craft supplies, snacks for after school tutoring programs, transportation, presentations, and events such as student powwows.

That is where the tribe's board of directors steps in. During each 2 percent cycle, board members in each tribal unit of government distribute funds to Indian education programs in their area that have submitted a 2 percent funding request. All of these Indian education programs are supported by Title VI federal grant dollars, and are located within public elementary, middle and high schools.

The following paragraphs contain comments from a number of Indian education coordinators

about the impact 2 percent funding from the Sault Tribe has on their programs.

The Native American Education Coordinator for Marquette Area Public Schools is Tanya Sprowl. She said Title VI programs in the Marquette area keep Native students and their families connected. In grades K-12 there are about 220 Native American students enrolled in the area's four elementary schools, middle and high school.

Each fourth and fifth grade class at the four elementary schools participates in a monthly Indian education class, where they have Ojibwa language lessons, and do crafts and other activities. A tutoring service is offered daily at the middle and high school - before, during and after school hours.

Sprowl said, "The Title VI funding we receive from the federal government is for direct services for students and pays for tutors, but it doesn't pay for

anything else really, unless there is some kind of educational book or program they need. The 2 percent funding from the tribe pays for supplies for the elementary classes such as craft supplies, and also pays for some food supplies for the after school tutoring programs. We try to take students on a field trip every quarter, so for example I took my middle and high school students to Northern Michigan University to see the Woodland Sky Native American Dance Company performance, and 2 percent funds covered transportation and our lunch."

Middle school students made dream catchers, and in December gave them to veterans in the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans. In addition to receiving 2 percent funding from the Sault Tribe, the Marquette School District also receives 2 percent funding from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

"At the end of the school year we honor our graduating Native

American students, and have a potluck and pizza party for all the families in the whole school district," she said. And that would also not be possible without the tribes' 2 percent donations to Marquette's Indian education programs.

Lollie Eskofski is the Indian Education Program director and

coordinator for the Rapid River Public School District. In a nutshell, she said, Title VI funding is used to pay for tutors and tutoring programs, and 2 percent funding from the tribe is used to pay for cultural activities and programs, including Ojibwa language lessons.

See "2 percent," page 19



Keith Knecht (nativewaystraditionalarts.com) has been coming to Escanaba for years. This year his fee of \$1,627 was paid with 2 percent funds! He presents the course in two days to over 320 students and staff.



Photos by Janine Adams

Five of seven Escanaba Area Public Schools Indian Education senior graduates: Bryton Feathers, Leonard Dahn, Riley Mayville, Jenna Pease, and Brianna Sliva. All are Sault Tribe members with the exception of Jenna Pease.



Sixth grade class of teacher Kim LaMarche (standing on left), making double-strand choker necklaces. Center, looking at the camera, is Xander Blomstrom (Sault Tribe), and to the right of him is Jeanette Adams (volunteering), daughter of Janine Adams, the Title VI - Indian Education coordinator and tutor for Escanaba Area Public Schools.



Noc Bay Drum and Singers (Drum Leader Loren Woerpel, in flannel shirt on right) playing for the 2019 spring feast honoring the students.



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Team members recognized for years of service

The following team members were celebrated at a special recognition lunch April 23. See photos on pages 14 and 15.

40 Years

Pages-Montie, Carol

35 Years

Ailing, Deborah
Keway, Gregory

30 Years

Figuli, Paul
Lane, Maggie
Lee, Ronald
Menominee, Mary
Sherman, Vivica

25 Years

Armstrong, Andrew
Barager, Judy
Buriak, Michael
Bye, Juanita
Captain, Robert
Cleary, John
Conguy, Carlene
Crook, Claudette
Fisher, Lisa
Gordon, Timothy
Greene, Steven
Hershman, Wilma
Holappa, Cheyenne
Kasky, Pauline
Kibble, Sheila
Kubont, Karl
LaDuke, Doris
LaFaver, Clinton
Lambert, Beverly
Lewton, David
Lowe, Richard
Lumsden, Joel

McCoy, Michael
McKerchie, Joseph
McLean, Jacquelyn
Menard, Joan
Merlo, John
Miller, Tina
Olmstead, Delores
Pitawanikwat, Ronald
Randazzo, Lorraine
Romano, Teri
Schopp, Edward
St. James, Michelle
Stewart, Lona
Synett, John
Terry, Ernest
Thompson, Bryan
Trestrail, Julie
Zimba-Cassibo, Roberta

20 Years

Bonno, Dale
Bouschor, Derek
Brown, Michaela
Cassibo, Kenneth
Cournaya, Michelle
Eggert, Deanna
Feneley, Leslie
Gravelle, Kimberly
Hammonds, Linda
Hammonds, Robert
Hank-O'Dell, Jenni
Harten, Wendie
Jeffreys, Brenda
Johnson, Debra
Kerr, Elaine
Kuusinen, Bridget
LaCoy, Frank
LaVigne, Terry
Lehn, Mark
LeVeque', Mari
Marchand, Robert Jr.
McKechnie, Michelle
McKerchie, Jennifer

Miller, Megan
Miller, Robert
Nichols, Jolene
Rhodes, Jan
Rochefort, Nicole
Rolstone, Regina
Rounds, Margaret
Salter, DeAnn
Suggitt, Eric
TenEyck, Alan
Thompson, Linda
Thorne, Edward
Umbrasas, Joanne
Woodruff, Misti

15 Years

Aikens, Lawrence
Alstergren, Melvin
Bentgen, Linda
Bouschor, Abraham
Bray, Margaret
Brochu, Kristen
Bryant, Edward
Bryant, Lois
Couturier, Christopher
Daniels, Tammy
Doyle, Daniel Jr.
Dumas, Daniel
Flowers, Marc
Goetz, Christopher
Goetz, Patrick
Gollinger, John
Gorman, Barbara
Gould, April
Henning, Tammy
Houle, Albert
Huskey, Troy
Jackman, Travis
Jasmin, Carol
Kaye, Andrew
Kohler, Korena
Kovack, Larry
Kowalke, Shirley
LaPlaunt, Kevin

Louzon, Roberta
Mannisto, Tina
McKelvie, Barbara
McKelvie, John
McKerchie, Anthony
Muscoe, Justin
Nikunen, Bryan
Paradise, Jaime
Peters, Daniel
Peters, Jeremy
Pine, David
Rutledge, Jo Ann
Ryerse, Linda
Schlehuber, Dana
Shannon, Tadd
Theisen, Andrew
Vert, Mandy
Ward, Tonya

10 Years

Archambeau, Todd
Bell, Tammy
Bishop, Lindsay
Cadreau, Jane
Causley, Patricia
Clark, Eric
Clement, Janelle
Clerc, Wanda
Cook, Robert Jr.
Davis, Jessie
Eggert, Angel
Griffin, Dawn
Harper, Joseph
Hemming, Heather
Heyrman, Karen
Hoglund, Jodi
Houghton, Christopher
Jarvis, Heather
Kerr, Anthony
Kerridge, Allen
King, Christopher
Krzyszanski, Nicole
LaLonde, Dawna

LaPlante, Anthony Jr.
Lehn, Krista
Livermore, Dustin
Lockhart, Daryl Jr.
Madigan, Derek
Massaway, Robert Sr.
Mastaw, Paul
Mayer, Joshua
McLeod, Frederick Jr.
Nolan, Matthew
Obreiter, Steven
O'Neill, Lindsey
Paquin, Rose
Reed, Dana
Reid, Patricia
Roy, Matthew
Rye, Eric
Seymour, Kristie
Sirk, Debbie
Smith, Catherine
Smith, John
Sterling, Patricia
Sylvester, Billi
Tamlyn, Jeffrey
Thompson, Sherry
VanWormer, Karen
Vogel, Ashley
Willette, Matthew
Wilson, Catherine
Woodhall, Daniel

5 Years

Aikens, Heidi
Anderson, Lance
Annand, Caryn
Bauers, Katrina
Beaudoin, Tonya
Boulley, Trenton
Brown, Betty
Burlak, Christina
Cassibo, Kenneth Jr.
Causley, Theresa
Chippewa, Jennifer

Cruickshank, Samuel
Curtis, Terri
Dennis, Candace
Goetz, Rita
Goetz, Travis
Goodell, Keith
Gough, Allison
Helminen, Jennifer
Henning, Daniel
Hoffman, Timothy
Holmberg, Tabitha
Huffman, Connie
King, Domine
Kinjorski, Amy
Kinney, Phillip
Krueger, Janet
Kwiatkowski, Stephen II
Leach, Katie
Lehn, Kendra
Mapes, Brandon
Marshall, Linda
Mason, Lorraine
Mattson, Landon
McLeod, Brian
McNees, Troy
Menard, Ernest
Miller, Brian
Mongene, Melinda
Moore, Samantha
Murphy, Jennifer
Niemi, Darlene
Orr, Melissa
Reimer, Cynthia
Rosebohm, Terri
Sayles, Sierra
Snider, Jeremy
Snyder, Amber
Spencer, Justin
Sprecker, Stephanie D.
Stewart, Michael
Vieau, Keven
Willis, Krystyna
Yule, Dawn

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*Hessel draws end at 10 p.m.

Excludes Christmas on June 8, Manistique on June 29, Hessel on July 13

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All men who register at Northern Rewards Club receive \$10 in Kewadin Credits

KEWADIN CASINO ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

ST. IGNACE 31ST ANNIVERSARY - Saturday, May 25

CASH draws 3 p.m.-12 a.m. Cake and Hors d'oeuvres at 7 p.m. (while supplies last)

CHRISTMAS 25TH ANNIVERSARY - Saturday, June 8

Hot seat draws at 11 p.m. Win up to \$1500 CASH
Cake and Hors d'oeuvres at 7 p.m. (while supplies last)

MANISTIQUE 25TH ANNIVERSARY - Saturday, June 29

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Must register at Northern Rewards Club for promotions and tournaments. Club hours vary by site.

Part-day, part-year Head Start concludes 2018-19 with drum social



Memory books await each student along with their accumulations of works done during their schooling.

Sault Tribe's part-day, part-year Head Start faculty, staff, students and their families gathered at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie on May 7 for the annual end of year drum social celebration.

During the occasion, the Ogimaa Minisinoos Drum from the JKL Bahweting Public School Academy sang tributes and provided rhythm for the young students' songs and general dances. This year saw the beginning of official recognition on a plaque of drum performing at the celebrations as a way of showing enduring gratitude. Volunteers were also recognized for their contributions.

Afterwards, everyone enjoyed something to eat and the young students collected their 2018-19 memory books along with their individual bodies of work for the academic year.

Photos by Rick Smith



JKL Bahweting School Ogimaa Minisinoos Drum sings as the little guests of honor enter dancing.



Volunteers recognized, from left, Michael Stewart, Katrina Gardner and Stephanie Johnson display their awards certificates.



From left, Head Start teacher Amy Lawson displays the volunteerism award certificate for Cathy Carr, who stands at her side. In addition to the displays of gratitude to the volunteers, Head Start officials gave each of singers and drummers of the JKL Bahweting Public School Academy Ogimaa Minisinoos Drum a copy of the book, *Awesiinyensag – dibaajimowinan ji-gikinoo'amaageng*, as tokens of their appreciation. The book is written in Anishinaabemowin and tells the stories of animals who playfully deal with situations familiar to children from all backgrounds. In addition to strengthening fluency in Anishinaabemowin, the book conveys lessons in living.



And, of course, folks must enjoy a feast of some sort at any proper Anishinaabe gathering.



An honoree beams while dancing.

SAULT TRIBE 2019

ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE CLASSES

Weekly Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe language) classes across the seven-county service area. All classes are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/culture/language-department or call (906) 635-6050.

SAULT STE. MARIE	Monday, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Cultural Library, 523 Ashmun St. Thursday, 12-1 p.m., Cultural Library, 523 Ashmun St. Thursday, 6-8 p.m., Sault Elder's Complex, 2076 Shunk Rd.
NEWBERRY	Tuesday, 12-1 p.m., Newberry Health Center, 4935 Zeez-Ba-Tik Lane
ST. IGNACE	Thursday, 6-8 p.m., St. Ignace Elder Complex, 3017 Mackinac Trail
ESCANABA <i>New!</i>	Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Escanaba YEA Building, 1226 Wigob St. Starts April 23
MUNISING <i>New!</i>	Tuesday, 6-8 p.m., Munising Health Center, 622 W. Superior St. Starts April 24
MANISTIQUE <i>New!</i>	Thursday, 6-8 p.m., Manistique Health Center, 5698 W. Hwy US-2 Starts April 25
ONLINE	https://livestream.com/saulttribelanguage

SAULT TRIBE NATIVE AMERICAN CRAFTS & FARMERS MARKET June thru September

Sault Tribe will be hosting a Native American crafts & farmers market from June thru Sept. at the Manistique Tribal Center – on US 2 next to the Casino.

Call for Vendors

We are recruiting for our new Native American & Local handmade Crafts/Farmers Market. Please contact Darcy Morrow at (906)298-1888 or dmorrow@saulttribe.net for more information. Thank you

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians employee recognition luncheon 2019

The 2019 employee recognition luncheon was held April 23 in the DreamMakers Theater at Kewadin Casino. Employees were recognized for their service starting at 5 years. Carol Pages-Montie has the most years of service at 40, followed by Deborah Ailing and Gregory Keway at 35. The afternoon event began with a welcome, honor song, and opening prayer followed by the luncheon. Members of the tribal board of directors were present to shake hands and present certificates with Chairperson Aaron A. Payment. Shown in photos are employees with 25 years of service or more who attended the luncheon.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Banquet Server Cecil Ceirns, an employee since 2009, was working at the April 23 event.



Ernest Terry, 25 years



Julie Trestail, 25 years



Roberta Zimba-Cassibo, 25 years



John Synett, 25 years



Lona Stewart, 25 years



Edward Schopp, 25 years



Teri Romano, 25 years



Ronald Pitawanikwat, 25 years



Tina Miller, 25 years



Joan Menard, 25 years



Joseph McKerchie, 25 years



Michael McCoy, 25 years



Joel Lumsden, 25 years



Paul Figuli celebrated 30 years as a Sault Tribe employee.



Maggie Lane celebrated 30 years of employment with the tribe.



Gregory Keway, celebrating 35 years of employment, and Chairperson Payment.



Carol Pages-Montie was recognized for 40 years of service by Chairperson Payment.



Richard Lowes, 25 years



Beverly Lambert, 25 years



Sheila Kibble, 25 years



Pauline Kasky, 25 years



Cheyenne Holappa, 25 years



From left, Administrative Assistants Anna Lawless and Stephanie Dawn Sprecker.



Roberta Luzon and Joanne Rutledge, both 15 year employees of the tribe.



From left, Mandy Vert, 15 year employee, Alison Goff, 5 years, and Margaret Brey, 15 years.



Steven Greene, 25 years



Lisa Fisher, 25 years



Claudette Crook, 25 years



Carlene Conguy, 25 years



John Cleary, 25 years



From left, Unit II Representative Catherine Hollowell, Hessel Casino Supervisor Tony LaPlaunt, Maggie Rounds, 20 years, Tel Fox, 32 years, and Joe McKerchie, a 26 year employee.



Karen VanWarmer, 10 years, Claudette Crook, 25 years, Kimberly Gravelle, 20 years, and Christina Willis, 8 years.



Robert Captain, 25 years



Juanita Bye, 25 years



Michael Buriak, 25 years



Judy Barager, 25 years



Andrew Armstrong, 25 years



From left, Megan Smith, ACFS Direct Service case manager, Patricia Sterling, ACFS CCDF coordinator, Jane Cadreau, ACFS/ARC Lodge of Bravery manager, Teri Romano, ACFS office supervisor, Jena Mckerchie, ACFS/ARC Victim Services case manager, Juanita Bye, ACFS director, Sheila Kibble, ACFS/ARC Victim Services case manager.



From left, Sault Tribe employees Elaine Kerr, celebrating 20 years, Anthony Kerr, 10 years, and Robert Massaway, 10 years.

Walking On ...

JEAN B. ASH

Jean B. Ash, 76, of Newberry, walked on peacefully on March 31, 2019, at Golden Leaves Living Center. Jean was born on June 6, 1942, in Newberry, daughter of the late George and Lillian (Fair) Paquin.

Jean married her true love, Wayne Ash, on May 14, 1977, in Newberry. Jean was a devoted homemaker who enjoyed playing cards, puzzles, reading, embroidery and camping. Most importantly, she enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Jean was extremely proud of her Native American heritage and was a member and elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She was also a member of the FOE 3701 Auxiliary.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded by her daughter, Dena Lehto; and siblings, Beatrice Hanson, Sharan McMullen and George Paquin.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne of Newberry; daughters, Annette (Donald) Clark of Engadine and Penny (Curt) Bacon of Rapid River; sons, Wayne (Shelli) Ash of Estell Springs, Tenn., and Joe (Melissa) Ash of Manteca, Calif.; step-children, Marty (Diane) Lehto of Newberry and Cindy (Ian) Smith of McMillan; grandchildren, Donnie, Dominick and Derrek Clark, Glen (Melissa) and Chase (Mary) Alexander, Amanda (Clint) Turner, Tiffani (David) Rippey, Staci Mollman, Jeanie (Justin) Dodds, Lacie, Ellie and Austin Ash; 12 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Per request, cremation services were accorded. A memorial gathering celebrating the life of Jean took place on April 5, 2019, at the American Legion Post 74 Warren Room with Randy Hildenbrant presiding.

Condolences may be expressed at www.beaulieufuneralhome.com. Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry assisted the family.

CHARLES J. BELLANT

Charles "Chuck" James Bellant, of Clarkston, Mich., passed away on April 29, 2019. He was 77.

Charles is survived by his wife of 57 years, Rosanna Bellant; his children, Clarence (Pam)

Bellant and Anthony (Jennifer) Bellant; grandchildren, Crystal, Cory (Toja), Megan, Andrew and Dustin; great-grandchildren, Cadence, Cason, Cayla and Caylee; siblings, John of Waterford, Carol of Fenton and Sandra of Newberry; and numerous cousins who will miss him tremendously.

Charles was predeceased by his parents, Clarence and Marie; a son, Bruce; a sister, Janice; and a brother, Wayne.

Charles was a retired Vietnam veteran with 21 years of service to his country in the United States Army. He was also a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie tribe of Chippewa Indians.

A graveside service will be held at Epoufette Cemetery in

Epoufette, Mich. Arrangements entrusted to Coats Funeral Home, Waterford, Mich.

DARLENE M. BARR

Darlene M Barr, 83, born Oct. 21, 1935, formerly of Gould City, Mich., moved on to her next life on March 26, 2019.

She was predeceased by her parents, William and Eunice (Sly) O'Neil, also formerly of Gould City; James Barr Jr., husband of 53 years; and siblings Edward, Lorraine, Marilyn and John.

Darlene is survived by her five children, Valerie Wheaton, Jayme (Steve) Beckey, James Barr III (Tina), Brian (Susie), and Todd (Michelle); seven grandchildren, Brian (Holly), Guyer (Sherrie), Aaron (Taylor), Stephanie (Donald), Adam, Kyle and Eric; three great-grandchildren, Maddie, Grace and Everett; and three siblings, Celia O'Neil, Eugene (Lesley) and William (Brenda).

Darlene enjoyed spending time with her family and working jigsaw puzzles. She will be laid to rest with her late husband James in a private ceremony.

WILLIAM J. HOIG SR.

Lifelong Curtis resident, William J. Hoig Sr., 86, died on April 8, 2019, at Helen Newberry Joy Hospital.

Born on Feb. 3, 1933, in Curtis, son of the late Harry and Florence (Anderson)

Hoig, Bill served in the United States Army during the Korean War stationed overseas until his honorable discharge on March 4, 1955 attaining the rank of private first class.

Bill was employed as an attendant nurse at Newberry Regional Mental Health for 28 years in addition to being a licensed contractor. Following his retirement in 1984, Bill continued his employment with Bowman Gas Company.

Bill was a life member of the McMillan Lodge 400 Free and Accepted Masons serving three times as Worshipful Master, member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of the Chippewa Indians and life member of the Order of the Eastern Star Luce Chapter 364. Bill was an avid outdoorsman enjoying hunting, fishing and feeding the wildlife. Bill and his wife, Barbara, enjoyed dancing and long walks, always holding hands.

In addition to his parents, Bill is preceded in death by his granddaughter, Andrea Hoig, and siblings Wanda Wiggins, Roberta Shaw, Joanne Couturier, Sherline Dieboll and Donald Hoig.

Survivors include his loving wife of over 66 years, the former Barbara Lowry of Curtis, whom he married on June 14, 1952; children, William Jr. (Mary Lou) Hoig of Gwinn, Kelly (Theresa) Hoig of Portage, Kerry Hoig of Wolverine and Leah Hoig of Grand Rapids; grandchildren, Adrienne, Kara, Lysa, Sammi Jo, Emily and Katelyn.

Visitation and services took place at the Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry on April 15

followed by a Masonic memorial service conducted by the members of the McMillan Lodge. A funeral service celebrating Bill's life followed with Pastor Pat McNeill officiating.

Interment with military rites conducted by the American Legion Post 74 and the United States Army Honor Guard will take place on June 3 at 1 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Curtis.

Memorials may be directed to the McMillan Lodge 400 F&AM Scholarship Fund in care of Randall Fretz, 15880 CR 402, Newberry, MI 49868 in his memory.

Condolences may be expressed at www.beaulieufuneralhome.com. Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry is assisting the family.

BARBARA J. MASON

Barbara J. Mason, 84, of Dryden, passed away on April 19, 2019,

peacefully at her home surrounded by her family. She was born Sept. 26, 1934, in Sault Ste. Marie, the daughter of George and Mable (Wright) Lewis. Her Indian given name was "Dawn of Day."

On March 7, 1953 she married her high school sweetheart, Robert C. Mason, Sr. She was a housewife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and a best friend. She loved her family more than words could say. She loved playing the lotto and going to the casinos. She worked at a candy-popcorn shop, was a bank teller and bartender. She was an elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of the Chippewa Indians. Her grandfather was "Chief Black Cloud" of the Chippewa Indians.

She is survived by her son Craig (Betty) Mason of Imlay City; three grandchildren, Adrian Mason of Oklahoma, Joshua Mason and Christian Farden of Imlay City; adopted son, William Vandawaker of Dryden; two brothers-in-law, William Mason of Kinross and Larry Mason of Louisiana; two sisters-in-law, JoAnn Mason of Sault Ste. Marie and Lois Mason of Florida; many nieces, nephews and good/special friends. She had many whom she took under her wing that were proud to call her Ma and she loved them all.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Robert C. Sr. (Coach); two sons, Robert C. Jr. (RC) and Dan; and one brother, Lewis (Sonny) of Florida.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the family. Visitation was on April 23, 2019, at the Muir Brothers Funeral Home in Almont. Arrangements were entrusted to Muir Brothers Funeral Home-Almont.

PEARL N. PERRY

Pearl Norene (nee Paquette) Perry, aged 93, entered eternal life on April 26, 2019, at Eastwood Nursing Center in the loving care of her family.

Born on Feb. 2, 1926, in

Indian Town (Munising area) a daughter of Theodore and Mabel (Carr) Paquette, Pearl was raised in Indian Town and attended the Washington School and Mather High School. It was during World War II when Pearl, like so many other young women of her time, traveled to Milwaukee with her sister-in-law, Arvilla, and was employed in factory work for the war effort as a Rosie the Riveter. The Rosies replaced the male workforce serving in the military. During her stay in Milwaukee, Pearl often hitchhiked back to Munising to visit family and friends.

On Sept. 30, 1944, Pearl was united in marriage to William J. Perry who was then serving in the U.S. Air Force. The couple made their first home in Munising and began raising a family. In the early 1950s the family relocated to Marquette. Pearl balanced her life as wife, mother and homemaker with working at various jobs throughout the years. Some of her employments included the former Sweet Goods Shoppe, Hamburger Heaven, and then for a time doing home care for the elderly. Family was everything to Pearl and she has been described as the glue that held the family together, the center of every family celebration and gathering. In her leisure moments, she enjoyed everything having to do with her children and grandchildren. She attended all their events involving dancing, baseball, football, wrestling and whatever else they were doing. She loved reading her Bible every day, collected angel figurines and was a very devout Catholic.

While residing in Marquette at Oakwood Village Apartments, she enjoyed the apartment coffee klatsch, watching wrestling on TV with her neighbors and always brought along some snack to share. She also enjoyed watching Olympic competition, especially gymnastics and figure skating, and regionally was a fan of the Tigers and Packers.

Pearl was a member of St. Christopher Catholic Church, former member of the Kateri Tekakwitha Circle, and belonged to the TOPS Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) which walked the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day one year. She was also a proud member of the Grand Island Tribe of Chippewa Indians and was given the name, Rainbow Woman. She was one of the first tribal members to get the Elder Committee established in Marquette.

A loving mother and grandma, Pearl is survived by her children, Sandra Bellmore, Billy (Kathy) Perry, Monte (Susan) Perry Sr., Edward Perry, Becky (Bryan) Reynolds, Theodore (Phyllis) Perry, and Wendy (George) LaFave; numerous grandchildren, great and great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pearl was preceded in death by her parents; husband, William J. Perry, Jr; three children, Kitty Meyers, Susan Perry and Joseph Perry, Sr.; sons-in-law, Richard Bellmore and Mike Meyers; grandchildren, Michael Stark, Jr and Bobbi Sue Perry Roeder; and great-grandchild, Jadee

Sue Bellmore Taylor; brothers and sisters and their spouses, Joseph (Arvilla) Paquette, Theodore (Joyce) Paquette, Thelma Peterson, Grace (Virgil) Kaltenbeck, Viola (Laurence) Magnusson, and Mary Rose (Bob) Johnson; her in-laws, William J. and Etta M. Perry, Sr., brother-in-law, Edward Perry, Sr; and sister-in-law, Goldie (Louis) Humphrey

The family received relatives and friends at St. Christopher Catholic Church on April 30. Native American ceremonies were conducted during the visitation period. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated with Rev. Greg Heikkala, pastor, as celebrant. Interment will be made in the Holy Cross Cemetery. Pearl was escorted by her grandsons, Jimmy Bellmore, Billy Perry, Jr, Monte Perry, Jr, Michael Meyers, Bryan Reynolds, Jr, Jonny Reynolds, Tommy Reynolds, Joe Perry, Jr, and Lucas LaFave. The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the wonderful staff at Eastwood Nursing Center for the care given to Pearl.

"We will love you and miss you forever and ever, our most precious angel."

Fassbender Swanson Hansen Funeral and Cremation Services is serving the family, where condolences may be expressed online at fassbenderswansonhansen.com.

OLIVE L. PICKARD

Memorial Service to be held May 25 in Traverse City, Mich.

Olive Lou Pickard, 65, of Grawn, died Feb. 12, 2019, in Foley, Ala.

She was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on Jan. 14, 1954, to James L. Belonga and Virginia Bouley.

Olive attended Newberry Public Schools and Traverse City Senior High. She married Kenneth R. Pickard on July 7, 2007 in Grawn.

Olive was employed for many years by World Magnetics in Traverse City, where she made many friends. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a lifetime member of the Traverse City VFW Auxiliary.

Olive enjoyed singing karaoke with a local group of friends, dancing at powwows, camping with family and friends and going to casinos.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth R. Pickard; three children and eight stepchildren, Hank (April) Sevarns, Christy (Craig Forcum) Bruce, Tony (Cheyenne) Bruce, Amy (Robert) Mooneyhan, Ken (Nicole) Pickard Jr., Shylene (Mike) Longoria, Raymond (Tonya) Pickard, Kendra Pickard, Debbie (Todd Blair) McCord, Butch (Becky) Bruce and Renee (Mike) McNeely; 28 grandchildren; best friend, Sheila Pickard; sisters, Shelly (Jim) Wilson, Jody Herald, Gerry (John) Mantila, Maria (Rodney) Belonga; brothers, Gene Belonga and Steve Belonga;

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You live a new life for every new language you speak. If you know only one language, you live only once.

Waaskwone Giizis Flower Moon

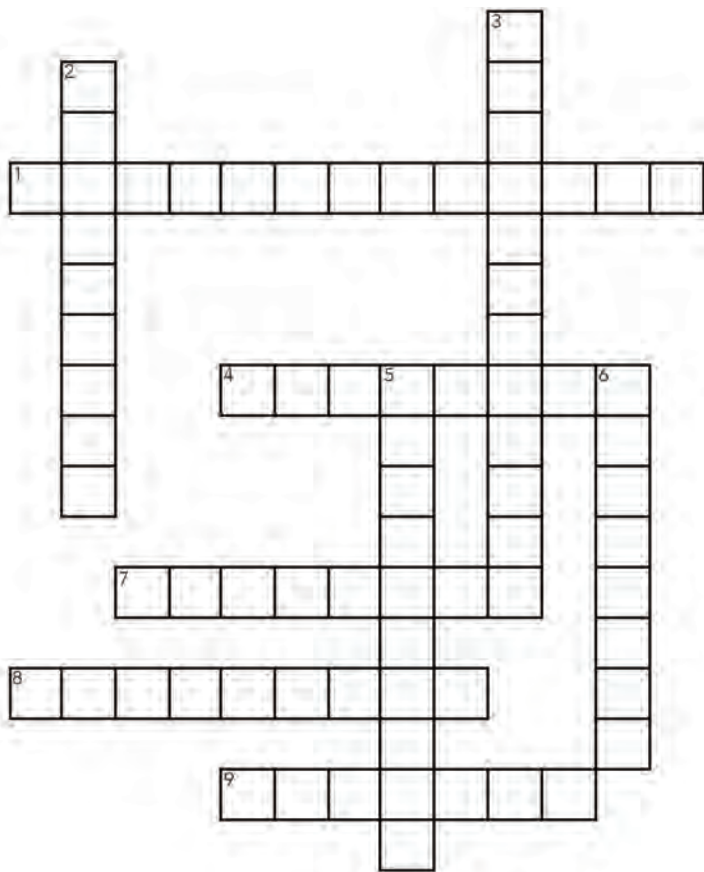
by Susan Askwith

Minookimi ... Spring

Enwek sa naa ginaajiwon! ... Is it ever beautiful!

The Wild Ones: Some wake up and some come back once food is available again and temperatures are kinder! Keep your eyes and ears open for them to make your days more interesting! **Use these words to solve the puzzle below.**

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Maagkiik.....Frogs | Jidmoo'ik.....Squirrels | Zigimeg.....Mosquitos |
| Binesiinhak.....Birds | Signaawishak....Worms | Kokjiish.....Groundhog |
| Giigoonhik.....Fish | Zhigaakak.....Skunks | |



Puzzle Clues

1. Two birds
6. One groundhog
2. Two skunks
7. Two squirrels
3. Two worms
8. One flower
4. Two frogs
9. Two mosquitos
5. Two fish (it is indeed in plural form)

The Spirit of Motherhood

We celebrated Mother's Day this month. What qualities make someone a **mother**? It's pretty complicated and can take lots of forms. Human mothers come with various personalities - some sweet and generous, some prickly or absorbed in other things. Those who mother us are not always female or older than us. Some are skillful and some are less so. Our animal brothers and sisters mother in all kinds of ways too. And our planet Earth has been thought of as the mother of all things - **Shkaakamikwe** we could call her. We have the gift of **life** because of her, and because of her we can find **food** and **water**, **medicines** and **intelligence**. She provides the basic **gifts**; it's up to us to do the **work** of developing those gifts to create a good life. So it is with **humans**. Individual personalities will add layers to our relationships. **May we walk in a good way** and mother each other as needed. And keep in mind the gift of **our language** (which is the carrier of our culture). Find **strength** and **bravery** there.

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|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| N'gashi | My mother | Miigwech n'gashi |
| Shkaakamikwe | Earth Mother | Miigwech Shkaakamikwe |
| Bimaadziwin | Life | |
| Miijim | Food | |
| Nibiish | Water | |
| Mishkikiik | Medicines | |
| Gikendaasowin | Intelligence | |
| Maagwengan | Gifts | |
| Bimaadzijig | Humans/People | |
| Nokiiwin | Work | |
| Mishkawziiwin | Strength | |
| Aakde'ewin | Bravery | |
| Weweni baamasedaa. | Let's walk in a good way. | |
| Anishinaabemowin | Our language | |



I'm not really into spring cleaning. I dusted around here once and it was all back within a week. I'm not falling for that again.

(Minookimi biinchigewin - *spring cleaning*)

"The earth laughs in flowers." — Ralph Waldo Emerson
"Waaskwone" is also the word for "it glows." Wild flowers are like that — a beautiful surprise to see as we walk in the woods and fields.

Gashkwendamwin ... an amazing surprise

The early *minookimi waaskwone*'ak like crocus', tulips and daffodils are good food for bees just awakening, but they're overall pretty slim pickins! Thankfully, native trees put out flowers - willow, red maple, elm and service berry - which are all nourishing for those little helpers. The ever-present dandelion is snack food for them, too, but are 4 necessary amino acids short of being a whole food.

Bees — **Aamook**

Bizhaan kina waya! Come on everyone!

Sault Tribe puts on a Language Conference every June at Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building in the Sault. This will be our ninth gathering. What a way to get pumped up, learn new things, meet people, hear stories and eat! This year, it's June 8 (Feast at 5 p.m., then program) and June 9 (6:30 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony, 7:30 a.m. breakfast, 9 a.m. workshops until about 3 or 4 p.m.) Come and be with our people in a positive place full of laughter. It's free as well as valuable!

G'jichaak wii g'chinendam. Your spirit will be happy.

Every Morning is a Little Spring

(Endso kizhep *minookimiinhs* aawan.)

We hope that these language pages will encourage and enable every one of us to speak at least a little bit of Anishinaabemowin. Still, there are moments when the only word we need is **miigwech** - thank you. Perhaps for you it's in the morning quiet, when the world is fresh and we begin again. Some people step outside for a few minutes to appreciate the clean cool air, perhaps with a steaming cup of coffee. Some put down a pinch of semaa - tobacco.

Enwek sa naa nishin bimaadizing.

Is it ever good to be alive.

Little Chats - Bangii ganoozh!

Have a little conversation!

Gda minwendam na?

Do you feel happy?

Enh, nda minwendam.

Yes, I feel happy.

"Gda" is the "you" part. Minwendam is really two ideas pushed together: "min" (or "mino") usually means "good" and "wendam" is some version of "thinking." The "na" is the word that makes this a question. So the question says: You (have) good thoughts don't you? What a nice way to define "happy!" I remember when Rosemary Gaskin, early board member, worked as a counselor at our high school. She would give kids a small ring of sweetgrass (wiingashk) and told them, "Think good thoughts."

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.

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|----|------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| 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.

Tribal members walking on continued ...

From "Walking On," page 16 and many friends, family members, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She loved her family and friends, especially her grandbabies!

Olive was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Oliver and Mary Elizabeth (LaFave of Pellston) Belonga from St. Ignace, and Norman and Louise (Williams) Bouley of Sugar Island; her father, James L. Belonga; mother, Virginia J. Bouley; brother, James F. Belonga; and stepdaughter, Stacy Bruce.

A memorial service will be held at the VFW Post 2780, 3400 Veterans Dr., Traverse City, on May 25 at 1 p.m. Burial will take place in Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 3575 Veterans Dr., Traverse City.

JOHN P. O'NEIL

John Paul O'Neil left for his heavenly home on April 1, 2018. He was born July 22, 1946 in Gould City, Mich.

John loved volunteering at the Isabella community soup kitchen, as well as helping people in the community. He also enjoyed spending time going to his daughter's horse shows, as well as going to auctions and reading the Bible. Hunting and fishing were inside his favorite things to do.

In John's younger days he enjoyed doing bodywork and painting on different types of race cars.

He was looking forward to watching his daughter, Brandy, graduate from college on May 4, 2018. John left behind three daughters, Susanne J. O'Neil, Brandy M. O'Neil and Paula J. Share; granddaughters, Samantha, Madalyn, Helana and Serena; siblings, Darlene Barr, Celia O'Neil, Eugene O'Neil and William O'Neil; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

John was predeceased in death by his parents, William and Eunice (Sly); and siblings Edward, Lorraine Jones, and Marilyn Hudman.

He will be missed by many.

DOROTHY P. ROYER

Dorothy Pearl Royer, 82, of Goetzville, Mich., died on April 17, 2019, surrounded by loved ones at her home. She was born on Aug. 22, 1936, in Cedarville, Mich., to George Luther and Pearl Maggie (Chenier) Dutcher.



Dorothy grew up in Cedarville and attended Cedarville schools. She began working at Lil's Restaurant in Cedarville before moving to Detroit, Mich., for a year. When she returned, she started working at the Sault Ste. Marie veneer mill. One day at work, she met Richard Lee Royer and they married on Dec. 22, 1973, at St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church in Goetzville. While raising two children, Dorothy worked at the Kinross Air Force base making ammunition for Kinross Manufacturing. She then completed training to become a certified nurses assistant and worked for Sault Tribe Elder Services. Later, she managed the food service program at JKL Bahweting Anishnabe Public School Academy for 15 years. She also cooked for the Hessel Tribal Center for five years before retiring.

Dorothy was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Sault Tribe Hessel Elder Board, and the St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church. Dorothy devoted much of her life to youth. She taught regalia making, sewing and beading through the YEA. She also cooked for the Sault Tribe future leaders camps.

Dorothy was an avid wrestling fan, watching it every Monday and Tuesday. She also liked sewing, knitting, camping and dancing the polka. She was an avid golfer in her younger years. She enjoyed gardening, berry picking, canning, cooking and baking. Most of all, she enjoyed helping others. She had a knack

for seeing a need and helping others learn how to help themselves. She was a standing post of life to many, a protector of those in need and an honest admirable friend to all. Her laughter and strength of love will be missed by all. Not to mention those pies and sticky buns!

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Richard Royer; daughters, Robin (Richard Socia Jr.) Seaman of Goetzville, and Caryn (Josh Firack) Routhier of Dafter; grandchildren, Pearl Seaman, Joseph (Sheila Pahl) Seaman, Abigail Royer, Isaac Royer and Ashton Routhier; sisters, Jeanie (Dutcher) Haynes of Westville, Ind.; brothers, John (Roy) Dutcher of Hessel, Mich., Francis (Frenchy) Dutcher of Cedarville, Georgie and Sharon Callaghan (nephew) of Hernando, Fla., and Mary (Callaghan) Watson (niece) of Cedarville.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Pearl Maggie (Chenier) and George Luther Dutcher; brothers, Ernest Dutcher, William (Billy) Dutcher, George (Junior) Dutcher, Edwin Dutcher and William (Billy) Callaghan (nephew); sisters, Doris (Dutcher) Callagan, Helen (Dutcher) Leach, Melvadean (Dutcher) Warner and Pearl Callaghan Hibbard (niece); brothers-in-law, Kenneth Haynes, James "Jimmy" Warner and William Leach; and sisters-in-laws, Kathy, Peggy and Frances Dutcher.

Visitation and services was on April 25 at R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Mich. A traditional drum ceremony and luncheon immediately followed at the Sault Tribe Elder Center in Hessel.

Burial will be at Lytle Cemetery in Goetzville on her old dirt road later in the spring.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneral-home.com.

E. CORA SMITH

Elizabeth Cora (nee McCoy) Smith, 84, passed on May 8, 2019, at the Robert and Helen Ball Hospice House in Sault Ste.

Marie, Mich. Most folks knew her as Cora Smith. She was born on Sugar Island, Mich., on Dec. 27, 1934, to Fred and Bertha (nee Rickley) McCoy. She attended school on the island and in her youth was known for her superb swimming abilities.

She met Billy Lee Smith while he was stationed in Sault Ste. Marie with the U.S. Army after he served as a combat infantryman in the Korean War. They married in 1955 and eventually raised seven children. Her husband passed in 2001.

In the early years of their marriage, the family moved to west-central Indiana where Bill was born, raised and had family. During that time, they lived in the city of Lafayette for a time, then on to the small town of Stockwell for about 10 years before returning to Sault Ste. Marie. Cora worked at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in a few positions before retiring. She also enjoyed playing penny and nickel slot machines in her off time at any of the casinos in the county. She was friendly and would chat with anyone. She had an infectious laugh and loved making jokes.

In addition to her husband and parents, her passing was preceded by the passing of her sisters and brothers-in-law, Lillian and Ed Perrault, Lorraine and Phillip Menard, Melvia and Glenn Menard; sisters, Isabel McCoy, Catherine McCoy and Frieda McCoy; brothers, Phillip McCoy and David McCoy; father-in-law, Floyd Victor "Vic" Smith; her would-be mother-in-law, Ida Lucy (nee Shoaf) Smith, who passed in 1938; siblings-in-law, Leonard Duane and Ivy Smith, Donald and June Smith, Donald and Della Lucille Best, Bart and Marjorie Wilson, Robert and Janet Smith, and Robert and Daisy Best.

She leaves behind her children, Richard Lee Smith, Russell Anthony (Jill) Smith, Sharon Elizabeth Smith, Lorraine Marie (Brian) Dibulak, Douglas Eugene Smith, Susan Irene (William) Tobias, Benjamin Daniel

(LeeAnne) Smith, and David Allen Smith; several grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Pearl and Alvin Menard; sister-in-law, Margaret McCoy, along with many nieces, nephews and friends.

In accordance with her wishes, cremation took place and her remains were taken to Indiana for interment beside her husband and closest in-laws.

FRANK JOSEPH SHANNON

Frank Joseph Shannon, 91, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away April 29, 2019, at McKinley Manor.



He was born on Sugar Island, Mich., on March 27, 1928, to the late Charles and Jenny (Gurnoe) Shannon. He was the oldest of eight children. Frank served his country in the U.S. Army as a truck driver and mechanic. On January 3, 1961, he married Mary Powell in Durand, Mich. He retired from Chevrolet truck and bus after many years of work. He enjoyed his family and friends. He also enjoyed farming and raising thoroughbred racehorses.

Frank is survived by his children, Judy (Melvin) Frechette of Sault Ste. Marie, Diane Shannon of Lansing, Mich., Patricia LaBranche of Sault Ste. Marie, Sylvia (Truman) Stephenson, of Sault Ste. Marie, Terry (Jim) Patterson of Grand Blanc, Mich., Billie Jo Pudil, of Lansing, Michael Shannon of Lansing and Mark Shannon of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; several grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mary Helen Shannon; two sons, Franklin Shannon and Rocky Pudil; and a daughter, Wanda Labranche.

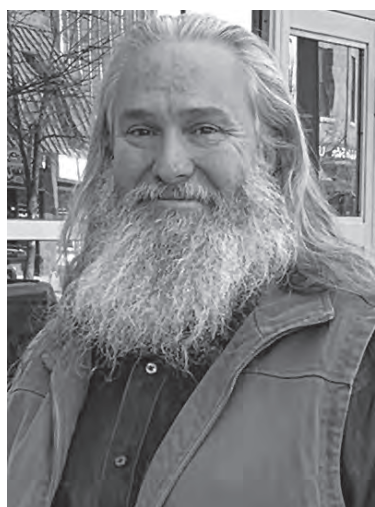
A funeral service was held May 4, 2019, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Burial will be at Will Walk Cemetery on a later date. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com

Tribe hires biologist specializing in Great Lakes ecology

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Jason Smith started his new position as a biologist with the Sault Tribe Fisheries Management Program on April Fool's Day (April 1), and said he had to wonder on his drive to work that morning if his new supervisor, Brad Silet, was going to have any unexpected surprises in store for him.

Smith grew up in Pontiac, Mich., and worked as a carpenter for 20 years before returning to school to finish his bachelor's degree at the age of 40. "It was a pretty crooked path to get here," he said. "I was in the Sault driving back from Canada when I heard an ad on the radio about Lake State's fisheries and wildlife program. It was late at night and I woke everybody up that was in the truck with me, and I was asking them if they had heard it. I was telling them I could go back to school and do this thing. And that sparked this journey."



Sault Tribe biologist Jason Smith

Enrolling in Michigan State University (MSU), Smith finished a degree he had started 25 years earlier. He then went on to earn his master's degree in 2015, and after graduating went to work for the Little Traverse Bay Band (LTBB) as their Great Lakes fisheries biologist. "About three days into working for LTBB I knew that being a tribal

biologist was the only place I could ever be. Which was really strange because 10 days prior to that I didn't even know that there was such a thing," he said.

Smith said he is currently working with MSU, and hopes to work with Lake Superior State University (LSSU), to make fisheries and wildlife students aware of tribal fisheries and wildlife management programs and job opportunities. "It seems shameful to me that a student would graduate with a fisheries degree, especially from someplace like Michigan, and not know that tribes have been and are currently taking care of these [fish and wildlife] kin, 10,000 years ago and absolutely today. Making these educational institutions aware of that is a project that I am doing both out of my love for MSU and the tribes and resources," he said.

Tribes give their biologists more autonomy than their federal or state counterparts, accord-

ing to Smith, allowing them to become experts in many areas. "We probably do more policy than most; even at the biological level we are thinking and forming policy. There are no layers of separation between tribal treaty rights and what I do. And the people who have these treaty rights and my responsibility to help protect those – there is no space between those things. So every day when I wake up I know exactly why I am coming to work. And that was clear in a few days time, and it continues to become clearer every day," he said.

Smith said he had talked with Sault Tribe Wildlife Management Department's Eric Clark, and later Brad Silet, about the potential of another job opening within the department. "When my current position was posted I just knew it was the place to go," he said. "I liked the challenge of the large fishery; I think it is probably the place where treaty rights

most need to be protected. I don't want to sound like LTBB or Grand Traverse treaty rights are any less, because they are not, but the larger number of Sault Tribe fishers maybe makes them a target in ways that some of the other tribes aren't. If we can do good work here at Sault Tribe to protect these treaty rights, they will be protected throughout the 1836 treaty waters."

Within the Fisheries Management Program, there are long-term monitoring surveys that have been ongoing for decades, giving tribal biologists one way to look at what is happening within the tribal fishery. "I think of those as a baseline, those are the things that have to get done – the work has to get done in the field and the analysis of that work has to get done. I am hoping to really blur those lines so that field staff is also doing analysis, and I am in the field as well. I think that is a better model. There are folks in our

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2 percent payments fund educational programs

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There are 88 Native students currently in the Rapid River school district.

Rapid River 5th graders participate in a Native Plant Walk and Sacred Fire each May, held in an outdoor classroom on the shore of Little Bay de Noc. "After the Plant Walk is done, everyone comes back to a hilly area where they sit on blankets in a circle around a sacred fire," Eskofski said. "One of the guest presenters will then start the fire in the traditional way using one of the medicines, chaga, from a white birch tree. Tom Roman gives a talk about the sacred fire and the meaning of the four directions, along with other traditional teachings. Various hand drums and rattles are passed around and the presenters sing a traditional song. Tom and Kim Roman, along with Flo Cutter and Dave Keller, will take questions from the students as an eagle feather is passed around. We also have a Native foods feast featuring unprocessed corn bread sweetened with maple syrup, various fruits and nuts, wild rice and cranberries, and sweet fern tea.

"The students really enjoy and appreciate this opportunity to learn about our culture. It's only possible because of our Sault Tribe 2 percent grant from gaming monies. We so appreciate this gift from the tribe, and the support of our Unit IV Director Ms. Denise Chase. If we didn't have the 2 percent funding we wouldn't be able to do these cultural activities. Every penny of our federal grant is spent on tutoring," she said.

Janine Adams is the Indian Education coordinator and tutor for the Escanaba Public School District. She said there are 2,337 students in Escanaba schools, and 169 self-identify as Native American.

The tribes 2 percent funds are



A hand drum, traditional medicines used for smudging stored in their containers and pouch.

used to pay for student supplies, spring and fall feasts, snacks for after school tutoring programs, and to sponsor guest presenters. "We wouldn't be able to do any of that without the tribe's 2 percent funding," Adams said.

Penny Barney is the Title VI coordinator and K-12 guidance counselor for the Ishpeming Public School District. Barney has seen a drop in the number of Native American students in the school district, but thinks there may be Native American parents in the community who are not filling out Federal form 506, which is what federal grant funding for Indian Education programs is based off of.

Barney said, "The Title VI grant money we receive goes towards salaries. It's a small amount, this coming school year we were awarded a little over \$6,000. We have a small number now of kids that qualify for American Indian education. I suspect there are more Native students in the district, but unless the parents fill out the 506 form and unless I know who they are so I can try to encourage them to fill out the form, our current number enrolled right now is 26 Native American students in grades K-12, out of 750 kids in the school district."

Barney said she makes sure Native students are aware of any cultural opportunities in the community, most of which are associated with Northern Michigan University's Native American



Photos by Lollie Eskofski

Tom Roman leads Rapid River fifth-graders on a plant walk to identify different species of plants, shrubs, and trees which were once used for various medicinal purposes by Anishinaabeg people many years ago.



One of the presenters speaking to students at the annual Plant Walk that Rapid River fifth graders participate in each year thanks in large part to 2 percent funding from the Sault Tribe.

Studies program.

"It is always really refreshing to see that the vast majority of teachers do a really good job at using culturally sensitive curriculum," she said. "I especially see that more when it comes to language, arts and history because they talk more about those subjects. Even our chorus teacher last year did a unit where the students sang songs from different tribes throughout the U.S. I wish we had more funding and activities, but for the demographic we have I think they do a good job of it."

The 2 percent funds, Barney said, help supplement tutoring programs to help students with their homework.

Jennifer Meyer is the Title VI coordinator for Munising Public Schools. She said there are 110 Native American students in the Munising Public School District - 58 in the High School and 52 in the elementary school.

The tribe's 2 percent funding covers all the travel for the Youth Education and Activities afterschool homework program for kids that need to take Altran

buses home from there. She also pays her title VI indirect costs at a rate of 5.2 percent for things such as heat bills, electric, phone, Internet, and copy paper with 2 percent funds. Because Meyer is not a state certified teacher, which she said is not required by the federal government to be a Title VI coordinator, she must pay a certified teacher to be in her classroom 1.5 hours a day to count towards the school day for the State of Michigan.

She teaches 13 Native American classes each week for K-5th grade students. "They come to my Native Education class just like they would go to gym, or art," she said.

The tribes 2 percent funding also pays for guest presenters, craft supplies, and a special dinner for Native American graduating seniors and their families, among others. "Without the 2 percent I wouldn't be able to hold class. The children wouldn't have a Native Ed class. It supports my support staff; otherwise the kids would not be able to come to my classroom. With our Native American student count dwindling, the Title VI funds are getting smaller. We average about \$251 per Native student in federal funding. This year we had \$26,000 in Title VI funding, and that barely gets me through the school year.

Meyer said she teaches the kids as if they are all Native American. "It is absolutely rewarding to see these kids look forward to learning about their heritage, and when I ask who in the room is Native American, it is unbelievable when 75 percent will raise their hands. They want to be a part of something fun and cool, and that is what I try to make it into," she said.

For more information on how to apply for 2 percent funds, contact Candace Blocher at (906) 632-6281.

Fitness Center supervisor hired

Tanecia Hallai said she has found a good niche for herself at Chi Mukwa

By RICK SMITH

Tanecia Hallai started a job last November as a supervisor for the Sault Tribe Health Division's Fitness Center at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She said she has found a good niche for herself.

"Most of my clinical and professional experience has been in health care," she explained. "Since the All-In-One Fitness Club is part of the Health Division, I am excited to work in a fitness environment with a focus on health. I look forward to assisting individuals, not only towards their physical fitness goals, but also towards overall wellness."

Hallai is a certified athletic trainer and also has certifications in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and basic first aid. She earned an Associate of Applied Science in health and fitness specialist and a Bachelor of Science athletic training and exercise science from Lake Superior State University.

"I chose to double major during my undergraduate educa-



Tanecia Hallai hired as the Chi Mukwa Fitness Center supervisor

tion, because I was interested in both the fitness aspect of exercise science and the healthcare aspect of athletic training," she said.

Hallai went on to earn a Master of Science in health sciences with specialization in health professions education through Excelsior College.

She gained plenty of experience in student athletic training at a variety of places such as sports clinics, the International

Orthopedics of Sports Medicine at War Memorial Hospital (WMH), LSSU Health Care Center, WMH Rehabilitation Center and the WMH Fitness Center.

Hallai also volunteers to serve as a medical first responder providing first aid at athletics events such as Special Olympics games, Sault Steelers football games and the annual Gus Macker basketball tournaments in Sault Ste. Marie.

Annual softball tournament to be held August 10-11

By BRENDA AUSTIN

An annual benefit softball tournament, called the Buzz Bash, is scheduled for Aug. 10-11, at the 8th Ave. ball fields in the Sault.

The event began five years ago to raise funds to help the family of Francis McKechnie, who passed away unexpectedly at the age of 37 on June 22, 2014. Since that time, the funds raised are all donated to local programs, charities and families in McKechnie's name.

Past donations have gone to help support the Tri-county Drug Enforcement Team, Road to Recovery transportation program for cancer patients, the Boy's and Girl's Club, the Sault Michigan Hockey Association, a cancer patient to help with expenses and a local family who lost a loved one to cancer last year to help with his expenses.

There are male and female teams, and event organizers, Robert "Bob" and Peggy McKechnie, said they normally have about 16 teams, with 10 to 13 people per team, sign up to

play.

Food, pop and water will be for sale at the event, and Bob McKechnie said they are licensed through the Chippewa County Health Department for food sales. The event is family friendly - and those wanting more than water or pop can bring their own adult beverage.

There will be raffles and a 50/50 draw for added fun.

Volunteers are welcome to act as umpires and food servers.

McKechnie has been employed with the Sault Tribe for over 32 years, and said when he was hired the tribe was operating out of its original Greenough Street office, including the Home Improvement Program that he worked under at the time.

The cost per team to register for the tournament is \$150. To register or to volunteer, call Bob McKechnie at (906) 203-8601, Peggy McKechnie at 203-2059 or Pat Enos at 203-6408.

Bob said if it wasn't for the volunteers and teams, they wouldn't be able to continue sponsoring the event each year.

Funding assistance programs at BMCC and NCMC

Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program (WOCTEP) has financial assistance available for the below mentioned programs of study with our college partners. We offer certificates and associate programs at North Central Michigan College (NCMC) and with our new partner Bay Mills Community College (BMCC) in Brimley, Mich.

Our program provides support for the following certificate, certificates of development (COD) and associate programs at NCMC:

- Computer Numerically Controlled (CNC), COD
- Phlebotomy, COD
- Medical billing and coding, COD
- Medical assistant, certificate
- Basic Emergency Medical Service (EMS), COD
- Computer support specialist, certificate
- Computer information systems, associate
- Criminal justice, associate

WOCTEP now provides support for the following associate and certificate programs at BMCC:

- Medical office, certificate
- Business administration, associate (online program)
- Construction technology, associate

- Early childhood education, associate (online program)

- Computer information systems, associate

WOCTEP is a grant program funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Native American Career and Technical Education Program.

Any enrolled student at NCMC or BMCC may apply. WOCTEP provides student-advising services for participants and assists with tuition, books, fees and mileage. Based on income level and household size, students may also qualify for an hourly stipend.

Call (231) 242-1494 or visit www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov/EDU/WOCTEP.

Applications invited for Native American policy advocacy fellowship

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), a Quaker lobby in the public interest, is accepting applications for Congressional Advocate on Native American Policy. The 27-month fellowship is based in Washington, D.C.

Through its Native American Advocacy Program, FCNL has been an enduring ally to national Native American organizations and Indian communities engaged in policy advocacy. It collaborates with faith and with Native American organizations to lobby Congress and the administration for investments in Indian country, policy changes to benefit Native American communities, and respect for tribal sovereignty.

The Congressional Advocate leads FCNL's advocacy work on Native American issues.

Applicants for this fellowship must have tribal experience, preferably in education or governance. The applicant must

have one year of professional experience after graduation from college.

Applications must be submitted by June 1, 2019 through jobs@fcnl.org.

Applicants must attach a cover letter, a resume, and answers to three questions. The questions are: Why do you want to work on Native American issues? What experience or background do you have that will help you effectively lobby on these issues? How will you to continue to engage in Native American issues after the fellowship?

The successful applicant will receive a salary and full benefits. American Indians and Alaska Native tribal members are strongly encouraged to apply.

For more information, see <https://www.fcnl.org/congressional-advocate>.

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Fostering futures scholarship application period now open

LANSING, Mich. — The Michigan Department of Treasury reminds young adults who have experienced foster care on or after their 13th birthday they are eligible to apply for a scholarship from the Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund.

The Fostering Futures Scholarship application period for academic year 2019-20 opened on March 15 and will stay open until June 30, 2019. Eligible students enrolled at a Michigan degree-granting

college or university may now apply to receive scholarship funds for tuition, fees, room, board, book and supplies.

To learn more about the Fostering Futures Scholarship, go to www.fosteringfutures-mi.com.

Fostering Future Scholarship applicants with questions should contact the state Treasury Department's Student Scholarships and Grants area at mistudentaid@michigan.gov or call toll-free at (888) 4-GRANTS (447-2687).

Myhal earns DVM doctorate

Dr. Alexandra Myhal, daughter of Pawlo and Carolyn (Osborne) Myhal, granddaughter of Bruce and Evelyn (Lambert) Osborne graduated on May 6, 2018, with a doctoral degree in veterinary medicine (DVM). She graduated from the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine and has accepted a position at a 17-doctor dairy practice in the Central Valley of California. She is excited to start her career and to contribute to the production of high quality dairy products.



Dr. Alexandra Myhal

Graduating Native American students

SUBMITTED BY JANINE ADAMS TITLE VI, INDIAN EDUCATION COORDINATOR/TUTOR FOR ESCANABA AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Escanaba Senior High School has seven Indian Education students graduating this year. Three of them were awarded the Indian Education Parent Committee Senior Scholarship in the amount of \$350. All senior scholarship funds are raised from basketball concession sales. Two of the three scholarship students are Sault Tribe members Bryton Feathers, who will soon begin service in the U.S. Navy, and Riley Mayville, who will be attending Michigan Technological University.



Riley Mayville



Bryton Feathers

American Indian College Fund publishes free guide

The American Indian College Fund (AICF), with generous support from the Andrew Mellon Foundation, is publishing an invaluable tool for Native American high school students seeking higher education. *Native Pathways: A College-Going Guidebook* provides content related to how to get into college, choose a school, pay for it, and what to expect the first year in a way that speaks to Native cultures and experiences as students consider attending college.

In addition to content specific to student needs and culture, Native artists and designers contributed to the book. Jonathon Nelson, a member of the Navajo nation from Hogback, N.M., who currently resides in Denver, designed the cover, titled, *Kindred Mocs*. Nelson's work is featured at www.badwinds.com. Photos by Matika Wilbur, from the Swinomish and Tulalip Tribes of Washington, were included. Wilbur is the creator of Project 562, a project dedicated to photographing the more than 562 federally recognized tribes in the United States. Amanda Cheromiah, who is Pueblo from Laguna, also provided photos.

The guidebook was created as part of the Native Pathways to College Program, also funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The AICF launched the program to meet the needs of tribal communities and in response to the college-going and completion crisis amongst Native American and Alaska Native students. Research shows the national rate of all students going to college within six months of graduating from high school is 70 percent. For Native American and Alaska Native students, those numbers are closer to 20 percent.

The AICF knows that education improves the lives of individuals, their families and entire

communities, yet merely providing scholarships to help students pay for college is not enough for Native students to succeed. To create a college-going culture, the AICF initiated the program, working with high school students, first-year students and two-year college students seeking to continue their education at a four-year school. With a \$2.5 million grant renewal from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the AICF will be able to continue efforts to increase college access and success.

Students, school counselors, and others can download the book for free on the AICF website. Hard copies may be available for some high schools. Please send an email to nativepathways@collegefund.org for more information.

Founded in 1989, the American Indian College Fund has been the nation's largest charity supporting Native higher education for 30 years. The College Fund believes "Education is the answer" and provided 5,896 scholarships last year totaling \$7.65 million to American Indian students, with more than 131,000 scholarships and community support totaling over \$200 million since its inception. The College Fund also supports a variety of academic and support programs at the nation's 35 accredited tribal colleges and universities, which are located on or near Indian reservations, ensuring students have the tools to graduate and succeed in their careers. The College Fund consistently receives top ratings from independent charity evaluators and is one of the nation's top 100 charities named to the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance.

For more information about the American Indian College Fund, please visit www.collegefund.org.

Whitmer, bipartisan group introduce education bills

Governor Gretchen Whitmer joined a bipartisan group of legislators, business, education, and labor leaders on April 18 to announce their support for House and Senate bills creating the MI Opportunity Scholarship and Michigan Reconnect Program.

SB 267, introduced by Senate Democratic Leader Jim Ananich (D-Flint), and HB 4464, introduced by Reps. Kennedy, Shannon, Brenda Carter, Koleszar, Stone, Pagan and Gay-Dagnogo, will establish the MI Opportunity Scholarship. The MI Opportunity Scholarship will ensure universal access to community college for every student in Michigan and bring down the cost of a four-year university for every low and middle-income Michigan student who gets a B average in high school.

SB 268, introduced by Senator Ken Horn (R-Frankenmuth), and HB 4456, introduced by Reps. Frederick, Anthony, VanSingel, Kennedy, Calley, Tate, Shannon

and Markkanen, will establish the Michigan Reconnect Program. The Michigan Reconnect Program will provide free skills-training programs for adults at community colleges to fill the tens of thousands of jobs currently in demand from Michigan businesses.

"These pathways will ensure every Michigander has a path to a good job so they can build a life for themselves right here in Michigan," said Whitmer. "They'll ensure that our businesses can attract the talent they need to thrive in their communities, and ensure that more people will want to move to our state to start their families. I'm proud to stand with members of both parties in the Legislature and business and labor leaders as we ensure every Michigander has a path to success."

Small Business Association of Michigan President Brian Calley, said, "Small businesses here in Michigan need to be connected to a talented workforce to succeed in their communities."

2019 Outstanding Graduating Native American Student Award presented to Levi Jensen, RN

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The 2019 Lake Superior State University (LSSU) Native American Center's Outstanding Graduating Native American Student Award was presented April 22 to recent nursing graduate, Levi Jensen, RN.

Jensen is a member of the Dine' (Navajo) Nation, and was born in Phoenix, Arizona, where his mother's family is from.

He most recently hails from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, moving to Sault Ste. Marie after meeting and marrying his wife, Karilyn Jensen, who is from the area.

Jensen, who just graduated with a bachelor of nursing degree from Lake Superior State University, said nursing was a calling, and something he has felt compelled to accomplish. "The nursing program at LSSU is excellent and I have never felt so prepared or took ownership of something as much as my profession as a nurse. This school



Photo by Brenda Austin

Levi Jensen, RN, was recently honored as LSSU's Native American Center (NAC) 2019 Outstanding Graduating Native American Student. NAC Director Stephanie Sabatine (right) presented the award. Fellow graduating nursing students (left) attended the potluck award ceremony to support Jensen.

is very culturally sensitive; we worked with the tribe quite a

bit and learned about traditional medicines and their cultural val-

ues. I could not have picked a better school to attend," he said.

Jensen said the award means a lot to him, not just because he worked really hard, but also because the American Indian College Fund (AICF) has granted him academic scholarships the past four years and he also represents them as an ambassador. "I am trying to promote the AICF, and get students interested in the opportunity to attend college and break the cycle of poverty and violence, and drug abuse," he said. "Let's get back to traditional values and take ownership of our future."

Jensen was honored with the award during a mental health celebration held for graduating nursing students at the Native American Center. Dr. Sandi King, a professor at LSSU and teacher of the Community Mental Health Course, said the students participate in a potluck and celebrate their pending graduation. "Steph has been

gracious to have us here and she welcomes us and does a prayer to start off our time here on a very positive note, and we have a really great time and wrap the semester up in a really wonderful environment," she said. Director of the NAC, Stephanie Sabatine, presented Jensen with a plaque during the festivities honoring him for his accomplishments. She said, "Levi has been a wonderful example to my other students at the Native American Center. He is always helpful and an inspiration to other students. I will miss his presence here at the Center, but I know that the world needs more people like Levi. I have no worries about him after graduation, I know that he will go on to do great things."

King said, "Levi is an amazing student, and I have been very proud to have him in my class and have a chance to get to know him. I absolutely know that he is going to do some amazing things in his career."

Local song to be used in New Zealand by study abroad students

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

When singer songwriter Stephanie Sabatine and her friend Mary Ann Stott wrote a song together in 2008 for Rodney Lowman's inauguration as president of Lake Superior State University (LSSU), they would have been surprised to know that in the summer of 2019 it would be going to New Zealand with students from Lake Superior State University.

LSSU's Dr. Kathy Berchem and Dr. Ashley Moerke are taking 16 senior students in their Cultural and Ecological and Human Health Issues of New Zealand study abroad course to meet Maori Natives of New Zealand and do some research projects. As part of the Maori culture, welcoming songs are exchanged telling about the place you come from and the people there.

When Sabatine, who is also the director of LSSU's Native American Center, was approached about an appropriate song for the students to use, she went to her song file and the first song on top was *My Heart Belongs to Michigan*.



Photos by Brenda Austin

LSSU's Dr. Kathy Berchem and Dr. Ashley Moerke are taking 16 senior students (above) in their Cultural and Ecological and Human Health Issues of New Zealand study abroad course to meet Maori Natives. As part of the Maori culture, welcoming songs are exchanged telling about the place you come from and the people there. When Sabatine, director of LSSU's Native American Center, was approached about a song for the students to use, she went to her song file and the first song on top was *My Heart Belongs to Michigan*, which she co-wrote with Mary Ann Stott. Right: Stephanie Sabatine.

Michigan. She contacted Algoma University Professor Jerry Fontaine, who teaches Ojibwa, and asked him to translate the song title into Ojibwe for the students.

Sabatine said the students have learned the song's first verse and chorus and will be singing those along with being able to say the song's title in Ojibwe. As part of

the welcoming ceremonies, students will also be presenting the Maori Natives with small gifts they are bringing with them.

Dr. Berchem said the student's have been learning about Native American cultures and ideas, and visiting the NAC, to help them relate to the Maori people. The group will be gone for 16 days, and will be visiting clinics, hos-



pitals and different cultural sites where they will be able to interact with the Maori people. About half of the students are nursing students; there is an accounting major, and biology and ecology students.

Berchem said students would be looking at the different ways that culture connects with health issues, and learning about eco-

logical concepts and how they tie all of those things together. "The students are working in groups of four, so there are four research projects they are doing, and each of the projects is supposed to include something related to ecology, culture and health. Some groups are looking at different Maori symbols and where they are found, and others are collecting data on water health and how it's related to the population living in that area," she said.

Students will also be spending the night at Waitaia Lodge, where they will be introduced during a welcoming ceremony to the Maori couple that are the caretakers of the lodge and surrounding land. While there, students will go on guided hikes and learn about medicinal plants native to the area and the health of local rivers and streams.

Sabatine said she is happy and excited to share her song with the students and Maori people, never having anticipated it would be used to welcome others and introduce the beauty of Michigan and its people to another culture.

Educator of the Year named

At an April 30 ceremony, the EUPISD Parent Advisory Committee recognized educators in the community who have provided exceptional service to students with disabilities during the 2018-19 school year. Sault Tribe Head Start instructor Catherine Wilson was nominated by Speech-Language Pathologist Lisa Goulet for her professionalism and grace in her position as a Head Start instructor.

Goulet also nominated Wilson for making modifications and adaptations in her classroom so that every child can succeed. "She goes above and beyond for her students and their families and has a genuine care for their well-being and success," Goulet said.

Wilson graduated from Lake Superior State University in 2007



with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. She has been an instructor with the Sault Tribe Head Start since 2008.

"We are honored to have Catherine as an instructor for our youngest tribal members and congratulate her on her accomplishments," Head Start Director Anne Suggitt said.

MIEA 2019 scholarships applications solicitation notice

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) is pleased to announce it will make available three \$1,000 scholarships and six \$500 scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded to at least nine qualified students with the \$1,000 scholarships awarded to the top three qualified students as determined by committee review and lottery, if necessary. Applying students must be currently enrolled in courses of study at or have a letter of acceptance from a public college, university or technical school.

Students applying for the scholarships must meet the following qualifications:

- Be enrolled members (copy of tribal card) or direct descendants of enrolled mem-

Application forms can be downloaded at www.michiganindianelders.org/students.php or obtained from the tribal education departments of each of the constituent tribes/bands.

bers of one of the MIEA constituent tribes/bands (must be verified in writing by tribal enrollment departments).

- Successfully completed and passed all five General Education Development (GED) equivalency tests with a minimum score of 40 and an average score of 45 and possess a GED certificate or graduated from an accredited high school with a 3.00 grade point average or, if currently enrolled at colleges, universities or trade

schools, accumulated a grade point average of 3.00.

- Except for special and extenuating circumstances, attend college, university or trade school on a full-time basis.

- Complete the provided application form and submit it with required supporting documentation and the mailing must be RECEIVED BY THE COORDINATOR postmarked no later than June 15, 2019. (PLEASE NOTE, incomplete or late applications will not be considered).

- Application forms can be downloaded at www.michiganindianelders.org/students.php or obtained from the tribal education departments of each of the constituent tribes/bands.

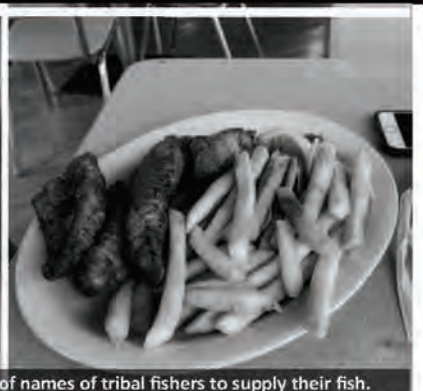
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With nephews Dan and Armahn at Lockview Restaurant



Delicious Whitefish & Perch. I was asked and gave a list of names of tribal fishers to supply their fish.



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Representing All Members Everywhere!
Ahneen, Boozho, Negee,

Washington, D.C. – On Wednesday, May 1st, Congressman Raul Ruiz, M.D. (D-CA), and Chairman Raul Grijalva (D-AZ) invited me to join them during a National Press Conference on the U.S. Capitol lawn in DC to announce the release of a new report entitled *Tribal Consultation: Additional Federal Actions Needed for Infrastructure Projects*. The report is the first-ever comprehensive review of 21 federal agencies' tribal consultation processes for the development and implementation of federal infrastructure projects that affect tribes.

mechanisms to consult tribes impacted by federal infrastructure projects. The GAO report identifies federal agencies' flawed tribal consultation mechanisms for developing and implementing infrastructure projects. The report found that many federal agencies have neglected tribal input when making key decisions on proposed infrastructure projects and failed to consult tribes until late in the project development stages. Ultimately, the report found that many federal agencies lack the necessary policies and implementation mechanisms to consult tribes impacted by federal infrastructure projects. "This report confirms what we've heard from

report" said Congressman Ruiz. "The federal government is failing in its responsibility to respect Native American rights and protect the health and well-being of Native communities. "The Native American people have been lied to, their treaties violated, and their views ignored on issues like fossil fuel pipelines that impact their communities. Enough is enough. We cannot continue to trample on Native American sovereignty. We must instead fight for a new relationship between the federal government and the Native American community until they are treated with the respect and dignity they de-

leaders whenever federal policies affect them. Yet today's GAO report confirms what is well known in Indian Country: too often, we are failing to meet our responsibilities to Native communities. As vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, I am committed to seeing that the federal government implements GAO's recommendations and that Indian tribes' voices are not only heard, but respected," said Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM). The GAO report issues recommendations to strengthen the tribal consultation process, improve transparency, and ensure tribal input is given mean-

WITHOUT YOUR INPUT, THERE WILL BE NO 2% INCREASE!
The resolution I drafted calls for a referendum vote to decide whether or not to set aside 2% of our tribal gaming and enterprise revenues for this purpose. Please send me an email and statement of your support for a referendum vote. Many generations waited to benefit from Land Claims, let's not make our Elders wait any longer.
I have set a deadline by (5/31/19) to secure input on this issue.
Happy graduation to those young and a little more mature. As a high school dropout who went back to earn an advanced

CONGRESSMEN RUIZ, GRIJALVA & CHAIRPERSON PAYMENT Hold Press Conference on GAO Report on TRIBAL Consultation



After the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' failure to provide adequate tribal consultation prior to their approval of the Dakota Access Pipeline in 2016, members of Congress requested a review of the federal programs and policies that protect the health and environmental security of American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The report found that many federal agencies lack the necessary policies and implementation

Indian Country all along: that tribes are often left in the dark on projects that directly impact their daily lives. Failing to meaningfully consult tribes is a clear violation of the federal government's trust responsibility. The federal government must reevaluate and reform its tribal consultation processes, and I intend to hold our federal agencies accountable to the recommendations made in this

serve," said Sen. Bernie Sanders. "Regular and meaningful consultation is a cornerstone of the government-to-government relationship between the federal government and Tribal nations. For nearly 20 years, the federal government has recognized by Executive Order 13175 the need for such consultation and to collaborate with Tribal

ingful consideration. The report also directs the federal government to establish a more effective mechanism to support tribal interests in infrastructure projects, and to use that system to make tribal consultation more streamlined both for agencies and tribal governments. I am honored and grateful to be asked to participate in national level events like these Members of Congress to advocate for our people.

education, I am proof that ANYBODY CAN DO IT.
Finally, I want to say *chi megwitch* on Memorial Day to our Veterans who gave all and a special acknowledge of Denny McKelvie for your caretaking of Wilwalk and others who keep our sacred sites respectful.
Chi McGwitch, Negee!

Group works to increase LSSU tribal presence



KIMBERLE GRAVELLE
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Hi everyone, hope everyone is enjoying spring, finally!

A group of us attended a meeting with Stephanie Sabatine, the Native American Center director at Lake Superior State University (LSSU). The center was established in the mid-1980s as a resource for Native American students attending LSSU and is a focus for Native American culture. The center is a hub for student interaction, sharing and learning.

The focus of the meeting was to increase the tribal presence on campus. Approximately 10 percent of the student population at LSSU is Native American.

The staff can assist with financial aid, tutoring, mentoring, student networking, internships, job placement and more. For more information visit Issu.edu/nac for a calendar of events and if you would like to be added to their email list, send your address to ssabatine@Issu.edu. You can also call the LSSU Native American Center at (906) 635-2223. Further, if you are a tribal member attending other colleges or universities, I recommend, when making contact, ask if they have a tribal advisor on campus.

In January 2019, Tipping Point Solutions (TPS), which is headquartered in Denver, Colo.,

opened an office in Michigan at the Tamarack Business Center at 523 Ashmun Street. TPS is a full-service developer of high-engagement, interactive and video-based training. TPS has two positions open at this time, elearning courseware developer and instructional designer. The job openings are posted on Indeed.com.

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

and important notices sent by mail. Also, don't forget to inform the newspaper office of your move to keep your free newspaper coming to your door: slucas@saulttribe.net, or 632-6398.

As always, please keep the men and women in the armed forces in your prayers and thoughts for a safe return to their families. I would also like to thank all the team members for the hard work they do every day for our tribe. Please feel free to call me at (906) 203-6083 and leave a message or e-mail me at KKGavelle@saulttribe.net.

Thank you,
Kim Gravelle

Board of directors passes resolutions April 16

The board convened in Munising on April 16 with all present.

Resolution number 2019-83 — Anthony D. Abramson Sr. declared honorary Sault Tribe member for his dedication and contributions to the tribe in enhancing the health and well being of the tribe's members along with conducting himself with the cultural conventions of the Anishinaabek in the course of his career in the tribe's health services.

84 — FY 2019 Governmental Capital Purchases Budget — Appropriated \$1,393,550, of which \$1,276,550 comes from other revenue/fund balance and \$147,000 from tribal support.

85 — ATR and ATR Support Service 2019 Budget Modifications — Modified fiscal year 2019 budget for Access To Recovery (ATR) to eliminate the

budget of \$38,000, and to ATR support service to increase the budget with other revenue from Inter-Tribal Council funding of \$10,000 with no effect on tribal support.

86 — Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Establishment of 2019 Budget — Account established with Inter-Tribal Council funding of \$42,300 and no effect on tribal support.

87 — Health Center X-Ray and Third Party Revenue 2019 Budget Modifications — Modified the account to complete radiology suite upgrades and third party revenue for additional funds of \$124,366 with no effect on tribal support.

88 — Management Information System 2019 Budget Modification — Modified to change the personnel sheets, increase expenses and increase tribal support \$55,954.33.

89 — Authorization To Retain The Law Firm Of Wilmerhale As Supreme Court Counsel in Buchwald Capital Advisors LLC V Sault Ste. Marie Tribe — Firm authorized to represent Sault Tribe and Kewadin Casinos Gaming Authority in responding to a petition for a writ of certiorari and any subsequent proceedings before the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of Buchwald Capital Advisors LLC v. Sault Tribe. Further, \$230,000 was added to the legal special projects account from tribal support for consultation with the firm.

90 — 2019 Head Start And Early Head Start Grant — Application approved.

91 — Native Employment Works Program — Anishinaabek Community and Family Services designated as the tribal lead agency to receive and administer the Native Employment Works

program through the period of fiscal years 2020-23.

92-99 — Request Reservation Status {for land parcels} — Requests to the U.S. Department of the Interior to the tribe's reservation bases land parcels in Manistique, Hessel, Christmas, Frazier, Grand Marais, Dafter and Sault Ste. Marie.

100 — Authorization Of Right Of Way Easement Demawating Development-Riverside Village — Easement granted to Cloverland Electric Cooperative, Inc., for perpetual right to enter upon land in Sault Ste. Marie.

101-104 — Trust Land Lease{s}-Parcel{s} 42, 45, 48 and 1955 J.K. Lumsden Way Sault Ste. Marie, MI — Leases authorized for a land parcels in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

105 — Acceptance Of The 2018 Northern Casinos Audit — 2018 Rehmann Robson,

LLC, audit of northern Kewadin Casinos accepted.

106 — Acceptance of 401K Audit Proposal — The firm of Dennis, Gartland and Niergarth appointed to perform the governmental audit for the Sault Tribe 401K plan, for an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the fiscal years 2018, 2019 and 2020.

107 — Authorizing Settlement Of Pending Litigation: In Re Greektown Holdings, LLC — Attorneys authorized to make a firm offer of settlement consistent with the terms described in a Frost, Brown, Todd memorandum not to exceed the amount specified in a Frost Brown email.

108 — Proclaiming May 5 As A Day Of Awareness For Missing And Murdered Native Women And Girls — May 5 designated as such.

109 — Amending Tribal Code Chapter 71: Criminal Offenses Legalizing Personal Use Of Marijuana — Decriminalized the personal use and possession of a limited amount of marijuana by adopting a new subchapter XVI of Tribal Code Chapter 71 and authorized the expungement of certain convictions, effective May 15, 2019.

110 — Authorization To Retain The Sonosky Firm For Lobbying Services — Authorized contracting the law firm of Sonosky, Chambers, Sachese, Endreson and Perry, LLP, for lobbying services not to exceed \$5,000 per month for the remainder of calendar year 2019 and increasing the government relations account by \$40,000 by adding the firm for consulting.

See resolutions in their entirety with voting grids online at www.saulttribe.com.

Thank you to all our team and staff



KEITH MASSAWAY,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III

This unit report is a big thank you to all of our staff and team

members. It was so wonderful to be involved in our team member appreciation for years of service. Getting to shake the hands of so many who have been with us and recognized for their five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service. It was very humbling.

All of our staff and team members give of themselves every day to make our tribe better and sometimes we forget to say thank you. I am saying it now, THANK YOU, EACH AND EVERYONE! I hope the tribe has also enriched your life. We have to work mutually to keep our tribe moving forward in a good way.

I want to also congratulate our students. The high school seniors

graduate soon and many of the college seniors are also graduating. What a wonderful time in their lives. They are stepping into a whole new world in which anything is possible if they want it. Remember, graduates, if you leave home you can get the tribal paper sent to your new residence for free if you request it (simply email slucas@saulttribe.net). Also, please confirm your status with the tribe that you are a registered member of the tribe. If you have any question that you may not be signed up, then call the tribal switchboard and ask for the enrollment office and they will verify it for you. The switchboard number is (906) 635-6050. For all members, please use this number

if you wish to talk to any department of the tribe. It is the easiest way to get to the information you may need.

There is one request of myself. Please get involved anyway you can, whether it be with the tribe or school, city, church or civic institution. Volunteering is a great way to get involved and volunteers are in such short supply. Everyone needs a helping hand and to be a flourishing community we all have to do what we can to make good things happen. Please help out anyway you can.

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.

Birth...Meadow Dettloff

MEADOW M. DETTLOFF
Daraka McLeod-Dettloff and Tyler Dettloff are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Meadow Minokami Dettloff, born Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at 5:28 p.m. at War Memorial Hospital in Bawating (Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.).

Meadow was welcomed by her family in the Sault and Kinross, as well as her community in Gnoozhekaaning (Bay Mills, Mich.).

She was born on the spring equinox during a full moon that pulled her roaring into life full of love. Meadow's



Anishinaabemowin middle name, "Minokami," translates to "good-earth," and represents the time when water begins to flow over the thawing ground, springtime.

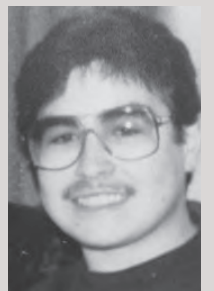
Memorial service planned for mother and son, Alvina L. and John P. Adams

ALVINA LUCILLE ADAMS
&
JOHN PAUL ADAMS

Family and friends are invited to a funeral memorial service May 25, at 11 a.m., at St. Ignatius Loyola Church in St. Ignace for Alvina Lucille Adams, (May 28, 1929 - Nov. 9, 2018) and John Paul Adams, (June 6, 1967 - July 9, 2018). If you need directions, call Ruth Adams, daughter of Alvina and sister to John, at (989) 965-1384.



Alvina L. Adams



John P. Adams

McLeod testifies at USDA Tribal Consultation



**JENNIFER MCLEOD,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aaniin, Anishnaabek! On May 5, our tribe held a ceremony for missing and murdered indigenous women and Children's Awareness Day. It was a beautiful event. Many thanks to the organizers, presenters, the drum and all of the community who gathered together in a good way. It was a good feeling. (See photos below.) I am so happy our tribal board of directors unanimously passed the resolution I sponsored that makes May 5 of every year a time to stop, reflect, share and join together so that we may NEVER FORGET.

Also, I have been working on a federal bill known as the Farm Bill. It is the source for funding for our USDA Food Distribution (aka commodity foods). But this

food program is but a small part of this vital bill and I am focusing a great deal of my attention on it.

I attended the tribal consultation with the USDA and testified on behalf of our tribe. I also had the honor of introducing the Secretary of the USDA, Dr. Sonny Perdue (see photos). Below, you will read our testimony that addresses various aspects of this bill. The impact on our tribe could be HUGE, would be a definite step in the direction of sovereignty and would improve the lives of our people.

*The Honorable Jennifer McLeod, Chairperson
Food Distribution Program on
Indian Reservations
Tribal Working Group
USDA Tribal Consultation
Washington, DC
May 1 – 2, 2019*

Jennifer McLeod, n'dizh-nikaaz. Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Tribal Working Group ndoo-debendaagoz. Kina Baawaa'ing Anishinaabek Omaa go nda Onji-kida. Wiijiwaagwining, nda-wiijnokiimaayek. My name is Jennifer McLeod. As a member and a leader of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, I am speaking on behalf of the tribe. I am also a member and leader of the Tribal Working Group for

the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations. I'm here today because I want to work in partnership with you.

The 2018 Farm Bill contains a number of new tribal-specific provisions and it is the hope of Indian Country that the USDA will work to implement these provisions in a thoughtful and timely manner. Today, I want to share my recommendations on how to best achieve this.

I urge the USDA Food and Nutrition Service to continue to conduct monthly Farm Bill implementation phone calls with the Tribal Leaders Consultation Working Group on FDPIR and the National Association of FDPIR Board throughout the implementation process for all Farm Bill provisions related to FDPIR. These phone calls are essential as they serve to educate both the USDA and the tribes on issues relating to the changes. Through the phone discussions, participants may identify unforeseen tribal barriers to participation and solicit recommendations for the elimination of those barriers.

I'd also like to focus on the Farm Bill's "638" Tribal Self-Determination Contract Demonstration Project. I have three comments: First, this provision is important because it will allow inter-tribal organizations to purchase food for FDPIR.



USDA tribal consultation

This is an important change as it moves the USDA towards greater tribal parity. To best implement this change, the USDA FNS will need to continually consult with tribal leaders and the National Association of FDPIR Board to determine how this new authority can best be tailored to allow ITOs to better serve tribal citizens.

Second, I want to address the matter of 638 contracts. I recognize that the USDA has not previously worked with 638 tribes/contracts before. 638 contracts are a wonderful tool and promote tribal self-determination. I strongly recommend FNS work closely with federal entities that have significant experience with these contracts, such as the Department of Interior and the Indian Health Service to determine best practices in implementation.

Third, I want to address funding. The 2018 Farm Bill provision for the 638 FDPIR demonstration project has been authorized, but isn't funded. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians recommends that the USDA request full funding (\$5 million) within the president's budget. Once it is funded, I urge the USDA FNS to fund multiple 638 FDPIR pilot projects. Specifically, I propose one 638 FDPIR pilot project be funded in each region of the United States. Each region of the U.S. is different, and every tribe and ITO has a unique way of doing things. Only by testing the program in multiple areas with multiple tribes will the USDA learn how the program will work on a national level and be prepared for the flexibility necessary to achieve the best out of the program.

My next subject is the change to FDPIR match requirements: The 2018 Farm Bill lowers the tribal match from 25 percent to 20 percent; it waives the match and full USDA funding required for tribes with economic hardships; and it offers tribes the opportunity to use other federal funding to reach the match requirement. For implementation purposes, I recommend the USDA provide tribes with technical assistance in determining how to leverage other federal funding to reach the match requirement.

Moving on to the 2018 Farm Bill provision allowing two-year carryover funding: This provision gives tribal ITOs FDPIR programs much more flexibility. For example, with a two-year time frame, FDPIR programs can make necessary infrastructure changes to warehouses. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa



USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue

Indians recommends the FNS encourage tribes to maximize the opportunities the two-year carry-over offers as a means to make administrative and structural changes that will better serve the people using the program.

I will close with comments regarding traditional foods. The 2018 Farm Bill now requires the Secretary to purchase traditional foods that can be procured cost-effectively and adds "regionally grown" to the traditional foods description of the purchase provision of FDPIR. Currently, salmon, wild rice, blue cornmeal, bison and catfish are used in FDPIR food packages. I recommend the USDA FNS continue to work closely with the Food Package Review Group to determine additional traditional foods that can be cost-effectively added to the FDPIR food package. I also advise the USDA to allocate the funds by region according to percent of tribal participation and to buy healthy traditional foods that the tribes in that region, are culturally attuned with.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak with you. I hope that we can continue to work with each other throughout the implementation process.

I am grateful that Chairman Payment supported my serving our tribe in this capacity. I am grateful to my husband, Dennis Tyson, for everything he does to keep the home fires burning while I am away. I am also very appreciative of the tribal members who support this work, and who are working together to secure the best possible future for our people. To all of you, I say, chi miigwech!

As always, I am available to meet with tribal members locally to discuss concerns, help in any way that I can and even just to chat. I am also really looking forward to my next downstate meeting so that I can meet with our people who cannot travel back to the Sault. It's wonderful to hear what is on everyone's mind, and meeting with members is one of my favorite parts of this job.

Shawindeckaa (many blessings), and...

*Anishnaabe gagiget
(Anishnaabe for always...)*

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Ceremony for missing and murdered indigenous women and children.



Tribe's state-of-the-art hearing aids worth trying



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

For quite some time now, my 86-year-old grandmother has had issues with her hearing. It has been frustrating for her family when trying to communicate and practically having to yell at times. We just recently convinced her that hearing aids have come very far and are almost unnoticeable. I brought her to the Sault to be tested and then a return trip to pick up the hearing aids.

The process was very easy. The audiologist is super nice and the tribe pays for state-of-the-art hearing aids. These do not have a battery, can match your hair color and are tiny. I would encourage anyone who is struggling to hear to make an appointment, you won't be sorry. This is one of the many great things the tribe does for the members.

During the last board meeting in April in Munising, the board voted 10-2 to legalize personal use marijuana with an effective

date of May 15. I realize there are some people against such actions but to me opioids and alcohol are much worse. Marijuana and CBD oil have many healing properties. I also hope the clinic pharmacies start carrying CBD products so members have alternative medicines rather than narcotics.

April 23 was our second annual recognition luncheon for our team members. A couple hundred people were recognized for having worked from five years up to 40 years. The room was all smiles and I got to catch up with people I don't get to see that often. The Recognition Committee did a great job putting this event together and the banquet staff did a wonderful job as well.

Congratulations to Carol Montie for 40 years working for Sault Tribe! Carol works in the Sault health center. I can only imagine all the changes that have taken place in that time frame.

The St. Ignace elders' lunches are served Monday-Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the new complex. They have also switched their monthly meeting to the second Thursday of the month at noon.

The Wequayoc Cemetery annual clean-up will be on Saturday, May 18 at 10 a.m. with a potluck to follow. We are hoping to be able to use the Grimes House in the near future for gatherings, cultural teachings, etc. Procedures are being written to spell out who the contact person will be and what the process will be.

Mark your calendar for the Native American Festival for

May 25 on the grounds of the Ojibwa Museum in St. Ignace. There will be workshops in the morning and grand entry at 1 p.m. There will be a food vendor and feast. If you have never been there, it is worth the trip to see the new longhouse, the clan park, sculptures and the boarding school wall.

Sault Tribe language classes are held weekly in St. Ignace on Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at the new elders' complex.

I am currently working with Jackie Minton, Sue St. Onge and Sally Paquin to bring more workshops to our community. I hope to have a schedule out soon that will consist of regalia making, dream catchers and quill work. If anyone is interested in presenting at a workshop, please contact me.

Congratulations to all the recent college graduates. This is quite an accomplishment and can never be taken away from you. One of these tribal members was Madysin Lee, who graduated from Grand Valley State University with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She is pictured getting pinned by her aunt, Taylor Jo Becker, who is also a Sault Tribe member and currently a nurse in Detroit. Madysin was a student worker in the St. Ignace health clinic a few years ago and was one of my scholarship recipients.

Unfortunately, the election tactics are starting with things being added to the board's agenda, social media content, scare tactics and newspaper reports. There will be lots of promises as



Madysin Lee gets her nurse's pin from her aunt Taylor Jo Becker, also a nurse.

well as many meetings being held in other areas. Members need to watch behavior changes and those that are consistent. It is going to be a long year but then again it's a chairman's election year.

Please contact me with any comments or concerns at bsorenson@saulttribe.net, bridgett91@

yahoo.com or (906) 430-0536. Keith and I have monthly unit meetings on the third Monday of the month at the McCann Building at 6 p.m.

Hope you can enjoy your family and friends during the Memorial Day weekend!

Board did not take away chairperson's authority



**DARCY MORROW,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

Vendors wanted for Manistique Native American Crafts & Farmers Market

On Thursday, June 13, we are starting a weekly Native American crafts and Farmers Market at the Manistique Tribal Center on Thursdays and Fridays until the end of September. We are currently looking for vendors to participate, please contact me to sign up. You can participate every week or only once — you decide. (See vendor flyer on page xx.)

Congratulations to all the high school, technical trades and college graduates. Go out into the world and enjoy whatever you decide to do! I would like to send a personal congratulations to my graduating niece, Jenna Chase, from Manistique High School; keep up the good work at college!

Shawl workshops with Georgine McKenzie and Karen

Corbett in April were a great success! Every class had a lot of fun and laughs, it was nice to see old friends and meet new people in each community. We have been so happy with the overwhelming number of members participating in the workshops. It's great to be able to have these services in Unit IV now! The workshops have been a great day for family participation and getting to know each other better through talking circles. The next workshop is a Seven Grandfathers workshop with Bud Biron, dates are being planned.

As promised, Ojibwe language classes are finally here. We are very excited to welcome Paul Blondeau, language teacher on the west end; thank you for bringing your knowledge to us! Please support keeping our language alive by attending with your families. Unit IV classes are every Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Escanaba at the YEA building, 1226 Wigob St., and every Thursday in Manistique at the Tribal Community Center, 5698W Hwy US2, 6 to 8 p.m. (language flyer in this paper).

Housing Division's Down Payment Assistance Program is accepting applications April 29 through June 11. This program is designed to assist members in becoming homeowners of structurally sound homes. Eligible applicants could receive up to \$9,500 to be applied towards down payment and closing costs. This program is open to Sault Tribe members

residing in Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac, Alger, Schoolcraft, Delta and Marquette counties. Income guidelines are: 1 person - \$40,264, 2 persons - \$46,016, 3 persons - \$51,768, 4 persons - \$57,520, 5 persons - \$62,122, 6 persons - \$66,723, 7 persons - \$71,325 & 8 persons - \$75,926. Contact Dana Piippo, homeownership specialist, at (906) 495-1450 or (800) 794-4072 for an application.

Director Chase and I continue to attend the monthly Conservation Committee, CORA and 2020 fishing negotiation meetings between the five tribes throughout the state.

We need to guarantee we are looking out for our future generation's treaty right!

Unfortunately, I must address the negative politics that have already started happening with over a year before the next election cycle takes place. The chairman playing the victim that he has no authority because the board took it away.

I wanted to attach the complete legal opinion from John Wernet, General Counsel dated Dec. 18, 2016 RE: **What powers and authority does the chairperson retain following the rescission of Resolution 2012-146?** Unfortunately, my article was too long and I had to cut it down. I can only emphasize and highlight some areas from the memo (memo not in its entirety) to stop the untruth being spun that the board took away the chairman's power. The change was made

by the membership with a constitutional amendment on April 7, 2010. Please take a minute to read through this information; know the truth and spread the truth! To read the entire legal opinion/memo, see www.saulttribe.com/newsroom/2657-legal-opinion-what-powers-and-authority-does-the-chairperson-retain-following-the-rescission-of-resolution-2012-146.

Legal memo begins (not in its entirety):

I have been asked to provide a legal opinion outlining the powers and authority retained by the

tribal chairperson following the action of the board on Tuesday, Dec. 13, rescinding Resolution 2012-146. That resolution, adopted on July 20, 2012, delegated to the chairperson the authority to manage and direct the day-to-day operations of the tribe, including but not limited to certain specific authorities listed in that resolution. The exercise of that delegated day-to-day management authority by the chairperson was made subject to the specific direction and review of the board of directors.

See "Morrow," Page 26

Smith interested in research

From "New biologist," pg. 18 field who have so much knowledge that is never put to full use, and I think this is the way," he said.

Smith said he would like to also focus on research, taking smaller pieces of the long-term monitoring results and breaking those down into individual areas of study, such as studying lake trout and whitefish in specific areas, and answering questions such as 'why is there a whitefish recruitment bottleneck?' "And then taking all of that knowledge and moving it up to help inform policy with the 2020 negotiations — here is what we know about the lakes, here is what we believe about the lakes, here are a slew of options and the outcomes that we think might result from

those options; and let policy-makers be well-armed based on the good work that the biological staff here has done. If we did a good job of just even that portion I think that would be a pretty amazing thing — but we can do much more than that," he said. "It's critical to our mission that these other agencies doing this type of work know that Sault Tribe is here taking care of these resources, as they have been all along," he said.

Smith's wife Margaret is joining him in his journey north, moving into their newly purchased home in downtown Sault Ste. Marie after retiring from the University of Michigan. She plans to find local work as a part time nurse, allowing the couple to enjoy their time in the Upper Peninsula.

Many cultural learning opportunities in Unit IV



DENISE CHASE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

Last year, the tribe brought back the employee recognition program. Director Morrow and I were able to attend the Employee Recognition Luncheon on April 23 at the Kewadin Dream Makers Theater. Over 260 staff were recognized by the dinner, including various incentives. We value and appreciate all of their hard work, dedication and contributions to Sault Tribe (governmental, Kewadin Casinos, EDC and enter-

prise employees). Thanks to you for a job well done.

Thanks to all of the staff involved and the Employee Recognition Committee for planning and organizing this event; and thanks to the Kewadin Casino staff for preparing the meal. Miigwech to Mission Krik Drum for the songs and Bud Biron for his words and opening prayer.

Gathering of the Clans Powwow

I invite you to the Gathering of the Clans Powwow on behalf of the powwow committee. We've decided to move our powwow gathering to the end of August because of the various community events that conflicted with our date. (See the powwow flyer on opposite page.) Look forward to seeing you there.

I am happy to report Anishinaabemowin language classes will be held across the seven-county service area. Paul Blondeau will be the language teacher for the western end. Classes will be held weekly in Escanaba and Manistique areas. We look forward to holding more

classes in the future in other areas. Classes are:

— Manistique, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., Manistique Tribal Center, 5698 W. HWY US-2

— Escanaba, Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Escanaba YEA Building, 1226 Wisab St. (Escanaba reservation)

Miigwech to George McKenzie and Karen Corbett for sharing their sewing knowledge with attendees at the recent workshops in Escanaba and Manistique. It was great to see the participants sharing ideas and skills with each other. It's so nice to see the mentoring, camaraderie and laughter that goes on at these classes and a lot of the classes have two to three generations of family members attending together and learning and sharing as they work on their projects.

Director Morrow and I have been very busy the last few months throughout our unit, organizing and planning culture classes and teachings such as moccasin, dream catcher, drum and shawl making classes. We will be planning more cultural

opportunities throughout the area. The Community Health staff are doing various cultural teachings throughout the seven-county service area and we will share our community teaching and class dates and schedules with them and the Education Dept. so there is no duplication. This will allow more activities to happen throughout the seven-county service area and our unit.

Director Morrow and I will be organizing and working on acquiring the funding to supply free ride wrist bands for Unit IV youth at the UP State Fair on Native American Day this year. And, while there, they can enjoy the powwow under the big tent. We will update you in a future unit report and by other communications when it is confirmed and set up.

Director Morrow and I have been very busy attending the various CORA, tribal, fishermen, 2020 negotiations with the five tribes and Conservation Committee meetings. Besides these meetings mentioned, we have internal workshops and updates with our legal staff.

The Board recently approved and authorized the chairperson to sign the special counsel contract for the firm of Morisset, Scholsser, Jazwiak and Somerville for providing ongoing legal services to the tribe in preparation for the 2000 Consent Decree expiration.

New this summer in our area, a Native American Crafts & Farmers Market will be held starting June 13 at the Manistique Tribal Center. If you would like to be a vendor or for more information, contact Darcy Morrow at (906) 298-1888.

I would like to congratulate all the 2019 graduating high school seniors and college students. Best wishes on whatever your plans are and wherever that may lead you. I would like to say a special congratulations to Jenna Chase, first grandchild to graduate — we're so proud of you!

If you have any questions or need to contact me, please call (906) 203-2471 or email dchase@saulttribe.net.

Thank you,
Denise Chase,
Unit IV Board Member

Unit IV Director Darcy Marrow unit report continued

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On Tuesday, Dec. 13, the board of directors voted to rescind Resolution 2012-146. By a separate resolution, 2016-290, the board delegated day-to-day management of the tribe to the tribe's executive director.

As will be set forth in more detail below, it is my opinion that the rescinding of Resolution 2012-146 eliminated the authority delegated to the chairperson by that resolution to manage the day-to-day operations of the tribe. It did not rescind powers and authority vested in the chairperson by the Tribal Code or those granted to the chairperson by prior resolutions dealing with specific projects or circumstances. Nor, of course, did it remove any express or inherent authority vested in the chairperson by the Constitution by virtue of his office as chairperson and as a member of the board of directors. A constitutional amendment was subsequently approved on April 7, 2010, striking the language in Article II, Section 1, of the By-Laws that assigned the chairperson to act as chief executive officer of the tribe. This change eliminated the direct constitutional grant of authority to the chairperson and left the authority to direct the day-to-day operations of the tribe vested exclusively in the board of directors under Article VII of the Constitution.

On Dec. 13, 2016, the board acted to rescind Resolution 2012-146 and instead adopted a new resolution, 2016-290, delegating day-to-day management of the tribe to the tribe's executive director, subject to the direction and control of the board. That resolution further specified that it "amends any previously adopted resolution regarding this matter."

Discussion:

In my view, it is clear that the sole effect accomplished by rescinding Resolution 2012-146 was to remove from the chairperson those powers delegated by

that resolution, i.e., the power "to manage and direct the day-to-day operations of the tribe." **It did not rescind powers and authority vested in the chairperson by the Tribal Code or those granted to the chairperson by prior resolutions dealing with specific projects or circumstances.**

Nor, of course, did it remove any express or inherent authority vested in the chairperson by the Constitution by virtue of his office as chairperson and as a member of the board of directors.

Constitutional Authority

Finally, it goes without saying that the board's action in rescinding its delegation of day-to-day management authority did not and could not diminish the duties vested in the chairperson by the Constitution.

This conclusion extends not only to those powers expressly stated in the Constitution and By-laws but also to those powers that are inherent in the office. One example of such authority is the authority of the chairperson to serve as a spokesperson for the tribe. This is manifestly an authority enjoyed and exercised by all members of the board of directors, each of whom, from time to time, serves the tribe by attending conferences, meetings, or other events on behalf of the tribe and by representing the interests of the tribe in those settings. In these circumstances, individual directors certainly do not have the authority to make or determine policy for the Tribe; that authority remains vested in the board of directors as a whole. But individual directors can and do speak for the tribe, describe and advocate for the policy positions established by the board, and bring issues back for consideration by the full board. The chairperson clearly enjoys at least comparable authority — not to set or determine the policy and position of the tribe, but to describe and advocate those policies and positions established by the Board.

It has been suggested that

the inclusion of such speaking authority in the 2012 delegation to the chairperson, and the subsequent rescinding of that delegation, may have eliminated the chairperson's authority to speak for the tribe. I disagree.

The board clearly has the authority to authorize persons, including staff or even outside agents such as retained attorneys, to speak or advocate on behalf of the tribe. When it included this authority in its 2012 delegation to the chairperson, the board was exercising that authority and was making it clear that the chair enjoyed its full support and authority to speak publicly for the tribe. But that delegation did not limit or cripple the previously existing authority of the chairperson to speak on behalf of the tribe; to the contrary, the delegation augmented and underscored that authority. The rescinding of that supplemental authority removes any such augmentation but leaves the basic authority in place.

Legal memo ends; emphasis added.

The information from the memo not in its entirety informs you of the chairman's limited delegated authority was adopted by resolution 2012-126 on July 20, 2012; over day-to-day operations.

Resolution 2012-126 approved on July 20, 2012, the second board meeting after an election with a new chairman and several board seat changes. I supported Aaron as chairman and gave him the benefit of the doubt he would do good things for the tribe and move us forward in the right direction. As time progressed, when he got mad at some board members, he would threaten to put the resolution 2012-146 on the agenda. He did put it on the board agenda three times; two of those times I did not support rescinding the resolution giving him the authority to manage and direct day-to-day operations of the tribe. I believe it wasn't even brought to the table it died for lack of support. The third time at

the Hessel board meeting on Dec. 13, 2016, Chairman Payment put the resolution on the meeting agenda — and the board did vote to rescind his authority.

My decision to rescind resolution 2012-126 came after over four years of watching the unprofessional behavior keep progressing; from attacking team members on social media; putting a negative spin on our own words to rally the members against the board; and being attacked at meetings and social media. The worst attacks seem to always come during holidays; emails to the board and at times staff. It has been a vicious cycle; I generally just ignore them anymore.

I don't believe in hiding behind the keyboard. If I have a problem with the chairman or my fellow board members, I have no problem saying it to their face. We should be having healthy discussions. Of course, we do not always agree, but we should be able to walk away and not hold grudges because someone doesn't agree with you.

After the chairman's authority was removed, we had an investigation on our tribal fisheries department after information was brought to the board at the Feb. 21, 2017, meeting. Information acquired through this external investigation supported some of the items brought to light. A letter was mailed to the membership informing them of the investigation into Inter Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program (ITFAP) and reorganization of the department.

Investigation resulted in the following findings of the ITFAP program:

The outside business ventures of three employees were a conflict of interest and have directly led to a distrust of ITFAP by tribal fishermen.

— There was misuse of ITFAP facilities and equipment by an employee for the benefit of the outside business.

— Supervision at ITFAP was lax at best and sometimes non-ex-

istent. Two major fish-die offs went unreported in the immediate aftermath of the incidents.

— Employees took advantage of the lax supervision and took significant time to operate their outside business without putting in a normal work week.

— Oversight of ITFAP was wanting. No criteria were in place that specified what incidents need to be elevated to higher authorities. Nor was there a mechanism, other than a yearly ITFAP administrative report, in place for the ITFAP director to notify his supervisor, the Conservation Committee, or the Sault Tribe board of significant incidents.

This happened while Chairman Payment had the day-to-day operations under resolution 2012-126 over four years.

A constitutional amendment was approved by the membership on April 7, 2010, striking the language in Article II, Section 1 of the By-laws that assigned the chairperson to act as chief executive officer of the tribe, which meant the chairman would no longer act as chief executive officer. This was a constitutional amendment voted on by the members; the chairman has no reason to keep spinning that the board took his authority.

Ask yourself, why is the chairman trying to make this constitutional amendment different than any other constitutional amendments passed? The membership voted for a constitutional amendment that board members can no longer be employed by the tribe, so no board member is employed by the tribe. As board members we know the membership voted on the change and we honor it. You can't manipulate words to try and have it both ways. The chairman needs to stop saying the board took away his authority and move on!

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

Thank you,
Darcy Morrow
Unit IV Representative

Escanaba and Manistique communities make shawls

Ladies in Escanaba and Manistique communities had the opportunity to learn shawl making from Georgine McKenzie and Karen Corbett.



Two beautiful shawls made in the Escanaba class.



Escanaba shawl workshop.



Glenda Godfrey (left) and Darcy Morrow in Escanaba.



Above, below, and at right, shawl designs from Escanaba workshop.



Laurie Tufnell in front, works on her pattern.



Judy Hansen's shawl.



Manistique workshop



Georgine and Karen donated this gorgeous shawl to the Manistique powwow silent auction.



Judy Richards, above, Joni Miller, below. Below, right, one of Georgine's shawls.



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NEXT TO THE KEWADIN CASINO

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GRAND ENTRIES: Noon & 6 p.m.

FEAST MEAL: 4 p.m.
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