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## Chippewa County Hope Not Handcuffs launched

**BY RICK SMITH**  
The Chippewa County Chapter of Families Against Narcotics (FAN) linked with officials from the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Bay Mills Indian Community, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and others on Sept. 15 for the official launch of the Hope Not Handcuffs initiative in the area. The occasion took place at the entrance to the sheriff's office in downtown Sault Ste. Marie. According to the web site [hopenothandcuffs.org](http://hopenothandcuffs.org), FAN started the initiative "aimed at bringing law enforcement and community organizations together in

an effort to find viable treatment options for individuals seeking help to reduce dependency with heroin, prescription drugs, and alcohol. It is a solution." People struggling with any substance use disorders can find supportive, compassionate and respectful help from any participating police agencies simply by asking them for help. Ineligibility exceptions may be made for people with warrants for felonies or domestic violence, presenting as a danger to others or having medical conditions requiring hospitalization. Participating law enforcement

agencies in the Chippewa County area are the Chippewa County Sheriff's Department, Bay Mills Indian Community Police Department and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Law Enforcement. According to FAN Board of Directors member and Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court Chief Judge Jocelyn Fabry, Chippewa County is the first

county in the Upper Peninsula to launch the Hope Not Handcuffs initiative. FAN is a community based program for individuals seeking recovery or are in recovery as well as their families and supporters, according to the web site [familiesagainstanarcotics.org](http://familiesagainstanarcotics.org). The organization is active in 26 counties in Michigan and offers a variety of programs to help reduce

the prevalence of dependencies on addictive substances. The organization also seeks volunteers from the community interested in helping people find solutions through the Hope Not Handcuffs initiative. FAN of Chippewa County can be reached through email at [chippewa@familiesagainstanarcotics.org](mailto:chippewa@familiesagainstanarcotics.org) or by logging on to [www.facebook.com/fanchipp](http://www.facebook.com/fanchipp).

## Tribe helps students with tech costs

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors approved two new programs for students to help them with technology costs during the COVID-19 pandemic — the K-12 Technology Reimbursement Program and the Higher Education Technology Enhancement Reimbursement Program. Cares Act funding received by the tribe will pay for both programs.

### K-12 Program

The K-12 Technology Reimbursement Program is a one-time reimbursement program for up to \$1,000 per student to help K-12 students enrolled in a virtual or hybrid education program. Applicants must provide justification for how the technology-related purchase is needed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is open to any Sault Tribe K-12 student residing in the tribe's seven-county service area who has been enrolled in a virtual or hybrid education program for

the 2020-21 school year. Parents (or guardians) must provide proof that students were enrolled in a virtual or hybrid education program prior to Sept. 8, 2020. To qualify, applicants must provide the following information by Oct. 30:

- Completed K-12 technology enhancement application
- Copy of student's tribal card
- Parent/legal guardian IRS W-9 form
- Proof of current enrollment in a virtual or hybrid education program
- Receipt for purchased item (with proof of purchase between March 1 and Oct. 30, 2020)

Applications can be found at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) under the Education tab.

Reimbursement will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis for allowable expenses only. Sault Tribe will have full discretion to approve or deny reimbursement. See "Student tech help," page 17

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Photo by Rick Smith

Seen here at the Chippewa County Hope Not Handcuffs joint launch announcement on Sept. 15 in Sault Ste. Marie, from left, FAN Regional Director David Clayton, Chief Judge Fabry speaking to an assemblage of about 30 onlookers, FAN Board of Directors members Shirley Farnquist and Susan Tobias, and FAN Executive Board Secretary Lynn Farnquist. Other speakers represented the City of Sault Ste. Marie, FAN, Chippewa County Sheriff's Department, Bay Mills Indian Community Police Department and Sault Tribe Law Enforcement. Police Chief Bob Marchand spoke on behalf of Sault Tribe Law Enforcement.



Photo by Rick Smith

About 200 congregants celebrated the last Mass conducted by Brother John Hascall, a Sault Tribe elder and Capuchin friar, on Aug. 24 as he retired from pastoral duties. The service and a farewell gathering for him took place on the tribe's Sault Ste. Marie powwow grounds on Aug. 24. His retirement closes 52 years of serving parishes in the western Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Montana and the eastern Upper Peninsula. For the past 22 years, he served the Diocese of Marquette and parishioners at St. Isaac Jogues in Sault Ste. Marie and the Holy Family in Barbeau. In addition, in 2017 he assumed duties at St. Kateri Tekakwitha in Bay Mills. He is known for combining Anishinaabe and Catholic customs. "I give thanks for all these days," he told the congregation. Bro. Hascall leaves the eastern U.P. to live at the St. Fidelis Friary in Appleton, Wis. Seen here prior to the start of ceremonies, from left, introductory speaker Bob Schallip of the Holy Family parish, Bro. Hascall, and Diocese of Marquette Archbishop John F. Doerfler, who said the departing pastor will be missed by many.

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# Guided walk set for Sept. 26 at the Mary Murray Culture Camp

Aaniin, boozhoo, everyone! The Sault Tribe Language and Culture Department is hosting the second annual Anishinaabe Miikaans Anishinaabemowin guided trail walk on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020, at the Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island, Mich., from 1 to 4 p.m.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, space is limited and participants must register by 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25, 2020.

To register for this function, please call the Language and Culture Department at (906) 635-6050 or email svandyke@saulttribe.net or jbiron@saulttribe.net.

Once registered, participants will be given transportation information.

All attendees will be pre-screened for COVID-19 symptoms prior to departure to the camp, required to wear appropriate PPE masks.

If participants do not have masks, we will provide them before departure.

Everyone attending must practice safe social distancing, follow proper hygiene practices and use the sanitizing stations provided on location.

Adults or guardians must accompany all participating children.

Please contact us by phone or email for more information.

# September is National Self-Care Awareness Month

**FROM ACFS**  
Did you know an entire month is dedicated to educating and encouraging people to invest in their well being? Self-Care Awareness Month is a time to remind everyone that taking care of ourselves is essential. Self-care is often neglected in our everyday lives, especially during the pandemic.

Right now, many are dealing with how to remain employed while monitoring their children's remote schoolwork. It's easy to

forget to take time for ourselves. Most of us are feeling stressed and national Self-Care Awareness Month is a good time to take a look at our schedules to see if there are small windows of time of which we can take advantage.

Self-care is especially important for foster parents. It is one of the most important tools one can have in one's toolbox. Without healthy, meaningful self-care, folks will be operating at a deficit that can lead to burnout. Folks can't pour from empty cups, espe-

cially when they have children in their homes, who are also pouring from empty cups. The work foster parents do every day is vital to foster children's success.

Don't forget to take care of yourself! For self-care ideas, see <https://www.developgoodhabits.com/self-care-ideas/>.

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent and making a difference in the life of a child, please contact Anishnaabek Community and Family Services at (800) 726-0093.

# Elder sought for Escanaba Community Health part-time clerk position

Sault Tribe's Elder Employment Program seeks applications for a part-time

Community Health clerk in Escanaba.

Applicants must be Sault Tribe members aged 60 or over and reside in the tribe's service area, undergo criminal background investigations and pre-employment drug testing.

Application and job details are at the Escanaba Tribal Community Health Center, 1401 N. 26th Street, Suite 105, or contact Tara Duchene at (906) 341-1836 or Brenda Cadreau at (906) 635-4767. Deadline: open until filled.

# All-In-One Fitness Club hours

The All-In-One Fitness Club at the Big Bear Arena in Sault Ste. Marie opened on Sept. 8.

The hours are Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sundays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The All-In-One Fitness Club is closed on Saturdays.

For more information, folk can make contact by telephone by calling (906) 635-7711, go to the club's web site information waiting at [bigbeararena.com](http://bigbeararena.com) or find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/all.in.one.fitness.club/>.

# Training opportunities available for eligible applicants

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

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

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

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

Apply at the WIOA office at the Big Bear Arena in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich, or call Brenda Cadreau at 635-4767 for more information.

# Tribal members: need assistance?

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

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

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

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

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



# Recovery Walk 2020



**Bimose Noojimo'iwewin (Recovery Walk)**  
Thursday, September 24, 2020 @ 4:30 PM  
Chi Mukwa (Big Bear Arena)

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

**EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

We will be practicing social distancing.

Masks required.

- Recovery Walk
- Cake Walk
- Informational Booths
- Narcan give away with training

There will not be a meal served this year but goodie bags will include a food gift card.

Questions?

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

Registration will begin in the parking lot of Chi Mukwa (Big Bear Arena) at 4:30 PM. The walk will start promptly at 5:15. The walk will begin and end in the Big Bear Parking Lot.

The first 200 registrants receive a mask instead of a t-shirt this year.

Anyone who is unable to participate in the walk is still welcome to pick up their mask and goodie bag.

This event is sponsored by Sault Tribe Behavioral Health Program and Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court

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# A good day for indigenous people

YPSILANTI, Mich. – The Anishinaabek Caucus members wrote two resolutions and brought another to the Michigan Democratic Party (MDP) nominating convention during Aug. 29-30, 2020, where 97 percent of MDP membership voted them into the party platform: Resolution on the shutdown and decommissioning of Line-5, Indigenous People's Day and a resolution supporting universal single-payer healthcare.

The caucus thanks Ethyl Rivera, Kathleen McKee and Catherine Manigold.

MDP membership also passed a resolution on the establishment of a special committee to draft indigenous land acknowledgement written by Roger McClary.

"I am pleased that the MDP has welcomed multiple resolutions that affect Michigan's Native populations into the platform. Increasing Native visibility and lifting our voices strengthens our partnership and collective goal of putting words to action," said Julie Dye, Pokagon Band Potawatomi Nation citizen and Anishinaabek Caucus secretary and founder.

The resolution on the shutdown and decommissioning of Line-5 corrects the conclusion of the 2016 resolution that addressed Enbridge's Line-5. Although it tallied facts correctly and named the threat to Michigan

accurately, it resolved to install a smaller pipeline – a solution that was neither economically nor environmentally sound. The Anishinaabek Caucus' correctly cites that the only protective measure is decommissioning. It also cures the oversight of extant tribal treaty rights. The United States' Constitution grants treaty rights to the federally recognized tribes in Michigan. On May 20, 2019, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld these through mandated tribal participation – not merely consultation.

"The Michigan Democratic Party recognizes how dangerous Line-5 is and has taken a proactive stance for action before Enbridge destroys the Great Lakes," said Andrea Pierce, Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians citizen and Anishinaabek Caucus chair and founder. "Now that the Michigan Democratic Party has made this resolution part of the party platform, Governor Whitmer should fulfill her campaign promise to SHUT DOWN AND DECOMMISSION LINE-5."

A resolution of Michigan recognizing contributions of its indigenous people by designating each second Monday in October as Michigan's Indigenous People Day aligns the history of people of the Great Lake basin with official observation of the facts – Europeans were immigrants.

A resolution to establish a special committee to draft indig-

enous land acknowledge at all Michigan Democratic Party public meetings instructs the chair of the Michigan Democratic Party to appoint a committee of not less than seven people to write a statement overturning the Doctrine of Discovery in Michigan with acknowledgement that land now identified as Michigan was inhabited by indigenous people; it was neither vacant nor devoid of settlements. There are 12 federally recognized tribes in Michigan, including the Ojibwe, Odawa and Potawatomi tribes, who comprise the Anishinaabe.

Brandi Nehila, Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians citizen and Anishinaabek Caucus treasurer, thanks Roger McClary for introducing and the MDP for passing the land acknowledgement resolution. "It is important to recognize the Anishinaabek as the first people of Michigan." She adds on behalf of the caucus, "Nicely done Democrats!"

The resolution supporting universal single-payer healthcare, in its declaration for healthcare for all Michiganders, resolves the shortcomings of employer-provided healthcare. Necessary measures to protect the populace from the COVID-19 caused many Michiganders to lose their jobs and hence their healthcare coverage at a time when preventative medicine, diagnostic medicine and hospital care was urgently

needed by many. The pandemic made this clear to all.

"These resolutions represent our mission to create a better Michigan for all our people," said T.J. Stephens, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians citizen and Anishinaabek Caucus vice-chair. "Further, advocating for the wellbeing of our Native American people protects all Michiganders as well. Preservation of tribal

treaty rights prevents catastrophes that would endanger the Great Lakes basin ecosystem, the state's water supply, family farms and the businesses dependent on Michigan's land and water."

"The Anishinaabek Caucus promotes the interests and concerns of the indigenous people. It unites allies and engages elected Anishinaabek Democrats," said Stephens.

## Robinson Huron Waawiindaamaagewin sign historic documents

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ontario – At a meeting of chiefs from the Robinson Huron Treaty territory, the Robinson Huron Waawiindaamaagewin (RHW) signed two historic documents that were solemnized by ceremony. This marks the 170th anniversary of the original signing of the treaty.

"We continue to demand that Canada and Ontario respect our inherent rights. The protocol and declaration summarizes how we as Anishinaabe work together and protect our resources," Chief Pamajewon said.

The RHW are committed to working together with other treaty nations on their relationships in the spirit and intent of the treaty. The RHW Protocol and Declaration enshrine the

Anishinaabe principles of miinigoziwin (gifts from the Creator, inherent authority) and Anishinaabe-aadziwin (life as Anishinaabe).

"We ask governments to respect the Anishinaabe way of life. Since at least the time of our treaty, we have not been consulted or accommodated through any of the settler government processes," Chief Sayers said. "Today, as we have always done, we are committed to our responsibilities over our territories. The protocol and declaration demonstrates our commitment to working with other treaty nations."

The protocol and declaration of the Robinson Huron Waawiindaamaagewin can be accessed by going to <http://rhw1850treaty.com/>.

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# Resolutions passed during Sault Tribe Board meetings from Aug. 18 to Sept. 1

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors convened for meeting on Aug. 18, 2020, with all present except for Director Causley. The following resolutions were passed.

**Resolution 2020-185 – Elderly Division – Elder Outreach Worker Program Establishment of FY 2021 Budget** – Approved for third party revenue of \$268,913.24.

**186 – Natural Resources – Nunn’s Creek Fisheries FY 2020 Budget Modification** – Approved for an increase in federal BIA revenue of \$55,000 and other revenue, proceeds from sales of \$126,536.59 with no effect on tribal support.

**187 – Health Center – Soo Dental FY 2020 Budget Modification** – Approved to change the personnel sheet and reallocate expenses with no effect on tribal support.

**188 – Health Center – Soo Medical Nursing FY 2020 Budget Modification** – Approved to change the personnel sheet and reallocate expenses with no effect on tribal support.

**189 – Governmental – Economic Director FY 2020 Budget Modification** – Approved to reduce the personnel page and reallocate expenses with no effect on tribal support.

**190 – FY 2020 Governmental Capital Purchases Budget** – Appropriated \$1,704,000 for the FY 2020 Governmental Capital Purchases Budget, of which \$1,578,000 comes from other revenue/fund balance and \$126,000 from tribal support.

**191 – Continuing Funding Authority For Fiscal Year 2021 September to August** – Approved at 2020 spending levels for a period not to exceed 45 days for Early Head Start, Early Head Start BIA, Head Start, Head Start BIA, Community Oriented Policing Services Tribal Resources Grant Program and Sault Tribe Thrive.

**192 – Amending Team Member Manual Vacation Policy** – Amended the tribe’s vacation policy for governmental, enterprise and casino employees vacation policy to provide flexibility for the inability to use vacation time due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**193 – Approving Program For Allocation of CARES Act Tribal Government Relief Funds** – Approved policies for the program administered in cooperation by the COVID-19 Task Force Grants Subcommittee and Fiscal and Human Resources Subcommittee.

**194 – Visa Commercial Card Account and Limited Waiver Of Sovereign Immunity PNC Bank National Association** – Ratified and approved as was approved by and for the Sault Tribe Gaming Authority.

The board reconvened on Aug. 25 with all present except Director Matson.

**195 – FY 2020 Governmental Capital Purchases Budget** – Appropriated \$1,554,000 of

which \$1,458,000 will come from other revenue/fund balance and \$96,000 from tribal support. Rescinds prior resolution 2020-190, **FY 2020 Governmental Capital Purchases Budget.**

**196 – BIE CARES/Greer Funds JKL Fiduciary Committee** – Accepted BIE CARES/Greer funds and requests the CFO to internally place the funds in a budget under the JKL Fiduciary Committee BIE cost center.

**197 – Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Additional Officer and Academy Training FY 2020 Budget Modification** – Approved for \$186,716.80 from funds identified by the executive director prior to the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

**198 – The Court Of Appeals Appointments** – Karrie S. Wichtman reappointed as chief judge for a four-year term beginning Aug. 26, 2020. Martina Gauthier appointed as a reserve attorney position appellate judge for a four-year term beginning Aug. 26, 2020. Christina L. DeMoore appointed as a reserve attorney position appellate judge for a four-year term beginning Aug. 26, 2020.

**199 National Congress Of American Indians Mini Grant** – Accepted and established a mini grant of up to \$12,000 for direct mailing to the membership regarding the U.S. Census.

The board reconvened on Sept. 1 with all present.

**200 – Sawyer Village Maintenance FY 2020 Budget Modification** – Approved to change the personnel sheet and reduce expenses \$6,596.7 with no effect on tribal support.

**201 – DeMawating Development FY 2020 Enterprise Capital Expenses Modification** – Approved to increase the expenses for DeMawating Development \$190,000 from fund balance and establish a new cost center in the company.

**202 – EDC Sub-Recipient Grant Establishment of FY 2020 and FY 2021 Budgets** – Approved for State of Michigan funds of \$57,000 for FY 2020 and \$28,000 for FY 2021.

**203 – Transfer of Land and Buildings To EDC For Economic Purposes** – Transferred property, possession, control and management of three parcels to the EDC for economic activities for the betterment of the tribe.

**204 – Approving Application To the Federal Communications Commission for 2.5 GHZ Spectrum License** – Authorized for submission of an application for a radio spectrum license.

**205 – Federal CARES – Interest Establishment of FY 2020 Budget** – Approved for interest with other revenue of \$21,541.67 with no effect on tribal support.

**206 – BIA CARES Funds Establishment of FY 2020 Budget** – Approved for \$2,407,613 in federal funding with no effect on tribal support.

**207 – Federal CARES – Governmental and Sub-Recipient**

**FY 2020 Budget Modifications** – Approved for a decrease in federal funding of \$261,455.57 with no effect on tribal support.

**208 – Tribal Practices For Wellness In Indian Country FY 2021 Budget Modification** – Approved to increase expenses and increase federal CDC funds of \$53,729.99 with no effect on tribal support.

**209 – Health Sault Pharmacy FY 2020 Budget Modification** – Approved to change the personnel sheet and reallocate expenses with no effect on tribal support.

**210 – Health St. Ignace Pharmacy FY 2020 Budget Modification** – Approved to change the personnel sheet with no effect on tribal support.

**211 – Health Manistique Pharmacy FY 2020 Budget Modification** – Approved to change the personnel sheet and reallocate expenses with no effect on tribal support.

**212 – FY 2021 and FY 2022 Budget Document 002 (Excluding Health Division)** – Approved the FY 2021 Budget Document 002 totaling \$10,585,833 of which 41,795,060 comes from tribal support. Also approved the FY 2022 Budget Document 002 totaling \$7,797,229 of which \$945,507 comes from tribal support.

**213 – Ethernet Network Data Transport Services Project 20-001 Contract Award** – Authorized the selection and contracting with Peninsula Fiber Network to provide data transport services for the project.

**214 – Board of Directors Head Start Advisory Committee** – Appointed directors Gravelle, Sorenson and McKerchie to the Head Start Advisory Committee until terms as members of the board expire, and appointed directors Massaway, Hoffman as alternate members of the committee until their terms on the board expire.

**215 – National Indian Gaming Association 2020** – Appointed Chairperson Payment as delegate to the NIGA with Gaming Commissioner Kenneth J. Ermatinger as an alternate along with directors Hoffman, Sorenson, Massaway, Freiheit, Lowes, Causley-Smith, Chase, Matson, McKerchie, Gravelle, Hollowell and Morrow.

**216 – Allowing For Improved Processing of Executed and Approved Tribal Expenditures In Response To COVID-19** – Granted the tribe’s executive director, Kewadin Casino CEO and the tribe’s EDC executive director the authority to waive signature authority policy, budget modification policy, salary and hiring policies, procurement and purchasing policies and other tribal policies and procedures relating to the disbursement of tribal funds as they determine necessary but only to the extent needed to streamline and expedite the disbursement of CARES Act relief funding that are executed and approved expenditures pursuant to a trib-

al program and as authorized by U.S. Treasury guidelines and applicable federal law. Additionally extended the board chairperson’s signature authority to amounts over \$50,000 for CARES Act funding disbursements without further approval from the board of directors for disbursements that have been previously authorized and appropriated by the board. Further, in the event the tribe’s executive director, Kewadin Casino CEO or EDC executive director uses the authority to issue funding in excess of \$50,000 for their own department or waive policies or procedures for their own department, the approval of the chairperson is required in addition to the approval of the tribal executive team member and the chairperson reserves the right to review all such action. These extended authorities shall expire on March 31, 2021.

**217 – Approving COVID-19 Sault Ste. Marie Tribally Owned Small Business Recovery Program** – Approved the COVID-19 Enterprise Recovery

Program administered by the COVID-19 Taskforce Grants Subcommittee to provide emergency assistance grants to tribal businesses to reimburse costs of business interruption caused the pandemic. In addition, the resolution grants the tribe’s board of directors, board chairperson, executive director, Kewadin Casino CEO and EDC executive director the authority to waive the signature authority, budget modifications policy, salary and hiring policies, procurement and purchasing policies and other tribal policies and procedures relating to disbursement of funds as deemed necessary but only to the extent needed to streamline and expedite CARES Act funding under authorized guidelines and laws.

**218 – Authorizing the Filing Of An Amicus Brief In Treaty Fishing Case** – Filing approved on behalf of the tribe in the matter of People of the State of Michigan v. Walter Joseph Caswell in the State of Michigan Court of Appeals.

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## G'bimaadizimi jiigi Shkakimikwe.

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We live                      close to                      mother Earth.

How well would you do, living in our northern wilds, with just the gifts of **Shkimikwe**? Our earliest **nookomisak miinwaa mishoomisak** (grandmothers and grandfathers) learned how to use those gifts and developed many skills. Our lives today can be richer and more empowered when we follow those traditional hand-crafted ways. Like our ancestors, we can learn to make a good life come what may, using plants, trees, minerals, animal parts, water and fire to create wiigwaams, clothing, moccasins, sleds, snowshoes, baskets, belts, brushes, traps, strings, ropes, drying racks, toys, torches, canoes, paddles, grave markers, pipes, decoys, cradleboard, mats, bags, jewelry, maple sugar-making implements, knee bands, pack frames, weapons and musical instruments. That's *impressive!*

*Thanks to our elders (gete piitziig) and the young people (eshkiniigijig) who are learning our ways from them, Baaweting Anishinaabek (Sault Tribe) offers teachings in our traditional ways, including cattails many uses.*

**Of the many plants (zaagkiinooon) that we use, pakweyashkook (cattails) might be one of the most versatile.**

You can recognize them by their distinctive hot-dog-appearing brown seed heads sticking up from broad flat leaves that grow 3-10 feet tall. Like other grasses, the leaves wrap around each other from a center core. **Pakweyashkook** like to soak their feet in the water, 12-18 inches is pretty ideal for them. Those hot-dog seed heads explode when disturbed to release literally piles of fluffy seeds but **pakweyashkook** spread just as easily by sending up new shoots/**zaagkiinooon** from their thick white stems that grow sideways under the soil. The roots look like spaghetti. Once **pakweyashkook** find a good place, they multiply like crazy and can take over and cause trouble for other plants and water systems.

zaag-kii	plant	pak-wey-ash-k	cattail
zaag-kii-noon	plants	pak-wey-ash-koog	cattails
jii-bik	root	ge-te-piit-zi-jig	elders
jii-bik-an	roots	e-shki-nii-gi-jig	young people
nookomis	Grandmother	Mishoomis	Grandfather
nookomisak	Grandmothers	Mishoomisak	Grandfathers

### Pronunciation guide; how to sound really good:

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

a	sounds like u in cup	i	sounds like i in pin
aa	sounds like a in all	ii	sounds like e in be
o	sounds like oo in book	e	sounds like e in bed
oo	sounds like o in go	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.

## Bnakwe Giizis Falling Leaves Moon

by Susan Askwith



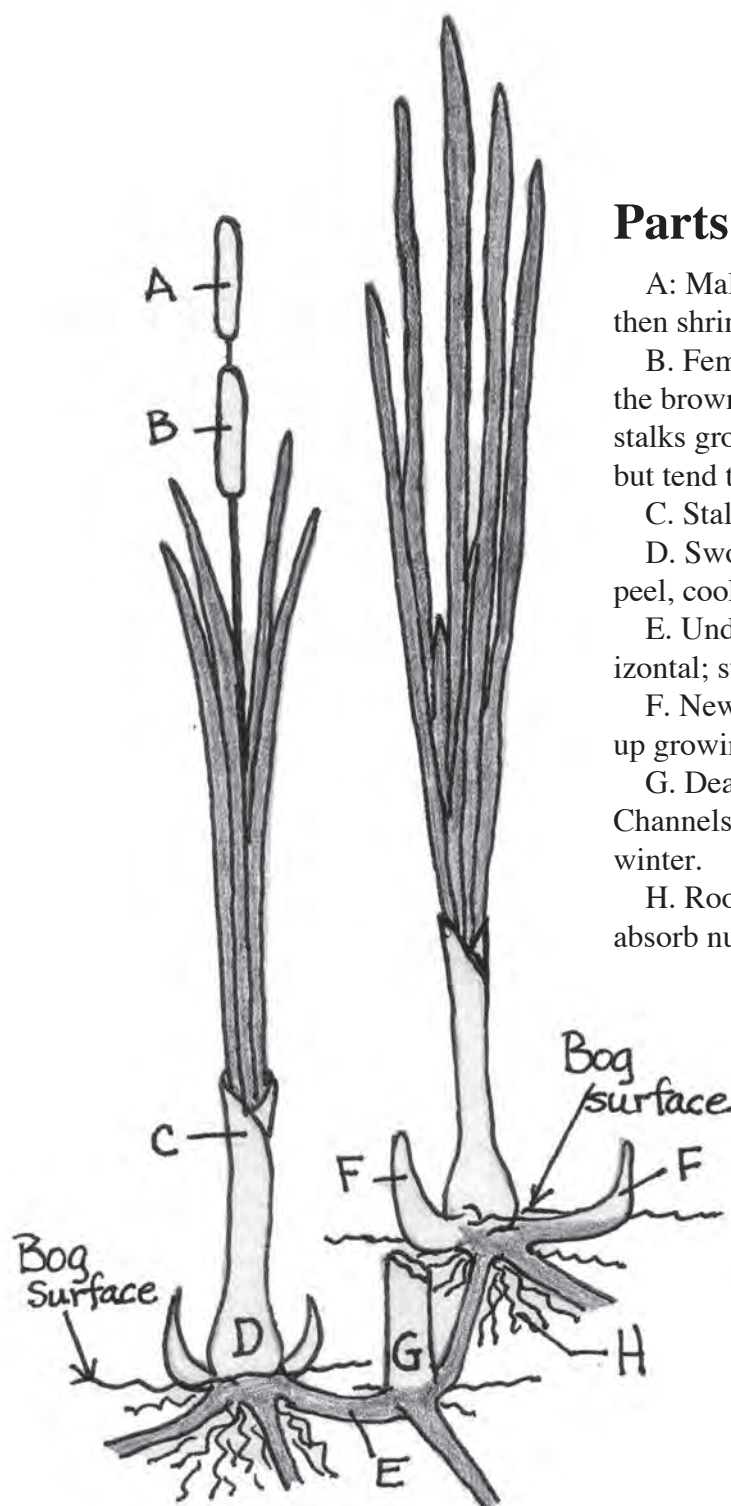
### Culinary cattails!

**Early spring:** Dig around stems to find shoots. Peel and eat in salads or stews. **Go easy (nengaaaj)** until you know how it affects you when you eat it raw.

**Late spring-summer:** Cut off the spikes at the top. Saute or eat raw. Both sections are tasty. Eat them like corn on the cob. Cucumber taste.

**Later summer:** The seed head has developed and the yellow pollen is abundant. Use a clean narrow neck bottle (soda) and put the seed head inside and shake it around vigorously. It won't take long to get a decent pile of powdery pollen. Use it like flour to make pancakes or in cornbread. It's also a good thickener for stews.

**Late summer-early fall through spring:** Harvest root starch: Collect roots, wash and peel. Break up roots under clean water. The starch (a little sweet) separates from the fibers. Continue until fibers are free, then remove them and pour off excess water. Allow starch to dry by a fire or in the sun. Use for cooking or boil some to make a syrup. Starch is rich in vitamins A, B and C. The pollen has no gluten but the starch has plenty of it so it acts like wheat flour does in making bread.



### Parts of a cattail

A: Male spike; makes pollen then shrinks to a thin stick

B: Female spike: becomes the brown hot-dog shape (some stalks grow spikes; some do not but tend to be taller)

C: Stalk of wrapped leaves

D: Swollen storage of starch: peel, cook and eat!

E: Underground stem — horizontal; starts new shoots

F: New shoots; they stretch up growing leaves and spikes

G: Dead stalk from last year. Channels oxygen to stem in winter.

H: Roots: long, string-like; absorb nutrients from the soil.

**Fun fact:** The underground stem keeps growing outward in all directions, migrating to new territory. A colony of pakweyashkoog an acre big may consist of only a few plants. A single plant may put up thousands of shoots — all part of the original mother plant.



# Families lose everything in Kincheloe duplex fire

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

A house fire destroyed a duplex on Shadow Wood Lane in Sault Tribe's Kincheloe housing site on the morning of Sept. 1. No one was hurt in the 11:30 a.m. fire, but two Sault Tribe families lost everything.

Several area fire departments responded but could not save the building.

Sault Tribe Housing Authority provided immediate housing for the families and plans on rebuilding the duplex.

Housing Director Joni Talentino said, "I was on scene soon after the fire was reported. It was disturbing to watch the duplex go up in flames. It was also comforting to watch and be part of a community that immediately pulled together to provide necessary clothing and diapers for

a newborn and his siblings. I'm so thankful no one was hurt and there were vacant units to house both families."

Lisa Lynn Laponsie and Michael Germain resided in one half of the duplex with their five children – three girls aged 17, 12 and 8, and two boys aged 6 and 3 years old.

Laponsie said, "Tribal Housing has been great and the community stepped up and helped us. There are good people out there that have helped our family get the things we need."

"We do still need a lot of things, but our community has done so much for our family it's unbelievable," Laponsie added. The kids are doing the best they can. They have their moments where they cry and want to be held."



Duplex on Shadow Wood Lane in Kincheloe, Mich., destroyed by fire on Sept. 1. No lives lost, no injuries.

Laponsie said they lost everything to the fire but they are still blessed. "I cry just about every day; I can't replace baby pictures or my kids baby blankets. I am blessed to have my five beautiful

kids alive with me and we can rebuild from this."

Megan Baker and Anthony McClusky, along with their baby and young child were able to escape the fire but also lost

everything they own.

GoFundMe campaigns have been set up for each family at <https://gf.me/u/yvvv83> and <https://gf.me/u/yvsmzj>.

# Odenaang natural gas conversion project finished

FROM HEATHER SMITH, STHA

The Sault Tribe Housing Authority (STHA) recently announced a project to convert home appliances from propane to natural gas at the Odenaang housing site has been completed. The last phase of the project took a month and involved the contractor converting 60 residential appliance connections. Most appliances can be converted from propane to natural gas with a change or replacement of connecting hardware. A DTE Energy Company representative set the meters and made sure appliances were working.

While the COVID-19 pandemic pushed back our original time frame, it was still done before

the weather took a colder turn. Residents should now see savings on future utility bill.

For quite some time, it was a goal of the STHA to bring natural gas to the Odenaang site. It became the perfect time to reach that goal as the City of Sault Ste. Marie moved to expand service with the main line was so close to Odenaang. Not only will current residents benefit from the change over with natural gas lines on the whole site, it's a plus to future residents.

After individual residents contact their propane companies to cancel services, the sight of all those white propane tanks will become a thing of the past.



Unsightly propane tanks should soon disappear from Odenaang.

# Mills calls for Native American count, reinstatement of 2020 Census deadline

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Olympic Gold Medalist and Running Strong for American Indian Youth National Spokesperson Billy Mills delivered 2,027 signatures to the U.S. Senate on Sept. 15 calling for the 2020 Census deadline to be reinstated to its extension date of Oct. 31, 2020.

"The Census is one of the most valuable tools for change and representation in Indian Country," said Mills (Oglala Lakota). "Our Native American communities deserve to be counted and heard."

In early August, the U.S. Census Bureau announced their decision to move the 2020 Census reporting date up to Sept. 30, 2020, citing costs and logistical difficulty due to the coronavirus pandemic. However, Native Voices Network projects the new deadline could mean up to \$1 billion in lost federal funding for Indian Country annually, as well as even more losses due to

non-federal grants and other programming opportunities which rely on Census data to determine funding levels.

"COVID-19 obviously hindered our events," said Cheryl Kary, director of Sacred Pipe Resource Center, a center for Native American support in Mandan, N.D. Sacred Pipe Resource Center is a program partner of Running Strong for American Indian Youth and one of the many non-profit organizations involved in grassroots tribal community counting efforts.

"We are able to provide information, however, in preparation for self-response events later this summer. Despite [COVID-19] we will continue outreach efforts as safely as possible when opportunities arise."

Running Strong for American Indian Youth works to help Native American communities meet their immediate critical needs.

To learn more about our programs, visit the Running Strong site at [www.indianyouth.org](http://www.indianyouth.org) or contact [hanna@indianyouth.org](mailto:hanna@indianyouth.org).

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# NOTICE

With the continued concerns surrounding the spread of COVID-19, we at the Advocacy Resource Center and Anishnaabek Community and Family Services, have made the decision to cancel our Annual Domestic Violence Walk. We are appreciative of the community support always given to this event and look forward to seeing everyone in the community at the 2021 Domestic Violence Walk. Thank you for your continued support and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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# State and federal general election candidates

Sault Tribe's Legislative Office wrote to 40 state and federal candidates in the coming November election asking them to write responses to specific questions for a candidate's forum

in *Win Awenen Nisitoung*. Eight candidates responded.

State candidates were asked one set of questions relevant to state tribal issues and federal candidates were asked a set of ques-

tions relevant to national tribal issues.

In the presidential race, former V.P. Joe Biden responded.

In the U.S. Senate race, Sen. Gary Peters responded.

In the U.S. House of Representatives race, 1st Congressional District, Dana Ferguson responded. In the 4th Congressional District, Jerry Hilliard responded.

In the Michigan House, 104th District, Dan O'Neil and John Roth responded. In the 107th Sistrict, Jim Page responded, and in the 110th, Janet Mesta responded.

## Federal questions —

### Question 1

**Presidential Executive Order 13175 of Nov. 6, 2000, called for government-to-government relations between the federal government and tribes. Since the Obama-Biden presidential memorandum, which created the White House Counsel on Indian Affairs, presidents have used the executive authority to strengthen tribal sovereignty and relationships. One senator recently called for the appointment of an American Indian at the cabinet level. How would Congress strengthen government-to-government relations with tribal nations?**

### Question 2

**Because of landmark (negative) precedential cases like *Oliphant v Suquamish* 1978, Native American women and victims are put at greater risk of violence more than any other racial ethnic population. Inconsistent federal laws and a lack of data collection specific to American Indians and tribal affiliation of victims, make Natives more vulnerable. How would Congress support systemic change to ensure there is consistent jurisdiction which holds non-Native perpetrators accountable on tribal lands?**

### Question 3

**During the Obama-Biden administration, over 500,000 acres of land were moved into reservation trust status. The Trump administration has had an adverse impact on moving land into trust, including attempting to promulgate a protocol to afford local government's greater say in the process, moving historical Alaska Native land out of trust, and the attack on the Mashpee Wampanoag land in trust. How could Congress strengthen the land in trust process to be consistent, including Congressional mandatory trust processes?**

### Question 4

**In 2016, Republican and Democratic presidential candidates all but ignored tribal nation calls for protecting our Mother Earth from exploitation of our natural resources and sacred sites. In 2015, the Obama-Biden administration held nearly a year of multi-agency consultations with tribes to ensure a comprehensive and tribally respectful review of sacred sites and full environmental assessment prior to granting access permits. How would Congress protect our natural resources and identify and implement solutions to climate change that threatens our tribal natural resources?**

### Question 5

**Language in U.S. treaties with tribes in the mid-1800s exchanged over 500 million acres of land from Indian territory to the federal government in exchange for, "health, education and social welfare" into perpetuity. This legal arrangement does not expire. Sequestration, government shut downs and discretionary funding classification, all threaten to abrogate this treaty and trust responsibility. Tribes are calling for advanced appropriations through full and forward funding, qualifying tribal nations as a 51st state, moving all treaty and trust funding to the non-discretionary classification. How would Congress ensure treaty and trust obligations are honored and made permanent as a legacy to your time in Congress?**

## Federal Responses —

### Presidential Candidate former V.P. Joe Biden



1. For decades, I have worked to foster tribal sovereignty and prosperity and to ensure the United States follows through on the commitments it has made to Indian Country. I know that tribal nations should be empowered to govern Native communities and that the United States must work harder to meet its solemn trust and treaty obligations. As president, I will build on the progress made under the Obama-Biden administration to strengthen the nation-to-nation relationship and to support the sovereignty and prosperity of tribal nations. I will ensure tribal nations will have a strong voice and role in the federal government and immediately reinstate and make permanent the White House Council on Native American Affairs and the annual White House Tribal Nations Conference, and nominate and appoint people who look like the country they serve, including Native Americans.

2. I commit to tackling the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. As the author of the original Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), I fought for tribes' rightful authority to protect Native women through the Act's 2013 reauthorization. As president, I will further expand tribal jurisdiction to include sexual violence, sex trafficking and stalking to help tackle the epidemic of violence against indigenous women and girls. And I will take a comprehensive approach to this crisis, one that closes the data gap, supports tribes in building their own programs, expands tribal

authority, grows coordination among law enforcement agencies, and expands access to culturally sensitive resources for victims and survivors.

3. I will build on the strong legacy of the Obama-Biden administration's strong record of supporting land into trust in a fair, transparent and efficient process. I will work to take land into trust and support tribal water rights.

4. I will work to restore tribal lands and safeguard natural and cultural resources. Tribal homelands are at the heart of tribal sovereignty and self-governance. I will make it a priority to restore tribal lands and protect the natural and cultural resources within them, while honoring the role of tribal governments in protecting those resources. And on day one of the Biden administration, I will issue executive orders to protect biodiversity, slow extinction rates and leverage natural climate solutions by conserving 30 percent of America's lands and waters by 2030. And, I'll protect America's natural treasures by permanently protecting the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and other areas impacted by President Trump's attack on federal lands and waters, and establishing national parks and monuments that reflect America's natural heritage including reversing President Trump's proclamation on Bears Ears.

I will tackle climate change and pollution. A core component of my plan to build our economy back better is a \$2 trillion investment designed to build modern, sustainable infrastructure and an equitable clean energy future. As president, I will ensure the U.S. achieves 100 percent clean energy economy and net-zero emissions no later than 2050. I'll immediately rejoin the Paris Accord, and rally other countries to join us in increasing the ambition of our climate commitments.

I'll ensure that communities disproportionately harmed by climate change and pollution, including indigenous communities, are the first to benefit from new grant programs, make investments in coastal restoration and empower tribal governments to protect their people on the front lines of climate change. You can read more about my plan at [joe-biden.com/clean-energy](http://joe-biden.com/clean-energy).

5. The United States has ethical, moral and, more importantly, legal commitments to Native nations and their citizens. I recognize and will work to strengthen the dialogue to ensure we meet our obligations.

### U.S. Senatorial Candidate Senator Gary Peters



1. As the ranking member on the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, I have fought for increased assistance to and improve coordination with tribes. Without revenues, most local and tribal governments are focused on triaging emergency functions and have difficulty engaging in government-to-government relations on larger systemic challenges. That's why in April, I led a group of Senators calling for FEMA to cover 100 percent of the cost of COVID-19 disaster assistance for local and tribal governments. In May, I introduced the Direct Support for Communities Act, which would provide direct financial assistance to local and tribal governments.

This year I also called on Vice President Pence — the [then] head of the White House's COVID-19 Task Force — to include a representative of the Indian Health Service (IHS)

on the Task force and to provide tribes with equal access to COVID-19 related information as is provided to their state and local counterparts.

I have also engaged with the National Congress of the American Indians on a proposal to create an assistant secretary for tribal affairs at the Department of Homeland Security — to ensure tribes have an elevated voice when it comes to disaster assistance, law enforcement and mitigation of security threats.

Finally, at Chairperson Payment's request, during my term, I have provided legislative updates at the United Tribes of Michigan, Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes and at the National Congress of American Indians levels.

2. As a member of the House of Representatives, I was proud to support the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 (TLOA) which empowered tribes with enhanced authority, resources, and information necessary to more effectively ensure public safety and address crimes against tribal members. With TLOA, we were able to create the Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA) program, which enables tribal prosecutors to bring cases to federal court and serve as co-counsel with federal prosecutors on investigations and offenses originating in tribal communities. But we have work to do like passing an update to the Violence Against Women Act — such as what has been passed by the current House of Representatives — to expand the definition of domestic violence used for grant-funded services and broaden tribal criminal jurisdiction so that tribes have the resources they need to secure justice for victims in vulnerable populations.

3. Acquisition of land in trust is fundamental to tribal sovereignty and self-determination. Further, it has long been estab-

lished that the federal government has a duty to keep its word and fulfill its treaty commitments. The current administration's record on honoring these requirements is unacceptable; tribes have lost ground here. As we've seen in recent years, federal judges openly hostile to tribal law further threaten these long-held norms and precedents. We must ensure judicial appointees are properly vetted and respect judicial precedent and we must ensure executive branch officials fulfill the clear duty established by Congress—to honor the trust relations with tribes. As Ranking Member of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, I will continue to help ensure proper oversight of all federal agencies responsible for honoring land-in-trust and will work with my colleagues and tribal stakeholders to ensure statutory protections are sufficient to protect this fundamental aspect of tribal self-governance.

4. In 2016, Republican and Democratic presidential candidates all but ignored tribal nation calls for protecting our Mother Earth from exploitation of our natural resources and sacred sites. In 2015, the Obama-Biden administration held nearly a year of multi-agency consultations with tribes to ensure a comprehensive and tribally respectful review of sacred sites and full environmental assessment prior to granting access permits. How would Congress protect our natural resources and identify and implement solutions to climate change that threatens our tribal natural resources?

Representing the state of Michigan and its tribes who were first to call this land home, I know just how important it is to protect the natural resources on which we all depend, particularly our Great Lakes. As a member of the Senate Great Lakes Task Force, I have authored legislation to tighten rules around aging



# U.S. senator, representative responses on tribal issues

pipelines in the Great Lakes — such as Line 5 underneath the Straits of Mackinac. I have passed legislation to classify the Great Lakes basin as a high consequence area, require pipeline operators to include ice cover as part of their oil response plan and I have held operators accountable and pushed for greater transparency. I continue to support robust funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) and spearheaded the bipartisan push that secured the first increase in funding since the GLRI was established — defeating efforts that would decimate the program in the process. I am also working to protect the Great Lakes from threats ranging from plastic microbeads and Asian carp to proposed permanent nuclear waste storage.

Dealing with climate change should not be a partisan or ideological issue; it is one of self-preservation for Pure Michigan's pristine environment. It poses a serious threat to the Great Lakes, as well as to our public health. I have a consistent record of supporting policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, drive investments in clean energy, help promote resilience and adaptation within the Great Lakes and protect vulnerable Michiganders from the health impacts of harmful air pollution. I supported efforts to keep the U.S. in the Paris Climate Agreement and opposed President Trump's efforts to roll back important protections such as the Clean Power Plan that would have put our nation on track to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. I have consistently supported legislation to reduce our nation's dependence on fossil fuels and incentivize the deployment of clean energy technology.

5. In recent years, there has been an increasing hostility to federal efforts to promote health, education and social welfare — especially for tribes. Last December, I joined a bipartisan group of my colleagues to file an amicus brief before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit making defending the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). This was necessary after a federal district court judge issued a ruling that could undermine an entire title of U.S. law that aims to promote the welfare of tribes and tribal members.

Also over the last few years, government shutdowns have had a devastating impact on tribes, on our economy and our families. That's why I have helped sponsor legislation to prevent future federal government shutdowns as well as to mitigate impacts from them. I am a cosponsor of the Stop STUPIDITY (Shutdowns Transferring Unnecessary Pain and Inflicting Damage In The Coming Years) Act (S. 198), which automatically renews government funding levels at the previous fiscal year, with adjustments for inflation, for federal agencies. This bill would effectively fund all parts of the government except for the legislative branch and the executive office of the president, meaning that the legislation would force both

sides to come together and reach an agreement. At Chairperson Payment's and other Michigan tribal leaders' urging, I proudly cosponsored the Indian Programs Advance Appropriations Act (S. 229), which would allow for advanced appropriations for federal departments and agencies that help provide basic necessities to tribes — including child welfare programs and health services. I look forward to continuing the work with Michigan's tribes to ensure the federal government meets all of its treaty obligations.

## 1st Congressional District Candidate Dana Ferguson



1. Tribal nations are sovereign nations, and for far too long governments in Indian Country have been viewed and treated as subordinate to the federal government. We need to approach treaty-protected lands and tribal governments just as we do friendly allies across the globe. Whether by appointing tribal liaisons or a cabinet level Secretary of Indigenous Peoples, the result will build cohesion and advance diplomatic coordination efforts between our governments.

The U.S. federal government has an obligation to provide resources to tribal governments, and it's essential we receive direct input from tribes. This is a challenge given the diversity of tribal nations and their needs. An official position within the executive branch would be ideal to ensure we hear directly from tribes.

2. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women is now at epidemic rates. Criminal justice reform is essential. No one is above the law, and systemic change is overdue. American Indian populations are especially susceptible to victimization. Indigenous women are more than twice as likely to be victims of sexual abuses and violence. 1.5 million Indigenous women and children experience violence, including sexual violence, in their lifetime.

Department of Justice: Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) needs to work in even closer coordination with tribal communities and provide adequate funding to address the problem. I support Congresswoman Debra Haaland's "Not Invisible Act" which would establish an advisory committee on violent crime comprised of law enforcement, tribal leaders, federal partners, service providers, and survivors to make recommendations to the Department of Interior and Department of Justice.

I am excited to be able to work directly with Congresswomen Haaland and Sharice Davids (the first two Native women elected to Congress) and Congressmen Tom Cole and Markwayne Mullins

(the two Native men in Congress) to support the 1st Congressional District which has eight of the 12 Michigan tribal nations within.

3. Since time immemorial, tribal nations have operated on land passed down from their ancestors. I applaud the efforts of the Obama-Biden administration, moving over 500,000 acres of land into trust across the country, giving tribes freedom to make their own governmental decisions. This number is larger than several presidential administrations dating back to the 1970s.

In recent years, we've seen these efforts undermined by the current administration. We saw this in full affect with the Mashpee Wampanoag decision in Massachusetts, when the U.S. Department of the Interior attempted to remove the trust on tribal lands. The Mashpee Wampanoag was the tribe at first contact with settlers so this is especially offensive to tribes.

H.R. 312, which was introduced to reaffirm the land trust for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. If I were in Congress, I would have voted in support of the legislation, just like the majority of the House did in May 2019. Now, that bill awaits a vote in the Senate. Despite this pending legislation, attacks on the more than 300 acres of land continue in the U.S. appeals court.

Any attempt to take tribal land out of trust undermines tribal nations, taking away tribal autonomy to make decisions most important to them.

4. I consulted with Anishinaabe friends in the 1st Congressional District and appreciate and respect the "Seven Generations" world view including how our actions today will affect the seven generations ahead of us. How we treat Mother Earth has consequences and rewards beyond our lifetime.

Sometimes, well-meaning non-Native climate change activists fall short and assume innovation and technology is the only component to combating a changing climate. Efficiency is

important, but usage reduction and energy conservation is also key. We need to encourage people to live more sustainably and limit our use of wasted energy as much as possible. Large scale industrial renewable energy but a balance is needed to avoid exploitation of our pristine north woods for minerals and fossil fuels. Friends have shared with me that the Anishinaabe Kinomaage teachings, or "The Earth Shows us the Way" has incredibly impactful lessons in sustainability. Acknowledging, respecting, and honoring treaty-rights is an important part of the process.

I also proudly stand with Indigenous Water Protectors and would continue to advocate for their causes in Congress. I support initiatives and grant efforts to expand awareness of decolonizing diets, sustainable community farming and small scale cottage-based horticulture.

5. In the United States today, health, education and social welfare are issues of utmost importance. Following through with funding the treaty and trust obligation is a matter of honoring the federal government's obligation to in order to tribes to stabilize their economies, to grow and to build strong futures for tribal communities. In my administration, putting safeguards on the treaty and trust obligation is at the forefront of my mission.

When I think about providing these essential life services, my vision for the future includes every American but I fully understand and support the unique obligation of the federal government to honor the treaties and I pledge to be a strong and active partner with Indian Country to do so.

As a country, we need to make good on our promises. Providing essential life services and economic opportunity to tribal communities ensures that they have the opportunity to grow for generations to come.

All Americans can learn from Indigenous culture. One of the most important roles of an elected official is to be a good

listener. Native Americans are the largest ethnic population in the First Congressional District and ancestors and relatives of the Anishinaabek.

## 4th Congressional District Candidate Jerry Hilliard



1. Congress passing legislation creating more Native Americans positions including a cabinet level position as well as financial advisor positions that would have input on how much and how federal money would be allocated to Native American tribes would be a good start. Congress should allow more input on the rules and guidelines for how Native affairs are determined to Native Americans.

2. Congress should allow more input to the tribal officials in creating legislation as members of a tribe know better what they need than the average legislator.

3. Congress could craft legislation to create a multi tribe council with veto power over what happens on tribal lands.

4. Congress needs to put these rights into legislation so that each new administration is not able to just undo what progress may have been made in the past.

5. I would be proud to contribute to achieving the tribal goals mentioned in this questionnaire, by seeking the advice of Native Americans in all legislation I was involved with creating and passing into law. As has been my theme throughout this questionnaire I believe and would lobby for more autonomy and input from the Native American tribes and work for full and forward funding and 51st statehood!









# Whitmer launches program offering frontline workers tuition-free community college

LANSING, Mich. – Governor Gretchen Whitmer, along with leaders in education, business, labor and workforce development, launched the nation’s first program offering tuition-free college on Sept. 10 to an estimated 625,000 Michiganders who provided essential, frontline services during COVID-19 Stay Home, Stay Safe orders between April and June 2020.

Futures for Frontliners, inspired by the GI Bill which provided college degrees to those serving their country in WWII, offers Michigan adults without college degrees or high school diplomas who provided essential services during the pandemic a tuition-free pathway to gaining the skills needed to obtain high-demand, high-wage careers. The funding is not only available to those in the medical field, but also essential workers in manufacturing, nursing homes, grocery stores, sanitation, delivery, retail and more.

“This initiative is Michigan’s way of expressing gratitude to essential workers for protecting public health and keeping our state running,” Whitmer said. “Whether it was stocking shelves, delivering supplies, picking up trash, manufacturing PPE or providing medical care, you were there for us. Now this is your chance to pursue the degree or training you’ve been dreaming about to help you and your own family succeed.”

To be eligible for the program, applicants must:

- Be a Michigan resident
- Have worked in an essential industry at least part-time for 11 of the 13 weeks between April 1 – June 30, 2020
- Have been required by their job to work outside the home at least some of the time between April 1 – June 30, 2020
- Not have previously earned an associate or bachelor’s degree
- Not be in default on a federal student loan
- Complete a Futures for Frontliners scholarship application by 11:59 p.m., Dec. 31, 2020

Frontline workers are encouraged to visit [www.michigan.gov/Frontliners](http://www.michigan.gov/Frontliners) to explore career opportunities, a list of local community colleges and get started on their application – even if they don’t already have a high school

diploma. The program is a \$24 million investment funded by Governor’s Education Emergency Relief (GEER) Fund – part of the CARES Act, and supports the state’s Sixty by 30 goal announced at the governor’s first state of the state address to increase the number of working-age Michiganders completing an industry certificate, college degree or apprenticeship. A more educated workforce is essential to help businesses grow, make Michigan a more competitive state to attract jobs of the future and help families navigate a changing economy and increase income.

“The vast majority of good paying jobs continue to require at least some education beyond high school,” said Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity Director Jeff Donofrio. “Futures for Frontliners gives those who helped save lives and kept our communities operating during the height of COVID an opportunity to increase their skills and income and helps us close the state’s skills gap. For Michigan’s economy to recover and grow, its critical we continue to provide expanded opportunities to all.”

Advocates for additional career training say Futures for Frontliners also helps them off-set training costs and provide another avenue for retention and long-term career growth.

“Michigan manufacturers have been on the front lines in defense against the COVID-19 threat, creating essential products necessary for daily life, from food and pharmaceuticals, to transportation and even toilet paper,” said John Walsh, president and CEO of the Michigan Manufacturers Association. “The Futures for Frontliners program will recognize these truly-deserving heroes, investing in their personal future as well as the economic future of our state.”

“As an employer of nearly 20,000 frontline associates here in Michigan and beyond, we are proud and thankful for each of our employees who stepped up to feed our customers and our communities during the pandemic,” Rachel Hurst corporate affairs manager for the Kroger Co. of Michigan said. “We’re excited

for them to have this hard-earned opportunity to continue their education with support from the Futures for Frontliners program which pairs well with our Feed Your Future program.”

“With short staffing a challenge for our workers across many medical professions, this program helps create a pipeline of talent for our growing healthcare workforce. Whether you are a hospital or nursing home worker, you can take advantage of this opportunity in nearly every workplace. I’m so excited for our union workers who now have the opportunity to add new skills that will help them advance in their careers.”

“Henry Ford College, and I personally, are proud to support the Futures for Frontliners program, and to partner with the State of Michigan and other public and private partners to help frontline workers create a better future,” Russ Kavalhuna, Henry Ford College president. “We believe this program represents a unique, first-of-its-kind opportunity for people who have earned a college education. They put themselves at risk to serve Michigan residents during a pandemic. We will put their futures at the forefront now.”

Several other business organizations, corporations, unions and legislators have volunteered to serve as Frontliners Champions with a commitment to inform their frontline workers, members and constituents about this tuition-free college opportunity.

Futures for Frontliners Champions

- Business groups:**
- Business Leaders for Michigan
  - Community Bankers of Michigan
  - Detroit Chamber of Commerce
  - Detroit Fire Fighters Association
  - Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce
  - Health Care Association of Michigan
  - MichBusiness
  - Michigan Association for Female Entrepreneurs
  - Michigan Association of Ambulance Services
  - Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police
  - Michigan Association of

- Counties
  - Michigan Association of Fire Fighters
  - Michigan Bankers Association
  - Michigan Chamber of Commerce
  - Michigan Credit Union League
  - Michigan Health and Hospital Association
  - Michigan HomeCare and Hospice Association
  - Michigan Manufacturers Association
  - Michigan Nonprofit Association
  - Michigan Oil and Gas Association
  - Michigan Petroleum Association and Michigan Association of Convenience Stores
  - Michigan Pharmacists Association
  - Michigan Public Transit Association
  - Michigan Restaurant and Lodging Association
  - Michigan Retailers Associations
  - Michigan Sheriffs Association
  - Michigan Soft Drink Association
  - Michigan State Firemen’s Association
  - Midwest Independent Retailers Association
  - Small Business Association of Michigan
  - Telecommunications Association of Michigan
  - United Dairy Industry of Michigan
- Corporations:**
- Consumers Energy
  - DTE
  - Home Depot
  - Kroger
  - Lowes
  - Meijer
  - Target
  - Walmart
- Unions (affiliated with AFL-CIO):**
- Amalgamated Transit Union
  - American Federation of Government Employees
  - American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
  - American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees
  - American Federation of Teachers
  - Communication Workers of

- America
- International Association of Fire Fighters
- International Union of Painters and Allied Trades
- Laborers’ International Union of North America
- Unite Here
- United Auto Workers
- United Steelworkers
- Utility Workers Union of America

- Unions:**
- Michigan Education Association
  - Michigan Nurses Association
  - Michigan Regional Council of Union Carpenters and Millwrights
  - Service Employees International Union
  - Teamsters Joint Council 43
  - United Food and Commercial Workers 876
  - United Food and Commercial Workers 951

- Legislators:**
- Jim Ananich
  - Rosemary Bayer
  - Stephanie Chang
  - Curtis Hertel, Jr.
  - Adam Hollier
  - Jeff Irwin
  - Sean McCann
  - Mallory McMorrow
  - Jeremy Moss
  - Sylvia Santana
  - Laurie Pohutsky
  - Mari Manoogian
  - Terry J. Sabo
  - Jim Ellison
  - Padma Kuppa
  - Abdullah Hammoud
  - Alex Garza
  - Donna Lasinski
  - Kristy Pagan
  - Tyrone Carter
  - Kara Hope
  - Robert Wittenberg
  - Rachel Hood
  - Brenda Carter
  - Jim Haadsma
  - Cynthia A Johnson
  - Yousef Rabhi
  - Matt Koleszar
  - Leslie Love
  - Angela Witwer
  - Lori Stone
  - John G. Chirkun
  - Rebekah Warren
  - Cara Clemente
  - Sheryl Kennedy
  - Sarah Anthony

For the latest information on the COVID-19 outbreak, visit [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](http://Michigan.gov/Coronavirus) and [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](http://CDC.gov/Coronavirus).

# Whitmer authorized enhanced federal unemployment benefits

LANSING, Mich. – Governor Gretchen Whitmer recently signed Senate Bill 745, which appropriates \$2.8 billion in supplemental funding from federal revenues awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to cover a temporary \$300 per week enhanced federal payment for eligible Michiganders receiving unemployment benefits.

As part of the Federal Emergency Management Administration program, the additional \$300 per week in unemployment benefits will continue until the federal emergency disaster relief funding made available for this program has been exhausted. At this time, it is

unknown how many weeks may be covered by existing funds.

“This is good news for the thousands of Michiganders who are still without work as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, but it’s still a short term band-aid that falls short of what’s needed,” the governor said. “We need the president, Mitch McConnell, and Congress to put partisanship aside and pass a bipartisan recovery package that will help us save lives and get people back on their feet. Michigan families, frontline workers and small business owners are counting on the federal government to do the right thing and work together on their behalf.”

At this time, eligible claimants do not have to take any action to receive the additional benefit amount provided by the program.

Senate Bill 745 also includes \$8 million in funding to facilitate the further development of the Brandon Road Lock and Dam in Illinois, which will provide a critical barrier to prevent invasive carp from entering Lake Michigan.

In addition, the bill provides match funding for disaster flood cleanup in Midland and Gladwin counties, as well as funding to cover costs for flood response and mitigation efforts in the City of Detroit.

“I appreciate the good work-

ing relationship I have with our appropriations chairs, Senator Jim Stamas and Representative Shane Hernandez,” said State Budget Director Chris Kolb. “This bill will provide important unemployment benefits for residents in our state and I look forward to continuing our work with the legislature as we negotiate the Fiscal Year 2021 budget which begins on Oct. 1.”

“A little more than three months ago, communities in Gladwin and Midland counties saw tremendous flooding and the damage is still impossible to fully comprehend,” said Senator Jim Stamas (R-Midland). “We are in this

together, and this state funding will assist our communities recover and rebuild in the aftermath of unimaginable flooding.”

“The crucial funding being sent to the Detroit supporting flood mitigation sets us on a path to save lives and protect our communities. These funds will allow us to create long-term solutions to prevent flooding in our neighborhoods throughout the city. I was proud to advocate for this funding on behalf of Detroiters everywhere, and am grateful that Governor Whitmer made it official today,” said Representative Joe Tate (D-Detroit) on Sept. 8.

Senate Bill 745 was sponsored by Senator Jim Stamas.



# Tribal member concludes 31 years with the Michigan State Police, plans to keep busy

SUBMITTED BY DYLAN MCPHEE

St. Ignace, Mich., native and 1985 graduate of LaSalle High School, Kyle McPhee, the youngest son of long time St. Ignace residents Bucky and Roberta McPhee, recently concluded his 31-year career with the Michigan State Police (MSP) on Aug. 31. McPhee retired holding the rank of detective sergeant, a rank he has held since 1998.

McPhee entered the Michigan State Police 106th Trooper Recruit School in August 1989. Upon graduation, he was assigned to the MSP Ypsilanti Post, where he excelled as a uniform road trooper until 1994.

In 1994, McPhee transitioned from uniform trooper to plain-clothes detective trooper working multiple vice assignments involving undercover narcotics, stolen property, fugitive apprehension and covert surveillance investigations.

McPhee was promoted to detective sergeant in 1998 as a member of the MSP CID Auto Theft Team. D/Sgt. McPhee also served as the major case detective at the MSP Lansing Post for 10 years and supervised an elite criminal interdiction squad for 6 years. McPhee has also participated and assisted the U.S. Secret Service with security protection details for four sitting U.S. presidents over the course of his career.

McPhee closed out his career as the supervisor of a team of detective troopers responsible for investigating financial crimes such as money laundering and tax evasion related to the illegal black-market tobacco and marijuana trafficking industry. During this recent 5-year period, his team seized over \$3 million in related contraband.

During his decorated career, McPhee recovered over \$6 million in stolen vehicles, contraband and various stolen property. In 1995, as a member of an MSP



Kyle McPhee

multi-county undercover vice unit, McPhee received a departmental commendation for his role in the largest stolen property seizure case in the state of Michigan, recovering over 2,200 items of stolen property and currency valued at over \$2 million.

D/Sgt. McPhee has been instructing forensic vehicle identification and stolen vehicle investigation since 1998, during which time he has instructed to over 10,000 law enforcement officers, police academy recruits, insurance SIUs, and regulatory personnel across Michigan, Ohio and the country of Norway.

Since 2011, McPhee has served as the training coordinator and lead instructor for the Michigan Association of Vehicle Theft Investigators. McPhee currently is an adjunct instructor at 10 different Michigan universities and colleges instructing criminal investigation courses.

McPhee is also an expert in chemical VIN restoration techniques and is recognized as an expert witness in the identification of stolen passenger vehicles, watercraft, ATVs, motorcycles, snowmobiles and heavy equipment.

McPhee has authored several vehicle theft related articles and theft prevention public service

announcements in publications such as *Used Car News Magazine*, and *DealerNews.com*. D/Sgt. McPhee has also served as a keynote speaker on automobile dealership theft for the Michigan Automobile Dealers Association.

McPhee investigated several high profile cases during his career, including a 1992 case, which began as a simple assault investigation that ultimately resulted in the identification and arrest of a serial killer and rapist in southeast Michigan, who was subsequently convicted and sentenced to seven life sentences.

In 2011, McPhee was the lead investigator in the death of a 2-month-old infant, the year long investigation spanned multiple Michigan counties and into the state of Ohio. The suspect was identified as a live-in boyfriend of the infant's mother; he was subsequently convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 18-27 years in prison.

In December 2014, Ingham County Sheriff Deputy Grant Whitaker died in the line of duty after his patrol car crashed on a rural Ingham County road during a high-speed pursuit of a suspect vehicle that fled the scene of the crash. McPhee led a team of MSP detectives and forensic specialists that were able to identify a suspect vehicle and driver utilizing multiple investigative techniques including cell tower data analysis, and collection of residential surveillance video. The seven-month investigation resulted in the conviction of the driver, a habitual offender who was sentenced to 20-45 years in prison for fleeing and eluding causing death.

During his three-decade career, McPhee was a three-time recipient of the prestigious MSP Meritorious Service Award, a five-time recipient of the MSP Professional Excellence Award, recipient of three MSP 1st District Letters of Commendation and recognized on three occa-

sions for professional excellence by other law enforcement agencies. McPhee was awarded as the 2002 MSP Criminal Investigation Division Trooper of the Year and received the 2018 William V. Liddane award for his efforts related to combating auto theft in the state of Michigan. Upon his retirement, McPhee was presented a legislative tribute by Michigan Senator Tom Barrett.

Like many law enforcement officer's careers, McPhee's decorated career did not come without personal injury and tragedy. Throughout his career, McPhee sustained multiple injuries including multiple concussions, broken noses, broken teeth and a human bite that severely injured one of his fingers. During McPhee's career, 14 MSP troopers have fallen in the line of duty, including two classmates from his 106th Trooper Recruit School.

The job hit close to home for McPhee on Sept. 16, 1992, when he responded to a fatal traffic crash near Chelsea, Mich., only to realize the victim of the crash was his uncle, Teddy Paquin, who died of injuries at the scene after being struck from behind by a high speed drunk driver on I-94.

In July 1994, McPhee's best friend and former patrol partner Trooper Bryon Egelski was killed in the line of duty. As a young state trooper not far removed from his Upper Peninsula roots in 1994, McPhee found himself eulogizing his friend at a large scale MSP law enforcement funeral in Alpena, Mich.

Reflecting back to that tragic event, McPhee said, "The police academy cannot prepare you for something like that, you have to find the strength to move forward deep within yourself."

Bryon Egelski's trooper badge number 383 was retired upon his death; however, since 1998, when McPhee was promoted to detective sergeant, he was fortunate enough to obtain detective ser-

geant badge number 383, which he maintained until his last day on the job. McPhee still honors Trooper Egelski every year on July 11 by visiting the Michigan State Police Trooper Memorial near his residence in the Lansing area.

McPhee and his wife, Tedy, have been together for 27 years and she has been there for most of his MSP career. When asked what the secret was to a long marriage for a law enforcement officer, McPhee said, "a strong wonderful woman, who is a tremendous wife and an outstanding mother to our boys."

As to what is in the near future for McPhee now that he is retired from the MSP, he recently said he has no plans on returning to the law enforcement business and that he first wants to decompress for a while. Kyle enjoys hunting, fishing and building custom hot rods and restoring classic cars. He and Tedy have recently started traveling in their new RV, which they plan to use on some future cross-country adventures.

McPhee plans to stay busy working for himself. He is the president of McPhee Enterprise Inc., his consulting company that specializes in mobile fingerprinting services and forensic vehicle identification inspections. McPhee recently obtained his federal FAA license as a commercial drone pilot, as he is also the owner of the newly formed Great Lakes Drone Service, which provides aerial photography and videography services to a variety of industries including real estate, agriculture, infrastructure inspections, special events, business advertising and promotional projects.

McPhee currently resides in the Lansing area with his wife. They have two sons, Hunter and Dylan, both holding the rank of E-4 (specialist) in the 125th Infantry Regiment of the U.S. Army-Michigan National Guard.

# Sale closes for first \$800 million bond issue for Rebuilding Michigan to fix state's roads

**Safer, long-lasting roads ahead for Michigan**

LANSING, Mich. — The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) recently closed on an \$800 million bond issue that marks the first installment in Governor Gretchen Whitmer's \$3.5 billion Rebuilding Michigan program.

The bonds closed on Sept. 10 will cover the cost of rebuilding some of Michigan's most highly traveled freeways, including a \$60 million project in progress on I-496 west of Lansing.

When all of the \$3.5 billion bonds are sold over the next few years, they will finance or help accelerate rebuilding or major rehabilitation of 122 major highways across the state.

"For too long, our freeways

have been held together with patches and emergency repairs," Whitmer said. "The Rebuilding Michigan program assures Michiganders across the state that they can drive to work and drop their kids at school on safe and reliable roads for many decades to come. It has also

allowed us to start moving dirt this year, without an increase at the gas pump."

In a unanimous vote on Jan. 30, the Michigan State Transportation Commission authorized the department to issue and sell \$3.5 billion in bonds backed by state

trunkline revenues.

An independent analysis from Moody's Investor Services lent strong support to the bond sale, despite the pandemic,

"Michigan's state trunkline bonds are not susceptible to immediate material credit risks related to coronavirus because of strong coverage of debt service and limits on additional leverage," Moody's said. "The longer-term impact will depend on both the severity and duration of the crisis."

The firm emphasized that lagging infrastructure investment exposes Michigan to rising costs and reduced economic competitiveness and observed that Michigan has ranked near the bottom of the 50 states based on infrastructure spending as a share of total state and local expenditures.

Moody's concluded that the lack of investment has taken a severe toll on the state's transportation assets.

"Through bonding, we can completely rebuild some important freeways that we otherwise could only afford to resurface," MDOT Director Paul C. Ajegba said. "The successful sale of the bonds and positive market reaction also allows us to accelerate some non-freeway projects across the state."

Total proceeds will be \$1.017 billion from the \$800 million in bonds closed on Sept. 10. The all-in true interest costs are 2.727 percent.

The maximum annual debt service maintains 6.4 times coverage against revenues, well above the four times coverage required by State Transportation Commission policy.



The \$60 million project to replace pavement on I-496 is the first to be funded through Whitmer's Rebuilding Michigan program.



# Sault Tribe Inc. grows despite pandemic downturn

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Sault Tribe, Inc. subsidiary, Ojibwe Hazardous Abatement, LLC (OHA), recently saw its expansion efforts come to fruition as it brings on board four new employees to their newly-established Sault Ste. Marie location. Three of the new hires are enrolled members of Sault Tribe.

OHA, already doing business as Pearson Asbestos Abatement in Escanaba, rapidly expanded its services to include COVID-19 abatement and remediation. OHA performs routine COVID-19 preventative cleaning as well as clean up and disposal of contaminated sites when exposure is suspected or has been confirmed.

OHA recently won a \$240,000 contract by the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians for COVID-19 cleaning in several tribe-owned businesses and tribal government facilities. “The new hires were brought on board as COVID-19 cleaning technicians but will be trained and licensed in asbestos abatement down the road as well. The goal is to be responsive to the changing needs of our clients,” said OHA Manager Rob Arndt.

Additionally, OHA is rapidly developing new COVID-19 cleaning capabilities to include UV light air disinfection and sanitation. Waves of ultraviolet light, known as germicidal UV or GUV, are delivered via UV light exchangers to wipe out viruses, bacteria and other microorganisms. “We’re exploring many methods to keep facilities safe from COVID-19 and other environmental hazards,” added Arndt.

Another Sault Tribe, Inc. subsidiary, Chippewa Government Solutions, LLC (CGS), is a startup that recently celebrated its first full month of operation. CGS continues to expand its capabilities as a developer of high-engagement and immersive, interactive media-based online training solutions to include distance learning products, cinematic quality video and 3-D interactive applications.

CGS saw revenue in excess of \$165,000 during its first month of operation, including projects supporting JKL Bahweting Anishnabe School, Sault Tribe EDC and the Sault Tribe Thrive program. CGS is the first Sault Tribe, Inc. subsidiary to pursue the Small Business Association’s 8(a) program certification, which will provide several competitive advantages in the federal contracting procurement arena.

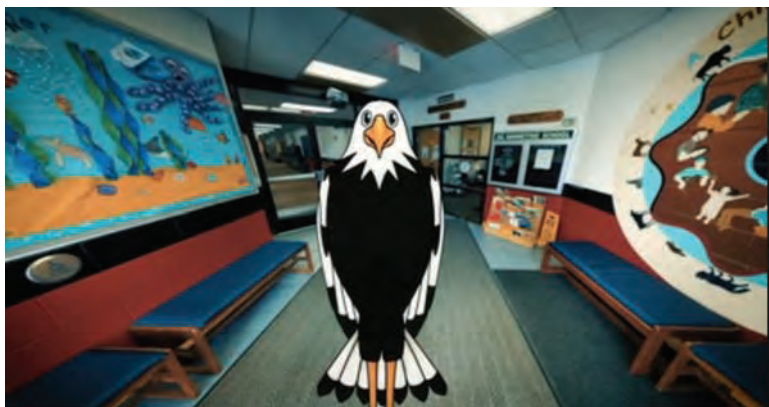
JKL recently shared CGS’s *Back to School* video, which met with much gratitude by staff and parents. It educates students and parents on what steps school staff have taken to ensure the facility offers a safe and healthy learning environment as students, parents and school staff navigate the new school year.

To view the video, head to JKL’s Facebook post at <https://facebook.com/jklbahweting/videos/2388919978069333>.

For more information on potential projects and partnerships with Sault Tribe, Inc. contact Joel Schultz at (906) 635-6050.



Left, Sault Tribe Inc. subsidiary Ojibwe Hazardous Abatement LLC does business in Escanaba as Pearson’s Asbestos Abatement and has expanded to Sault Ste. Marie. Seen here at the firm’s open house in Escanaba last Aug. 17, from left, Dennis Pearson, consultant and previous owner of Pearson’s Asbestos Abatement based in Escanaba, Mich., and the firm’s manager, Rob Arndt.



Above, a screenshot of the *Back to School* video produced by Chippewa Government Solutions for JKL Bahweting Anishnabe Public School Academy explaining COVID-19 measures.

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### Sault Tribe Community Health

# 2020 FLU CLINICS

## PLEASE WEAR SHORT SLEEVES

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#### ESCANABA AREA

Escanaba YEA Building, 1226 Wigob  
**Friday, Oct. 7.....Drive thru, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
**Friday, Oct. 14.....Drive thru, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

CHILDREN needing a flu vaccine: please call 906-341-1836 to schedule an appointment at the Escanaba Tribal Health Center on an alternate day.  
 ADULTS: If you are not able to attend our drive-thru flu clinic – please call 906-341-1836 to schedule an appointment.

#### MANISTIQUE AREA

Manistique Tribal Health Center  
**Monday, Sept. 28 .....Drive thru, 9-12 & 1-4**  
**Monday, Oct. 5.....Drive thru, 9-12 & 1-4**  
**Monday, Oct. 12.....Drive thru, 9-12 & 1-4**

#### MARQUETTE AREA

Marquette Tribal Health Center  
 Behind the building, 1229 W. Washington St.  
**Saturday, Oct. 3 .....Drive thru, 10 am. - 2 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 15.....Drive thru, 9 am. - 12 p.m.**

#### MUNISING AREA

Munising Tribal Health Center  
 North parking lot off of M-28  
**Thursday, Oct. 1.....Drive thru, Elders Only**  
*Held during Elder Meal Pick-Up*  
**Saturday, Oct. 10.....Drive thru, 10 am. - 2 p.m.**  
**Monday, Oct. 12.....Drive thru, 9 am. - 12 p.m.**

#### NEWBERRY AREA

Naubinway/Engadine Snowmobile Museum  
**Thursday, Oct. 7.....10 - 3 p.m.**  
 Newberry Tribal Health Center  
**Wednesday, Sept. 30 .Drive thru, 9 - 4 p.m.**  
**Thursday, Oct. 15.....Drive thru, 9 - 4 p.m.**  
**Thursday, Oct. 12.....Drive thru, 9 - 4 p.m.**

#### SAULT STE. MARIE/KINROSS/ BRIMLEY AREA

Big Bear Arena Parking Lot  
 Two Ice Circle Drive  
**Thursday, Oct. 14 .....Drive Thru, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.**  
 Kinross Rec Center  
**Thursday, Oct. 29 .....Drive Thru, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.**

CHILDREN needing a flu vaccine: please call 906-632-5210 to schedule an appointment at Sault Tribe Community Health on an alternate day.  
 ADULTS: If you are not able to attend our drive-thru flu clinic – please call 906-632-5210 to schedule an appointment.

#### ST. IGNACE AREA

St. Ignace Kewadin Casino  
 3105 Mackinac Trail  
**Thursday, Oct. 1.....Drive Thru, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.**

CHILDREN needing a flu vaccine: please call 906-643-8689 ext. 34531 to schedule an appointment at St. Ignace Community Health Department on an alternate day.  
 ADULTS: If you are not able to attend our drive-thru flu clinic – please call 906-643-8689 ext. 34531 to schedule an appointment.

#### HESEL, DETOUR, DRUMMOND AREA

Hessel Tribal Health Center  
**Thursday, Oct. 8.....Drive thru, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
 DeTour Village Memorial Hall  
**Thursday, Oct. 15.....Drive thru, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**

CHILDREN needing a flu vaccine: please call 906-484-2727 to schedule an appointment at the Hessel Tribal Health Center on an alternate day.  
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# The universities for which we paid: The path forward

TRIBAL LEADERS COULD ADVOCATE FOR REFORMS



By TYLER THEEL

## Overview of 1862 Morrill Act

The Morrill Act, signed into law by President Lincoln in 1862, is heralded as the first major federal action to expand access to higher education. The act authorized the federal government to grant land to each state and territory. States and territories were permitted to sell the granted land to establish public universities, such as Michigan State University, Ohio State University and Iowa State University.

Researchers Tristan Ahtone and Robert Lee of the Land Grab U Project identified more than 99 percent of the parcels granted through the Morrill Act. Their research identified to whom university land grants were sold. They found that the federal government granted universities nearly 600,000 acres of land in Michigan.

Ahtone and Lee concluded, "The Morrill Act was a wealth transfer disguised as a donation. The government took land from indigenous people that it had paid little or nothing for and turned that land into endowments for fledgling universities."

Universities sold off a large portion of grant lands to the emerging logging industry in northern Michigan. Universities were established from the profits of those sales. The transfer of land for private logging interests calls into suggestion that the Morrill Act was implemented to work around treaty rights of Michigan tribes. Lands ceded by Michigan tribes could only be sold to make way for "new settlement" rather than promote private industries.

The unregulated logging industry created widespread deforestation in northern Michigan

and other parts of the country. This prompted the federal government to establish the Bureau of Land Management and United States Forestry Service (USFS) to address deforestation and facilitate timber sales. Environmentalists assert that the USFS prioritizes economic incentives of its timber sales program over its duty to promote forest health.

Deforestation by the logging industry and poor land management by the USFS have interfered with the exercise of treaty rights that tribes negotiated as a condition for ceding lands (such as hunting, gathering and preserving sacred places). The article provides ways tribal leaders can promote important treaty rights impacted by the Morrill Act.

1. The Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver (MITW) Program One way state governments and land grant universities can make amends to tribal members is to provide tuition waiver programs and fully fund those programs to ensure their institutions adequately compensate tribes.

In 1976, the State of Michigan enacted the MITW Program. The act is designed to "provide free tuition for state resident North American Indians in Michigan public community colleges, public universities and certain federally tribally controlled community colleges."

From 1976-1995, the MITW program was fully funded. Colleges waived tuition for Indian students and the state reimbursed colleges the full amount. However, in 1995, during Governor John Engler's administration, the MITW program funding was frozen. Subsequently, as more Indian students enrolled in Michigan colleges and tuition costs nearly doubled since 1995, the budget no longer fully covered the waiver costs. Despite that, Michigan universities still had to waive tuition for Indian students, yet were no longer fully reimbursed.

Lake Superior State University (LSSU), for example, was short-changed \$300,000-400,000 per year. Late former LSSU President Thomas Pledger remarked that the underfunded program "creates this situation where it is not advantageous for us to recruit Native students when we live in the densest Native American population in all of Michigan." Since then, tribal leaders

have fought to have the program fully funded. In 2019, Governor Gretchen Whitmer's administration committed to fully funding the MITW. While this victory signals that the current administration appreciates the debt owed to tribal students and communities, that is not to say in the future a governor or state legislature may mandate the MITW program be underfunded or completely gutted. Therefore, it is important for Michigan tribes to remind political leaders and constituents of the debt tribes are owed given the benefits tribes provided for entire state when they ceded lands used to establish universities.

2. Tuition waiver agreements with land grant universities

In light of the Land Grab U Project, we now can pinpoint: (1) which universities benefitted from selling off land in the ceded territories of northern Michigan, (2) the profit universities earned and (3) the amount tribes were undercompensated. As such, the land sales enabled fledgling universities to be established, whereas, tribes were deprived an equitable benefit.

It is plausible for tribes to leverage this information to negotiate tuition waiver programs between land grant universities outside of Michigan and tribal members.

3. Federal Indian tuition waiver program

Though state universities directly benefitted from the Morrill Act, the federal government facilitated the act, including taking land into federal possession and granting land to universities.

While at first blush advocating for a nationwide tuition waiver program may seem futile, there may be a viable opportunity to get such a program enacted. During the Democratic presidential primaries, Senators Warren and Sanders pressed Senator Biden, now the Democratic nominee, on his commitment to tuition-free college and student debt cancellation.

While Biden may not endorse the broad approaches advocated by Senators Warren and Sanders, he has publicly committed to establishing a federal program that provides free community college to all and free four-year college to many students, and some reductions to student loan repayment.

If Biden does secure the

presidency, and Congress and federal agencies develop legislation addressing college tuition, it would be an opportune time for tribal leaders to advocate for tuition-free higher education and debt cancellation for tribal members.

4. Reforming the U.S. Forestry Service

While the creation of the Bureau of Land Management and USFS facilitated re-forestation of the Upper Peninsula, the forests are more densely packed with small deciduous trees, whereas large coniferous pines are now far less common. Moreover, the Forestry Service has contradictory incentives to down valuable mature pines as it implements its fire suppression duties. This is because the department is also responsible for facilitating the sale of timber.

While thinning the density of small trees and underbrush can reduce the span of forest fires, environmentalists have asserted that the USFS's fire suppression policies have the opposite effect. Chiefly, since the USFS coordinates the sale of timber and is therefore incentivized to harvest valuable matured trees, like pines, its fire suppression activities have contributed to denser and drier forests. Sawing down large trees allows for small deciduous trees and underbrush to grow more quickly and more densely. Further, large matured coniferous trees provide shade to the underbrush allowing moisture to be retained.

During 2007 and 2012, Luce County experienced two major wildfires. To put these fires in perspective, there has only been one other major wildfire in Michigan in the past century. It is unclear if in the near future we can expect more major wildfires as the effects of climate change contribute to higher summer temperatures.

Evidently, this phenomenon extends beyond Michigan. The numerous, concurrent and widespread forest fires ripping through the West Coast are due, in part, to counterproductive fire suppression methods alongside climate change making forests denser and drier. While the current administration blames the fires on environmentalists for opposing forest thinning projects, the federal government is incentivized to saw down matured trees, thereby reducing canopy coverage from

sun exposure, and the lack of shade exacerbates the drying effects of increased temperatures.

## The Path Forward

Given recent events, advocating for forestry department reforms could prove viable. Tribal leaders could advocate the following reforms:

- 1) Remove all financial incentives from the department, including the incentive to saw down large and matured trees.
- 2) Require more controlled-burning techniques. Controlled burning allows for more frequent low-intensity fires, which reduces the underbrush and small foliage. This, in turn, prevents large-scale wildfires.
- 3) Advance climate change policy.

## Series conclusion

I hope this series has provided insights to tribal members and encourages some members to advocate on behalf of tribal interests. I would like to conclude the series by showing off a few snapshots of land grant parcels in Michigan sold by universities.

The United States purchased this 125-acre parcel on Grand Island in 1836 for \$16 (equivalent to \$476.15 today). The University of Connecticut sold the land to William Dodge, a timber investor for \$95 (equivalent to \$2,740.86 today). That is a multiple of six times for the return on treaty payments to tribes.

Pictured below is the Pictured Rocks Golf Club. The federal government compensated tribes \$22 for the parcel. The State of New York was granted the parcel of land and sold it for \$939 (equivalent to \$15,100 today). That is a multiple of 25 times return on treaty payments to tribes awarded to Cornell University.

Pictured below is the south end of Shelldrake Lake near Paradise, Mich. The University of Vermont received it and was able to sell the land for six times the amount the federal government compensated tribes.

Tyler Theel is a Sault Tribe member studying law at University of Michigan. He spent his summer completing a virtual unpaid internship with Sault Tribe's Law, Wildlife and Communications Departments, researching and writing about the Morrill Act and how it affected Sault Tribe.



Grand Island



Pictured Rocks Golf Club



Shelldrake Lake

# Study finds COVID-19 pandemic revealed underlying energy justice crises

By TAYLOR HAELTERMAN

The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed preexisting energy justice crises like costly utility bills and the dangers of energy pollution, which may not have gained attention otherwise, according to a recent study.

The study, titled *The Energy Crises Revealed By COVID: Intersections of Indigeneity, Inequity and Health*, specifically cites rural areas and tribal nations from Michigan, but says these issues can be seen across the state, the United States and even globally.

Kathleen Brosemer is the lead author and an energy and environmental policy Ph.D. student at Michigan Technological University. She said she was inspired to write the study when Enbridge Energy brought its permit applications for the Line 5 pipeline to the State of Michigan during the shutdown and she couldn't participate in the hearing processes.

Brosemer works for a Native tribe that strongly opposes the continued operations of Line 5.

"We were discussing all of these crises of energy sovereignty, energy justice, that are being magnified by COVID," Brosemer said. "And we thought, wow, there's a chance here to get this out, and in this moment when these crises are so apparent, so blatant, they might get some attention."

Two of the crises outlined in the study regard utilities. One is that not everyone has equal access to utilities. The other is essential services like electricity, water and natural gas are treated as consumer goods which are not



Kathie Brosemer, Sault Tribe Environmental manager, is the lead author of a study showing how the Line 5 issue brought energy security inequities to the fore.

affordable for everyone.

Those struggling in the state during the pandemic who received short-term help with utility bills, may still face financial struggles in the long term, said Doug Bessette, a co-author of the study and an assistant professor in the Department of Community Sustainability at Michigan State University's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

"In the state of Michigan, there was a moratorium put on utility shut-offs and utility bills even," Bessette said. "But the way that the state regulations work, these costs eventually need to be recovered, so even if a resident or a household is not paying their utility bills currently because of the moratorium, they will eventually

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have to pay those bills. So, it will eventually come down the line."

On the other hand, Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) Chair Dan Scripps said he thinks the state is doing well by taking an aggressive approach in partnering with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to create a program that directly pays people's energy bills with federal dollars under the CARES Act.

But those receiving financial assistance aren't out of the woods yet, Scripps said.

Utility companies have also seen a loss in revenue due to the moratoriums in place to protect those struggling financially. At some point, these companies will try to recoup their losses. One option would be to increase rates for consumers, that request would have to be approved by the MPSC.

When utility companies file requests, the commission will look at not only the additional costs, but also additional savings and revenue in an attempt to take a balanced approach, Scripps said.

"Customers are struggling and asking them to put-up the bill for any additional costs is something that we find pretty challenging, and I think it's going to be a high bar to clear," said Scripps.

The study also discusses the environmental injustice crisis in which those exposed to environ-

mental pollution are more susceptible to COVID-19.

The virus exacerbates the public health crises rural, tribal and low-income communities in particular are already facing higher cases of diabetes and asthma, Bessette said.

"This has been especially problematic in places like Detroit where COVID fatalities and hospitalizations have been higher than average and, of course, where there's a number of communities that live closer to coal and natural gas fired power plants than elsewhere in the state," said Bessette.

Scripps said he agrees and has seen this align with racial disparities. The commission is becoming increasingly aware and concerned about environmental justice considerations in their work.

Where Scripps disagrees with the study is the claim of a regulatory process crisis. The study specifically mentions Enbridge's Line 5 pipeline. It said the company is using divided public attention during the pandemic to push forward permit applications for their plans to drill a tunnel under the Straits of Mackinac.

Scripps said he's noticed a different response with virtual public comment hearings during quarantine.

Those who attended have had better opportunities to speak at online meetings without the added driving time they would

usually need, according to Scripps. For the MPSC's most recent Line 5 hearing, they heard from about 70 individuals on both sides of the issue from across Michigan and out of state.

"My sense is that those numbers suggest that there is meaningful opportunity for public comment and the public's making use of it," Scripps said.

But the authors explain that while public comment exists, it has limited influence.

Bessette points out that despite it being easier for some, if you do not have the resources, like Wi-Fi, to participate you cannot engage.

And to become a participant in a contested case, the MPSC requires interested parties apply for intervenor status which requires legal representation. The study argues this cost of participation makes it "meaningless" for those like Native tribes who cannot afford it.

Those who need assistance with utility bills need to act now before assistance programs close at the end of September, Scripps said. He suggests reaching out to a provider directly, calling 211 or going to the Michigan Public Service Commission website to understand what assistance programs are available.

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# YEA highlights from across the service area



American Legion donated food boxes to folks in Escanaba.



Zan and Zav help hand out food boxes in Escanaba.



Dropping off kits to Sault YEA kids.



Hessel YEA coordinator Lisa Burnside hauls food boxes.



Tiffany Escherich donated Easter egg hunt supplies.



Kids made their own slime in Hessel.



Rudyard YEA kids received medicine wheel fruit pizza kits.



More rocks for the ongoing Rudyard rock hiding projects.



Children worked on moon phases in St. Ignace.



Summer program prizes were handed out in Manistique.



Manistique YEA held a rattle making workshop.



Kids learned about sand art in Manistique.



# MSU, Sault Tribe partnership encourages members to pursue natural resources careers

BY CAMERON RUDOLPH

A collaboration between Michigan State University and the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians is preparing tribal members to join the fisheries and wildlife management field through a graduate program. In 1836, the United States government and the Anishinaabeg, ancestors to several Native American tribes, agreed to the Treaty of Washington. The Anishinaabeg ceded more than 13.8 million acres to the U.S. — a portion of Michigan’s eastern Upper Peninsula and northwest lower peninsula — which set the stage for Michigan to become the nation’s 26th state a year later.

In exchange, the tribes retained the right to use the land for hunting, trapping, gathering and fishing. A series of ensuing court rulings and consent decrees reaffirmed the treaty-reserved rights, in addition to serving as allocation agreements for various species in the name of fish and wildlife population health.

More than 180 years later, Eric Clark, the wildlife biologist for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, said the tribe and other Anishinaabe communities continue to take seriously the authority to manage and responsibly sustain plants and animals.

“The fish, wildlife and plants of the northern Great Lakes region



**Sault Tribe lead wildlife biologist Eric Clark**

are inextricably linked to the Anishinaabe culture, worldview and subsistence lifestyle,” Clark said. “It’s vital that we bring forward better ways to manage the ecological systems that support this community in the face of increased resource extraction and changing climate dynamics. We believe the best way to accomplish this is through the production of indigenous and western science-based information to inform our management decisions.”

The Sault Tribe has more than 44,000 members, but few have pursued natural resources careers. In response, a collaboration between Michigan State University and the tribe is preparing tribal members to join the

fisheries and wildlife management field through a graduate program.

While an informal partnership has been in place for more than a decade, a memorandum of understanding was signed in 2019 formalizing the relationship and establishing the Center for Cooperative Ecological Resilience (CCER).

Before co-leading this initiative, Clark took a nontraditional path to his career as a wildlife biologist. Both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees are interdisciplinary, the latter earned from what is now the MSU Department of Community Sustainability. His interests in ecology and indigenous people’s rights converge in his role with the Sault Tribe, which began in 2008.

“I’m not a member of the Sault Tribe, but my wife and children are,” Clark said. “I’m passionate about conservation and wildlife management, and I’ve learned a lot about tribal natural resource priorities. Many of the species that have cultural significance to the tribe are ones that are vulnerable to climate change and different management strategies.”

Soon after beginning his role with the Sault Tribe, Clark began working with Gary Roloff, a professor in the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife who studies wildlife ecology and forest management. Clark has since become

a doctoral student in Roloff’s laboratory.

The two scientists share a desire to learn more about how particular species interact with their habitats, with an emphasis on forest management tactics that can mitigate effects of climate change. Early efforts of the partnership have focused on wildlife species of importance to the tribe.

Clark’s research is dedicated to snowshoe hares, a common food source for predators in the eastern Upper Peninsula, and the influence climate change has on their habitat. Other projects have examined American marten movements, how forest composition affects ruffed grouse nesting and the effect prescribed fires have on small mammal communities.

In addition to research valuable to the Sault Tribe, Clark and Roloff have identified tribal member education on fisheries and wildlife management as critical.

“Within the CCER, our focus has been on training graduate students thus far, but we recognize the importance of working with undergrads as an entry point to the program,” Roloff said. “The goal is to get members of the tribe interested in a potential wildlife career early, perhaps hiring them as undergraduate field technicians on research projects. Having more underrepresented groups engaged

in natural resource management is crucial.”

The CCER has had four Sault Tribe member students participate thus far, including Brad Silet, who now serves as lead fisheries biologist for the tribe. The next step is to jointly pursue larger external funding opportunities and recruit more students.

“We think we can leverage the resources of both MSU and the Sault Tribe to receive outside funding for the center,” Roloff said. “This would allow us to support more tribal students and their research projects. It’s a great opportunity to do meaningful, on-the-ground work that advances our knowledge of how ecosystems function, while exposing students to indigenous and western philosophies of science.”

“Ultimately, a graduate degree prepares students to lead tribal resource programs, makes them competitive for hiring by state and federal agencies, and over the long term will infuse diverse perspectives into resource management. This is in all of our best interests.”

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## Higher Education Technology Enhancement reimbursement —

**From “Student tech help,” pg. 1**  
bursements on an item-by-item basis. No reimbursements will be allowed for personal items such as cell phones, cell phone bills, in-home Internet bills, televisions, gaming consoles/accessories, etc. Please see the list of allowable expenses below:

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- Printers, printer ink, scanners
- Online coursework subscriptions, e-textbooks (hard copy text books excluded)

— Wi-Fi routers, internet modems, Wi-Fi signal boosters  
All applications and applicable documents must be submitted to the Sault Tribe Education Department no later than Oct. 30, 2020 by 5 p.m. Reimbursement checks will be mailed to qualified applicants early December. Please call or email with eligibility questions:

Sault Tribe Education Division  
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**Higher Education Program**  
The Sault Tribe Higher Education Technology Enhancement Reimbursement Program is a one-time reimbursement program — up to \$1,000

per student — to enhance the technology infrastructure of Sault Tribe students pursuing higher education. Applicants must provide justification for how the technology-related purchase is needed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Sault Tribe Higher Education Technology Enhancement Reimbursement Program operates on a first-come, first-served basis and is open to any currently enrolled Sault Tribe higher education student with a permanent address in the tribe’s seven-county service area.

- Applicants must provide the following information by Oct. 30 to qualify:
- Completed technology enhancement application
  - Copy of tribal card
  - IRS W-9 form

- Proof of current enrollment in a higher education program
- Receipt for purchased item (with proof of purchase between March 1 and Oct. 30, 2020)

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# State House candidates weigh in on tribal issues

## State questions —

### Question 1

Do you support full funding for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver and changing eligibility criteria to be based on tribal enrollment in a federally recognized tribe rather than blood quantum which is no longer a legal federal practice?

### Question 2

Sault Tribe and four other tribal nations are negotiating a new Great Lake Fishing Consent Decree. Do you support tribal treaty rights?

### Question 3

Michigan supports legislation to provide for "relative" placements despite tribal objections out of concern it may contravene and frustrate full implementation of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act and the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act. What should be done when the state administration or legislature pushes legislation that may conflict with existing state and federal law?

### Question 4

Do you support eliminating the practice of subjecting only American Indians and no other race to school mascots that tribal governments find derogatory and have called for the cessation of though a resolution of the United Tribes of Michigan.

### Question 5

What ideas do you have to support joint efforts on tourism and tribal economic development?

## State Response —

*State Representative,  
104th District Candidate  
John Roth*



1. Yes, I would like to see the funding linked to a recognized tribe to make sure the tuition is received by those who deserve it.

2. Yes, I believe the treaties have worked well with getting all sides together.

3. I don't advocate for state laws to supersede federal laws. Meeting with tribal leaders first to discuss such actions with legislatures would be the first action.

4. I support the rights of American Indians and tribes asking for the removal of mascots not sanctioned by a community tribe. I would support such a resolution.

5. It only makes sense to have tribal economic development work hand-in-hand with area tourism bureaus and chambers of commerce. Traverse Connect has done a respectable job in promoting local tribe events. More should be done to reach out to tribal leaders and I would be one to do that. I have had good relations with the tribe.

*State Representative,  
104th District Candidate  
Dan O'Neil*

1. Yes, I do. My understand-



ing is the waiver is in the treaty, making funding a non-negotiable legal obligation. And, I do support eligibility based on enrollment rather than blood quantum. Tribal membership should be determined by tribal nations, not by arbitrary racial metrics.

2. Yes, I do. I believe in tribal sovereignty. Michigan's tribal

nations have a right to fish in the waters they've always fished in.

3. I believe in tribal sovereignty and I respect the rights of tribes to set and enforce legal standards for their members. There is nothing more vital to any community than an appropriate, fair and transparent process for dealing with issues of child welfare. I'd need to know more about the MDHHS proposal before commenting but would likely defer to the tribes and their sovereignty.

4. I do. These mascots are offensive and shockingly retrograde.

5. I want to restore funding to Pure Michigan and would be open to ideas on how to make that program better benefit tribal nations. I'm embarrassed to say I don't know enough about the existing efforts of state government in this area to give a more informed answer. I do promise that, as state representative, I would be as accessible as possible to Sault Tribe and would make economic development for tribal nations a priority.

*State Representative,  
107th District Candidate  
Jim Page*

1. I support the tribal eligibil-



ity based on tribal enrollment. Honoring tribal enrollment to qualify for the MITW is respectful of each tribe. The waiver was originally obligated by the state when accepting the land at the Mount Pleasant Indian School in exchange for providing higher education for Michigan Indians. A government is only good as it word. To me, this means full funding and honoring each tribe's eligibility.

2. Yes. The tribal right to hunt and fish predates the United States and Michigan govern-

ments. When the 1836 treaty was signed, it connected the peninsulas that allowed Michigan to become a state. While the legislature does not play a direct role, as a legislator I will remain on my guard to ensure draft legislation does not diminish the federal and judicial commitment to honor treaties. The Michigan tribes have worked very well with the state and federal governments to protect the resource. I pledge to reach out to the governor's administration to ensure the state's role in honoring these treaties is respectful.

3. Not sure how to answer this question. Neither the state administration nor the legislature should pass any laws or regulations that violate existing state or federal laws. The MIFPA demonstrates that leaders have worked through the delicate balance of honoring ICWA while addressing the intricate and practical aspects of adjudicating Indian child welfare cases. In preparation to answer this question, I reached out to several tribal leaders who explained that the latest effort to allow for "relative placements" should be made clear in legislation not to impact tribes as federal law and MIFPA supersedes. As state representative, I would ensure a tribal voice is heard in drafting any legislation that impacts tribes.

4. Do you support eliminating the practice of subjecting only American Indians and no other race to school mascots that tribal governments find derogatory and have called for the cessation of though a resolution of the United Tribes of Michigan?

It is a challenge because schools are structured as a local control matter which is a uniquely American tradition. I respect and support this tradition. But, it is also true that only American Indians are subjected to use of their race in the use of mascots. To be honest, as a non-Native, I recognize I am not immediately impacted by the use of Indian mascots. But, don't have to be tribal to be sensitive to the need to provide a safe and culturally appropriate environment for all children to learn. All derogatory mascots, slogans, and/or chants should be phased out. As your state rep, I will work to communicate with tribes and facilitate understanding to move in the direction of finding more appro-

appropriate ways to honor American Indians through culturally appropriate curriculum and the contributions made the original inhabitants of Michigan.

5. Promotional programs designed to stimulate tourism throughout Michigan is beneficial to all. The Pure Michigan campaign should be supported and continued, but much more inclusive of tribes. Tribes can play a very important role in creating a respectful marketing campaign of sharing the indigenous territory in northern Michigan as an attraction that benefits economies, tribal and non-tribal alike. I see this as value added marketing to attract tourist from outside Michigan and routes populations from other parts of the state; especially after we resume normal life after the pandemic. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation has done a good job in facilitate tribal economic growth, but I would push to have a more strategic approach to more obviously cross market what we collectively have to offer as a Michigan community.

*State Representative,  
110th District Candidate  
Janet Metsa*

1. I support full funding for the



Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver. I also support changing eligibility criteria so that eligibility is determined by tribal enrollment rather than blood quantum.

2. I support tribal treaty rights. The state of Michigan gained over a third of its current land area through the 1836 treaty. If we are to interpret the treaty to mean what the Native American signatories understood it to mean at the time, in accordance with American treaty law, then the governments of Michigan and the United States have no right to regulate tribal fishing in the Great Lakes.

3. If legislation at the state

level conflicts with current state or federal laws, tribes must have the power to determine which laws takes precedence. Unfortunately, much legislation passes that makes sense for the state's population centers, but does not make sense in rural areas, particularly rural areas with specific histories regarding the subject matter of the legislation. I generally believe that more needs to be done to differentiate between rural and urban policy in Michigan. Specifically, given the tribes' unique legal status and history, they need access to their own interpretation of legislation.

4. Native Americans should not be mascots. Unfortunately, people get offended when they are told their mascots are offensive, and we end up in a position where there is conflict between races. I wonder if we could recommend alternative mascots arguing that they are more reflective of the communities where the teams play. Even though the goal is to choose a mascot that is not damaging to Native Americans, approaching communities by telling them that their team has a racist name lands us in conflict that proves difficult to resolve.

5. Tourism is very important for tribal economic development. Many tourists come to rural Michigan to enjoy the outdoors and the history of the area. Those tourists spend their money at hotels, restaurants, and perhaps most importantly, to the tribes they enjoy gaming. We can advertise gaming as a tourist attraction whose profits stay in the area and support tribal development. The "woke" generation is interested in keeping profits local and helping historically disadvantaged groups. In turn, there can be advertising for the tourism sector, and that advertising should mention what a socially responsible way it is to spend some money. Moreover, it is important to manage natural resources so that the outdoors remain attractive to tourists. Cleaning up waste sites like the stamp sands in Gay, Mich., (located at a spawning ground) is important so that we can maintain our fisheries, which attract tourists and other economic opportunities.



# Sulander recertified as diabetes care and education specialist

The Certification Board for Diabetes Educators (CBDCE) proudly announces that Gail Sulander MS RDN CDCES of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Manistique Tribal Health Center achieved certified diabetes care and education specialist (CDCES) status for the fifth time.

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**Gail Sulander MS RDN CDCES**

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Sault Tribe members seeking diabetes education can contact Gail Sulander MD RDN CDCES at the Manistique Tribal Health Center, 5698W US Highway 2 in Manistique, (906) 341-8469 or [gsulander@saulttribe.net](mailto:gsulander@saulttribe.net).

## Cook is July Health Employee of the Month



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# Sault Tribe Construction's three divisions' 2019 work

Sault Tribe Construction consists of three different divisions: **COMMERCIAL DIVISION**

This division provides multiple levels of construction services for the various divisions in the tribe. From the startup of the job — planning and estimating stages through its construction and completion. This includes demolition work, foundations, framing, roofing, drywall, installation of doors, windows, siding and so forth. All aspects of remodeling are provided along with coordinating any outside contractors that are necessary for the completion of the job.

Three employees work in this department and all are tribal members. **PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION**

This division provides services for lawn care, curb and asphalt repairs and replacement, parking lot cleaning, sweeping and line painting; concrete sidewalks to slab work, septic repairs and replacements, water and sewer line repairs and replacement, snowplowing services, snow removal, sanding and salting; road and driveway repairs and construction, and installation of boat ramps. This division's work directly effects multiple house-

holds, tribal facilities and individually owned homes.

At this point, we have four employees working with in this division, all tribal members.

### FLEET CONTROL

Fleet Control coordinates the maintenance and repairs for the company fleet. It evaluates the priority on repairs as they come up and works with both of the other divisions to ensure their trucks or equipment are in running order and available when needed.

One mechanic works in Fleet Control, who also is a tribal member.

### 2019 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Constructed parking area for the Hessel powwow area, remodeled the commons area of the cultural building, including redoing the kitchen area.
- Finished removing the framework for three bridges on the Sugar Island Nature Trail, installed culverts for drainage and installed riprap and mulch to match existing trails.
- Redid all of the gable ends on the elderly building and repainted, also replaced all of the windows throughout the building.
- Collaborated with the Environmental Department through a grant it received to purchase and replace one of our old large plow trucks. The truck was ordered and scheduled for delivery next year. The truck will have the following attachments — front wing plow, belly blade/grader/dump box and sander.
- Coordinated the design and

helped with the remodeling of the Hessel casino deli.

- Replaced the windows, doors, siding, fascia and soffit on the Inland Building.
- Replaced the shingles, soffit and fascia on the Sugar Island cultural camp building.
- Directives and supervision — Project manager:
  - Oversaw everyday operations of the company.
  - Estimated and scheduled work for commercial crew.
  - Assisted the Public Works project supervisor for crew staffing work scheduling, estimates, equipment and trucks.
  - Coordinated with the mechanic on Fleet Control for repairs and maintenance for the trucks and heavy equipment.
  - Submitted monthly progress reports and work scheduling with CFO. Worked with Accounting on monthly billings, attended monthly managers meetings.

## Join free webinar on state's water resources

MSU Extension is offering a free online Michigan Water School webinar series for elected and appointed officials and staff. Officials often need to make important decisions regarding the future of shared water resources. The new online version of the Michigan Water School program from Michigan Sea Grant and Michigan State University Extension provides decision-makers with critical, relevant information needed to understand Michigan's water resources in order to support sound water management decisions.

This year, Michigan Water School: Essential Resources for Local Officials is offered for free in a series of Zoom webinars from 3 to 5 p.m. on four Thursday afternoons (Oct. 8 and 22, Nov. 5 and 19). This project is generously supported by the Erb Family Foundation and Pure Oakland Water.

The program will include sessions on water quantity, water quality, water finance and planning, and water policy issues.

Topics to be covered include:

- The Blue Economy
- Fiscal benefits of water management
- Incorporating water into local planning and place-making
- Resources to help address water problems
- Water policy at the federal, tribal, state and local levels

Water school speakers include educators and faculty from MSU and MSU Extension as well as other experts providing local perspectives.

Register to attend the free, policy-neutral, fact-based program at [events.anr.msu.edu/WaterSchoolWebinarSeries2020](https://events.anr.msu.edu/WaterSchoolWebinarSeries2020). Not sure if you will be able to attend the live sessions? Each webinar will be recorded and all registrants will receive links to the recordings so you can watch them at a more convenient time, along with additional resources.

For more information, contact Michigan Sea Grant Extension Educator Mary Bohling at [bohling@msu.edu](mailto:bohling@msu.edu). Follow on Twitter with #MIWaterSchool.

### TRIBAL MEMBER REGISTRATION IN THE TAX AGREEMENT AREA

#### TRIBAL MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

(Including the Issuance of Certificates of Exemptions)

#### INITIAL REGISTRATION AND OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

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

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

#### CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTIONS

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

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

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



# Johnson finds creative acceptance at IAIA

By Rick Smith

The following item is written in terms appropriate for an openly non-binary, two-spirit individual; hence the use of plural pronouns in place of singular pronouns in some passages.

The Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) in Santa Fe, N.M., recently announced the graduation of Sault Tribe member Zoe Johnson with a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree in creative writing. Johnson received the degree during an online virtual commencement ceremony on Aug. 22.

According to the institute's announcement, the IAIA is the only college in the United States dedicated to studying contemporary Native arts and serves 495 full-time equivalent American Indian and other students from around the world. The college offers undergraduate degrees in studio arts, creative writing, cinematic arts and technology as well as certificates in business and entrepreneurship, museum studies and Native American art history. Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, the institute is also the only college in the state of New Mexico accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

The institute asserts many of the over 4,000 students who have attended IAIA have gone on to earn recognition as acclaimed artists, writers, educators and leaders in their professions.

"My mom was the one who told me about the creative writ-



Zoe Johnson is a recent graduate of Institute of American Indian Arts, earning a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing.

ing MFA program at IAIA," said Johnson. "I had mentioned to her that I was thinking about going to grad school for creative writing but didn't know if graduate work would be a good fit for me."

Johnson credited their success through IAIA to lessons learned in a Michigan State University residential College of the Arts and Humanities program where they were encouraged to draw off their own experiences and passions. "My first ever Native teacher was in that program," said Johnson, "Métis artist Dylan Miner. I had many, many amazing professors of color who pushed against Eurocentric education and got us out of the classroom and into the community."

However, Johnson found stud-

ies outside of the program stifling to personal creativity and self-expression due to the perceived inability of others to identify with Johnson's experiences. "Often the intersections of experience I have cause distancing between me and other people – growing up disconnected from the Anishinaabe community, being a queer non-binary person, dealing with anxiety and ADHD – but that seemed to intensify when I was trying to learn to write with people who had such different worldviews. Especially because those were things I wanted to tangle with in my writing."

Learning more about the low residency MFA program at IAIA, Johnson could see themselves learning and practicing creative writing without "pushing at the walls," but doing so instead with encouragement and inspiration from the program and given free rein to explore creativity and self-expression.

"I won't lie, I did have pretty deep imposters syndrome before going to Santa Fe the first time," Johnson recalled. "I was worried I wouldn't be 'Indian enough.' That because I'm white passing, because I didn't grow up with much taught to me about our culture, because I only started reconnecting in my late teens, I would be intruding on a space meant for 'real Natives.' Which is ridiculous, of course. This is not to say I'm not always very conscious that things are easier for me as someone with light skin than for darker skinned Native folks; I try to use that privilege to

help others. But Natives come in every color. It doesn't matter if you're undercooked fry bread or well-done fry bread, you're still fry bread."

Johnson said feeling "Native enough" is less worrisome these days, largely because of the IAIA experience with a wide variety of people from all across the country, including a 70-year-old Cherokee poet, Vivian Carroll. "At IAIA MFA I was allowed to, for one of the very few times in my life, show up every day as fully myself – with every piece of me present, and with the presence of every piece respected," Johnson said. "No one questioned my Native-ness, or my gender identity; although, of course, some people needed a little time to get used to they/them pronouns."

Johnson described the low residency program as one where students visit the IAIA campus for a nine-day residency at the beginning of each semester, which consists of intensive workshops, mentoring, evening readings and visits from guest writers. After the residency periods, students return home to do the required work for the semester.

The academic atmosphere at the institute is described by Johnson as nurturing and caring, "I was cared for as a person first and a student second," they said.

The IAIA MFA program has something special happening that isn't happening with any other program, according to Johnson, "And I think the literary world is

starting to take notice. Just look at our country's poet laureate, Joy Harjo, the first Native to hold that title – she's an IAIA alum from way back in the day. Look at the amazing success of Tommy Orange (author of *There, There*) and Therese Marie Mailhot (*Heart Berries*) both of whom are recent IAIA MFA graduates and now mentors in the program."

Since graduation, Johnson said they're applying more vigor in learning and practicing the Ojibwe language, gathering plants and learning about their various uses and spending time with the land while continuing to write stories and poetry. "My thesis was a collection of short stories and while I've gotten a fair number of them published I think the collection, as a whole, needs a few more stories and more editing before I start looking to get it published," said Johnson. "I've been reading at a few virtual poetry events here in Lansing. I've been sewing and making jewelry and reading a truly staggering amount of books."

Johnson plans to seek out openings to teach creative writing at colleges. "That would be the dream," they said. "And so I'm working hard to make that a reality."

Ultimately, Johnson hopes their works help people like them feel a little less lonely and to help others to better understand them. In addition, they said they're doing their best to make family, friends, others like him and their tribe proud.

## United in Science report: Climate change has not stopped for COVID-19 pandemic

NEW YORK/GENEVA — Climate change has not stopped for COVID-19. Greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere are at record levels and continue to increase. Emissions are heading in the direction of pre-pandemic levels following a temporary decline caused by the lockdown and economic slowdown. The world is set to see its warmest five years on record and is not on track to meet agreed targets.

This is according to a new multi-agency report from leading science organizations, United in Science 2020. It highlights the increasing and irreversible impacts of climate change, which affects glaciers, oceans, nature, economies and human living conditions and is often felt through water-related hazards like drought or flooding. It also documents how COVID-19 has impeded our ability to monitor these changes through the global observing system.

"Never before has it been so clear that we need long-term, inclusive, clean transitions to tackle the climate crisis and achieve sustainable development. We must turn the recovery from the pandemic into a real opportunity to build a better future," said UN Secretary-General António Guterres in a foreword. "We need science, solidarity and solutions."

Key findings focus on six

main areas:

Greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere – Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations showed no signs of peaking and have continued to increase to new records.

Global fossil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions – CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in 2020 will fall by an estimated four percent to seven percent in 2020 due to COVID-19 confinement policies.

Emissions gap – According to the U.N. Environment Programme, action can no longer be postponed if the Paris Agreement targets are to be met. It is still possible to bridge the emissions gap, but this will require urgent and concerted action by all countries and across all sectors.

State of global climate – The average global temperature for 2016–20 is expected to be the warmest on record. Major impacts have been caused by extreme weather and climate events. A clear fingerprint of human-induced climate change has been identified on many of these extreme events. Human-induced climate change is affecting life-sustaining systems, from the top of the mountains to the depths of the oceans, leading to accelerating sea-level rise, with cascading effects for ecosystems and human security. This increasingly challenges adaptation and integrated risk management responses. Ice sheets and gla-

ciars worldwide have lost mass. Between 1979 and 2018, Arctic sea-ice extent has decreased for all months of the year. Increasing wildfire and abrupt permafrost thaw, as well as changes in Arctic and mountain hydrology, have altered the frequency and intensity of ecosystem disturbances. The global ocean has warmed unabated since 1970 and has taken up more than 90 percent of the excess heat in the climate system. Since 1993 the rate of ocean warming, and thus heat uptake has more than doubled. Marine heat waves have doubled in frequency and have become longer lasting, more intense and more extensive, resulting in large-scale coral bleaching events. The ocean has absorbed 20 to 30 percent of total anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> emissions since the 1980s causing further ocean acidification. Since about 1950 many marine species have undergone shifts in geographical range and seasonal activities in response to ocean warming, sea-ice change and oxygen loss. Global mean sea level is rising, with acceleration in recent decades due to increasing rates of ice loss from the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets, as well as continued glacier mass loss and ocean thermal expansion.

Climate and water resources – Climate change impacts are most felt through changing hydrological conditions including changes

in snow and ice dynamics. By 2050, the number of people at risk of floods will increase from its current level of 1.2 billion to 1.6 billion. In the early to mid-2010s, 1.9 billion people, or 27 percent of the global population, lived in potential severely water-scarce areas. In 2050, this number will increase to 2.7 to 3.2 billion people. As of 2019, 12 percent of the world population drinks water from unimproved and unsafe sources. More than 30 percent of the world population, or 2.4 billion people, live without any form of sanitation. Climate change is projected to increase the number of water-stressed regions and exacerbate shortages in already water-stressed regions.

Earth system observations during COVID-19 – The COVID-19 pandemic has produced significant impacts on the global observing systems, which in turn have affected the quality of forecasts and other weather, climate and ocean-related services. The reduction of aircraft-based observations by an average of 75-80 percent in March and April degraded the forecast skills of weather models. Since June, there has been only a slight recovery. Observations at manually operated weather stations, especially in Africa and South America, have also been badly disrupted. For hydrological observations like river discharge, the situation is

similar to that of atmospheric in situ measurements. Automated systems continue to deliver data whereas gauging stations that depend on manual reading are affected.

In March 2020, nearly all oceanographic research vessels were recalled to home ports. Commercial ships have been unable to contribute vital ocean and weather observations, and ocean buoys and other systems could not be maintained. Four full-depth ocean surveys of variables such as carbon, temperature, salinity and water alkalinity, completed only once per decade, have been cancelled. Surface carbon measurements from ships, which tell us about the evolution of greenhouse gases, also effectively ceased.

The impacts on climate change monitoring are long-term. They are likely to prevent or restrict measurement campaigns for the mass balance of glaciers or the thickness of permafrost, usually conducted at the end of the thawing period. The overall disruption of observations will introduce gaps in the historical time series of essential climate variables needed to monitor climate variability and change and associated impacts.

The report is available electronically at [public.wmo.int/en/resources/united\\_in\\_science](http://public.wmo.int/en/resources/united_in_science).



# Tribal members walk on

## GREGORY G. ALLARD

Gregory George Allard, 73, passed away on Sept. 10, 2020, in Rose City, Mich., surrounded by his loving family. He was born on March 7, 1947, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to Cyril and Isabelle (Mastaw) Allard.



Gregory lived in Greenwood, Ind., since 2010, formerly of Waterford, Mich. He served in the United States Army during Vietnam and was a member of the American Legion and VFW. He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a deacon in Our Lady of the Greenwood. Gregory was known to everyone as the Man in Black. He enjoyed music, playing guitar, singing, playing pool and golf. He loved helping people with their home improvement projects.

Gregory is survived by his son, William Allard of Wyandotte; daughter, Marie Allard of Green Bay, Wis.; grandchildren, Colleen, Bret, Jeana and Amanda; great-grandchildren, Mason, Mike, Isaac and Zeke; siblings, Michael, Joy, Mary, Rose, Margaret, Kateri and Cyril.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Tom and Joe; and sister, Muriel.

Visitation at Steuernol and McLaren Funeral Home in Rose City took place on Sept. 14. The funeral mass was held at Holy Family Catholic Church on Sept. 15, with Father Emmanuel Finbarr officiating. Burial was at Holy Family Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the family.

Online condolences can be shared at [www.steuernolmclaren.com](http://www.steuernolmclaren.com).

## LUCILLE G. FLOREK

Lucille G. "Lucy" Florek, 93, of Negaunee, Mich., walked on into eternity on Sept. 15, 2020, at Eastwood Nursing Center. She was born on Oct. 13, 1926, in Rogers City, Mich., to John L. and Genevieve (Paquin) Vincent, and raised in Naubinway.



Lucy's father was a fishing boat builder and, while living in Minnesota, Lucy met her future husband, Remy Jerome Florek, who was working in forestry in the area. The couple married in 1943 and a few years later moved to the Marquette area due to her husband's forestry work. They began raising their family while in Marquette and, due to Remy's job obligations, resided in various locations throughout the Upper Peninsula and lower Michigan throughout the years.

Lucy was a dedicated homemaker who lovingly cared for her children as they grew older and was the glue that held everything together. She was an amazing cook, and everyone loved her banana cream pies, she was an

avid reader, enjoyed westerns, and enjoyed knitting and crocheting. She was very generous with both her time and talent and often gave away the handcrafts and kitchen goodies she created.

Lucy is survived by her children, Ron (Rosalee) Florek, Remy (Tina) Florek Jr., Trish (Joe) Archuletta, Sharon (Bob) Maxon and Genevieve Florek; 15 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Susan (Sam) Eisenback; brother, Donald Vincent; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Lucy was preceded in death by her husband, Remy; sisters, Emma Kramer, Justine Edelman, Geneva Butchko and Margaret Bedrick; and brothers, John Paul Vincent, Raymond Vincent, James Vincent, Joseph Vincent and Lawrence Vincent.

No public services will be held.

Fassbender Swanson Hansen Funeral and Cremation Services served the family, where condolences may be expressed online at [fassbenderswansonhansen.com](http://fassbenderswansonhansen.com).

## GLORIA J. MOMINEE

Gloria Jeanne Mominee, 64, of Dafer, Mich., died on Aug. 25, 2020, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She was born on Oct. 9, 1955, in Toledo, Ohio, to Clarence J. and Wanda Geraldine Mominee.



Gloria grew up in Toledo and met her life partner, Mark, in California, where she lived in the late 1970s to the mid 1980s before moving back to Toledo. In 1989, Gloria and Mark moved to Dafer. Gloria worked as a stay-at-home mom before becoming a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service in Brimley for over 10 years. She was then a caregiver for Mark who was ill before she became ill herself.

Gloria was proud to be a strong woman. She enjoyed gardening, camping, canoeing, outdoor living and attending concerts downstate.

Gloria is survived by her mother, Wanda Geraldine "Jeri" Mominee; her son, Jacob Wilson, and his fiancé, Shena Sloboda, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; grandson, Gavin Wilson; and sisters, Nadine Mominee-Mason and Karen Mominee.

Gloria is preceded in death by her partner, Mark Kim Wilson; and her father, Clarence Mominee.

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

## CLEMENT A. ROSE

Clement A. Rose, 86, of Traverse City, formerly Marquette, passed away peacefully Sunday, July 19, 2020 at the Munson Hospice House.



Clem was born on Jan. 18, 1934,

in Gould City, Mich., to the late Royal "Roy" and Lillian (O'Neil) Rose. He was a 1952 graduate of Loretto Catholic Central High School in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Clem served in the United States Army from 1955 until 1957, working his way to corporal in two years and earned a sharp shooter and good conduct medal.

Clem married the former Lyla L. Bater on May 26, 1979, in Marquette. He raised his family in Engadine, Mich., moving to Marquette in 1974. Clem's job required him to travel. He spent his career in telecommunications, working as a technician for AT&T.

Clem was formerly a parishioner of St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette and most recently of Immaculate Conception in Traverse City. Gardening was a great hobby of his that brought him and others much happiness.

He was a true blue, no matter what, until the end, Lions fan, Tigers fan, Red Wings fan and Michigan fan. Clem was an all-around sports loving guy. He was an athlete and particularly loved baseball and bowling. While playing for the Loretto Angels in 1952 he proudly pitched a no hitter against Cedarville. He continued to play baseball in the U.S. Army and on men's league in the Naubinway area.

Clem never knew a stranger and he could talk to anyone about

anything, even if he had just met them. He made sure that the animals that showed up in his yard were well fed. Clem loved babies and children, most of all loved his family and any family gathering he could get to, weddings, reunions, Fourth of July or Labor Day. He lovingly, faithfully and loyally cared for his "Babe" (Lyla) through 41 years of a God centered, well-lived marriage.

Clem was selfless, always offering and willing to go out of his way to help anyone. He enjoyed researching genealogy, was an avid reader and storyteller, both in person and had a gift of putting his thoughts down on paper. He was never content sitting down, always on the move, doing something and always happily whistling while he worked. Clem also loved cooking, especially for his family when they came to visit.

Clem is survived by his wife, Lyla L. Rose, of Traverse City; children, Walter (Brenda) Gildersleeve of Grand Rapids, Mich., Karla Siegwart of Sault Ste. Marie, Patricia (Steven) Nelson of Manistee, Mich., Christie (Jerry) Overland of Newberry, Mich., Melissa (Frederick) Rose-Killips of Sault Ste. Marie, Timothy Rose of Naubinway, Amy (Kurt) Perron of Brimley, Mich., and David (Krista) Rose of Escanaba, Mich.; step-children, Deborah (Michael) Berger of Marquette,

David (Jessica) Channing of Ojai, Calif., Julie Alquist of Iron Mountain, Mich., Paula (Jon) Pryor of Iron Mountain and Michele (Don) DeShazo of Westerville, Ohio; grandchildren, Rebecca Rose, Christopher Clement Rose, Michael Rose, Eva Perron, Isabelle Rose Perron, Willem Perron, Autumn Cora Rose, Timothy Rose II, Hunter Killips, Gregory Overland, Calix Overland, Jill Bronson, Kylee (Jeffrey) Lietzke, Joshua Nelson, Joel (Sarah) Dykgraaf, Walter Siegwart, Lianna Gildersleeve, Kenneth Gildersleeve, Brian (Lydia) Berger, Kimberly (Bill) Navarre, Benjamin Berger, Samara Berger, Jared Alquist, Miles (Erica) Alquist, Sophia DeShazo, Oliva DeShazo and Abigail Rose DeShazo; 26 great-grandchildren; brother, Vernon (Ruthann) Johnson of Engadine; sister, Virginia DeLong of Nashville, Mich.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Besides his parents, Clem was preceded in death by his son, Kevin Clement Rose.

A Mass of Christian Burial took place on July 31, 2020, at St. Peter Cathedral with Rev. Jernej Sustar officiating. A graveside service was conducted at the Holy Cross Cemetery in Marquette. An outdoor reception followed.

Canale-Tonella Funeral Home and Cremation Services assisted Clem's family where memories and condolences may be shared.

# Mason Michael-John Fox is born

Areka Foutch and Dylan Fox of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., are proud to announce the birth of their son, Mason Michael-John Fox. He was born on Aug. 28, 2020, weighing 11 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21.5 inches in length.

Proud grandparents are Heidi Aikens and Roger Steinkohl and Tina Fox and the late Mike Fox, all of the Sault. Great-grandparents are Joann and Joe Smith of Reunion, Fla., the late John Shaski of the Sault, Barbara Dietz of the Sault, and Wilma and the late John Cairns of Sugar Island. Great-great-grandmother is Grace Flowers of the Sault.



# Carter graduates as salutatorian

## FROM ALEYN (LEASK) CARTER

I am very proud to announce the high school graduation of my grandson, Jack Carter. He is the salutatorian for Carmen-Ainsworth High School in Flint, Mich. He is also an eagle scout

and has been awarded an almost full ride to the University of Southern California for tack. His brother, Aaron Carter, attends Kettering Engineering College in Flint, Mich. He is also an eagle scout. Their great-grandfather

was Ambrose Leask. He was born and raised on Sugar Island. He was an engineer on the Soo Locks. Their great-grandmother was Mildred (Lyons) Leask and she was a teacher on Sugar Island for many years.



Aaron Carter



Jack Carter



# Sault Tribe Thrive Directory September 2020

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Marketing print mail

American Dream Builders  
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Anchor Systems LLC  
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Conversation mgt. solutions

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Bay Pharmacy  
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Big Bear Arena  
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Flowers

Bonacci Contracting  
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Thank you to all the Sault Tribe member-owned businesses that have reached out and contacted us so far. If your business is not listed, please contact us so we can get you and your business set up with our office and into the directory going forward. We will update the list as needed and republish every month.

The Sault Tribe Thrive office is here to help any and all Sault Tribe member-owned businesses.

Enad maa ge jik.

Wii shki maa'aat.

Wii mi na kii'aat.

Those people who help.

To do good work.

To be in good relationships.

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Wood products and design

Carrow Super Market  
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Super market

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CompHoppers  
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# NON-PARTISAN PUSH TO REGISTER & VOTE: OUR TRIBAL ANCESTORS WERE NOT ALLOWED

Dr. Aaron A. Payment,  
Tribal Chairperson

Representing All  
Members Everywhere

Ahneen, Boozho,

As your elected Tribal Chairperson, I keep my personal political views regarding State and Federal elections out of my role as official spokesperson of the Tribe. You will not see it in this report or any hint of partisanship in my formal communications. Last month, I reported that we are suing the Trump Administration for denying our Mandatory Trust Application. So much is riding on our down state development projects. The people of our Tribe voted to approve these projects. That is as clear a mandate as you can get. Fifteen percent (15%) of net revenues are pledged to rebuild the Elder Fund and for Education. Projected revenues are four to five times what we make now.

While we will never relinquish the federal government's treaty obligation for our federal funding, our down state development projects are our attempt to become less reliant on federal funds and truly self-determined. We won the first round of our lawsuit and are confident we will prevail.

While it is not our job as Tribal Elected Officials to tell you who to vote for, there is no prohibition against this in our Constitution, By Laws, Tribal Code, Ordinance, or Regulation. We generally don't engage in partisan politics, however, because of the fear of retribution from petty politicians. Make no mistake, it absolutely matters who is elected to federal office be it President, US Senate or Member of Congress as they vote to appropriate federal treaty and trust funds and can alter the very context for which we exercise our sovereignty. While we proudly assert our identity as American Indians, cite the US Constitution, Treaties, and judicial precedent, the legislative role of Congress and Interpretive role of the President absolutely limits or liberates our own interpretation and exercise of sovereignty.

As an example of how I do my job in a non-partisan way, as an Officer of the National Congress of American



*The Native Vote Campaign is a non-partisan effort to urge you to exercise your US Constitutional right to Register & Vote! Please support candidates who support our tribal sovereignty, treaty rights, and federal funding. ~ Chairperson Aaron A. Payment*



**Why Should Native People Vote?** Every US citizen should vote because federal, state, local and tribal governments impact all aspects of our lives. When tribes signed treaties ceding 500 million acres of land in exchange for "health, education, and social welfare" into perpetuity, our ancestors guaranteed us federal programs and services forever! Our Tribe and four others traded 14 million acres that also guarantee our treaty rights. While these rights are upheld through judicial precedence, they are subject to actions of Congress and the President. Another reason is that we were the last to be granted the right to vote in 1924 but a guaranteed vote didn't come until 1965 when the Civil Rights Act Passed. While we were once not allowed to vote, WE NOW ARE! It is our solemn duty to vote so please exercise this sacred right and vote.

**Does Our Vote Really Matter?** Yes. President Kennedy won his election by just over 100,000 votes or on average 1 vote per precinct. The 2016 Presidential Election was decided by 10,407 votes in Michigan. The number of Sault Tribe Citizen voters in Michigan is over 20,000. Our vote absolutely matters ~ no matter who you vote for. You get to help decide who is President and who balances out the Presidency through who you elect to Congress and the Senate. Your vote for candidates who support a tribal sovereignty ticket irrespective of partisanship will absolutely make a difference in all elections.

**Should I vote "D" or "R" or "I" for Indian?** Whether you are conservative, moderate, liberal, democrat, republican, green, independent, or libertarian, if you prioritize the impacts of the federal government on our tribal sovereignty and federal funding, as Indians, we win. Who you vote for is up to you. It's personal and confidential. You are encouraged to research the candidates and ask the tough questions of how they will serve you as an American Indian. Our people are not monolithic and certainly not single issue voters. Go to each candidate's website to see what they have to say about our people. Consider our needs as a Tribal Nation when casting your vote and please support a Pro Tribal Sovereignty Platform and Ticket.

**Doesn't It Diminish Our Sovereignty to Vote in Federal Elections?** Absolutely not. This was a "thing" in the 1990s to dissuade our people from voting. Just as most Americans can vote in local, state and federal elections, so too can we but we have another layer of citizenship and that is our tribal citizenship. If you consistently vote in favor of candidates who support our tribal sovereignty, we strengthen our sovereignty. Please support candidates who advocate for full and non-discretionary tribal funding, full tribal jurisdiction to protect our victims, and other critical tribal issues.

**Is it Too late to Register to Vote? How Do I Register?** First, check to see if you're registered to vote at your current address at the Michigan Voter Information Center (<https://mvlc.sos.state.mi.us/>). If you're not, register or update your registration address online (if you have a Michigan driver's license or state ID at <https://mvlc.sos.state.mi.us/register/voter>) or by mailing in a voter registration form ([https://www.michigan.gov/documents/MIVoterRegistration\\_97046\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/MIVoterRegistration_97046_7.pdf)) Online and mail registration closes on October 19, 2020.

From October 20, 2020 through 8 pm on Election Day, November 3, 2020, you can still register by going in person to your city/township clerk's office with proof of residency. Find your city/township clerk's office and at (<https://mvlc.sos.state.mi.us/Clerk>)

**Where Do I Vote? How do I Vote Absentee?** Once you're registered to vote, you can vote from home by applying for an absentee ballot for the November election. Apply for your absentee ballot online (if you have a MI driver's license or state ID at <https://mvlc.sos.state.mi.us/AVApplication/Index>) or by mailing in an absentee ballot application ([https://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/AVApp\\_535884\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/AVApp_535884_7.pdf)). Your ballot will be mailed to you. Mail back your ballot to your city/township clerk, or drop it off at their office or at a secure drop box. Absentee ballots must be received by 8 pm on November 3, 2020 to be counted; apply as soon as possible. You can also vote at your polling place on November 3 if you prefer.

**Who Can I Call If I Still Have Questions?** If you need additional assistance in registering to vote, knowing where to vote, how to get an absentee ballot call the Nonpartisan hotline, 1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683) or Call 1-833-MI-VOTES (1-833-648-6837). For information on candidates' positions that impact our Tribal Nation, we'd be glad to assist, please call us toll free: 1-800-793-0660.

Indians, I made the motion to endorse Judge Neil Gorsuch. To be honest, I do not like some of his views. On the other hand, we have never had a Supreme Court Justice with such a positive Indian Law record. As an American Indian, I put aside my personal views and prioritized what I thought was in the best interest of Indian Country.

I urged each of you to read though the candidate forums in this edition of the paper and make up your own mind. If a candidate didn't bother to reply, their silence says volumes. Please support Presidential, Congressional and Senate candidates who support Indian Country.

Finally, I wish to offer my Anishinabek and Catholic

prayers for serenity, peace and rest for Brother John Hascall. You shook it up and changed the world for those of us who follow both ways. *Chi McGwitch, Natiswiss Ogitch'da Negee!*

I also wish to offer my prayers and thanksgiving to retired Community Action Executive Director Ron Calery for over 50 years of

service, for bringing immunizations to Shunk Road long before we had a health center and of course securing funding for our Shunk Road playground when I was 7 years old. You are one of my heroes Ron!

*Chi McGwitch, Negee!*

*Aaron*

"I support any candidate regardless of party who supports a strong tribal sovereignty and respect of treaties platform. Also, you have to show up and not take our Indian vote for granted" ~ Dr. Aaron A. Payment



# We are moving forward in spite of pandemic



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

I want to apologize for not submitting a report last month. Believe me, I hear about it and appreciate members noticing that I had not, which means people read my reports! In the last couple of months, we have completed many projects that have been worked on and talked about for months to years.

As seen in the media releases and the last paper, we moved forward on leasing with cannabis opportunities to gain revenue for our tribe and also moved forward for online gaming and sports betting. These items have been worked on at length and it will increase revenue for our people.

We have also passed resolutions to expunge past marijuana charges or any pending. This is good news for those who have been prevented from becoming employed or securing housing. Please contact the Tribal Court if you have any questions.

We are also moving forward and making expansions at our car/mobile home lot as we are



making very good profit. Even with all the thoughts that it would not be profitable, it exceeded our expectations and we are moving forward with assisting members in our Small Business Alliance as well as pursuing 8(a) for government contracts. All of our new economic development projects are moving well and I'm very thankful for all the staff who get us to this point.

Moving forward through COVID-19, we have secured many additional resources for members' services. We have a listing on our website of the department contacts to inquire for expenses with which you may need help. We are also in the process of upgrading our properties, offices and workplaces for securing safety measures. We have identified need and budgeted our relief funds per the U.S. Department of Treasury's guidelines; once again, in the end we will report all monies and expenditures.

As you can probably assume, we have been hurt financially with the impact that the pandemic has created for our casinos, this will come into play when we budget for next year. We did receive funding, it came with restrictions and we focused on increasing



the needs for members and workforce with increased hazard pay, back pay for hours worked, paying insurance premiums for team members, higher education and virtual learning relief funds and also a relief distribution to members in the service area (I spoke to many members out of the area and explained and had good discussions that these complied with our guidelines from the Treasury). We did NOT exclude or even have a choice in this. I do know that some use this as a way to cause a divide, but facts matter and the guidelines dictated on how we processed with these funds. With that being said, I certainly understand that our members who do not live in the service area are having hardships as well. No promises, but with our new projects I will support expanding when we can financially. I have many family members and extended people I care about out of the area as well and that matters to me.

The recovery/detox facility is ongoing, water has been tested and a new well has been placed. We expect to have a recommendation on the exact build with a business plan to move forward on loans or securing funding at the end of this month. As reported in



previous reports, we did request and work toward funding from IHS to accommodate this project but that was not approved. In the meantime, we continue to work with liaisons from Betty Ford and we have our homes for those who are in need for when it comes to opioids. We are limited with the dollars received for that service. We have moved forward on securing vehicles to assist with transportation for all recovery needs including transportation to a recovery facility for any alcohol/drug detox help needed. We have hired additional recovery coaches and you can call with help that you need. We continue to work on additional services for our DeTour/Drummond area. Each meeting we advocate for a remedy for our area and the needs. I am looking forward to the mobile trailers we are working toward and advocate that this be priority for our unit.

As reported, the Consent Decree negotiations have been delayed to December of this year. We have a full team working on this that includes input and discussion with our Conservation Committee as well as input from

all fishermen. Many items are being gone through and input is invited, so always feel free to contact myself or Director Hollowell if you have not already. There are numerous weekly meetings on this and will be ongoing until the end of the year.

With all the information and resources we do have available, I want to talk a little about our website, [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com). This site will give you all the numbers in each department, and every meeting I bring up media releases to keep you informed in real time with resolutions we pass, items we are working on and contact info for services. Social media is a very wonderful resource, but it is sometimes hard to catch everything and wade through the facts, so I encourage you to use that site often and I will continue to advocate for a one-stop place for you to have the accurate information and factual contacts, media releases and resolutions passed that you need.

And last, I want to share with you pictures of our newly remodeled fire lodge in Hessel. Sault Tribe Construction, Joe Bourque, Frank Gordon and Dillon Hillock did an amazing job, and the care and hard work they placed into this is so greatly appreciated. We will now continue to get it ready for all of our families in our communities. I am really missing our elder meetings and truly missed our powwows this past year.

Please continue to stay safe and contact me with any input or issues you have. I look forward to us seeing each other soon.

Baamaapii, Lana Causley-Smith, [lcausley@saulttribe.net](mailto:lcausley@saulttribe.net), (906) 484-2954, (906) 322-3818.

## Teamwork needed



**KIM GRAVELLE  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Hello, I would like to thank our team members for all of their dedication and teamwork over the past few months during these uncertain times due to the COVID-19 pandemic. You have stepped up and showed us what good team support is and how hard you work every day for our tribe. It is appreciated.

This month, the board of directors is busy with financial reviews from governmental and casino departments.

Our program directors put a lot of work and energy into this process to ensure the budgets are maintained and adhered to. Thank you!

Our economic development director has been focusing efforts on improving our revenue source

es and making existing businesses more profitable. We need to promote self-sufficiency with profitable businesses, which in turn will enhance services for our tribe and will be used to expand our economy and provide more benefits to our membership.

Our tribal board meetings have been busy but there are times when there is no professionalism whatsoever. I've sat on numerous committees and boards and have never seen conduct like this. It isn't productive when board members are threatening other board members and staff.

When this happens, the meeting should be stopped and the person causing the interruption should be asked to leave. No one should feel threatened or be mistreated by another board member.

In order for us to grow as a successful tribe, we need to work together and not pull each other down. We need to move forward in a positive manner for the benefit of our membership.

Remember to keep the men and women in our armed forces in your prayers and thoughts for a safe return to their families.

If you have any questions or comments, you can contact me at (906) 203-6083 or at [KKGGravelle@saulttribe.net](mailto:KKGGravelle@saulttribe.net). Thank you, Kim Gravelle

## Dumping double dipping



**BETTY FREIHEIT  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Hello, tribal members, after my last report, I introduced a resolution to eliminate the board pension, given we can now participate in Social Security. No employee of the tribe qualifies to receive this pension. It's not right for the board to have their exclusive pension plan paid for exclusively by the tribe.

I placed my resolution on the agenda, but in a sleight of hand, board members voted to remove the item from the agenda without even discussion.

With five board members voting no to removing it from the agenda, we need just one more vote to keep it on the agenda and two votes to repeal this special privileged pension that only the board benefits

from.

To not punish those who have already "earned" their equity or are already receiving the pension, I now propose the replacement resolution below. This avoids passing an ex-post facto law but also prevents anyone from double dipping.

Watch how your board members vote and remember this the next time they ask for your vote. Better yet, call them and tell them to debate it and cast their vote so you can hold them accountable.

*Resolution to Retain Existing Equity Earned in Board Pension Plan per Past Referenda and Transition to Tribal Board Participation in the United States Social Security System*

*WHEREAS, the Tribal Board of Directors approved a TBOD Pension Plan effective February 1, 1998; and*

*WHEREAS, a Tribal Referendum vote was held in 20\_\_ to provide a technical fix to the TBOD Pension Plan and was approved by the Tribal Membership; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2018, the federal government approved for Elected Tribal Officials to be able to participate in the federal social security system thereby eliminating the need to continue a separate Tribal Board Pension Plan going forward;*

and

*WHEREAS, the Tribal Board of Directors voted to appropriate funds in the 2020 budget to cover the employer portion of the TBOD's participation in the federal social security system;*

*WHEREAS, the Tribal Board of Directors has not yet voted to participate in the United States Federal Social Security System and that a vote of the Tribal Board of Directors is necessary for participation.*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, participation in both the TBOD Pension Plan and the federal social security system is duplicative and prohibited.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any equity earned to date under the current Board Pension Plan shall be recognized and honored for seat and retired Board Members who are eligible; and*

*BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, from here forward the Board Pension Plan shall discontinue (with current equity earned retained) and be replaced with participation in the United States Social Security System.*

Remember, we need just one more vote.

With that, I'll close, and help your neighbor any time you can.

Please feel free to contact me at (906) 379-8745.

Betty Freiheit



# Dealing with COVID-19 and other matters



**BRIDGETT SORENSON**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III

I would like to thank our enrollment department for all the extra work they have had since the board passed the COVID-19 relief funds resolution in July. There have been hundreds of calls, address changes and child enrollments. Many members, unfortunately, don't always remember to change their address with Enrollment but maybe do with the Health Center, Law Enforcement with harvest licenses or the Tribal Tax Office. I

know many members are really excited about getting their \$1,000 checks, but please be patient with staff as they had to go through over 15,000 applications with the scheduled printing of Sept. 17. I have been telling members since the beginning to not expect them until the end of September because of the amount of time and paperwork to process with about five staff members. Great job, Enrollment staff! Also, shout out to Accounting, Legal and MIS staff and executive team!

I also know team members are getting frustrated with when they will be receiving hazard pay. It has also been a long and time-consuming process with managers having to review hours and vetted through the Legal Department so it complies with the CARES Act. There are two components, such as retro pay going back to March and then \$2 an hour moving forward from September 1. Thank you to all involved including chain of command, Executive Team, Legal, MIS and Accounting for the time on these extra projects with no extra staff!

The board will be meeting soon on the 2021 budgets. We have

set aside three days to start. I am hoping we start with the casino this year as we normally take \$17 million from them to use for the government programs and services, so if they can't give that amount we should be aware of that and budget accordingly. The Sault casino has taken the biggest hit with the Canadian border being closed down and the other casino revenues are down with all the restrictions and COVID-19 concerns.

The Consent Decree negotiating team has been meeting weekly and the board discusses the 2020 Consent Decree issues and concerns every Tuesday as well. At this point, the 2000 decree is in place until the end of the year, which was supposed to expire in August. Our tribe is doing its best to try to get back things that were taken away and not lose anything that we currently have. I'd like to thank the team and especially our Unit III representative, Jason Grondin, for all the time they are putting into the decree on the tribe's behalf.

A group of parents had organized an end of the summer party for the kids on the St. Ignace reservation. Donations were provided

to cover a bounce house, food and prizes. The weather held out and a good time was had by all. Thank you to Kelsey Putnam Browning for coordinating for the kids!

I was recently exposed to a person who tested positive for COVID-19. I had to self-isolate for 14 days with daily temperature checks and correspondence from the local health department. I am not a person who stays home very often, so it was quite challenging. I did, however, get much of my house cleaned and organized, but by week two, I was ready to run away. Thankfully, I did not develop any symptoms and was able to use Zoom for our Tuesday workshop and meetings. The people I know who have had symptoms and positive tests luckily haven't been too sick. The biggest issue was lack of energy and coughing. It is hard for us up in God's Country to envision the pandemic as far as the number of cases and their severity. I am hoping along with many others that things change in the next months.

College students have the opportunity to be reimbursed for the purchase up to \$1,000 for a computer, printer, etc. This is a one-time opportunity to off-

set some of the changes with COVID-19 and online learning. Please contact the Education Department for more information at (906) 635-7010 or email [cjodoin@saulttribe.net](mailto:cjodoin@saulttribe.net) or download the form from [saulttribe.com](http://saulttribe.com), under membership services, education tab, it is called Higher Education Technology Enhancement Application 2020.

There will also be a program available for K-12 students for technology with the roll out after my newspaper deadline so look on our website or call the Education Department for questions.

Good luck to all the college and K-12 students whether you are virtual or in person! This is a year to remember and hopefully we can return to normal by the second semester.

Thank you to all our team members for providing services and entertainment to our customers and guests through these trying times!

Please contact me with any questions or concerns online at [bsorenson@saulttribe.net](mailto:bsorenson@saulttribe.net), [bridgett91@yahoo.com](mailto:bridgett91@yahoo.com), or call (906) 430-0536.

## Difficult times call for patience, understanding



**KEITH MASSAY**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III

Having been the chairman

of the Audit Committee for the last five years, I have seen some items pop up as concerns brought by team members and the board. We have managed to work and remedy all of those problems since then. These concerns have not been substantial in harming the tribe but need to be corrected and are.

Lately, our work has mostly been on review and accepting of external audits on our government spending and the enterprises. These audits are done each year by firms contracted to do deep dives into our numbers and procedures. Previous years, there may have been adjustments or recommended procedural changes that have to be made but in

the last three years we have had audits that have no material findings or reported discrepancies in the books. Our government and enterprises have done an excellent job of following our laws, codes and procedures to the "T."

Working on such large budgets and ledgers is no easy task to keep up on and we wish to commend all the accounting and budget personnel on the fantastic job they do. The year 2020 audit is going to be a really large task for our auditors. It is an extremely difficult year for all the tribal entities to budget and work to spend according to plan. Then add into the mix funding that is coming from so many agencies and programs that were not bud-

getted for or planned for, it makes it an accounting challenge. Rest assured that the tribe is still following all the laws and guidelines it has in place and the tribal board works through any difficulties that present themselves.

I want to thank all of the frontline workers of the tribe and everywhere. I have seen firsthand how difficult it is to be in the public and try to keep within the rules laid down by our state and tribe. Everyone has their own interpretation of how this unprecedented year is to be taken. I just want to say we are all on this planet together and we need to remember that living and working with each other takes a lot of understanding and compassion.

Listen and do not take offense with another that may see things differently than yourself. Stress and tensions are running high and individually we can control the situation if we do not react quickly and thoughtlessly. Having a business and staff myself we all have seen many confrontations that do not need to happen. Please remember that the tribal board and management has our tribal members and team members safety as its first concern.

Take care and be healthy. Thank you for all the e-mails and phone calls, there have been a lot!

Keith Massaway, 702 Hazelton St., St Ignace, MI 49781, (906) 643-6981 [kmassaway@msn.com](mailto:kmassaway@msn.com).

## Waiting to abolish double dipping retirement



**AUSTIN LOWES**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Aaniin! I have always considered myself a champion for the underdog. I have spent my career advocating for the less fortunate and I will always do so while serving the tribe. For me, being a board member is about service. I enjoy communicating with tribal members and fighting for their rights. That's why I have voted "yes" for every resolution that has strengthened services for our members. This includes hazard pay, appreciation pay and \$1,000 COVID relief checks. I will continue to work with the board,

chair and executive staff to find ways to expand these programs.

I will also keep my campaign promises. One of these was to work towards abolishing the chair and board of director's pension program. In a previous meeting, Director Freiheit introduced a resolution that would allow voters to decide the fate of this program through a referendum. Unfortunately, this resolution received a sufficient amount of votes to be removed from the meeting's agenda. When this resolution is reintroduced, I will support it wholeheartedly. If our tribe cannot provide these benefits to all of its employees, then our elected officials should not receive them either.

Moving forward, it is important that we operate as safely as possible. The pandemic is not going to end soon. It is therefore vital to maintain social distancing, mask wearing and frequent hand washing to prevent the spread of COVID-19. I remain committed to working with the health center and executive staff to ensure that our policies keep our employees

and members as safe as possible.

To conclude, I remain intensely proud of our tribe. In times like these, our people have a history of coming together and now is no exception. To the staff who have worked tirelessly to

implement programs such as hazard pay, appreciation pay and \$1,000 COVID relief checks — thank you! Your efforts have not gone unnoticed and you have helped thousands of families. To the frontline workers who have

worked hard throughout this pandemic — thank you as well! You are the backbone of this tribe, and our operations would be nothing without you.

Sincerely,  
Austin Lowes

## Committee vacancies

The following have vacant seats. Sault Tribe members interested in filling these vacancies should submit one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation from other members to Joanne Carr or Linda Grossett, 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783. Call (906) 635-6050 with any questions.

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

**Child Welfare Committee** - two vacancies (4-year term)

**Election Committee** - four vacancies (4-year term)

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

**Health Board** - five vacancies

(4-year term)

**Housing Commission** - one vacancy — Unit 5 (4-year term)

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

**Elder Advisory Committee**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Elder Subcommittee**

Unit I - Sault (4-year term), one regular seat vacancy, two alternate seat vacancies

Unit II - Hessel (4-year term), two regular seat vacancies, two alternate vacancies

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

Unit II - Naubinway (4-year term), one regular seat vacancy and two alternate seat vacancies

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

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

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



# Sault Tribe's Covid-19 hazard pay and disaster relief payments mailed Sept. 18

**BY WILL SCOTT, SAULT TRIBE COVID CORRESPONDENT**  
 SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Sault Tribe printed thousands of checks to members on Sept. 17, mailed Sept. 18, Chief Financial Officer Bob Schulte said. Including the normal payroll checks also printed Sept. 17, the total is more than \$15 million, mostly to communities in the eastern U.P., Schulte said.

“The local economy is going to like us when they see all this money floating around,” he said.

Tribal officials expect a wave of members seeking to cash their payments at Kewadin Casino or at local banks and credit unions.

Schulte said casino staffers are preparing for a high number of requests to cash the checks, and he said Huntington Bank, Central Savings Bank, PNC Bank and Soo Co-Op Credit Union have been notified that they might see much higher numbers of requests to cash checks.

It took about six hours Sept. 16 to print the \$1,000 disaster relief checks, Schulte said, and payroll employees were assisted by staff from other departments in putting the checks into envelopes. All the relief checks were taken to the post office that afternoon.

He said 12,340 disaster-relief checks totaling \$12.34 million

were printed.

The amounts of the hazard pay checks varied, but those, also printed on Sept. 17, totaled \$1.1 million. In addition, regular payroll checks, issued this week, totaled roughly \$2 million. That’s a total of \$15.44 million, most of it destined for tribal members in the seven-county service area, Schulte said.

Executive Director Christine McPherson applauded the financial assistance for tribal members. “I would like to thank the tribal chairperson and the tribal board of directors for the support and authorization of these programs for the benefit of our tribal mem-

bers. I know it will not solve all issues but will assist in a small way to help our members. These types of large projects involve many tribal team members’ efforts, and it is truly appreciated.”

Melissa Morehouse, who works in Enrollment, said the number of disaster-relief checks was about double the usual number of annual elder dividend payments and the operation was under a tight deadline.

Morehouse said 14,000 applications were sent out to tribal members Aug. 7, and Enrollment staffers added three people to help enter the returned applica-

tions.

Then the printing and envelope stuffing began. Laurie Mansfield in Payroll said she monitored the printer, reloading paper and making sure there were no jams or other problems. Morehouse was in the Payroll office operating the check-stuffing machine. On the third floor of the administration building, employees from Payroll, Enrollment, Accounting and Legal, plus one board member, hand-stuffed thousands of checks.

“It went smoothly for as big a project as it was,” Morehouse said. “We figured we would have to do that over a two-day period.”



(L to R) Rachel Odbert, Holly Haapala and Julie Hagan stuff envelopes. Not shown: Bill Connolly, Lisa Sawruk.



Linda LaFaver and Laurie Mansfield print checks in the Payroll office.



Enrollment’s Melissa Morehouse prints envelopes.

*Photos by Heather Weber*



From left, envelopes are stuffed by Linda Grossett, Gabby Pace, Julie Salo, Carrie Sayles, Kerri Sams, Wendie Harten, Jessica McCrory and Kyle Radle, from departments across the tribe. Not shown: Rob Martens.

## MEDICATION DISPOSAL

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Communities that Care are partnering to bring you the following message:

*A third of medications prescribed and brought home go unused in the United States every year. Flushing medications or dumping them down the drain is not safe for our environment. They make their way into our lakes and rivers, affecting every living thing. Unused medications should be disposed of as soon as possible to keep them out of hands they are not intended for. Take back programs allow the public to bring back unused medication. To find take back program near you visit [UPCNetwork.org](http://UPCNetwork.org).*



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