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## Board PSA addresses recent board actions

*The following is a public service announcement from members of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors issued on Dec. 15, 2016:*

Tribal/community members:

Tribal employees are held accountable every day through the established policies and procedures and the tribal chain of command. Prior to 2010, the tribal structure allowed the tribal chairperson/CEO to act in an employment capacity excluded from these provisions.

In 2010, the Bureau of Indian Affairs conducted a Secretarial Election Constitutional Amendment on behalf of Sault Tribe that was approved by Sault Tribe voters with 77 percent saying “yes” to the new language:

AMENDED CONSTITUTION: PAGE 2

“Amendment II, adopted and approved on April 7, 2010, amends Article II, Sec. 1, of the Bylaws in the Constitution by removing the duties as the chief executive officer from the tribal chairperson.”

In 2012, the board of directors established a limited delegation of authority to the chairperson. This limited delegation included that: “All actions taken by the chairperson pursuant to this delegated authority shall be subject to the authority of the board of directors and the board may review, approve, modify, or rescind any such action.”

On Nov. 28, 2016, the tribal chairperson placed *Rescinding Resolution 2012-146* (limited delegation of authority to the chairperson) on the meeting agenda. This item was tabled until the Dec. 13, 2016, meeting.

At the Dec. 13, 2016, meeting the agenda item initiated by the chairperson was approved by

the board of directors 10-2. The board of directors adopted (10-2) a follow up resolution delegating the day to day management of tribal governmental operations to the executive director of the tribe. The processes for daily operations will remain the same.

It is important that we recognize and appreciate all of the tribe’s team members who continue to work hard for our government. All of our tribal employees will once again receive a COLA increase beginning on Jan. 1, 2017, (all subsequent years), and the tribe has reinstated a match for its 401(k) program. In addition, all of our development projects are still moving forward.

We understand there are some who believe we are trying to strip the chairperson of all powers. This is not true. The chairperson is still chairperson of the tribe and represents the tribe at the local, state and national level on behalf of the tribe, and shall retain all the powers vested to the office within the tribal Constitution.

Our ultimate goal has been (and is) to try to get more accountability within the tribal government, adhere to the tribe’s constitutional requirements and ensure long term prosperity of the tribe.

Sincerely,  
Director Causley  
Director Chase  
Director Gravelle  
Director Hoffman  
Director Hollowell  
Director Massaway  
Director McKelvie  
Director McKerchie  
Director McLeod  
Director Morrow  
Director Nelson  
Director Sorenson

— Members of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors

## Tribe implements VAWA

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The *Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013* was enacted in response to the epidemic of violence against women with specific provision for tribes. Under VAWA, tribes can exercise their sovereign power to investigate, prosecute, convict and sentence both Natives and non-Natives who assault Indian partners or violate a protection order in Indian Country. VAWA 2013 also clarified tribes’ sovereign power to issue and enforce civil protection orders.

Sault Tribe Board of Directors approved changes to the *Tribal Code Chapter 70: Criminal Procedure* at its Dec. 13 meeting, adding four new sections to the chapter that enable Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and Tribal Court to investigate and prosecute

domestic violence committed by non-Indians on tribal lands.

Unit I Director Jennifer McLeod said, “I am so proud and grateful.” McLeod has participated in the Intertribal Technical-Assistance Working Group on Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction since 2013. “Through the efforts of many tribal departments and team members, we have at last joined the list of tribes who have taken important steps of sovereignty that protects our women!”

Sault Tribe is mostly equipped for VAWA, said Chief Judge Jocelyn Fabry. “The court has the prosecuting attorney, law-trained judge, probation staff, indigent defense attorneys, advocates and law enforcement needed to implement VAWA,” she said.

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**MINO-ANIMIKODAADING! HAPPY NEW YEAR** — Wiingashk Shawana, 9, from Toronto, Ont., dancing an intertribal dance with his father Tyrone Shawana (pictured on page 16.) The New Year’s Eve Sobriety Powwow took place on Saturday, Dec. 31, at JKL Bahweting Anishnabe Public School Academy in Sault Ste. Marie. There was a feast and a hand drum contest, and grand entry was at 7 p.m. There was also a sobriety countdown and giveaway at 10 p.m. Host drum for this the event was Bear River of Petoskey, Mich.; co-host drum, Sturgeon Bay of Harbor Springs, Mich.; arena director was Nick VanAlstine of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; head male dancer, Ted Recollet of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; and head female dancer, Shirley Recollet of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

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# Job openings at Sault Tribe

Sault Tribe job opportunities! Call (866) 635-7032, email [stemployment@saulttribe.net](mailto:stemployment@saulttribe.net) or apply online at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com).

## GOVERNMENTAL OPENINGS

### SAULT STE. MARIE and KINCHELOE

- Accountant – STHC – full time/regular – open until filled.
- Health education supervisor – full time/regular – open until filled.
- Community Health educator – full time/regular – open until filled.
- Custodian (Big Bear) – part time/regular – open until filled.
- Employee specialist (2) – full time/regular – open until filled.
- Cook – elder services – part time/regular – open until filled.
- Physician – full time/regular – open until filled.

- Events worker – part time/regular – open until filled.
  - HR coordinator – full time/regular – open until filled.
  - Division director (Health) – full time/regular – open until filled.
  - Licensed practical nurse – full time/regular – open until filled.
  - Diabetes program manager – full time/regular – open until filled.
  - Medical director – full time/regular – open until filled.
  - Sovereignty in Education program manager – full time/regular – open until filled.
- HESSEL, ST. IGNACE, ESCANABA, MANISTIQUE, MARQUETTE, MUNISING, NEWBERRY
- Chief solo dentist (Manistique) – full time/regular – open until filled.

- Staff dentist (St. Ignace) – part time/regular – open until filled.
  - Community Health program manager – rural (Munising) – full time/regular – open until filled.
  - Diabetes case coordinator (St. Ignace) – full time/regular – open until filled.
- ## KEWADIN CASINO OPENINGS
- ### SAULT STE. MARIE
- Guest room attendant – part time/regular – open until filled
  - Chief Executive Officer – full time/regular – open until filled.
- ### ST. IGNACE
- Front desk clerk – full time/temporary – open until filled.
  - Front desk clerk – part time/regular – open until filled.
- ### CHRISTMAS
- Lead cook – full time/regular – open until filled.

# Powwow for Hope on May 6

*Dancing for Life, Love and Hope*, the American Indian Cancer Foundation's sixth annual Powwow for Hope, is on May 6, 2017, at the Base Camp Facility in Minneapolis, Minn. Powwow for Hope is a community fundraising event that honors loved ones who have battled cancer or are fighting cancer and provides an opportunity to learn more about cancer prevention and resources.

Organize a fundraising team to honor someone you love, raise awareness and make a difference. Teams are a critical part of Powwow for Hope. Teams can raise funds in many different ways before, during and after the powwow. All money raised will be used to support cancer education and supportive services for American Indians.

Register your team at [PowwowforHope.CauseVox.com](http://PowwowforHope.CauseVox.com)

Contact Daanis Chosa at [DChosa@aicaf.org](mailto:DChosa@aicaf.org) for more information. Also seeking sponsors, drum groups and volunteers. Learn more at [PowwowforHope.org](http://PowwowforHope.org).

## Sault grief support meetings started

Passages, a bereavement support group, meets Jan. 9 through Feb. 13 for six consecutive Mondays, 6:30-8 p.m., in the Grief Support Room at Hospice of the EUP at 308 W. 12th Avenue in Sault Ste Marie. The group is open to all adult members of the community free of charge.

Passages is designed both for those who have experienced a recent loss and those struggling with unresolved feelings of grief from the death of someone special long ago. The group can become a source of emotional support and help through education and sharing.

Please call (906) 259-0222 for more information or to register for the group.

## Survey assessment gauges need for woodstove swap out program

Aanii! I am the Sault Tribe Environmental air quality specialist Robin Bouschor. I am conducting a woodstove heating assessment primarily focusing on woodstoves. I would really appreciate your participation in this assessment if you are a Sault Tribe member in the seven-county service area in the Upper Peninsula and use a woodstove for heating your home.

I am gathering this information to assess whether the Sault Tribe could support a woodstove change out program.

A woodstove change out program helps communities reduce emissions by providing consumers with incentives to remove old, dirty-burning woodstoves or wood heating appliances and replace them with clean, efficient new heating appliances.

If you would like to participate in this assessment, please call the Sault Tribe Environmental Department, (906) 632-5575, and ask for Robin Bouschor, email [rbouschor@saulttribe.net](mailto:rbouschor@saulttribe.net), or stop by our office at 206 Greenough St. in Sault Sainte Marie, Mich.

I can send you a short confidential assessment form to complete or I can fill in the assessment while speaking with you on the phone. I look forward to hearing from you and answering any questions you may have.

## Give the gift of yoga!

Classes at 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Chi Mukwa hospitality room. All-in-One Fitness Center sells 10-class cards (\$50 for gym members and \$60 for others), that's \$5-6 dollars a class!

Instructor is Amy McCoy and classes are for all levels.

Payroll deduction available for Sault Tribe employees. Punch cards can be used in other fitness classes offered at the fitness center.

For more information, call (906) 635-4935.



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*American Indian Health and Family Services may provide transportation within 35 miles of the agency to those who qualify. Please call for information.*



For more information, please visit our website at [aihfs.org](http://aihfs.org).





# Tribe's revenue sharing contributions benefit regional communities

By Brenda Austin

Sault Tribe's five Kewadin Casinos have benefited local communities in Michigan's Upper Peninsula to the tune of more than \$42 million over the past 23 years with the bi-annual 2 percent revenue sharing disbursements.

In November, more than \$850,000 was given to public schools, police and fire agencies, recreation programs, hospice care in Marquette, a food pantry in Munising and Lake Superior State University under a long-standing agreement between the tribe and state.

Last year the tribe awarded a total of \$1,485,825 in 2 percent contributions to organizations across the U.P. in Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette and Schoolcraft counties.

The tribe's casinos are in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Hessel, Manistique and Christmas.

How did these distributions come about? A lawsuit settlement in 1993 between Michigan and seven tribes, including Sault Tribe. The lawsuit challenged the state's failure or refusal to enter into a gaming compact with the tribes. Under the settlement, the state approved a gaming compact for each of the tribes but required the tribes to make payments based on the net win generated by each tribe's casino(s).

Sault Tribe General Counsel John Wernet, said, "Each tribe agreed to pay 8 percent of its net win to the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF). But this payment obligation was to last 'only so long as the tribes collectively enjoy the exclusive right to oper-

ate electronic games of chance in the State of Michigan...' That 'exclusive right' to operate casinos did not last very long. The obligation of the tribe to make those 8 percent payments ended around 1998, when the state approved new casinos - those in Detroit, and those operated by four other newly recognized tribes. These events ended the Sault Tribe's obligation to make direct revenue sharing payments to the MSF."

"The consent agreement also included a provision in which the tribes agreed to make 2 percent revenue sharing payments directly to local units of government in the immediate vicinity of each tribal casino in the amount equal to 2 percent of the net win at each of their class III casinos."

Wernet said that unlike the 8 percent revenue sharing that went to the MSF, the 2 percent local revenue share did not depend on the tribe having exclusive rights to conduct gaming. So the 2 percent payments did not end when the state approved additional casinos, and the tribe still makes those payments every six months, as required by the agreement.

Under that agreement, each tribe gets to determine which local unit or units of government receive payments and the amount of those payments. The guidelines governing the tribes in making those determinations are based on compensating local units of government for governmental services provided to the tribes, and for impacts associated with the existence and location of the tribal casino in its vicinity. The agreement also states that out of these payments, each local

unit of government is to receive no less than an amount equivalent to its share of property taxes that would have been attributed to each casino as if it were subject to taxation.

Wernet said the 2 percent payments would continue as long as the consent agreement remains in effect. "While it is possible that the state and the tribe could negotiate a new compact, every new Indian gaming compact in Michigan has always included a similar 2 percent local revenue sharing provision, and it seems unlikely that this requirement would go away - even in a new compact."

Who benefits from the 2 percent revenue sharing? Only local units of government - counties, cities, townships, school districts, etc., can apply for the 2 percent disbursements. Private organizations such as churches and non-profit groups are not eligible to receive funds directly from the tribe.

Top recipients of the fall 2 percent long-term funds include \$52,275 for Lake Superior State University's Gem of the North campaign to improve university facilities; \$50,000 to improve the pool and track at Sault Area Public Schools; \$29,000 for the Nah Tah Wahsh Public Academy's Willow Creek Meeting Center; \$10,000 for the Hendricks Township Town Hall electrical upgrade; and \$10,000 for Little Bear Skate in St. Ignace. Funds also were awarded for a bus camera system for Pickford Public Schools, ALTRAN in Alger County, hospice care in Marquette, and the food pantry in Munising, among others.

Short-term 2 percent funds were distributed to:

- Sault Tribe Unit I — Lake Superior State University Native American Center, \$25,000; Pullar Stadium in Sault Ste. Marie, \$5,000; student support services at Malcolm High School, \$2,849; and hockey assistance for Sault Area Public Schools, \$10,000.

- Sault Tribe Unit II — Bus camera system for Pickford Public Schools, \$5,000; emergency camera system for Hudson Township, \$1,800; Garnet Park fire rings for Hudson Township, \$3,000; bathroom upgrade for DeTour Area Schools, \$5,049; Fire Ambulance Building for Village of DeTour, \$5,000; Clark Township volunteer fireman support, \$3,000; and McMillan Township Resource and Recreation Center, \$10,000.

- Sault Tribe Unit III — Bowling at LaSalle High School, \$3,000; Mackinac County Sheriff's toy drive, \$3,500; City of Mackinac Island's Turtle Park, \$2,000; City of St. Ignace pocket park, \$2,000; St. Ignace Fire Department, \$5,000; Museum of Ojibwa Culture, St. Ignace,

\$12,349; Fort de Baude in St. Ignace, \$5,000.

- Sault Tribe Unit IV — Rapid River Public Schools, Native American education, \$3,366; Gladstone Area Schools, Native American education, \$3,366; Escanaba Area Public Schools, Title VII, \$3,366; Schoolcraft County Board Christmas program, \$2,750; Little Bear Ice Skating in Manistique, \$1,000.

- Sault Tribe Unit V — K.I. Sawyer Community Center, Forsyth Township, \$2,500; Alger Arena, Munising, \$2,924; YMCA of Marquette County, \$2,500; Marquette Area Schools, Native American education, \$5,500; Lake Superior Hospice, Marquette, \$1,924; ALTRAN, Alger County, \$5,000; food pantry, Munising, \$5,000; Munising Public Schools, Native American education, \$8,500; Aging Services, Marquette County, \$2,000; Meals on Wheels, Marquette County, \$5,000; Upper Peninsula Children's Museum, Marquette, \$2,000.

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

## Munoscong Bay ice fishing fatality

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — At approximately 6:45 p.m. on Jan. 3, 2017, a Michigan State Police (MSP) trooper from the Sault Ste. Marie Post responded to an incident on Munoscong Bay in Raber Township of Chippewa County, according to an MSP release.

A local man and wife from Chippewa County were ice fishing in two separate ice shanties. When the husband checked on his 54-year-old wife he found her slumped over in her shanty, according to the release. He began CPR until EMS arrived on scene.

She was transported by Pickford EMS to the War Memorial Hospital.

Pickford EMS was assist-

## Membership assistance liaisons

Three membership liaisons work with the chairperson's office on membership issues and concerns across the service area. This requires knowledge of the tribe and its practices, administrative experience and the ability to work with data, write reports and organize special projects and events.

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

Sault Tribe members are encouraged to contact liaisons when they need help with tribal issues by emailing

ed on scene by Kinross EMS, Raber Township Fire Department and Pickford Fire Department, according to the release.

The victim was identified as Jenise Lynn Corbiere of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She succumbed to her injuries and passed away on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017, at the War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie. The Chippewa County Medical Examiner's Office has ruled the cause of death was accidental carbon monoxide poisoning.

The public is reminded to be careful when hunting and fishing in enclosed structures with a heat source and to have proper ventilation with outside air and to use heaters approved for enclosed spaces.

membersconcerns@saulttribe.net or individually at:

Unit I — Sheila Berger, Office of the Chairperson, Sault Ste. Marie, (906) 635-6050, (800) 793-0660, sberger@saulttribe.net

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

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

## Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors 2017 calendar

January 3	Sault Ste. Marie	January 17	Sault Ste. Marie
February 14	Sault Ste. Marie	February 21	St. Ignace
March 7	Sault Ste. Marie	March 21	Manistique
April 4	Kincheloe	April 18	Munising
May 2	Sault Ste. Marie	May 16	Newberry
June 6	St. Ignace	June 20	Escanaba
July 11**	Sault Ste. Marie Sault	July 18	Manistique
August 1	Ste. Marie	August 15	Marquette
September 5	Sault Ste. Marie	September 19	Munising
October 3	Sault Ste. Marie Sault	October 24**	St. Ignace
November 7	Ste. Marie	November 21	Hessel
December 5	Sault Ste. Marie		

Per the Constitution and Bylaws, Article 1 – meetings of the board of directors, Section 1: . . . provided that at least one meeting per year shall be held in each of the five election units established pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the tribal constitution.

General meetings of the board

of directors are held the first and third Tuesdays of the month. All general meetings start at 6 p.m. All Sault meetings will be held at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center, other locations to be announced.

Meetings with "\*\*\*\*" are changed to accommodate the chair/board attendance at MAST,

NCAI, United Tribes, various Washington, D.C. meetings or holidays. All special meetings will be announced.

For further information, call Joanne Carr (ext. 26337 or Linda Grossett (ext. 26338) at the administration office, (800) 793-0660 or 635-6050.

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# Haverkate takes post as IHS program director

Rick Haverkate, an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, has assumed the role of National Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) Program director for the Indian Health Service (IHS).

Haverkate has over 25 years of experience working with tribal organizations, including his past roles as health educator for Sault Tribe and the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, HIV/AIDS public information officer for the State



Rick Haverkate

of Hawaii Department of Health, director of public health programs at the National Indian Health Board and American Indian/Alaska Native health policy lead at the Office of Minority Health.

Haverkate joined IHS in April 2016 as the deputy director of the Office Clinical and Preventive Services, but was drawn more toward a program-specific role that permitted more direct contact with American Indian communities and their partners in health promotion and disease prevention.

As the National HIV/AIDS Program director, Haverkate will seek to coordinate the numerous internal and external IHS resources and gather input from community members, organizations, people living with HIV/AIDS, health care providers, federal agencies, public health experts and tribal and urban leaders.

The IHS National HIV/AIDS Program is committed to partnering with communities to create lasting change in the HIV/AIDS epidemic and provides programs to help individuals, families,

communities and health care providers to understand how HIV is spread and to promote knowledge about HIV prevention and treatment with others.

A son of Shirley Petosky and grandson of the late Joseph (Sr.) and Arvilla Paquette, Haverkate grew up in Munising, Mich., graduated from Northern Michigan University and earned a master's in public health from the University of Hawaii.

He lives in Washington, D.C., since February 2010, with his partner, Thomas.

# NHBP, governor agree on compact agreement

FULTON, Mich. — The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi and Office of the Governor of the State of Michigan announced Jan. 3 the approval of a second amendment to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact between the tribe and state. The second amendment, which was agreed to by the parties in August 2016, was approved by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Indian Gaming Management by publication in the Federal Register on Dec. 12, 2016.

Beginning with revenue sharing payments due in early 2017, the second amendment revises the section providing for the payment of revenue sharing payments to

the state by allocating a portion (up to \$500,000 per year) of state revenue sharing payments to a newly created Michigan Native American Heritage Fund. Use of funds deposited in the Michigan Native American Heritage Fund will be managed by a board consisting of: two persons appointed by the tribe, two persons appointed by the governor, and the director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights or a designee.

The board will award funds to local governments and public and private schools, colleges and universities to defray the costs of projects that promote positive relationships with and understanding of the history and role of Michigan's Indian tribes and

Native Americans in the state. Projects can include covering the cost associated with schools replacing or revising mascots or imagery that might be considered offensive to Native Americans with more culturally appropriate representations or new mascots and logos.

"This fund demonstrates our commitment to providing Michigan schools, colleges and universities with the funds needed to improve curricula and resources related to Native American issues and mascot revisions," NHBP Tribal Chair Jamie Stuck said "We understand that schools often don't have funds available for these types of projects and we are dedicated to removing that

obstacle."

"I greatly appreciate the productive government-to-government relationship that the state of Michigan enjoys with the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi," said Governor Rick Snyder. "I'm proud that this second amendment to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact will provide opportunities for additional partnerships between the tribe, state and schools to promote the rich history and contributions of the first Michiganders and our mutual citizens."

Other amendments also revise the guidelines for distribution of local revenue sharing funds to permit the FireKeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board to award

funds to eligible units of local government to cover eligible costs before incurring those costs and to enter into multi-year funding commitments with eligible units of government.

This change will permit local governments to receive commitments to cover costs associated with road, sewer or other infrastructure improvements that are needed due to increased demands associated with FireKeepers Casino Hotel's operations. It will also provide local governments with budget relief by allocating funds that can be included in future fiscal year budgets where costs related to FireKeepers Casino Hotel are known in advance.

# New Indian Child Welfare Act guidelines went into effect Dec. 12

Bureau of Indian Affairs new Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) guidelines that affect the way ICWA is implemented became effective Dec. 12. Although the guidelines are not legally binding, state and private agencies and courts use the guidelines for insight into complex cases and other ICWA implementations.

Tribes across the country last year provided comprehensive review of the guidelines. Sault Tribe wrote an in-depth review suggesting a number of clarifications, definitions and recommendations on the relationship between the state courts and tribes with regard to notification

and representation.

Areas of the guidelines that contain important implementation guidance are:

- Encourages courts to confirm state agencies used due diligence to identify and work with tribes of Indian children and treat the children as Indian children unless or until it's determined the children are not Indian children.

- Reaffirms states cannot use "existing Indian family exception" (ICWA does not apply to illegitimate infants who have never been members of Indian homes or cultures) factors to determine if ICWA applies.

- Provides additional clarity

to states regarding the information tribes need to verify if a child is an Indian child.

- Clarifies states should begin using active efforts to reunify families even during emergency situations that often

happen very quickly and early in a case.

- In addition to sending legal notices for proceedings, the guidelines recommend sending notices at each individual hearing, for any change in placement,

for a change to the child's permanency plan, or if jurisdiction is transferred to another state.

- Encourages judges to ask about active efforts at every court hearing and actively monitor compliance with active efforts.

## S"no"w more violence snowshoe meetings

January is Stalking Awareness Month, Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center and Marquette Women's Center is organizing this event to bring awareness to stalking. Information, giveaways and refreshments will be available in the lodges. We thought this would be a fun way to get out and spread the word about stalking and what you can do to protect yourself and others. Those who do not wish to go snowshoeing are welcome to join us at the lodge.

Events are set for Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Al Quaal Lodge in Ishpeming from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Friday, Jan. 27, at Valley Spur in Munising from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Snowshoes provided for those who do not have their own.

For more information please call Alisha Young at the Marquette Women's Center at 225-1346, extension 207, or Stacy King at the Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center at 341-9506.

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Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe School is a public school academy where all students attend free of charge. Open enrollment for the 2017-2018 School Year begins on January 30, 2017, and ends on February 14, 2017, at 4 p.m. (EST), with extended hours from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8.

Only those who complete and turn in an enrollment application to the school office during the Open Enrollment period will be considered for the lottery. The lottery will be held in the school cafeteria at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, for those wishing to attend. Attendance at the lottery is not mandatory.

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# NCAI weighs in on federal permitting process

By RICK SMITH

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) took measures during the waning months of 2016 to help guide the federal government in avoiding messes like the standoff at Standing Rock.

In a nutshell, the NCAI passed a resolution in October, rendered a 51-page commentary in November and conducted a press conference in December to further a message to the government of the United States. The message, essentially, advises the federal government to simply comply with long-established rules and mandates in treaties, federal trust obligations and consultation requirements.

Further, the NCAI recommended the United States should heed the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

A resolution passed by a general assembly of the NCAI during the Oct. 9-14, 2016, annual session in Phoenix, Ariz., sent the aforementioned messages to the president of the United States and the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The resolution also calls for integrating tribal trust compliance into all federally permitted construction projects, ensuring appointees to the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council include a tribal trust compliance officer knowledgeable about American Indian

tribes and tribal lands, increase tribal control over developments on Indian lands and providing tribal governments full and early participation in construction permitting processes.

NCAI released a lengthy summary of tribal sovereignty, federal trust responsibilities, tribal treaty rights and a long list of other related issues and a review of a multitude of best practices for developments impacting tribal nations. The comments contained recommendations for specific government agencies such as the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The comments conclude that

every tribal nation in the United States has stories of federally approved destruction or threat of some sort to resources were allowed to proceed over the objections of tribes "to the great detriment of tribal lands, waters, treaty rights and sacred spaces. This reality is reflected in the current groundswell of support for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline, and it ensures that the conflict at Standing Rock will not be the last unless the federal government takes significant steps to protect tribal interests in the infrastructure decision making process."

Anyone who would like to view or download the commen-

tary along with an attachment of the aforementioned resolution may do so by visiting the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs website at [www.bia.gov/cs/groups/xraca/documents/document/idc2-055647.pdf](http://www.bia.gov/cs/groups/xraca/documents/document/idc2-055647.pdf).

The NCAI hosted a press teleconference on Dec. 13 on the next steps to protect tribal lands, waters and sacred places and improving the federal infrastructure permitting process. Tribal leaders from around the country participated in the conference focusing on the Corps of Engineers' decision to deny the Dakota Access Pipeline easement and systemic problems facing all tribes in federal construction permitting processes.

# Ojibwe woman remembered, honored in Lansing

## Cora Reynolds Anderson was state's first female state representative

By RICK SMITH

Cora Reynolds Anderson of the Ojibwe nation was remembered and honored at the unveiling of a portrait of her in Lansing on Dec. 8. She was the first female state representative in the Michigan House of Representatives and the first American Indian female House representative nationwide. She still appears to remain the only American Indian woman ever

elected to the state House or Senate. Anderson hailed from L'Anse, a small town in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where she was born in 1882, raised and spent most of her life.

"Cora Anderson led the way for other women and Native Americans in Michigan who sought to take an active role in leading their communities," said Representative Scott Dianda (D-Calumet) at the unveiling. "At a time when opportunities for women and for Native Americans were limited, she had the deter-



mination to become a strong leader for her community anyway. She exemplified the hardworking, can-do spirit I see around the 110th House District to this day, and it is an honor to help share her story with the rest of the state."

According to the State of Michigan, Anderson was elected in 1924 and served one term in the Michigan House of Representatives during 1925 and 1926 before losing her post due to changes in the districts. She became an active member of the Grange, a nationwide fra-

tional organization dedicated to supporting agriculture and agricultural communities, and soon distinguished herself as an Upper Peninsula representative and officer of that organization.

During her term in the House, she introduced six bills covering topics such as fishing rights, sanitation standards in hotels and accountability practices in township offices. She also chaired committees on agriculture, insurance and an institution that would evolve into Northern Michigan University. She also chaired the committee overseeing a state reform school for young women in Adrian. She was an advocate for prohibition, curing tubercu-

losis and the general good health and welfare of her constituents. Baraga County received its first public health nurse due in part to her efforts.

Anderson and her husband, Charles, operated a hotel in L'Anse for a time before they bought a 160-acre farm to run.

The Anderson House Office Building constructed in 1999 in downtown Lansing, home for offices of the state's legislature, is named in her honor. Anderson was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in 2001. Cora's Café, also named in Anderson's honor, opened in the lobby of the Anderson House Office Building in 2014.



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# New law brings \$4.8 billion for medical research, reforms

By RICK SMITH

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) should receive \$4.8 billion dollars under the recently enacted *21st Century Cures Act* for research in finding solutions to opioid addiction, cancer, brain diseases along with updates on a couple of federal medical policies.

“We are now one step closer to ending cancer as we know it, unlocking cures for diseases like Alzheimer’s, and helping people seeking treatment for opioid addiction finally get the help they need,” said President Barack Obama after signing the bill into law. “The bipartisan passage of the *21st Century Cures Act* is an example of the progress we can make when people from both parties work together to improve the health of our families, friends and neighbors.”

Vice President Joe Biden said in a summary on the White House blog that he served as the

presiding officer as the Senate moved on the *21st Century Cures Act* bringing the best minds in science, medicine and technology to bear on the largest health challenges in current times.

Biden explained the new law “will help us combat the heroin and prescription opioid epidemic ripping apart families and communities. It invests in programs to improve mental health treatment and suicide prevention. It will provide resources for President Obama’s BRAIN and Precision Medicine initiatives, so that our world-class researchers can figure out how to better prevent, treat and eventually cure Alzheimer’s, epilepsy and traumatic brain injuries.”

Biden referred to the Brain Research Through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative, which according to the White House, is a major move in revolutionizing the understanding of the human

mind and uncover new methods to treat, prevent and cure brain disorders such as Alzheimer’s, schizophrenia, autism, epilepsy and traumatic brain injury.

The Precision Medicine Initiative also supports advancing research, technology and policies to help patients and health care professionals to work together in developing tailored care and prevention strategies for individuals.

Establishment of the Council for 21st Century Cures is mandated by the law as a non-profit corporation overseen by a council to accelerate the discovery, development and delivery of innovative cures, treatments and preventive measures.

The federal Food and Drug Administration is required to establish processes to include information on patient experiences when considering risk-benefit assessments of new drugs.

Additionally, the agency may help speed studies and develop-

ment of “precision” drugs against serious conditions along with a number of other mandates to expedite getting relief to patients suffering from certain ailments.

Many of the bureaucratic hurdles and administrative burdens are streamlined for researchers in the law. Further, the law extends the same exemptions to all federal agencies involved in urgent medical research in certain fields.

One of the more novel directives in the law is for the NIH to establish and implement an Innovation Prizes Program, a competition to significantly advance certain underfunded biomedical sciences through the creation of a prize competition.

The director of the NIH is mandated to form a council to be known as the “I-Prize Board” to advise and help the director in carrying out the competitions. The board is to be composed of nine voting members: the NIH director, four director’s appoin-

tees, one appointee by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one appointee by the majority leader of the Senate, one appointee by the minority leader of the House of Representatives and one appointee by the minority leader of the Senate.

The law includes collective appointments of certain experts to the I-Prize Board in the fields of medicine, economics, budgeting, innovation and venture capital.

Competition designs are due six months from the enactment of the *21st Century Cures Act*. Measures to ensure fairness, realistic goals and reports to Congress on the designs.

Grant funding and other research support measures are also stipulated in the new law.

The 1,000-page act can be viewed in its entirety at [www.congress.gov](http://www.congress.gov), follow options to conduct a search on the site to read the text of the *21st Century Cures Act*.

# Obama White House reflects on Indian Country progress

By RICK SMITH

President Barack Obama and staff of the Executive Office of the President recently released the administration’s final report on the government-to-government relationship between Indian Country and the United States of America.

The 40-page report, titled *A Renewed Era of Federal-Tribal Relations*, summarily recollects the historic progress the Obama administration improvements from creating the White House Council on Native American Affairs and making tribal consultation a priority in the early days of the administration, to initiating the annual White House Tribal Nations Conference and, most recently, establishing principles for working with federally recognized Indian tribes in the Administration for Children and Families in the U.S. Department of Health.

In all, the report reflects on 92 specific achievements in 15 general Indian Country issues such as improving nation-to-nation relationships, consultation, education and Native youth, economics, Indian Country health and wellness, public safety and justice as well as other matters.

Some highlights:

- Settled a number of historic disputes such as the \$4.35 billion “Cobell” settlement awarded to 104 tribes stemming from over 69 lawsuits over trust accounting mismanagement claims and successfully resolved 12 complex water rights cases for tribes in the western United States.

- Defended reservation boundaries through Department of Justice court victories in support of tribal boundaries and jurisdiction over their respective lands.

- Restored more than 542,000 acres of tribal homelands into trust by processing 2,265 trust applications through the Department of the Interior. The administration also overhauled antiquated leasing regulations so that tribes have greater control over their homelands among other measures advancing tribal sovereignty.

- Successfully defended the Department of the Interior (DOI) decision to take land into trust under the new post-Carcieri framework. In 2009, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Carcieri vs. Salazar* that the DOI could not take land into trust on behalf of Indian tribes that were not “under federal jurisdiction” when the Indian Reorganization Act was enacted in 1934. The Department of Justice defended the DOI decision upheld in the Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C.

- Initiating improvements for tribal involvement in the National Historic Preservation Program in order to provide tribes with a voice in projects that may involve sacred or historically significant tribal places.

- Established tribal advisory groups in the U.S. Department of Health, Department of Agriculture and Department of Treasury as well as the Tribal Nations Leadership Council, the latter charged with advising the U.S. attorney gen-

eral on issues critical to Indian Country.

- Changed a National Park Service regulation to allow citizens of federally recognized tribes associated with parks to gather plants for traditional uses on lands in the park system.

- Made certain disaster relief programs provided under the Stafford Act applies to tribes to supplement efforts to respond and recover from overwhelming incidents.

- Protected American Indian voting rights, including the right to vote without discrimination and the right, in some cases, to have voter information available in Native languages.

Many other instances of the Obama administration’s progress on behalf of Indian Country are recounted in detail in the report, which can be found online at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2017/01/02/renewed-era-federal-tribal-relations>.

On another positive note, aside from helping Indian Country, in the waning days of the Obama administration, the U.S. Department of Labor released information showing the U.S. mainstream economy experienced an addition of 156,000 jobs with an unemployment rate of 4.7 percent, making the final 31 days of

2016 the most recent month of 75 consecutive months of job gains.

“The U.S. economy again demonstrated its strength in December,” the agency noted in a press release. “The economy added 156,000 jobs, and the unemployment rate ticked up slightly to 4.7 percent, as more workers were drawn into the labor force. December saw the strongest wage growth since 2009; wages grew faster over the last year than

at any point during the recovery. All told, the U.S. economy has added 15.8 million private-sector jobs since February 2010. We’ve experienced 75 months of continuous overall job growth, the longest streak on record, and over two years longer than the previous record.”

And now citizens of Indian Country and the rest of the nation await the transfer to a new administration.

## Appellate judges sought for Tribal Court

APPELLATE JUDGE (elder position)

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians seeks qualified elders for the position of appellate judge in their Court of Appeals. A letter of interest shall be submitted to the Tribal Court, 2175 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Deadline to submit is Feb. 6, 2017.

More information can be found at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com), under government/tribal court tab, downloads, or by contacting Traci Swan by email at [tswan@saulttribe.net](mailto:tswan@saulttribe.net) or by phone at (906) 635-7747.

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# LTBB seeks federal recognition of reservation boundaries

**Court case will decide if large portion of northern lower Michigan is reservation land in accordance with the 1855 Treaty of Detroit**

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

A big chunk of Michigan's northern Lower Peninsula including vacation spots loved by downstaters for generations — the cities of Charlevoix, Petoskey, Harbor Springs, Good Hart and Cross Village — are all located within the reservation boundaries of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB). This is according to the tribe and the 1855 Treaty of Detroit.

The Petoskey-based tribe is asking a federal judge to allow it to assert jurisdiction over the 337-square-mile area, including High and Garden Islands in Lake Michigan. The tribe's chairperson, Regina Gasco-Bentley, said a ruling in their favor would not alter local governance, law and zoning enforcement or other aspects of life for non-Indians. What it would do, she said, is clarify the tribe's jurisdiction over tribal citizens within reservation boundaries.

The lawsuit, filed last year against Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder in U.S. District Court in Grand Rapids, claims the 1855 Treaty of Detroit between Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and the U.S. government affirmed as the tribe's reservation land an area 32 miles north-to-south from the northern tip of the Lower Peninsula down the eastern shore of Little Traverse Bay.

The lawsuit claims Michigan has "refused to recognize the tribe's reservation in a number of ways that threaten the tribe's autonomy and sovereignty, and that violate the 1855 treaty." For example, the state has asserted jurisdiction over Indian child welfare matters on reservation lands, in violation of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act.

Defendants in the case include the Emmet County Lakeshore Association, an affiliation of lakefront property owners and businesses from Harbor Springs to Cross Village, and the cities of Charlevoix, Petoskey and Harbor Springs.

U.S. District Judge Paul Maloney has split the lawsuit in



**LTBB Chairperson  
Regina Gasco-Bentley**

two, first seeking to determine if the Treaty of Detroit created the reservation with the boundaries the Little Traverse Bay Bands assert, and whether later acts of Congress diminished or disestablished that reservation. The first phase of the trial is scheduled for late 2018.

If the court finds the reservation does continue to exist, a second phase of trial would hash out jurisdictional issues with state and local governments.

Gasco-Bentley said appeals could follow, which would mean a final decision for Phase 1 of the trial would be expected around 2019-20. "The parties could expedite the process by deciding to pursue settlement negotiations," she said. "The tribe has informed the other parties and the court from the outset that it is open to settlement negotiations."

There are more than 4,000 LTBB tribal members, with the majority of those living in Emmet and Charlevoix counties in Michigan's northern Lower Peninsula.

Below are answers to questions posed to Chairperson Gasco-Bentley and General Counsel James Bransky.

**WAN:** What benefits does the tribe gain if a judge confirms your reservation covers the 337 square miles the tribe is claiming in its lawsuit?

**Gasco-Bentley:** It will honor our history, the treaties and our

continuous presence on our reservation. On a practical level, it would clarify that the tribe has exclusive jurisdiction over its children in need of care throughout the reservation, strengthen our ability to protect our ancestral heritage through application of NAGPRA [Native American Grave Repatriation Act], give us greater authority in aiding the rehabilitation of tribal citizens who find themselves in the criminal justice system, and solidify our efforts to secure federal reservation resources for areas such as transportation improvement and monitoring air and water quality.

**WAN:** If the tribe wins the lawsuit, what impact will that have on the villages and towns located within the reservation boundaries?

**Gasco-Bentley:** It will help us continue to partner in areas such as road improvements, and environmental protection and enhancement. It will relieve some of their resources needs as the tribe takes over greater jurisdiction over its citizens in child protection and criminal matters.

There is some fear of the unknown and questions, and, I think, some false information given out. One of the issues I have a big concern with, is we have heard from people saying that we are going to take their land. That is not true. It will stay the same for non-tribal people. This is only giving us jurisdiction over our own people within our reservation.

Non-natives are unlikely to notice a difference in their lives. Tribes do not have criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians, and the U.S. Supreme Court has also

greatly limited tribes' civil jurisdiction to consensual contractual relations and matters that directly impact tribal sovereignty.

**WAN:** Some residents of Charlevoix, Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Cross Village are concerned about property values and what might happen if their villages and cities all of a sudden are legally part of reservation land. How would you address that?

**Gasco-Bentley:** The tribe's ability to help improve roads and protect the air and water can only serve to enhance property values. They will only be negatively impacted if those who are publicizing the reservation question as one of grave danger create a self-fulfilling prophecy, and even their "sky is falling" message would only have a short-term impact.

**WAN:** Would zoning laws change?

**Gasco-Bentley:** The tribe currently has its own zoning laws in place that put great importance on preservation of the natural setting and community character. The tribe's zoning would not supplant local governments. The extent the tribe's zoning laws would apply to tribal citizen's fee land is unclear, but regardless, tribal and local zoning authorities can work together to protect the natural setting and community character. Much of the land that the tribe has purchased and placed into trust is for the sole purpose of preservation.

**WAN:** As a former local business owner yourself, how would you address the fears of business owners in the northwest Lower Peninsula who have watched as

other states with expanded reservations saw an expansion of slot machines and video gaming into party stores, bars and restaurants — even those not owned by Indians. And, local governments, such as townships and cities, are saying would lose regulatory power.

**Gasco-Bentley:** Because of my knowledge of the on-the-ground reality here, I would have no concerns. The tribe has no reason to expand gaming beyond its Petoskey and Mackinaw sites, and would have no reason to permit gaming on other than trust lands. Our compact limits Class III gaming to two sites total on trust land in Emmet or Charlevoix Counties, and there is no economic advantage of expanding Class II beyond the Mackinaw location. The local governments will lose no regulatory authority over non-Indian businesses on the reservation.

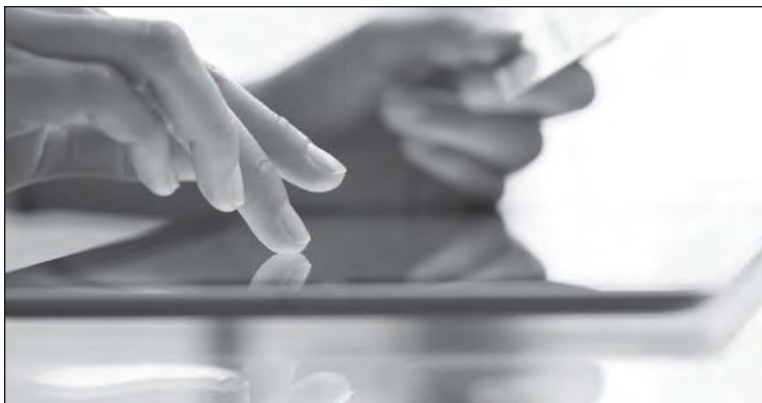
**WAN:** Is the tribe still working with the Department of the Interior, or has that stopped since the lawsuit was filed?

**Gasco-Bentley:** I cannot comment on any communication with Interior.

**WAN:** How would clarifying the tribe's reservation boundaries relieve human service caseloads and court dockets, while also establishing a clear framework for agreements with local municipalities and the state? What would change?

**Gasco-Bentley:** It would clarify the tribe's exclusive jurisdiction over child protection proceedings within reservation boundaries, as well as criminal jurisdiction, which would make it easier to

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## KINDERGARTEN Round Up

**Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe School  
Kindergarten Round Up for the  
2017-2018 School Year**

Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe School is holding Kindergarten Round Up for the upcoming 2017-2018 School Year. Only those who complete and turn in an enrollment application during the Open Enrollment period will be considered for the lottery. The Open Enrollment dates are from January 30, 2017, through Feb. 14, 2017, with extended hours from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8. Applications may be picked up from the school office or from the school website at [www.jklschool.org](http://www.jklschool.org) beginning January 30, 2017.

**All applications must be received by the school office by 4 p.m. (Eastern Time Zone) on February 14, 2017.**

The lottery will be held in the school cafeteria on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., for those wishing to attend. Attendance at the lottery is not mandatory.

The parents of those children selected from the lottery will be notified by phone to set up the appointment for Round Up. The Kindergarten Round Up dates are set for March 14 and 15.



# Youth taking service trip to Guatemala next spring

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Chippewa County Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council (YAC) students head to Guatemala in April of 2017 for an eight-day service trip in Xela, Guatemala, where they will become immersed in the Guatemalan culture and work at a local elementary school.

YAC members are Hanna Johnston, Logan Soloman and Deana Lalonde, Kinzey Heikkinen, River Jenkins, Madilyn Swanson, Lauren Weber, Grace Johnston, Paige Calder, Meghan Gerrie, Sidney Wilkins, Lara Waucaush, Victoria Nagy, CeCe Werner, MacKenzie Kalchik, MacKenzie Thomas, Ava Andary, Elayna Clow, Kayla Andary, Mana Mclean, Paige Cushman, Taylor Masters, Drake Perez, Benjamin Jones, Kyle Huskey, Drew Larson, Adam Smith, Avery TenEyck, Matt Knowles and Jake Jacques.

Poverty is particularly widespread in the countryside and among indigenous communities. The students will see this at the schools where they volunteer. Homes that do not have running water or electricity are common, which will be a new concept for the students.

The students will begin their



**Standing, Kinzey Heikkinen, River Jenkins, Madilyn Swanson, Lauren Weber, Grace Johnston, Paige Calder, Meghan Gerrie, Sidney Wilkins, Lara Waucaush, Victoria Nagy, CeCe Werner, MacKenzie Kalchik, MacKenzie Thomas, Ava Andary, Elayna Clow, Kayla Andary, Mana Mclean, Paige Cushman and Taylor Masters. Sitting, Drake Perez, Benjamin Jones, Kyle Huskey, Drew Larson, Adam Smith, Avery TenEyck, Matt Knowles and Jake Jacques. Missing, Hanna Johnston, Logan Soloman and Deana Lalonde.**

community service project at the local school in the mornings. On the first day, they will have a meeting with the teachers so they can learn more about the socio-economic situation of the local community. The service work will be a combination of English language tutoring and “hands on” projects at the school.

In the afternoons, they will be immersed in the local culture. They will visit Iglesia de Salcaja, the oldest church in Central America, take part in a hands-on textile workshop taught by local weavers and learn the art of Marimba, Guatemala’s national instrument.

The students also have the

unique opportunity to learn about the Guatemalan Civil War, which ended in 1996, by meeting with a former guerrilla who is now a human rights advocate.

The YAC students have been working very hard to raise funds for their trip and have already completed a number of fundraising events. During the downtown

Sault Ste. Marie Christmas open house, they wrapped Christmas presents, served hot chocolate and had a fire pit for people to roast marshmallows and make s’mores, all by donation. They also made and sold Christmas wreaths.

On Dec. 23, the YAC had a bake sale at the Soo Co-op Credit Union’s main branch. All sales were by donation. On Jan. 15, Studebaker’s Restaurant hosted an all-you-can-eat Italian buffet dinner and silent auction with all proceeds going to support the trip.

YAC advisor Debbie Jones commented on how proud she was of all these students, “They are so excited to go and help out at the school. I have been to Guatemala three times and can’t wait for them to experience a different culture. They will be amazed at how happy the Guatemalan children are and appreciative for everything we will be doing.”

Anyone wishing to make donations to help support the trip for the youngsters can be mailed to CCCF, PO Box 1979, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or dropped off at the CCCF office at 511 Ashmun St. Suite 200 (Huntington Bank second floor).

## Obama designates national monuments in Utah, Nevada

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

President Obama designated two new national monuments recently, located in the desert landscapes of southeastern Utah and southern Nevada.

The new monuments - the Bears Ears National Monument and the Gold Butte National Monument - are both important for their spectacular scenery and as cultural resources and sacred sites to Native Americans.

The creation of both monuments follows years of public input from tribes, elected officials, stakeholders, and also draws from legislation introduced in Congress.

According to a White House press release, Obama’s Administration has protected more land and water than any previous administration in history, and has taken unprecedented steps to make sure that Native

peoples have a say in the management of the country’s natural resources.

The Bears Ears National Monument encompasses about 1.35 million acres of federal land, and is home to significant natural, cultural and archaeological resources, including ancestral grounds for numerous tribes and landscapes that support hiking, hunting, rock climbing and other outdoor recreation opportunities.

The area gets its name from two geological formations, the Bears Ears Buttes, in the center of lands that are considered sacred by tribes in the region. Five tribal governments with ancestral ties to the region united their efforts to urge protections for the broader area, which includes ancient cliff dwellings, ceremonial sites, rock art and artifacts that hold cultural significance.

The Gold Butte National Monument is located in Nevada just northeast of Las Vegas, and spans roughly 300,000 acres. The new monument includes rock art, archeological artifacts, and rare fossils.

The Southern Paiute people collect water from area mountain springs, gather traditional sources of paint, harvest pinyon pine nuts and other resources, and use ceremonial sites located within the new monument.

Gold Butte is also home to important historic resources, such as structures detailing western ranching heritage, an early twentieth-century abandoned mining town, and sites associated with Spanish explorers from the late eighteenth century.

“President Obama has been consistent in his commitment to work with Tribal governments, and this historic designation

builds on his legacy,” said Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye. “We are particularly pleased that the designation affirms tribal sovereignty and provides a collaborative role for tribes to work with the federal government in maintaining the land. Because tribes will help manage this land, it reaffirms President Obama’s fundamental commitment to human rights and equity in voice. Furthermore, while the land will be protected, our local Utah-based tribal members will continue to have access to the land for gathering ceremonial herbs. The land has always been a place of sacredness and fortitude for our people.”

Both the Gold Butte National Monument and the Bears Ears National Monument are comprised exclusively of existing federal lands, and their designations honor valid existing rights.

Plans for both monuments will be developed in an open process with public involvement, according to the White House press release. Both proclamations also establish local advisory councils made up of an array of interested stakeholders, including state and local governments, tribes, recreational users, local business owners, and private landowners, to help ensure that management decisions reflect tribal participation. The Departments of Interior and Agriculture will seek input from the Commissions, allowing area tribes to share traditional knowledge and make recommendations.

Begaye said, “As both Navajo and American, I am proud our President listened to a sovereign appeal and acted to preserve our sacred land for future generations.”

## Bad River Band denies renewal of Line 5 easement

ODANAH, Wis.—The Bad River Tribal Council passed a formal resolution Jan. 4 that established the tribe’s decision not to renew its interests in the grant of easement for rights-of-way of Enbridge Energy’s Line 5 crude oil pipeline through the Bad River Reservation. Furthermore, it calls for the decommissioning and removal of the pipeline from all Bad River lands and watershed.

Formerly known as Lakehead Pipeline Company, Enbridge sought renewal of rights-of-way with the band for the existing line that is now 64 years old. Fifteen individual grants of easement rights-of-way for Line 5 expired in 2013, however, Bad River had reacquired interests in 11 of the 15 parcels of land with-

in the grant of easement rights-of-way.

“As many other communities have experienced, even a minor spill could prove to be disastrous for our people. We depend upon everything that the creator put here before us to live mino-bimaadiziwin, a good and healthy life,” Bad River Tribal Chairman Robert Blanchard said.

He remarked in the tribal council’s decision, “We will work with our Native and non-Native communities to make sure that Line 5 does not threaten rights of people living in our region, and we will reach out to federal, state and local officials to evaluate how to remove Line 5, and we will work with the same communities and officials to continue developing a sustain-

able economy that doesn’t marginalize indigenous people.”

The band has directed tribal staff to begin planning for the Line 5 removal project development and the environmental issues and hazards that exist with removal of old pipelines including hazards response and health study, pipeline contents recycling and disposal, and surface restoration.

“These environmental threats not only threaten our health, but they threaten our very way of life as Anishinaabe,” said tribal council member, Dylan Jennings. “We all need to be thinking of our future generations and what we leave behind for them.”

With 7,000-plus members, the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa

Indians is on over 124,000 acres on a reservation in an area within Ashland and Iron counties on the south shore of Lake Superior. The Ojibwe people have a long and rich heritage throughout the Great Lakes region and at Odanah on Lake Superior, prior

to European settlement, and continuing to today. Treaties signed by 11 Ojibwe tribes ceded territory in the region, including what is currently the upper one third of the state of Wisconsin. Learn more about the Bad River Band at [www.badriver-nsn.gov](http://www.badriver-nsn.gov).

### 2016-17 GED programs started

Consolidated Community School Services (CCSS) and the Sault Tribe Adult Learning Center are once again offering free GED preparation classes and testing for everyone.

Free classes take place at several locations in the eastern Upper Peninsula. In Sault Ste. Marie, classes meet at the MI Works! agency every Monday through Wednesday from 12:30 to 4 p.m., and at the JKL Bahweting Middle School every Monday through Thursday from 6 to 8:45 p.m. Contact Tanya Pages at (906) 632-6098 or [tpages@eupschools.org](mailto:tpages@eupschools.org) for more information.

For information on other area programs, please call the CCSS main office at (906) 495-7305, visit <http://ccss.eup.k12.mi.us/> or “C.C.S.S. -Consolidated Community School Services” on Facebook.



# LTBB wants 1855 treaty reservation lands

From "LTTB," page 7

develop cooperative agreements in these areas. The state is pretty good with the federal law we have – ICWA – but we only have it on our fee lands within the reservation. This would give us jurisdiction right away over our children.

**WAN:** You stated that: "... our law enforcement has jurisdiction over our trust lands and over tribal members only, and that sometimes that gets a little bit confusing." How is that confusing and what would change other than the reservation size?

**Gasco-Bently:** Under federal law, the tribe or federal governmental would generally have criminal jurisdiction of tribal citizens throughout the reservation boundary.

**WAN:** Is there anything else you would like to address with local communities about the information they are receiving?

**Gasco-Bently:** The tribe has been a critical part of this community for centuries. We have been and will continue to be an important partner with law enforcement, local schools, road commissions, and other governmental units and community organizations. We believe that

seeking the court's recognition of our treaty promised reservation will give us opportunities to continue to build our longtime partnerships for the good of all within this magnificent area that we share.

When the lawsuit was originally filed, there were meetings held with the different townships. We want to continue to have good working relationships with local governments, while at the same time having the ability to take care of our people within our reservation. That is all we are asking for. Legal jurisdiction including court, child welfare and services will be further clarified.

**WAN:** Who or what is the tribe's biggest obstacle in this journey?

**General Counsel James Bransky:** "The biggest difficulty in the tribe's reservation recognition journey is to accurately convey the true legal ramifications of the case, which are not at all negative for local residents and governments. Reservation recognition has nothing to do with who owns land. That is, regardless of who wins this lawsuit, the case cannot have any effect on land ownership, nor

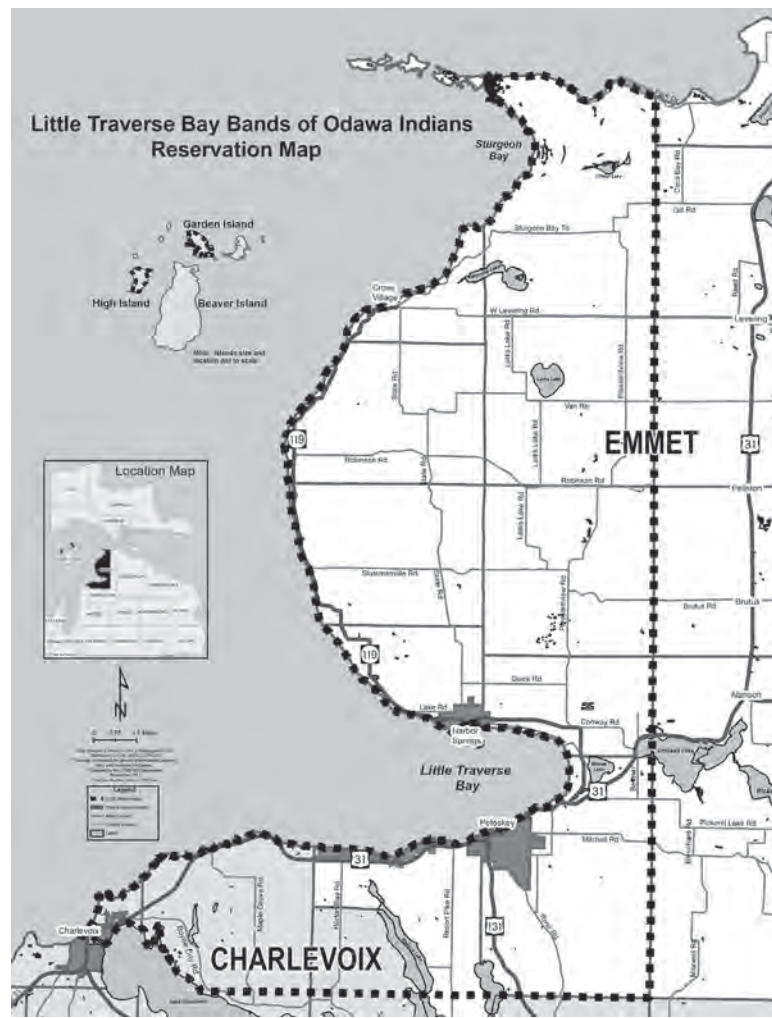
can it lead to any challenge of present land title. It just seeks recognition of the tribe's jurisdictional reservation boundary.

Overlapping jurisdictional boundaries are present everywhere. We all live within cities or townships, within counties, within states within the United States. In many places throughout the country, such as Mount Pleasant, Mich.; Las Vegas, Nev.; Green Bay, Wis.; and Phoenix, Ariz.; Indian reservation boundaries overlap with those of other governments.

Reservation recognition would solidify the tribe's authority over its citizens in areas such as child protection and criminal cases, and allow it to protect ancestral remains through application of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. It will in no way threaten anyone's land title, or supplant local governments' property taxing authority over non-LTBB citizens.

Under Supreme Court precedent, it is in fact likely that all fee land within the reservation, even land owned by the tribe, will remain on the property tax rolls. With regard to tribal trust lands, the resources and services that the tribe brings into the area vastly outweigh the lost property tax revenue."

In a similar case that was decided in March 2016, the Pender decision in Nebraska shows that although the LTTB is sincere about clarifying jurisdictional issues through the law-



suit, it could open up unforeseen issues in the future.

The Pender decision addresses a long-standing dispute over whether the town of Pender lies within the Omaha Indian Reservation and whether the tribe has governance authority over it.

Nebraska officials argued that 98 percent of the town was non-Native and the tribe had not asserted jurisdiction over the area for more than 100 years.

The Nebraska Attorney

General's office issued a statement saying that while the court decided that Pender was part of the reservation, it did not take a position on whether the tribe has legal authority to tax and exercise governing authority over the town.

Bransky said, "The tribe will not hold traditional ownership rights if it prevails, just a jurisdictional boundary to further help the tribe's membership with federal and legal matters."

## Testing for harmful radon in your home

FROM THE SAULT TRIBE ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is colorless, odorless and tasteless. It travels through the ground into the open air and can travel into your home through cracks and crevasses in the foundation, floor or walls.

Radon is a class A carcinogen, which means it's known to cause cancer in people. It is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, resulting in approximately 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year.

Only smoking causes more cases of lung cancer. The risk of lung cancer from radon exposure is estimated at between 10 to 20 times greater for people who smoke cigarettes as compared with those who have never smoked.

Testing is the only way to know if you and your family are at risk from radon.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Surgeon General recommend testing all homes below the third floor for radon. It is ideal to test during the winter months when homes are usually very closed off to the outside fresh air. This will give you an idea what the highest con-

centration of radon that you are being exposed to. It is important to note that any home old or new may have a radon issue.

Radon test kits are available at hardware stores, online, home improvement centers or other retail outlets. Radon test kits can also be purchased from a radon test kit manufacturer for \$9.95 at [www.mi.radon.com](http://www.mi.radon.com).

Here is a link to all the cities and counties in Michigan that offer radon test kits [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/whm-rps-radon-where-to-get-a-radon-test-kit\\_261816\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/whm-rps-radon-where-to-get-a-radon-test-kit_261816_7.pdf).

The EPA has set an action level of 4 pCi/L. Measurements above or at this level require action - the EPA recommends you take corrective measures to reduce your exposure to radon gas. This however does not imply that a level below 4 pCi/L is considered acceptable.

It is best practice to try and get your radon level exposure as low as possible.

If you have any questions, please call Robin Bouschor at the Sault Tribe Environmental Department at (906) 632-5575.

Bouschor is an environmental specialist for the tribe who focuses on air quality issues.

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## KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP!

If you have a child that is ready for Kindergarten in the Fall of 2017, please fill out the following form at [www.saultschools.org/kindergarten2017](http://www.saultschools.org/kindergarten2017). Please select your appointment time and date that you prefer.

### What to Bring:

- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Shot Records
- Social Security Card
- Proof of Residence
- (Such as a utility bill)
- Tribal Card (If applicable)

### Location:

Sault Area Middle School Library  
684 Marquette Ave  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

### Roundup Dates & Times

- March 6, 2017 – 12-6:30 p.m.
- March 7, 2017 – 12-6:30 p.m.
- March 8, 2017 – 8:30-2:30 p.m.

### Age Requirements

Age 5 on or before 09/01/17  
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If you have any questions regarding Sault Area Schools Kindergarten Roundup, please call Amy Kronemeyer at 906-635-5653



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# Anishinaabemowin 2017 *Manidoo Giizis*

Each day I do myself the honor of taking in, absorbing, a single new word of the language of my people.

By Susan Askwith

Our children are learning these word at Early Head Start and Head Start. Sault Tribe language teacher Shirley Recollet helps them learn through pictures, stories and songs.

Manidoo Giizis	Spirit moon
Nimkoodaading	Happy new year
Nshwaaswi	Eight
Kwensenhs(ak)	Girl(s)
Gwiizenhs(ak)	Boy(s)
Kaat	Leg
Nik(an)	Arm(s)
Botsin(an)	Boot(s)
Bibooni miikmoot	Winter pants
G'chi goonka	Lots of snow
G'chi zoogpwa	It's snowing hard
Goonenhs	Snowflake
Goon nini	Snow man
Mkom	Ice
Bigidnan	Put it down
Aaniish e-nankiiyan?	What are you doing?
Biinchigen	Clean up
Gda samendaagwas!	You're awesome!

## Manidoo Giizis Kidwinan

Kidwin = word; Kidwinan = words

Across:

- Clean up
- Snowflake
- You're awesome
- It's snowing
- Pants
- Snowman

Down:

- Boots
- Happy New Year
- It's cold
- Put it down

Our language instructor for adults is Leonard Kimewon. Come learn with us each week for the laughter, for being together, and for the empowerment. Brand new beginners are as welcome as those who now a word or two. See "going further" below for schedules and contacts info.

### Pronunciation Guide (This is REALLY helpful)

Long vowels:	aa	sounds like the "a" in FALL
	ii	sounds like the "ee" in FEED
	oo	sounds like the "o" in GROW
	e	sounds like the "e" in FED
Short Vowels	a	sounds like the "u" in CUP
	i	sounds like the "I" in FIT
	o	sounds like the "o" in BOOK

The section of a word that includes a LONG VOWEL usually gets the emphasis when pronouncing the work.

In Anishinaabemowin sometimes LONG VOWELS have a nasal sound. To show when to do that, our usual system of writing puts an "nh" AFTER the vowel. The "nh" is only a signal. It does not make a sound of its own.

Example: *enh* is the word for yes. This sounds like the "e" in "fed" as you see above, but has a nasal sound t it, as if you pinched your nose when you said it.

G only sounds as it does in "GRAPE"  
C only makes a K sound.

All the letters you see in a word are pronounced. Except for the "nh" signal, no letters are silent. (But some are pretty darn quiet!)

### Health comments of the month

Aaniish ezhi bmaadziiyin      How is your life going?  
N'mino maadz gwa!              I'm having a good life!

### Weather comments of the month

Zoogpwa                              It is snowing.  
Gsinaa                                 It is cold.

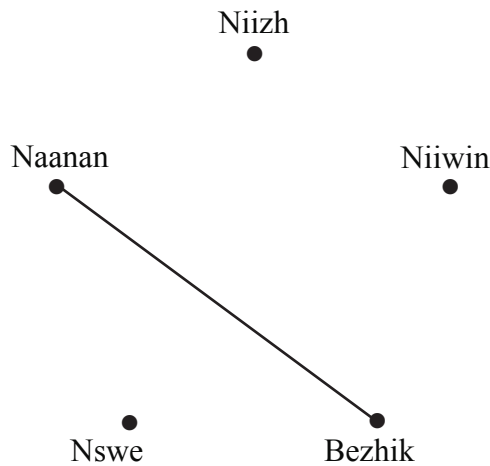


### Gindaasodaa! (Let's count!)

Bezhik	one
Niizh	two
Nswe*	three
Niiwin	four
Naanan	five

\* you say the "n" in "nswe" like in the word "name."

### Connect the dots to form a star



### Chocolate gezhaagmidek ezi-dgongeng

Biinj mnikwaajigan, bezhik emkwaan cocoa bashkdaawngaak miinwaa niizhi-emkwaan zisbaakwaat ka toon ka ndaajii' aan weweni miidash doodooshaaboo ka dgonaan nengaj. Geyaabi ka ndaajii' nan. mooshkinebidoon mnikwaajigan. binji microwave mnikwaajigan toon, megwaajigwaa ngadbagaanhs wii minopagwat!

### Chocolate Hot Drink Recipe

In a cup, one spoon cocoa powder and two spoons sugar you will put. You will stir well. And then milk you will add Nice and easy. Keep stirring. Fill up the cup. In the microwave, the cup put, about a minute. It will be tasty!

**Going further** — If you have questions, comments or suggestions, please contact us or come to language classes if you live near to the EUP. Our teacher Leonard Kimewon has winter hours and locations, plus contact info posted on the tribe's website, saultribe.com. At this homepage look under member services, choose "Culture," and then choose "Language Department." You will also find some livestream language lessons there as well as the pronunciation of this month's lesson.

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



# Gathering of Nations tickets now on sale

By RICK SMITH

Advance tickets for the largest annual powwow in North America are on sale now. The 34<sup>th</sup> Gathering of Nations Powwow in Albuquerque, N.M., takes place on April 27, 28 and 29 at the Tingley Coliseum/Expo New Mexico. The cost for advance tickets start at \$15, tickets start at \$18 per day at the door.

The gathering begins on Thursday, April 27, with the Miss Indian World Traditional Talent Presentations at the Albuquerque Convention Center featuring all contestants in the Miss Indian World Pageant with special musical performances, according to the Gathering of Nations web site. Miss Indian World is named and crowned on the following Saturday during the powwow.

The powwow features tra-

ditional and contemporary American Indian singing and dancing competitions with over \$200,000 in cash and prizes to be awarded. Over 2,500 competitors are expected to perform in the competitions.

Over 800 artists, crafters and traders are expected to display wares for sale at the Indian Traders Market.

Two days of American Indian and contemporary music performances and entertainment of all genres are provided at Stage 49 and is free for ticket holders.

Attendance at this year's Gathering of Nations is estimated to number about 85,000 to 100,000 people.

Melanie Mathews, program coordinator for the Gathering of Nations and the Miss Indian World Pageant, extended a personal invitation to Sault

Tribe folks, "On behalf of the Gathering of Nations Powwow, we invite the Sault Tribe to the 34th Annual Gathering of Nations Powwow in its new home in Tingley Coliseum at Expo New Mexico," she wrote. "This year's powwow is going to have a new look with the expanded powwow grounds." The "grounds" include Stage 49 — the contemporary music stage, an American Indian food court, Indian Traders' Market for arts and crafts vendors and much more. "It is highly recommended to book your hotel rooms early," she added. "Tickets for the event are available on our website now and always at the door days of the event."

All information needed for those interested in attending can be found on the Gathering of Nations web site at [www.gatheringofnations.com](http://www.gatheringofnations.com) or staff can be reached via phone at (505) 836-2810 or via email at [melonie@gonmail.com](mailto:melonie@gonmail.com). One can also explore information on the Gathering of Nations and Miss Indian World social media sites on Facebook, twitter, YouTube, Pinterest and Gathering of Nations Radio.

According to a Gathering of Nations poster, headliners are Jamon Paskemin of Sweetgrass, Saskatchewan, head man dancer; Tonya Moore of Stillwater, Okla., head lady dancer; Sonny Little Head of Happy Flats, Mont., head young man dancer; Tia Wood of Saddle Lake, Alberta, head young lady dancer; Regina Topsy of Rocky Boy, Mont., head northern dance judge; Cree Hughes of Fort Towson, Okla., head southern dance judge; Michael LaFromois of

Browning, Mont., head northern drum judge; Walter Ahhaitty of Hacienda Heights, Calif., head southern drum judge; arena directors, Randy Medicine Bear of Loveland, Color., and George Shields of Shawnee, Okla.; announcers, Dennis Bowen Sr. of Salamanca, N.Y., Vince Beyl of Bemidji, Minn., Ruben Little Head of Happy Flats, Mont., Jason Whitehouse (roving) of Madison Heights, Mich., and Larry Yazzie of Tama, Iowa; invited drums, Cozad of Hominy, Okla., Northern Cree of Saddle Lake, Alberta, Show Time of Rapid City, S.D., Poundmaker of Poundmaker, Saskatchewan, Southern Slam of Jemez Pueblo, N.M., and War Paint of Pembroke, N.C., and Miss Indian World of 2016-17, Danielle Ta'sheena Finn of Porcupine, N.D.

# Dankert downs 350-pound doe elk on opening day

On opening day of the December elk season, Christopher Dankert, 11, took a 350-pound cow in lower Michigan. He and his parents, Jesse and Serenity Dankert, and brother, Nick, departed at 3:30 a.m. that day for his guide, Gene Skiba, and a day of hard hunting. That afternoon,

they finally came upon an elk herd and Dankert dropped his cow.

Dankert, of Bliss, Mich., took a hunter's safety course two years ago. Since then, he has been blessed with much hunting success. He shot a turkey with a 10-inch and 11-inch double

beard. He has taken two beautiful six-point, whitetail deer, a partridge and several squirrels.

This was the young hunter's first year to apply for an elk tag.

One day, the Sault Tribe Inland Fish and Wildlife Department left a message on the family's answering machine for "the parents of Christopher Dankert." He got a ribbing — "Oh, no, what did you do?" The next day, when his mom told him he drew an elk tag, the look on his face was priceless. "Better than Christmas morning!" she said.

Dankert's parents started looking for insight on elk hunting in Michigan. The father of Dankert's classmate, Jacob, is Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Conservation Officer Roger Willis, he met with Dankert and gave him lots of pointers about where to hunt, guide services and the ins and outs of elk hunting.

With Willis' recommendation, Dankert's parents hired Gene Skiba as his guide. Skiba works with several other guides in the area and owns property at the south end of hunting area "G" in Montmorency County.

The group went to area "X" first. At first daylight they saw



Photo by Serenity Dankert

On opening day of the December elk season, Christopher Dankert, 11, took a 350-pound cow in lower Michigan.

another hunter take a beautiful 6x6. All in all, they saw 15 bull elk before noon, but no cows, which was what Dankert was after.

Although Dankert's efforts yielded nothing that morning he wasn't down. "That's okay," he said. "My goal was just to see an elk. I'm happy as can be."

After lunch they went to Area "G" in the Pigeon River State Forest. They found numerous fresh elk tracks. DNR employee and local elk guide Preston Casselman walked with Dankert and his dad about a half-mile into the brush to find the herd. Dankert, his father and his guide were able to stalk within 150

yards of the herd and the young hunter made a beautiful shot off of shooting sticks and dropped the largest cow right in her tracks. It took three grown men to drag the cow the half-mile to the road.

The check station determined the elk weighed 350 pounds and was about 8 years old.

Dankert's parents are getting the hide tanned for the young man to hang on his wall.

The Dankerts would like to thank all of Sault Tribe, Willis, Skiba, Casselman, camp cook Cathy, and all of the other guides who helped make Dankert's elk hunt even more memorable than he imagined possible.

## Nominations sought for LSSU Outstanding Native American Student award

The Native American Student Organization (NASO) of LSSU is now accepting nominations for the Outstanding Native American Student Award. This award will be given to a graduating senior at LSSU who has shown remarkable character during their time at LSSU.

Candidates may nominate themselves or be nominated by a peer. The nomination packets must include GPA, at least one letter of recommendation explaining why the candidate is an outstanding student, any activities they participate in on or off campus, tribal affiliation (Canadian students may apply); and a brief letter stating goals after graduation.

Nominations can be hand delivered, mailed, or faxed to: LSSU, Attn: Stephanie Sabatine, Director, Native American Center and Campus Diversity, 650 West Easterday Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783; phone (906) 635-6664 or fax (906) 635-2848. The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 10, 2017.

The Native American Center Award Committee is looking forward to choosing the recipient for this award and wish all applicants the best of luck.

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# ACFS says thank you for handmade items, gifts



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**ACFS FOSTER CARE CHILDREN RECEIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS** — A big thank you goes to the Sault Tribe Health Center staff for the time and effort they put into the Christmas mitten tree for ACFS Foster Care children. And, there are other generous Sault Tribe departments that donate their employee Dress Down Funds each year. With their help we were able to make 64 ACFS foster care children very happy Christmas morning.



# Cobe's frank autobiography exceeds expectations

*Red, White, and Blues*  
Linda Raye Cobe  
Softcover, 172 pp  
ISBN 978-1-4951-5872-8  
\$18.99

<https://northerngarnetpublishingllc.wordpress.com/>

“My story comes from a Native American perspective. It is not unique, for what happened to me also happened to so many of our people.”

Linda Raye Cobe, Naubinway resident and Lac Vieux Desert citizen, is a survivor of childhood trauma suffered by so many Native children that followed her into adulthood. In her book, *Red, White and Blues*, she tells her story in her own words. Cobe

published her own book, her first book, so don't expect polished editing. However, it is certainly a story worth reading.

Cobe was born in 1958 and spent her early days in Watersmeet. Her parents and siblings, her aunt and her cousins all lived under one roof — 12 kids and three adults — while her grandparents lived next to the house in a travel trailer. There was no running water or electricity.

They lived a simple life with similar families in a small, rural extremely poor community. They had a carefree life with a wealth of traditional knowledge at their fingertips, but, unfortunately,

many of the adults were alcoholics and domestic violence was common place. Cobe's mother left after a particularly vicious beating. In 1972, Cobe and her siblings were taken to a Harbor Springs, Mich., boarding school, the Catholic Holy Childhood of Jesus, where the children were terribly abused, physically, psychologically and emotionally and sexually. She was later adopted by a non-Native family.

It's a story many Natives have experienced or heard from their family members. Most were scarred for life. But Cobe's story is a journey from victim to survivor. Recommended reading.

— Jennifer Dale-Burton



## WHITE OUT HOCKEY GAMES

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**Soo Eagles  
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Saturday,  
February 3rd, 2017  
Puck drops 7:30 pm

If you have any questions please contact Kaylynn at 906-635-0566 or cairnsk@dprcenter.org.



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# Malcolm students build powwow drum

By Rick Smith

Students, administrators and guest instructors at Malcolm High School in Sault Ste. Marie may have quietly become part of an historic occasion upon completion of what is believed to be the first American Indian powwow drum built in a mainstream high school. Students and guest instructors built the drum as one of the projects of the school's Dreamstarter Program funded by Running Strong for American Indian Youth.

The program is funded by a \$10,000 grant was co-founded by history making Oglala Lakota Sioux Olympian Billy Mills. The school's advisor for Native students, Robert McRorie, and his mentor in the program, Principal Sandy Sawyer, applied for and were awarded the grant. If all goes well, the school has a shot at another \$50,000 grant from the organization.

Malcolm High opened its elective Dreamstarter Program classes last September and incorporate Anishinaabe guest instructors from the area to teach students the customs, crafts and lore of their people. Sault Tribe member and guest instructor Bud Biron guided construction of the drum with some help from fellow Sault Tribe member Sam Gardner of the tribe's Cultural Department staff. Biron is a drum maker as well as the drum keeper for the Bawating Singers of Sault Ste.



Photos by Rick Smith

Most of the students and others involved with the Dreamstarter Program at Malcolm High are pictured here at the school. Front row from left, Kayla Franklin, Alexis Badger, Coleman Bumstead, Mathew Pages, Kenny Garlinghouse and Isaac Royer. Middle row from left, Taylor Nolan, Ryver Stevens, Chris Ogston and Elizabeth Houghton. Back row from left, Principal Sandy Sawyer, student advisor Robert McRorie, program instructors Bud Biron, Jackie Minton and Sam Gardner. Participating students not pictured are Nicholas Bourne, Dylan Fox, Makenzi LaVictor, Estacia Obeshaw, Sam McRorie and Anne-Marie Peer. Participating instructor Amy McCoy is also not pictured

Marie.

Biron asserted it is likely the Malcolm youngsters stepped into history when they recently finished the drum. He said he has never heard of a powwow drum constructed in any other mainstream high school in the nation or in the state, and "certainly not in a Sault area high school," he said.

According to the Running Strong blog, the Malcolm Dreamstarter Program allows students to earn credit towards grad-

uation while learning the arts and culture of the Ojibwe. Classes started on Sept. 8 with 25 students involved. The main objective of the program is to pass on skills such as making a variety of items like ceremonial drums, telling Ojibwe stories and other facets of ancient Anishinaabe customs; participating students would then be able to pass those skills on to successive generations.

McRorie mentioned other current guest instructors for different



Instructor Bud Biron, in corner, with some students working hides and others making drum sticks as, at right, Sam Gardner smudges.



Instructor Jackie Minton, second from left, beading with students.

Dreamstarters Program classes are Sault Tribe members Jackie Minton and Amy McCoy. Minton is also on the tribe's Cultural Department staff. He also extend-

ed special thanks to Sault Tribe traditional medicine practitioner Keith Smith "for all of his help with organizing the program timeline and outreach."

# IHS scholarships, loan programs announced

On Jan. 10, the Indian Health Service (IHS) announced the opening of the application period for its 2017 scholarship and loan repayment programs with several important improvements to maximize the long-term workforce development impact of these valuable recruitment tools at eligible Indian health programs.

The IHS Scholarship Program provides qualified American Indian and Alaska Native health professions students the opportunity to establish an educational

foundation for a career in health care and serve medically underserved Indian health programs throughout the country.

An estimated \$13.7 million will be available for scholarships and \$30 million will be available for loan repayments this application round. New scholarship applications are due on March 28, 2017. Current scholarship recipients interested in extending their awards must apply by Feb. 28, 2017. Loan repayment applicants must apply by Aug. 15, 2017, and

applications are evaluated monthly beginning in January or as soon as funds become available.

IHS is refocusing both programs on the most-needed disciplines in Indian health programs units, such as physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, behavioral health providers and optometrists, and eliminating disciplines that do not address key vacancies at these facilities. As a result, an increase of 60 additional awards

in the most needed disciplines is anticipated for a total of 200 new scholarships awarded. IHS is also increasing the number of graduate scholarships that require service in Indian health programs and reducing the number of preparatory scholarships that do not require any service.

"The IHS Scholarship and Loan Repayment programs are two of our best recruitment and retention tools to increase the number of healthcare providers serving Indian Health Programs.

We're re-aligning the program based on current needs to best serve our patients and to address key vacancies in Indian health programs," IHS Principal Deputy Director Mary L. Smith said.

"Rural areas are faced with a shortage of doctors and nurses. These programs help make IHS more competitive in attracting talented and qualified health care providers to work in Indian health facilities," Smith added.

For more information, visit <https://www.ihs.gov>.

# Blended eLearning comes to tribe's Training Department

FROM SAULT TRIBE KINOOMAAGEWIN TRAINING CENTER

What is "blended" eLearning? According to Innosight Institute, blended learning is the new way of getting information that includes online delivery of content, often with control over time and pace, as well as some classroom or online face time instruction. The Sault Tribe Kinooaagewin Training Center team is excited to share with fellow team members and tribal members our innovative changes and updates to our classes and sessions that now included blended eLearning!

One of the Training Department's advanced group of videos and tutorials is the eLearning Management Series and Seminar, on which training specialist Beverly MacLaren has taken the lead with the collaboration of training specialist Aagii Clement and cultural training

specialist Deb Pine. This series contains tutorials from Biz-Library (a 5,000 video and tutorial library) and our Human Resources Training Department website: [kewadincasino.articulate-online.com](http://kewadincasino.articulate-online.com).

The Management Series is a "blended" program consisting of eLearning and follow up classroom seminars. This new training model was developed from several previous versions of the management series. Originally, the series consisted of six full classroom days! Now the series can be taken anywhere, anytime at pace, on any device in a more condensed version.

These tutorials and videos focus on key topics such as business and soft skills, leadership, sales and customer service, HR compliance, IT software, workplace safety and more.

Sault Tribe Cultural Division is also making the move towards "blended eLearning." Maintaining

our culture has always been, and will continue to be, the foundation on which our people and our tribe stand upon. It is our source of identity and strength. Deb Pine has joined the Kinooaagewin Training Center and with her comes a rich knowledge of culture, language and history of our Anishinaabeg people. Pine has spent countless hours working on creating several online Anishinaabemowin language tutorial builds while working closely with Lenard Kimewon (our language instructor in the Cultural Division), along with two very talented young ladies, Pine's daughters Jada and Alexia Hall-Pine. Pine has published online language tutorials in the form of videos which are fun and creative courses to help teach the Anishinaabe language to people of all ages. Pine's daughters future plans will include language preservation along with Sault Tribe history. Pine continues to bring

a deepened understanding of the history and culture of Sault Tribe to training classes, sessions and to orientation for new employees. Her focus for 2017 is language preservation, congressional education and the specific history of Sault Tribe.

The Kinooaagewin Training Center is also offering ongoing classes for elders in the area of social media and computers. This is an exciting and long awaited class that is very comfortable, while moving at an enjoyable, easy pace. If you are interested in being able to navigate through your smart phone, tablets or laptops, and have fun doing it, Kinooaagewin Training Center is the place to be!

We are patient and driven in providing our elders with the skills and knowledge they require to keep in touch with their loved ones both at home and away, through social media such as Facebook. There is plenty of room

available in the elder computer classes for new participants. If you enjoy working with a group, or if you would prefer one-on-one instruction, we are able to accommodate what works best for you.

The Kinooaagewin Training Center classes are also available to all team members and tribal members who are interested in advancing their knowledge and skills in social media, computer literacy, Word, Excel and Power Point; as well as soft skills such as leadership, coaching and mentoring. We have something for everyone!

The Training Department will continue working to provide better and more relevant training for all team members and our community as a whole.

If you have questions or suggestions, contact the Training Department at (906) 635-4937 or [bmaclaren@saulttribe.net](mailto:bmaclaren@saulttribe.net), [dpine@saulttribe.net](mailto:dpine@saulttribe.net) or [lclement@saulttribe.net](mailto:lclement@saulttribe.net).



# Conservation Corner: Great Lakes, inland treaty licensing

By ROBERT MARCHAND

This month, Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE) serves reminders regarding reporting aspects and license renewals, and provide some preliminary statistics regarding the number of treaty licenses we issue to our tribal members.

If members have questions regarding specific licenses and allowable activities, we encourage you to contact our office to speak with an officer who will be able to assist you.

Inland hunting, fishing, gathering licenses

Inland hunting, fishing and gathering licenses are governed by Tribal Code chapters 21 and 23. Please remember if you held a 2016 inland license, you are required to submit a harvest report by Feb. 1, 2017 (see Tribal Code Chapter 21, Section 21.402). This report is required whether you harvested anything or even had a chance to get out there. Harvest reports are provided to all license holders at the time of their application each year. If you have misplaced yours, they are available online.

2017 Inland licenses will be available beginning on or around March 1, 2017. Applications will be available online at the end of February, but STLE will not be able to issue until March 1 or after. Reminder: if you lose your

harvest card and/or tags, there will be a \$10 replacement fee to have new ones issued.

Subsistence, subsistence gillnetting and recreational

2017 Subsistence and subsistence gillnet licenses are available now. As a reminder, members may obtain the basic subsistence fishing license at no charge (if applying or requesting an application packet through the U.S. mail, there is a \$4 mailing fee that applies. This mailing fee applies if you have the packet mailed to you and then decide to come to the office to pick up your licenses); or they may obtain subsistence gillnet licenses for a \$20 fee (add \$4 mailing fee if applying or requesting an application packet through the U.S. mail). Members 55 and over are free of charge for gillnet licenses; however, they would still be required to pay the \$4 mailing fee. STLE currently accepts only checks or money orders for payment of treaty licenses if processing through the U.S. mail, but have begun accepting debit and credit card payments at the licensing window. Effective with the 2017 licensing season, if you lose your subsistence and/or subsistence gillnet cards, there will be a \$10 replacement fee to have a new one(s) issued.

Whether applying for just subsistence or subsistence gillnet

licenses, all applicants are provided with a packet of information that includes: Sault Tribe's Code, Chapter 20; CORA Code; grid maps showing locations where you can fish and enough monthly catch reports for a 12 month period.

Monthly catch reports are due no later than the 10th of every month, for the previous month. Reports are required to be submitted regardless of whether you actually went fishing, or caught anything. Properly completed reports include the following information (also stated in the letter from Chief of Police with the application packet):

- Printed name of license holder
- ST number, located on the back of the license
- Grid location/number being fished
- Month being reported
- Gear being used
- Species of catch and amount – either in pounds or number of fish – not both

Reports may be submitted in person, by you or your designee (filled out in its entirety by you), at 2175 Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; via fax at (906) 635-7707 (if faxing, please call the office to ensure your fax was received); or via U.S. Mail at P.O. Box 925, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Reports may also be submitted via email to Rachel AND

Amber in the Licensing Office. If you choose to email the report in, you must email it to BOTH of them, and receive a confirmation email response from one of them to ensure your report was received. Their email addresses are: [ahorner@saulttribe.net](mailto:ahorner@saulttribe.net) and [rshreve@saulttribe.net](mailto:rshreve@saulttribe.net).

Commercial fishing – captains and helpers

2017 Commercial licenses are now available. Commercial licenses include captains, co-captains and helpers. Members must be 18 years of age or older to obtain a commercial fishing license, if available.

New helpers must schedule their appointment with STLE at least one week in advance, and then immediately contact Sault Tribe Enrollment at (906) 632-8552 to request their "file." Members must pick up their file and bring it to their appointment at STLE. Helpers pay \$25 each year, and this can be in the form of a check, money order, or debit or credit card. Members will take their file, along with the application paperwork and commercial helpers license to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to have it certified. The license is not valid until the Bureau of Indian Affairs signs off on it and affixes your picture to it.

Effective with the 2017 licensing year, please note that if you

lose your license or if you obtain a different type of license (for example, you turn in helper card to become a co-captain, you become a co-captain for a different boat or captain, you obtain a specialty permit while holding other licenses, etc.) you will be required to pay \$10 for each additional transaction.

Annual statistics

In addition to the numerous other responsibilities contained within Law Enforcement, staff issued the following licenses to Sault Tribe members in 2016:

- 4,486 Inland harvest cards
- 11,357 Inland harvest tags
- 112 Camping permits
- 150 Commercial licenses\*
- 224 Subsistence licenses
- 146 Subsistence gillnet licenses

• 2,998 Subsistence catch reports logged

• 250 Subsistence tickets written

\* Includes captains, co-captains and helpers

Treaty hunting and fishing rules and regulations can seem very complex. Members may always contact STLE's office with questions or concerns. Licensing staff is available Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., officers are available 24/7.

Bob Marchand is the chief of the Sault Tribe Police Department.

## Snow tracking fun winter skill to learn

By NICK BAUMGART

Winter arrived in Michigan, which significantly changes what we do outside. Skiing, snowshoeing and ice fishing are all great options for winter fun. Another winter outdoor activity is exploring animal tracks. Snow tracking can be done almost anywhere and requires no special equipment.

Lots of animals can be tracked in winter. Many of them can be located near homes in urban or rural areas. Tracks of deer, squirrels, coyote, mice, weasels (ermine), many birds and rabbits are common and can be found in many places throughout Michigan. Other less common animals can be found but require some travel to find the appropriate habitat. Tracks of fisher, bobcat and wolves can be a challenge to find but may bring you to some rewarding sites. Don't overlook tracking dogs and cats too.

Some tracks may be difficult to identify. Guides books are available to help, such as the *Peterson Field Guide to Animal Tracks*. These books can allevi-

ate the guesswork when trying to identify tracks. Guides can help distinguish the difference between tracks of coyote, fox or other similar species.

*(Editor's note: Also look for websites for kids and adults on winter snow tracks, such as [www.naturetracking.com/the-5-most-common-animal-tracks-in-snow](http://www.naturetracking.com/the-5-most-common-animal-tracks-in-snow)).*

The type of snow can make a difference when trying to identify tracks. Tracks in light, fluffy snow may not be crisp, making identification difficult. However, tracks in hard, packed snow may not leave much to see at all. Other tracks may have the snow melted, erasing features needed for identification, but try anyway. Speculation is part of the fun. Don't be afraid to guess.

Be sure to dress for the weather. Venturing out in winter can be a challenge and at times a dangerous situation. When the temperature is near zero degrees Fahrenheit or if wind chill makes it feel even colder, consider waiting for a warmer day. Proper boots are a must. Mittens are warmer than gloves,

but either will do. A jacket and pants that shed snow are important to keep dry. Most body heat escapes through your head, so wear a good hat. Wool is a great insulator even when wet. Nylon and synthetic fabrics shed snow and water. There are two rules to remember in winter weather: don't get wet and don't over-prepare. These are guaranteed ways to get cold and ruin your outing.

Tracking in snow is an interesting and fun activity for youth. Searching for tracks in the snow allows youth an opportunity to explore, ask questions and try something new. Consider taking youth outdoors for some tracking in the snow.

Michigan State University Extension encourages participation in safe, new experiences that expose youth to science involvement with 4-H science: Asking questions and discovering answers. Please contact me at [baumga75@anr.msu.edu](mailto:baumga75@anr.msu.edu) for ideas on spending time outdoors with youth.

*Nick Baumgart is an educator with the Michigan State University Extension.*

### Inland Conservation 2017 meeting schedule

All meetings at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Meetings scheduled for the first Monday of each month and begin at 4 p.m. Contact Linda Grossett at (906) 635-6050 or [lgrossett@saulttribe.net](mailto:lgrossett@saulttribe.net) for any questions.

2017 meetings dates — Jan. 9\*, Feb. 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 10\*, Aug. 7, Sept. 11\*, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4.

\* Dates moved due to a holidays.

### Great Lakes Conservation 2017 meeting schedule

All meetings at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Meetings scheduled for the third Monday of each month (see below) and begin at 5 p.m. Contact Linda Grossett at (906) 635-6050 or [lgrossett@saulttribe.net](mailto:lgrossett@saulttribe.net) for any questions.

2017 meeting dates — Jan. 23, Feb. 20, March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18.

### IFWD public meeting on Feb. 6 in Sault Ste. Marie

The Inland Fish and Wildlife Department invites you to a public meeting.

Sault Tribe's IFWD is working to investigate the vulnerability of culturally important species to climate change. As part of this process, the IFWD is seeking input from the tribal community as to which species to focus these efforts.

Join the discussion for a chance to win a \$50 gas card! Meeting starts at 6:30 pm, Feb. 6, in the Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie.

For more information, contact Dani Fegan at [dfegan1@saulttribe.net](mailto:dfegan1@saulttribe.net) or (906) 632-6132.

## Annual Midwinter Trappers Workshop being held February 4

HERMANSVILLE – Officials of the U.P. Trappers Association, District 3, announced the date for the annual Midwinter Trappers Workshop is Feb. 4, 2017. This popular event is for youngsters and adults interested in learning more about trapping. Doors at the Community Center in Hermansville will open at 8 a.m. central time and volunteers do everything they can to make this a fun-filled, learning opportunity for all.

Two trapping supply dealers

and a fur buyer will be on hand, so attendees can get needed supplies and sell fur. All youngsters receive a free weasel box and trap and will be in a drawing to win other free trapping supplies. Local trapping experts teach kids and adults how to trap weasels, mink, muskrats, raccoons and so forth, and how to properly prepare them for market.

"This event is attended by more kids each year. It's really neat that each kid goes away with a prize along with the weasel

box and trap setup. That, along with having had the opportunity to learn from the experts always makes this a great day for our young trappers," Jim Fornetti, longtime member of the U.P. Trappers Association, said.

The workshop is open to the public and admission is free. Lunch and refreshments available for purchase throughout the day. For further information or directions, call Mike Lewis at (906) 774-3592 or visit [www.uptrappers.com](http://www.uptrappers.com).



Eugene Arduin covers weasel trapping from A to Z for an attentive audience at a previous workshop. (Courtesy U.P. Trappers Association)



# Santa attends Munising kids Christmas party

PHOTOS AND STORY BY KATHLEEN NINO-CORP

Santa made his rounds at the Munising tribal Christmas party on Dec. 10 in the Munising Tribal Center community room. With 85 children registered to receive gifts from the yuletide icon, a total of

52 actual gifts were given out. Items were selected by ages of the children with gifts ranging from art kits to Hot Wheels to dolls.

Gift shopping for the event was achieved in only two days. "I've been doing it for a few years now," present coordinator Tina

Kleeman said. "I have a system figured out."

Reindeer antler headbands were distributed to the attending children, along with goodie bags filled with small toys and candy. The bash began with a group of children singing Christmas car-

ols to greet the incoming guests, alongside the piano accompaniment of elder Mari Beth LeVeque.

Lunch was pizza and breadsticks from Main Street Pizza and homemade cookies made by Johnny Dogs. "He used his mother's recipe," tribal board mem-

ber and event coordinator Anita Nelson said. "He said they all had fun making them."

At the end of the two-hour gathering, a giant plush Scooby Doo doll was raffled off among the attending children and won by second grader Neveah Trombly.



Alexandria Maddox



Elias Eiseman



Hayla Cabanaw



Santa and his elves at the Munising children's Christmas party.



Caroling reindeer



Grandma and grandkids enjoying a visit with Santa.



Youngsters enjoying the Christmas party.



Santa getting a once-over by baby.



Siblings enjoying their Christmas holiday.



The Meyer family



The Trombly kids visit with Santa and receive gifts.



# Drumming in the new year at Sault Tribe's Sobriety Powwow in JKL Bahweting Anishnabe PSA's gym



Flag carriers during grand entry at 7 p.m. Photos by Brenda Austin



Women dancers during grand entry.



Young ladies stand for the posting of the colors at the conclusion of grand entry.



Samantha Recollet from Wikwemikong First Nation, Ontario, Canada.



Men's fancy dancer



Sam Gardner, III, 14 months.



Bruce Burling enjoying himself prior to the evening's grand entry.



Tyrone Shawana from Toronto, Ontario, Canada.



Sisters Martina Bommanda from Garden River and Dot Beaucage-Kennedy from Nipissing First Nation, Canada.



Scott Garcia, 13, from Sault Ste. Marie with his step-mother, Sonja Killips from Bay Mills, and Wiingashk Shawana, 9, from Toronto.



Alana Diamond, 10, and Aubrey Pine, 9.

## Marquette holds kids' Christmas party

A snowstorm could not keep the children and families from Sault Tribe's annual Christmas party at the Thomas Theater in Marquette, Mich.

Children and family members of Unit V-Marquette were the guests of a Christmas adventure on Saturday, Dec. 17.

The party started at noon with an astounding buffet of goodies while everyone was greeted with music and cultural activities. Anishnabe coloring books, music, drumming, dancing and an unexpected giveaway of potatoes were part of the cultural experience.

At 1 p.m. was the premier showing of the *Rogue One Star Wars* movie. Pop and popcorn along with free movie tickets were given to all who wanted to attend the Disney movie.

A pizza buffet followed with cookies, cupcakes and drinks distributed to everyone. Christmas gift stockings were received by all children in attendance along with brothers or sisters who were unable to attend. It was a grand celebration of our heritage past and present.

Thank you to everyone who made this afternoon such a big success!

**Thank you: Unit V children's Christmas party**  
I express my appreciation for all the helpers who came together on Dec. 10 to make a beautiful Christmas party for our Native children and the employees' children of our tribal enterprises.  
You are: Santa who made the long trip. The elves: Tina Kleeman, Jennifer Myer, Mary Jenerou and son Robin, Carly Lindquist, Cleo and Taletha Witty and Dorothy Melon, Krissy Leveque, Deb McNeill, Brandy Deisonroth and Alexis Chase. Kitchen helpers: Kathy Syers, Tom Derwin. And, Mari Beth Leveque, for the piano music and sing-a-long. It was a great success again this year.  
— Anita L. Nelson, Unit V, board of directors



Families hanging out with Star Wars characters at the Marquette children's Christmas party.



Chi Mukwa kids Christmas party - Getting ready for the party, from left, Dan Stinehart, Sam Brody, Aaron Payment, Dani King, Mady Weber, Michael McKerchie, Taylor Ogston, Jill Lawson, Aurora Kelly, Sara Weber, Alexis Kelly, (front row) George Snider as Santa and Carrie Gregg. Photo by Jill Lawson



Waasageebwan Wemigwase, 6, and Waaseyaban Wemigwase, 8, and mom Shauna Wemigwase from the Little Traverse Bay Bands.

**St. Ignace Christmas thanks**  
To Joe Horn, our Santa for volunteering his time for our tribal Head Start children.  
Santa came to visit the children on Dec. 21 at the McCann elders' meal site. The children were served juice and reindeer cupcakes made by John Cadotte of Mackinac Island, and each child received a gift from Santa.  
Thank you to everyone who helped make this a happy day for our children.  
— Connie and Ilene

