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St. Ignace elders apartments project finished



Photo by Rick Smith

A ribbon cutting ceremony and reception took place on Sept. 24 in St. Ignace for the recently completed Shirley Goudreau Elders Housing Complex in St. Ignace. Nestled on the edge of the Sault Tribe family housing area between Kewadin Shores Casino and the MidJim Convenience Store, the state-of-the-art facility features 20 two-bedroom apartments with kitchens, living room areas, clothes washers and dryers, individual heating and air conditioning, built-in security systems, communal dining and lounge areas and other amenities. The apartments should be ready for residents to move in by next month. More photos and details on pages 14-15.

BY RICK SMITH

Warm recollections of the late Shirley Goudreau (also named Red Lightning Woman) were heard at the ribbon cutting ceremony and open house for the recently completed 20-unit Sault Tribe elders apartment building named in her honor in St. Ignace on Sept. 24. The structure is nestled between the Kewadin Shores Casino and the MidJim Convenience store along the Mackinac Trail (H-63) on the southwest boundary of the tribe's family housing district.

The Shirley Goudreau Elder Housing Complex is named after a member who served her tribe and fellow members over a long period of time in a variety of capacities in social services, education and housing, along with 10 years as a Unit III representative on the tribe's board of directors. Some of her relatives were on hand for the occasion.

The opening ceremonies concluded construction of the state-of-the-art facility, the starting marked by a ground breaking in

2016. The foundation and infrastructure followed and the 27,000 square-foot building was erected in 2017, according to Sault Tribe Housing Authority Director Joni Talentino. Each of the 900 square-foot, two-bedroom apartments have full kitchens and dining/living room areas, individual heating and air-conditioning controlled by the tenants, handicap accessible bathrooms, stacked washers and dryers, free Wi-Fi access, small outdoor porches with storage areas and one apartment is fully handicap accessible throughout.

"The elder housing complex was constructed by Sault Tribe Housing with the support of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors and the Sault Tribe Housing Commission," said Talentino. "The project was funded the with tribe's Indian Housing Block grant. The Housing Authority will operate and manage the property, continuing our goal of providing safe, decent and sanitary housing for tribal members. This particular complex meets the need of elders in the St.

Ignace area."

Talentino further elaborated the structure was built with energy efficient insulating foam panels sandwiched between two structural facings. The Housing Authority Force Account construction crew built the complex while heating, ventilation, air conditioning,

plumbing and electrical contractors completed the building along with firms providing decorations, furnishings and installation of a large commercial kitchen for the large communal dining room. The complex is expected to be the new site of the elders meal program in the area, shifting from the former

McCann School building across town. Residents will also enjoy other meal gatherings in the dining room.

"This complex is a premiere state of the art facility and the first of its kind for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians," said Talentino.

Over 220 walk to end domestic violence



Photo by Rick Smith

Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) and the Diane Pepple Resource Center led over 220 walkers on Oct. 8 to help to spread the word that domestic violence is not a traditional Anishinaabe standard. ARC Community Educator Jessica McKerchie said walkers took advantage of a stop in the rain to walk a circuit from the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center and return where folks enjoyed pizza and other features. McKerchie said the ARC staff is grateful for the tremendous community support from volunteers, donors and participants who help make the walks worthwhile. Above, senior nursing students from LSSU clad in event T-shirts hold signs why they are helping spread awareness about domestic violence concerns.

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Second annual St. Ignace Recovery Walk done



Above, Recovery Walk participants photographed just before the walk.



Walking in support of community recovery efforts and awareness.



Walkers in downtown St. Ignace head to the Museum of Ojibwe Culture.

Photos by Bridgett Sorenson

The St. Ignace Recovery Walk, on Thursday, Sept.27, went off without a hitch. The weather held out with merely a few sprinkles prior to departure. The group gathered at the McCann School and left at 5:15 p.m. The majority arrived within 30 minutes at the Museum of Ojibwa Culture where the Grandmother Moon Singers greeted the walkers. Mukwa Giizhiik also played a welcome song and a prayer was given by Tony Grondin. Participants then enjoyed a meal and conversation. Marcie Danielson made a beautiful cake. Later, teachings were offered as well as speakers and a resource booklet was distributed. It was another successful walk organized by Russell Rickley, Tony Grondin, Shirley Sorrels, Christina Burlak and Bruce Zimmerman.



Beautiful fall colors greet walk participants along their route.



Families came out for the walk sporting this year's recovery T-shirts.



Grandmother Moon Singers and Mukwa Giizhiik Drum at the museum.



Sault Tribe member Marcie Danielson of B-M-L made the cake.

Healthy Holiday Cooking Class

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Volunteers sought to fill vacancies on committees

The following Sault Tribe committees have vacant seats.

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

Call (906) 635-6050 for any questions.

Anishinaabe Cultural Committee - five vacancies - three males (4-year term), two female (4-year term)

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

Election Committee - six vacancies (4-year term)

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

Health Board - six vacancies (4-year term)

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

Elder Advisory Committee

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

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

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

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

Elder Subcommittee

Unit I - Sault (4-year term), two regular vacancies

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

Unit II - Newberry (4-year term), three regular vacancies

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hogs for Hope fundraiser Oct. 20

The sixth annual Hogs For Hope fundraiser for Families

Against Narcotics is on Saturday, Oct.

20, 1-7 p.m., at the National Guard

Armory in Sault Ste. Marie. Enjoy pulled

pork, cole slaw, baked beans, pasta salad, good

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or bake sale may call Sheila at 440-4254 or

Shirley at 440-0014.

More information is at www.facebook.com/fanchipp.



Tribal members: need assistance?

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

Unit I — Sheila Berger,

Office of the Chairperson, Sault Ste. Marie, 635-6050, (800) 793-0660, cell (906) 259-2983 or email 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.

WIOA training opportunities available for eligible applicants

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

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

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

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

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

November USDA road schedule

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

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

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

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

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

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

Here is the Nov. 2018 food distribution road schedules:

Friday, Nov. 2	Marquette
Tuesday, Nov. 6	Newberry
Thursday, Nov. 8	Manistique 1 A-L
Tuesday, Nov. 13	Hessel/ Kincheloe
Thursday, Nov. 15	Rapid River
Monday, Nov. 19	Munising
Wednesday, Nov. 21	Cheboygan
Tuesday, Nov. 27	Manistique 2 M-Z
Thursday, Nov. 29	St. Ignace

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GOVERNMENTAL OPENINGS

SAULT STE. MARIE & KINCHELOE

Administrative assistant to chairperson – full time / regular

Child Placement services supervisor – full time / regular

Custodian – Big Bear Arena – part time / regular

Early Head Start instructor – full time / regular

Environmental research associate – full time / regular

Facilities manager – (Education) – full time / regular

Fisheries assessment biologist – full time / regular

Fitness Center supervisor – full time / regular

General counsel – full time / regular

Human Resource manager – full time / regular

Human Resource generalist – full time / regular

Internal auditor – full time /

regular

Medical case manager – Behavior Health – part time / reg

Medical laboratory technician – full time / regular

Purchasing director – full time / regular –

Teacher aide – part time / regular –

Tribal attorney – ACFS – full time / regular –

Traditional Ojibwa practitioner – STHS- full time / regular –

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

Community Health technician (Munising) – full time/regular –

Community Health technician (Manistique & Munising) – full time/regular

Staff dentist (St. Ignace) – full time/regular

Staff pharmacist (Munising) – part time/regular

Community Health technician

(Hessel) – full time/regular

Maintenance technician (St. Ignace Lambert Center) – part time/regular

Housekeeper (St. Ignace) – full time/regular –

Tutor (Escanaba/Gladstone) – seasonal

Supply clerk (St. Ignace) - seasonal

Nurse practitioner (St. Ignace) – full time/regular –

KEWADIN CASINO OPENINGS

SAULT STE. MARIE KEWADIN

Guest room attendant – part time / regular

Count team manager-full time / regular

Website administrator-full time / regular

Master mechanic-full time / regular

Bingo attendant-full time / reg-

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ST. IGNACE KEWADIN

Gaming dealers – (2) full time/regular –

Gaming dealer – part time/temporary –

Bartenders – full time/regular

Dishwasher – part time/regular

Dishwashers – (2) full time/regular

Prep cook – part time/regular –

Executive host/hostess – full time/temporary

Players Club clerk – full time/regular

Line cook – full time/regular

Deli cook – full time/regular

Front desk clerk – full time/regular

Assistant executive chef – full time/regular

HESSEL KEWADIN

Cage cashier – full time/temp.

Deli cook - full time/regular -

Players Club clerk – full time/regular

MANISTIQUE KEWADIN

Players Club clerk - part time/regular

Surveillance manager III (Manistique, Christmas) – full time/regular – 10/26/18

CHRISTMAS KEWADIN

Gaming shift manager III – full time/regular

Line cook – full time/regular –

Bar server – full time/regular –

Gift shop cashier – part time/regular

Restaurant server – full time/regular

Vault cashier – full time/reg

Gift shop cashier – full time/regular

Players Club clerk – full time/regular

Security guard – full time/regular

Cage cashier – full time/regular

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Judge calls Indian Child Welfare Act race based

Strikes down ICWA in northern Texas district

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

A federal judge in the Northern District of Texas has struck down the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, finding that this longstanding federal law is an unconstitutional race-based benefit.

In his Oct. 4 decision, Judge Reed O'Connor rejected earlier

cases, which held that such benefits for Indian tribes are based not on race, but on the unique political status of tribes as sovereign governments. Instead, he declared that ICWA is a race-based benefit that violates the equal protection component of the Fifth Amendment's Due Process Clause. He also wrote ICWA violated the Tenth Amendment's prohibition on "commandeering" state legislative functions, mean-

ing the law infringes on the state having control over child welfare cases.

The decision is limited to the Northern District of Texas.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors is deeply concerned about what it sees as an assault on the 40-year-old law. Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment said, "If it was not apparent before it

should be crystal clear now we are entering a modern day Indian termination era. If we are to survive this, we need to put differences aside and find points of unity."

ICWA was enacted as a response to the high rate of removal of Indian children from their homes and communities by state agencies. The removals were devastating Native communities with up to a third of all tribal

children affected. According to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, ICWA was enacted to "protect the best interest of Indian children and to promote the stability and security of Indian tribes and families by the establishment of minimum federal standards for the removal of Indian children and placement of such children in homes which will reflect the unique values of Indian culture."

See "ICWA," Page 5

Sault Tribe receives over \$2 million from Justice

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Department of Justice recently announced more than \$113 million in grant awards to improve public safety, serve victims of crime, combat violence against women and support youth programs in American Indian communities. Grants were awarded to 133 American Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages and other tribal designees through the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS), a streamlined application for tribal-specific grant programs. Of the \$113 million, just over \$53 million comes from the Office of Justice Programs, more than \$35 million from the Office on Violence Against Women, and more than \$24.7 million from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

In addition, the Department is in the process of allocating up to \$133 million in a first-ever set aside program to serve victims

of crime in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The awards are intended to help tribes develop, expand and improve services to victims of crime by providing funding, programming and technical assistance.

Sault Tribe received a total of \$2,024,372; the funding is constituted of \$555,158 for Public Safety and Community Policing (COPS), \$569,472 for Bureau of Justice Assistance Justice Systems and Alcohol and Substance Abuse, \$450,000 for Office of Victims of Crime Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities and \$449,742 for the Office of Victims and Crime Comprehensive Tribal Victim Assistance Program.

Sault Tribe's \$2,024,372 is for four tribal programs. Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court Chief Judge Jocelyn Fabry said, "The court received

a portion of the Alcohol and Substance Abuse grant under CTAS. The funds received will allow the court to continue our Drug Court, Domestic Violence Court and Family Drug Court programs led by our Specialty Court coordinator. Having a coordinator for these programs is the key to the success of the programs and their participants. Quite simply, we couldn't offer these programs without funding for a coordinator who manages the programs, oversees client compliance, provides case management services to clients and advocates for the programs and raises awareness. We are so fortunate to have received funding to continue these programs under the guidance of our coordinator."

Funding also went to support for the Sault Tribe Police Department's COPS and Anishinaabek Community and Family Services programs.

"With these awards, we are doubling the amount of grant funding devoted to public safety programs and serving victims of crime in Native American communities," said Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General Jesse Panuccio, who made the announcement during his remarks at the 26th annual Four Corners Indian Country Conference in Santa Fe, N.M. "There is an unacceptable level of violent crime and domestic abuse in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. This increase in resources, together with our aggressive investigation and prosecution of crimes, shows how seriously Attorney General Sessions and the entire Department of Justice take these issues. We are committed to reducing violent crime and improving public safety."

The Four Corners Conference is facilitated annually by U.S. Attorneys from Arizona,

Colorado, New Mexico and Utah to provide a forum for discussion of justice-related topics with a large number of populous and diverse tribal nations located in the region.

CTAS awards cover nine purpose areas: public safety and community policing; justice systems planning; alcohol and substance abuse; corrections and correctional alternatives; children's justice act partnerships; services for victims of crime; violence against women; juvenile justice; and tribal youth programs. CTAS funding helps tribes develop and strengthen their justice systems' response to crime while expanding services to meet their communities' public safety needs.

The announcement is part of the Justice Department's ongoing initiative to increase engagement, coordination and action on public safety in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.



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Tribe welcomes new Human Resource director

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The Sault Tribe has welcomed its new Human Resource director, Mark Dumbeck.

Dumbeck grew up near Grand Rapids in Lowell, Mich., and has 20 years experience in the Human Resources field, 12 of those with tribes throughout the country.

Dumbeck moved to the Sault to accept the position from San Jacinto, Calif. He said, "I am glad to be back in Michigan and am looking forward to getting connected in the community and making new friends. My nieces are in the Lansing area and I have friends in the Grand Rapids and Petoskey areas. My father grew up in the Stalwart area and I look forward to reconnecting with family and friends from my childhood visits to this area."

Dumbeck's educational



Sault Tribe Human Resource Director Mark Dumbeck

background and professional development includes: A Master of Science degree in Human Resources Development from Villanova University in Pennsylvania; a Bachelor of

Business in Administration with an emphasis in finance from Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich.; A PHRca (Professional in Human Resources with CA state-specific certification); SHRM-CP (SHRM Certified Professional); Leadership Breakthrough 1 – Rapport Leadership International; Dale Carnegie Course – Dale Carnegie & Associates, Inc.; and HR Generalist Certificate Program – SHRM. He will be working towards earning a Tribal HR Professional (THRP) certification in 2019.

He said his first step as Sault Tribe's HR director is to learn the organization. His past work with tribes has been casino specific, and he is excited to learn more about the tribal government aspect of HR. "The Sault Tribe

Human Resource Department was in the midst of a dynamic change and it stalled, so I am going to become familiar with that and see if I can help facilitate us to get where the board of directors and Christine McPherson wants it to be. We are going to see where we can enhance and improve HR service delivery and also strive to be customer service focused."

Some of Dumbeck's professional qualifications include: Experience in employee relations, benefit administration, staffing, training, HR systems, and Human Resources operations. He also has experience with health and welfare benefit programs, 401(k), Workers Compensation, leave of absence programs, and COBRA and HIPAA administration. He is familiar working with employees from all levels of an organization,

from front-line staff to executives; developing and administering employment-related policies and programs; facilitating compliance reviews, renewal process, competitive analysis, and benefit processing functions, among others.

Dumbeck's past work experience includes: HR director at Soboba Casino; executive director of HR at Tropicana Evansville; director of HR at ACE Parking Management, Inc.; director of HR at Eagle Mountain Casino; HR director at FireKeepers Casino; benefits manager at the Little River Casino Resort and HR manager for Zelenka Nursery, Inc.

Dumbeck said he is looking forward to working with the Sault Tribe and experiencing another Michigan winter in the coming months.

Former cadet at first Junior Police Academy, STLE Officer Kuemin now mentors students

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement held their first Junior Police Academy the summer of 1999. Kasey Kuemin (now Officer Kuemin) was a 14-year old student whose decision to attend that first camp changed the course of her life.

With no family involvement in law enforcement, everything they did during the camp – from fingerprinting to handcuffing – was new to her. "That's when I decided I wanted to be an officer," she said.

She also participated in felony traffic stops, learned weapon safety, and took part in safe building entries. Numerous agencies such as the Michigan State Police K9 Unit, and local EMS and fire departments did presentations, and the youth participated in a mock court trial at the St. Ignace courthouse.

Kuemin will be celebrating her 20-year involvement with the Junior Police Academy this summer as they celebrate their 20th anniversary. "I hope we can keep the police camp going forever. It's a lot of work for the people doing it, but it makes a huge difference. The kids look forward to it; we had a waiting list this year of almost 30 kids," she said.

She returned to the camp in 2000 as a 15-year old, the maximum age limit for kids to attend. During high school she



Officer Kasey Kuemin

began volunteering 2-hours a day at tribal law enforcement and received elective credits for it. During her senior year she spent a day at the camp volunteering as a mentor. "With the dedication and hard work of all the officers, and other various staff members, this camp wouldn't have been going this strong. One officer who had a huge impact on me and on the camp is Dan Frechette. Dan has since retired, and I hope I can do half the job he did with the camp," Kuemin said.

Her career with the tribe began in 2003 when she was hired at the Midjim gas station and convenience store, where she remained for five years before taking a position at tribal health as a medical records clerk for the next year

and a half. Then in 2009, Sault Tribe Law Enforcement hired her as a front desk clerk, where she issued hunting and fishing licenses and worked as a dispatcher. During that time, she took classes at Lake Superior State University (LSSU) and earned an associates degree in criminal justice.

Since 2009 she has attended the Junior Police Academy every summer, mentoring youth and volunteering.

After spending 6 years with the department, she left in 2015, taking a job with the Little River Band (LRB) of Ottawa Indians Police Department as an officer. They paid for her to attend the 17-week MCOLES (Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards) academy at Kirtland Regional Police Academy in Roscommon, Mich. She said when she was hired by the LRB, she was like a glorified intern, riding around with them to learn the area before starting the academy. "Very few police departments sponsor officers any more," she said. "Not only did they pay for my academy, they also paid me a fulltime salary as an employee while I was gone for those 17 weeks. They gave me the best opportunity I have ever had. I would have had to quit work and send myself through my last year of school and academy at Lake Superior State University. With two young kids I couldn't

have done it."

Her daughter Ava Povey is 10, and son Elliot Povey is 7.

"I was in the older end of the age range going through the police academy - all the kids were in their 20s and I am in my 30s. I took longer to get there but I did it, I knew what I wanted," she said.

She returned to Sault Ste. Marie in 2017 and is now a road patrol officer with Sault Tribe Law Enforcement. "STLE was my first family. When I came back it was like I had never left. I felt like I was home again," she said.

Kuemin said, "The Junior

Police Academy Camp has a huge impact on the youth that attend. We are not in uniform, we are in shorts and T-shirts every day and playing basketball with them, and volleyball or cards. Some of these kids only see us when we are knocking on the door at 2 a.m. because mom and dad are having problems. A lot of that dehumanizes us to them; they think we are the bad guys. When they see us out there, they get to see we are individuals who swim with them every day, and interact with them on a completely different level."

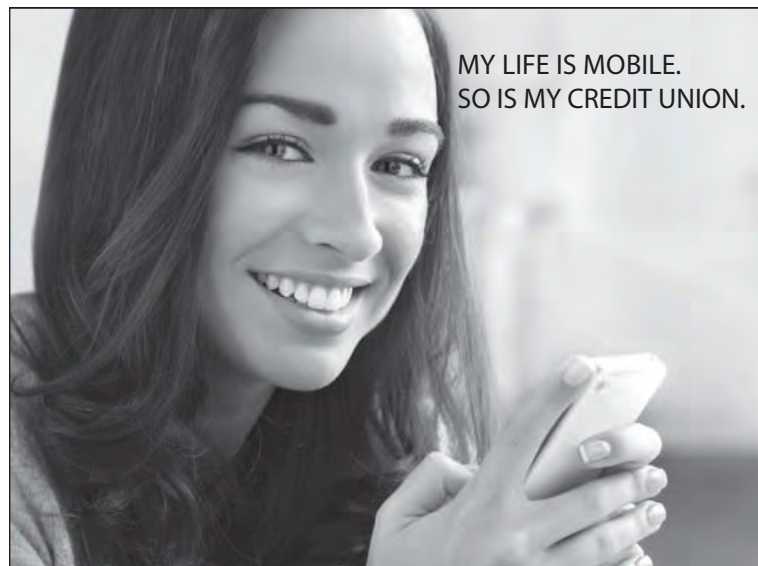
"It was a long road to get where I am today - but it is well worth it," she said.

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Manoomin Processing Workshop Nov. 1

A Manoomin Processing workshop with Roger Labine from Lac Vieux Desert will be held Thursday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in Chi Mukwa Recreation Center (Big Bear Arena) Hospitality Room, in Sault Ste. Marie. To register for this work-

**Call 632-6132
to register!**

shop, please email Dani Fegan at dfegan1@saulttribe.net or call 632-6132. The workshop is about

gathering, dancing, winnowing and the restoration of Manoomin (wild rice.)

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review it.

Michigan is one of eight states with comprehensive state ICWA laws. The Michigan Supreme Court formed the Tribal Court Relations Committee and out of that alliance came the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act of 2013, which has since become a model for other states.

From "ICWA," Page 4

The law also provides guidance to states regarding cases involving Native children, according to the BIA.

In a joint statement Oct. 5, the Cherokee Nation, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, the Oneida Nation and the Quinault Indian Nation, said, in part,

"These policies devastated tribal communities and we refuse to go back to those darker days. We are heartened by the support of so many states that stand shoulder to shoulder with us in this litigation to protect families."

The four tribes added they will seek a stay of the decision until higher courts have a chance to

Anishinaabemowin 2018

“Courage is being scared to death and saddling up anyway.” John Wayne

Bnaakwe Giizis Falling Leaves Moon

by Susan Askwith



Aakide’ewin — Bravery — is one of our Seven Grandfather teachings for living well.

The thing about being brave is it doesn’t come with the absence of fear and hurt. Bravery is the ability to look fear and hurt in the face and say move aside, you are in the way. — Melissa Tumino

Pronunciation guide; How to sound really good:

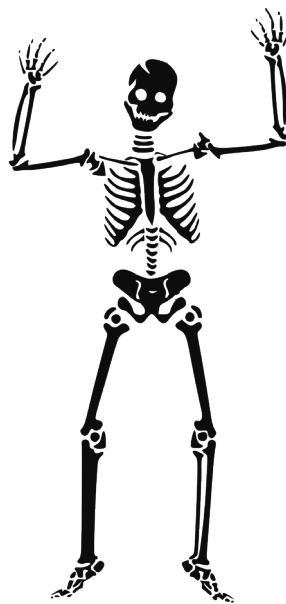
Let’s just stick with these basics: Letters sound like they do in reading English, except for these ones.

- a sounds like U in cup
 - aa sounds like A in fall
 - o sounds like OO in book
 - oo sounds like O in grow
 - i sounds like I in fit
 - ii sounds like EE in feed
 - e sounds like E in fed
 - g sounds only like g in go
- nh has no sound at all; it is only a SIGN that the vowel in front of it is said in a nasal way.**

English has a lot of strange spellings. Our system of writing is easier. **We pronounce all the letters** shown, even if we say some of them pretty fast and some are pretty quiet.

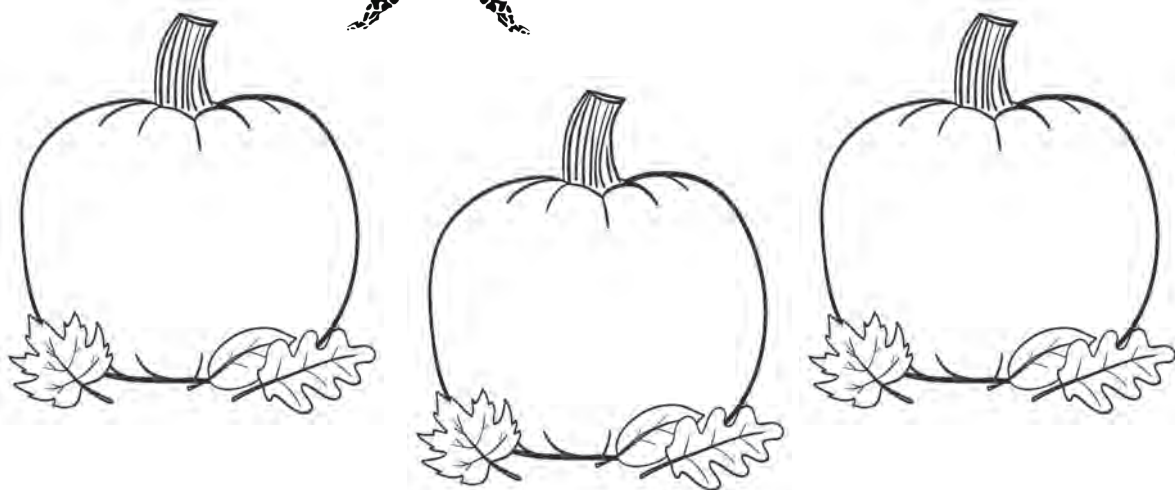
N’Zegis! I’m afraid!

- N’gwaasaak ginebigook. I’m afraid of snakes.
- N’gwaasaak esbikenhsak. I’m afraid of spiders.
- N’gwaasaak jibayik. I’m afraid of ghosts.
- N’gwaasaak waaabigonoojii’ak. I’m afraid of mice.
- N’gwaasaak mkade gaazhikenhsak. I’m afraid of black cats.
- N’gwataach dbikak. I’m afraid of the dark.
- N’zegis zaam bmaadzijig gaa bishigen miksiig.
I’m afraid people won’t like me.
- N’zegis endigwenh maanda ji wii kshkitoo’aanh.
I’m afraid I won’t be able to do it.
- N’zegis weya gegoo wii naapinazhit.
I’m afraid someone will hurt me.



How interesting that every year we have a holiday that celebrates being afraid: **Hal-loween**. We can make fun of some of our fears — make them look ridiculous — and sweeten everything with candies and treats. And we tell ourselves: *Gegwa snagindige; da nishin gwa!* Don’t worry; it will be OK!

Halloween!



For “pumpkin” we say **kosmaan**. It’s really the word for any kind of squash or melon. Decorate these **kosmaan** with : **Shkiinzhigook** (eyes), **Jaanzh** (nose) and **Doon** (mouth) to make them look scary. Add your own extras!



Label the treat items above, with these Anishinaabemowin words.

- Halloween mshkimod
- Ziisbaakadoonhs
- Bgiw
- Bkwezhigaanhs
- Mishiimin
- Mdaamin bkwaakod
- Halloween bag
- Candy
- Gum
- Cookie
- Apple
- Popcorn ball



Number practice!

Counting things is one activity you can do anywhere anytime! Count windows, doors, trees, cars, people, stores - everything! You could add “nda waabmdaan” after each number of things you see. This won’t always be exactly correct because it means you are seeing things that are not alive when sometimes they ARE alive. But dare to be a little wrong just for now while you’re learning!

Here’s the counting pattern again.

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

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

- 11-19 -> midaaswi
 - 20-29 -> niizhdana
 - 30-39 -> nsimdana
 - 40-49 -> niimdana
 - 50-59 -> naanmidana
 - 60-69 -> ngodwaasmidana
 - 70-79 -> niizhwaasmidana
 - 80-89 -> nshwaasmidana
 - 90-99 -> zhaangsmidana
 - 100 -> ngod-waak (waak = hundred)
- +100: use the numbers 2-10 to say how many hundreds you want to talk about

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

Straits collaborative wins huge challenge grant

BY RICK SMITH

The Straits of Mackinac Heritage Center Collaborative stemmed from an initial meeting in 2016 for discussions about the Father Marquette National Memorial on the grounds of the state operated Straits State Park in St. Ignace, Mich. The group at the meeting included the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and other entities that continued to explore issues of the memorial and the park. The collaborative recently announced they are recipients of a \$500,000 challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to partially fund a multi-purpose educational and experiential facility at the park. The grant requires the collaborative to raise \$1.5 million in matching funds over the next five years. Consequently, they seek innovative partnerships and proposals from any and all parties interested in helping to meet the challenge.

Along with the tribe, the collaborative consists of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Parks and Recreation Division, DNR Michigan History Center, Lake Superior State University, Mackinac Straits Health System and Moran Township.

The Straits of Mackinac Heritage Center is expected to be a place where people can reflect, learn and practice healthful living based on the historical and contemporary Anishinaabe

and French customs of the area. According to an announcement, it is hoped the facility features include indoor and outdoor areas for powwows and many other functions; a central building for exhibitions, workshops, classes and symposiums; a trail hub connected to the Iron Belle Trail, plus a safe bridge across Interstate-75, which bisects the park. All designed to help visitors understand Anishinaabe culture as well as the early life of the French in the area.

Larry Jacques, director of strategic planning for Sault Tribe Planning and Development, is the tribe's designated representative in the collaborative. He said the tribe supports the project as it is seen as a place that "creates value for the tribe's members and St. Ignace citizens," such as jobs and business opportunities, pride in ancestry and place along with an enhanced socialization platform and revenue for local businesses. Further, tribal involvement on the project allows for a more accurate portrayal of the American Indian history in the region.

"People, goods and the history of the Great Lakes have long come together at the Straits of Mackinac," said Michigan History Center Director Sandra Clarke in an announcement. "The site will remain a place where people continue to gather and learn from each other."

The park is managed by the DNR jointly through its Parks



Photo by Rick Smith

Collaborative representatives at a meeting on Oct. 5 in St. Ignace. From left, Eric Cowing, EUP DNR district recreation supervisor; Anna Sylvester, DNR northern field operations section chief; Jim Durm, Moran Township supervisor; Larry Jacques, strategic planning director for the Sault Tribe Planning and Development Department; Suzanne Fischer, Michigan History Museum director; Sandra Clark, Michigan History Center director; and Mike Grisdale, Mackinac Straits Health System marketing and foundation director.

and Recreation Division and the Michigan History Center.

"This is big time," said Anna Sylvester, northern field operations section chief for the DNR Parks and Recreation, "I don't recall Sault Tribe collaborating on something like this."

Other key figures in the collaborative noted an earlier museum

on the park's grounds "missed the boat" when it came to inclusion of the Anishinaabe of the area, but the tribe's involvement should prove to aptly remedy that omission this time. The museum was in operation from 1979 to 2000 until it was destroyed in a fire.

The collaborative seeks proposals from individuals, orga-

nizations and businesses with similar views and goals for the project to develop partnerships over the next several months to begin developing funds for \$1.5 million match. More details on the project along with fundraising information can be found online at www.straitsheritage.org as they develop.

U.S. DOT offers funding for tribal road projects

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration today published a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) in the Federal Register making \$300 million available through its Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program. Funding under this program is available for the first time to build and repair roads and bridges that serve tribal or federal lands.

"This program will help underserved tribal areas fund large-scale infrastructure projects that will improve safety and mobility for their communities," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao.

The *Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act* established the program to provide federal finan-

cial assistance for the construction, reconstruction or rehabilitation of transportation projects providing access to or located on federal or tribal lands.

Under the program, the federal share of a project can be up to 90 percent and can be used to improve the condition of a critical transportation facility. Large-scale projects with estimated construction costs of \$50 million or more are given priority consideration for selection, but the program will accept projects with estimated construction costs of at least \$25 million.

"The program prioritizes highways and bridges that access our national treasures and improve the quality of life throughout Indian Country," said Deputy Federal Highway

Administrator Brandye L. Hendrickson. "The funds will go a long way in making sure that needed improvements to infrastructure serving federal and tribal lands are addressed."

Applications accepted on a rolling basis. Federal lands management agencies and tribes can apply directly for grants under the program. States and local agencies may also apply, but only

if sponsored by a federal land management agency or tribe. The notice of funding opportunity can be seen at <https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2018-21826.pdf>.

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Area Elder Holiday Parties

Unit I, II, and III Holiday Party
December 13, 12:00 pm doors open at 11:00 am located at the Sault Kewadin Casino please RSVP at (906) 635-4971

Unit IV Holiday Parties
Manistique Area-December 06, 2018 at 6:00 pm located at Manistique Tribal Center

Escanaba Area-December 13, 2018 at 6:00 pm located at the Island Casino please RSVP with Viola Neadow at (906) 341-6993

Unit V Holiday Parties
Munising Area-December 20, 2018 at 4:00 pm located at Roam Inn please RSVP by December 6, 2018 at (906) 387-2086 or (906) 451-4572

Marquette Area-December 5, 2018 at 6:00 pm located at Holiday Inn (Marquette) please RSVP by November 30, 2018 at (906) 235-0959 or (906) 235-0020 or (906) 458-0339 or (906) 249-3051

Tribal Board resolutions passed in September

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors met on Sept. 4 in Sault Ste. Marie. All board members were present. Eleven resolutions were presented and passed, five by unanimous vote.

Resolution 2018-198:

Employment - WIOA administration FY 2019 budget modification — Approved with an increase in Department of Labor revenue monies of \$3,178.81.

2018-199 Employment - WIOA Work Experience FY 2019 budget modification — Approved with an increase in Department of Labor revenue monies of \$20,575.20.

200 Employment - SYEP program FY 2019 budget modification — Approved with an increase in Department of Labor revenue monies of \$792.57.

201 EDC sign board FY 2018 enterprise capital expenditures budget modification — A modification to the Enterprise Capital Expenditure Budget for \$20,000 was approved with funds coming from interest from the Land Claims Fund for the EDC sign boards. The tribe's EDC director was also authorized to enter into an agreement to purchase two parcels in Schoolcraft County using funds from the Land Claims Fund.

202 Acceptance - 2019 Indian Housing Plan — The board approved the 2019 Indian Housing Plan and is requesting funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

203 Naming of the St. Ignace elder housing complex — The new St. Ignace elder housing complex has been named the Shirley Goudreau Housing Complex in honor of Shirley

Goudreau and her years of service and contributions to the tribal board and the Housing Authority Commission.

204 Amending Chapter 21: Baiting Regulations — The following was added to Tribal Code 21.519 Baiting: "(5) Notwithstanding subsection (1) above the baiting of deer in any manner whatsoever in Kent, Ionia, Montcalm, Mecosta, Newaygo, and Ottawa Counties is prohibited. (6) Effective January 31, 2019 baiting and feeding deer is prohibited in the Lower Peninsula. (7) The possession and use of natural cervid urine-based lures and attractants while hunting or trapping game species is prohibited with the exception of synthetic cervid urine-based lures and attractants or natural cervid urine-based lures or attractants that are labeled with the official ATA (Archery Trade Association) Seal of Participation is legal."

205 Amending Chapter 21: Deer Regulations — The following was added to Tribal Code "21.702 Deer. The Chronic Wasting Disease Core Area is defined as Kent, Ionia, Montcalm, Mecosta, Newaygo, and Ottawa Counties.

"Transportation of deer carcasses from the Chronic Wasting Disease Core Area is prohibited unless it is deboned meat, quarters or other parts of a cervid that do not have any part of the spinal column or head attached, antlers, antlers attached to a skull cap cleaned of all brain and muscle tissue, hides, upper canine teeth, or a finished taxidermist mount."

206 Transfer of Chippewa Service and Supply building to EDC — The property, possession, control and management authori-

ty over the Chippewa Service and Supply building was transferred to the EDC.

207 Purchase of property — The board authorized Chairperson Payment and Treasurer Keith Massaway to negotiate and execute any documents necessary for the purchase of the parcels of land identified in Resolution 2018-185 (including a technical amendment to replace the property identified as 051-801-001-051 with property ID 051-801-001-50) from facility funds identified by the tribe's chief financial officer set aside for this purpose. The board also approved the budget modification to the 2018 facilities Capital Expenditures Budget.

208 Amending Resolution 2009-36 (Funeral Assistance) — The Funeral Assistance policy was amended to reflect the removal of income eligibility from the eligibility requirements.

The board convened another meeting on Sept. 18 in Sault Ste. Marie. All were presents except directors McKelvie and Causley-Smith.

209 ACFS - Emergency Assistance FY 2018 Budget Modification — Approved for an increase in tribal support funding of \$29,588.68.

210 Continuing Funding Authority For Fiscal Year 2019 September to August and October to September — Approved for certain health and social services budgets for fiscal year 2019 at 2018 spending levels for a period not to exceed 60 days.

211 Snowshoe Hare and American Marten Information Sharing — Directs the Sault Tribe Wildlife Management Program to share and incorporate

information collected through the Waabesheshi and Waabooshe assessments into the state wide Featured Species Modeling Project.

212 Appointment To Tribal Audit Committee — James Halvorsen reappointed to serve as a member of the Audit Committee for a four-year term, expiring on Aug. 31, 2022.

213 Financial Institution Change Open Deposit Account With Huntington Bank Sawyer Village — Authorized the tribe's CFO to remove funds and close two Wells Fargo accounts. One used for security deposits and the other for operations at Sawyer Village, and open new security deposit account with Huntington Bank in Gwinn, Mich. In addition, approved Aaron Payment, DJ Hoffman, Keith Massaway, Christine McPherson and Robert Schulte as signers for the Sawyer Village deposit account.

214 Trust Land Lease Lots 918 and 919 Kinross, Mich. — Authorized board chairperson and treasurer to execute leases for the aforementioned properties as part of a housing program.

215 Trust Land Lease 1781 E. Timberwolf Drive Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. — Authorized board chairperson and treasurer to execute a lease for the aforementioned property as part of a housing program.

216 Authorization To Apply For Surplus Forest Service Properties — Authorized an application for and acceptance of U.S. Forest Service properties including the Manistique Ranger District Office with an office building and complex, two residences, two garages, three warehouses and one oil shed.

217 Authorization To Permit Commerical Billboards On the Exterior Of the Tribal Administration Building — Authorized the tribe's EDC director to use the exterior walls of the Min Wabab Dan (Sault administration building) for the construction and maintenance of commercial billboards pursuant to an existing contract with Wetmore Properties, LLC.

218 Request For Great Lakes Fishery Trust Budget Modification For Epoufette Harbor Grant — Authorized the executive director to request a grant budget modification for additional funding from the Great Lakes Fishery Trust for engineering services and construction of the Epoufette Harbor access road and use unspent funds from the Grand Marais Dock project for engineering services related to access road project. Further, granted approval for the executive director to request additional funds from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for engineering services and construction of the access road.

219 Amending Resolution 2018-185 Adding Additional Parcels — Authorized the tribe's economic development director to negotiate the purchase of 17 additional properties in addition to the 10 listed on the original resolution.

Resolutions and voting grids can be viewed in their entirety on the tribe's web site at www.saulttribe.com, follow menu options Government, Board of Directors, Downloads, Board Meeting Votes and Approved Resolutions, 2018 and select appropriate board meeting date.

Board calls for investigation of NCAI practices

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors sent the following letter to Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) on Oct. 9 after an accusation of sexual harassment became public:

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors is writing today out of concern for NCAI's handling of a sexual harassment allegation against NCAI's former counsel. It is the board's understanding that NCAI's former general coun-

sel was demoted to senior counsel with no explanation, prior to being terminated over allegations of sexual harassment of an NCAI colleague.

Sault Tribe is disappointed in the actions of NCAI's leadership and is especially disturbed by the silence of NCAI's leadership and executive staff. NCAI must demonstrate accountability by addressing these issues and take corrective steps, including, at the least, policy changes to ensure complaints are followed

through. NCAI has an obligation to request a new law enforcement review of the original complaint. We also encourage a cultural audit to find systemic issues that need to be addressed; including ensuring team members are comfortable in their work environment.

NCAI must demonstrate accountability by addressing these issues and terminate any staff representing a risk to NCAI's continued ability to advocate for Indian County — especial-

ly during an era of #MeToo and VAWA reauthorization.

In the future, full communication with member tribes should be established regarding issues of this manner. We look to NCAI for its leadership and it must be held to the highest standard. We look forward to your reply by Nov. 9, 2018.

Respectfully,
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors
Aaron A. Payment,

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Denise Chase, Unit IV
Charles Matson, Sr., Unit V

Michigan proposals on the November ballots

The state asks voters in the 2018 election to weigh in on three proposals in November:

Proposal 18-1 — A proposed initiated law to authorize and legalize possession, use and cultivation of marijuana products by individuals who are at least 21 years of age and older, and commercial sales of marijuana through state-licensed retailers

This proposal would:

- Allow individuals 21 and older to purchase, possess and use marijuana and marijuana-infused edibles, and grow up to 12 marijuana plants for personal consumption.

- Impose a 10-ounce limit for marijuana kept at residences and require amounts over 2.5 ounces

be secured in locked containers.

- Create a state licensing system for marijuana businesses and allow municipalities to ban or restrict them.

- Permit retail sales of marijuana and edibles subject to a 10 percent tax, dedicated to implementation costs, clinical trials, schools, roads and municipalities where marijuana businesses are located.

- Change several current violations from crimes to civil infractions.

The state asks voters if this proposal should be adopted.

Proposal 18-2 — A proposed constitutional amendment to establish a commission of citizens with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for

the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress, every 10 years.

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Create a commission of 13 registered voters randomly selected by the Secretary of State, four each who self-identify as affiliated with the two major political parties and five who self-identify as unaffiliated with major political parties.

- Prohibit partisan officeholders and candidates, their employees, certain relatives and lobbyists from serving as commissioners.

- Establish new redistricting criteria including geographically compact and contiguous districts of equal population, reflecting

Michigan's diverse population and communities of interest. Districts shall not provide disproportionate advantage to political parties or candidates.

- Require an appropriation of funds for commission operations and commissioner compensation.

The state asks voters if this proposal should be adopted.

Proposal 18-3 — A proposal to authorize automatic and election day voter registration, no-reason absentee voting and straight ticket voting; and add current legal requirements for military and overseas voting and post-election audits to the Michigan Constitution.

This proposed constitutional amendment would allow a United

States citizen who is qualified to vote in Michigan to:

- Become automatically registered to vote when applying for, updating or renewing a driver's license or state-issued personal identification card, unless the person declines.

- Simultaneously register to vote with proof of residency and obtain a ballot during the two-week period prior to an election, up to and including election day.

- Obtain an absent voter ballot without providing a reason.

- Cast a straight-ticket vote for all candidates of a particular political party when voting in a partisan general election.

The state asks voters if this proposal should be adopted.

Native American Heritage Fund distributed grants

The Native American Heritage Fund (NAHF) announced the 2018 check distribution on Sept. 14 at the FireKeepers Casino Hotel in Battle Creek, Mich.

The 2018 grants distributed included:

- Belding Area Schools – \$334,690.60 to support the replacement of equipment, apparel and signage following the revision of the school's mascot from Redskins to Black Knights.
- City of Battle Creek – \$3,377.50 to assist with removal and replacement of a stained glass window medallion in city hall.
- City of Kalamazoo – \$76,765

to assist with the removal of the Fountain of Pioneers and site improvements at Bronson Park.

- Bay de Noc Community College in Escanaba – \$2,013 for the Living Circle of Life project.

- Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie – \$10,000 for an education initiative to increase local tribal imagery on campus and implement cultural events.

- Michigan Technological University in Houghton – \$30,488 for a partnership project with Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College to co-create curricula.

- Suttons Bay Public Schools

– \$12,500 to the Friendship Community Center/LIFT Teen Center to expand hours and create new programming for the only local afterschool program for sixth through 12th grade youth, with 70 percent demographic consisting of Native American students.

Businesses, community organizations and community members alike united as one for this special ceremony.

The NAHF continues to be a unique funding initiative that supports and promotes positive relationships and accurate information about the history and role of Michigan's Indian tribes and

Native Americans in the state.

"The NAHF Board of Directors is proud to announce that seven different organizations were able to receive assistance from the Native American Heritage Fund," said Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) Tribal Council Vice Chairperson Dorie Rios, who also serves as the vice chairperson of the NAHF Board. "NHBP is humbled so many applicants applied and we consider it an honor to be able to lead the way with this initiative and offer funding to those in need. We look forward to seeing how this assistance will generate under-

standing, kindness and acceptance about the native culture and history of Michigan's 12 federally recognized tribes."

The NAHF Board is composed of chairperson, Jamie Stuck (NHBP Tribal Council chairperson); vice chairperson, Dorie Rios (NHBP Tribal Council vice chairperson); secretary, Elizabeth Kinnart (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians citizen); treasurer, Melissa Kiesewetter (Michigan Department of Civil Rights tribal liaison/Native American specialist); board member, and Kimberly Vargo (Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa vice chairperson).

USDA launches tool to help address rural opioid crisis

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Anne Hazlett recently announced the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) launched an interactive data tool to help community leaders build grassroots strategies to address the opioid epidemic.

"The USDA is committed to being a strong partner to rural America in addressing this monumental challenge," Hazlett said. "Local leaders in small towns across our country need access to user-friendly and relevant data to help them build grassroots solutions for prevention, treatment and recovery."

The opioid misuse Community Assessment Tool, at <https://opioidmisusetool.norc.org/>, enables users to overlay sub-

stance misuse data against socioeconomic, census and other public information. This data can help leaders, researchers and policymakers assess what actions will be most effective in addressing the opioid crisis at the local level.

The Community Assessment Tool is free and available to the public. It can be accessed on USDA's Rural Opioid Misuse Webpage or at opioidmisusetool.norc.org.

USDA's launch of the Community Assessment Tool closely follows President Trump's declaration of October as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month. Approximately 72,000 Americans died from drug overdoses in 2017; 49,000 of those deaths

involved an opioid. Many of these deaths have been fueled by the misuse of prescription pain medications. The severity of the current opioid misuse crisis requires immediate action.

Rural Development partnered with the Walsh Center for Rural Health Analysis at National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago to create the Community Assessment Tool. NORC at the University of Chicago is a non-partisan research institution that delivers reliable data and rigorous analysis to guide critical programmatic, business and policy decisions. Today, government, corporate and nonprofit organizations around the world partner with NORC to transform increasingly complex information into

useful knowledge. The Walsh Center focuses on a wide array of issues affecting rural providers and residents, including health care quality and public health systems.

In April 2017, President Trump established the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to identify legislative, regulatory and policy changes that could promote agriculture and prosperity in rural communities. In January 2018, Secretary Perdue presented the Task Force's findings to the president. These findings included 31 recommendations to align the federal government with state, local and tribal governments to take advantage of opportunities that exist in rural America. Increasing investments in rural infrastructure

is a key recommendation of the task force.

To view the report in its entirety, please view the *Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity*. In addition, to view the categories of the recommendations, please view the *Rural Prosperity* infographic.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov.

LSSU sponsors financial aid nights and FAFSA Fridays

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. – High school students and parents interested in learning more about college financial aid and its availability will get the opportunity this fall through Lake Superior State University's annual presentation of financial aid workshops.

During these programs, staff from LSSU's Financial Aid Office are visiting high schools around the Eastern Upper Peninsula and northern lower peninsula to talk to families about scholarships, grants, loans and employment programs, and will advise students how to apply for student aid.

Students don't have to be planning to attend LSSU to come in for assistance on FAFSA Fridays.

– Katelynn Coon

Emphasis will be placed on eligibility requirements, how to evaluate an aid offer, and how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Submitting a FAFSA form is requirement for any student

seeking federal and state financial aid. Participants will get an opportunity to ask questions.

"We encourage area families to attend one of these interactive financial aid workshops or to take advantage of one of the FAFSA Fridays at LSSU to get help with filling out the FAFSA," said LSSU Financial Aid Director Katelynn Coon. "We will provide personal assistance during all of the sessions and an interactive presentation."

FAFSA Fridays at LSSU are geared specifically to help students and parents in filling out information for a FAFSA form.

"Students don't have to

be planning to attend LSSU to come in for assistance on FAFSA Fridays," Coon said. "We will have staff available each of the Fridays to provide one-on-one help as needed." Stop by anytime between 2-5 p.m. on Oct. 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30; Dec. 7, 14; Jan. 11, 18, 25; and Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 in the LSSU Fletcher Center for Student Services.

A full schedule of the financial aid workshops and FAFSA Friday sessions is below. All of the workshops are scheduled for 6 p.m. For more information or to schedule a financial aid workshop, call LSSU's

Financial Aid Office at (906) 635-2678.

Financial aid workshops schedule, all start at 6 p.m.:

Oct. 22 - Pickford High School

Oct. 24 - Gaylord High School

Oct. 25 - Cheboygan High School

Nov. 5 - LaSalle High School

Nov. 6 - Engadine High School

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Line 5 pipeline tunnel ignores treaty rights

BY ANDY BALASKOVITZ

Michigan officials have spent the past year pursuing a plan to tunnel an oil pipeline beneath the Straits of Mackinac while ignoring the 182-year-old treaty rights of Native Americans, multiple tribal leaders say.

While the Snyder administration formally met with tribes three times over the past year under a State-Tribal Accord, tribal chairpersons say these consultations were little more than an “airing of grievances” for them.

The last meeting between tribes and Gov. Rick Snyder happened on September 27, less than a week before the state announced an agreement with Enbridge to pursue a \$500 million tunnel for the company’s Line 5 pipeline. In other meetings, officials have been unwilling to share information from Enbridge or modify any agreements, tribes say.

“They more or less told us to pound sand,” said Bryan Newland, chairperson of the Bay Mills Indian Community in the Upper Peninsula. “Our objective is not to show up and shake our fist at the state. It’s to propose solutions.”

Thurlow “Sam” McClellan, chairperson of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, called the September 27 meeting with Gov. Rick Snyder a “formality.”

“As far as consulting, negotiating or looking at what’s best for the tribe in this situation, that’s not what we see or hear,” McClellan said.

The five tribes making up the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority are particularly frustrated because they retained fishing rights in the area under a treaty in 1836, while Line 5 was built by Enbridge in 1953.

Their criticism aligns with others who have called the tunnel plan a sweetheart deal for Enbridge made behind the scenes that would keep Line 5 operating in the Straits while the

tunnel is built, which could take up to 10 years. The Detroit Free Press reported last week that members of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, an independent state agency that would own the tunnel, weren’t even consulted about the plan.

Snyder spokesperson Ari Adler downplayed the tribes’ concerns about the consultations, noting that the state’s Pipeline Safety Advisory Board includes a tribal representative.

The last meeting with tribes was to “make sure the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Environmental Quality and others have heard all of their concerns and see if there is a way to address them,” Adler said.

Asked to respond to the tribes’ characterization of the meetings, Adler said: “We are still listening to what the tribal concerns are.”

When Snyder created the advisory board by executive order in September 2015, it didn’t include a representative from tribal government. Now tribes are represented on the board by Homer Mandoka, the former chairperson of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi and former president of the United Tribes of Michigan. Mandoka was appointed three months after the board was created after criticism from tribal leaders.

“I was the loudest voice to say that was inadequate,” said Aaron Payment, chairperson of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Newland said a state-tribal consultation “carries with it certain expectations, at least for tribes. It’s not an opportunity for us to show up at a meeting and just air our grievances. It is collaborative and affects the decision-making process.”

The state consults with tribes under the accord on other issues as well, such as child welfare policies and gaming.

“It doesn’t seem like anything we had to say had any

real impact,” Payment said. “In many ways they treat us like a stakeholder. We had to insist that consultation was a necessity.”

‘We were here first’

The tunnel plan announced on October 3 is the second agreement between the state and Enbridge within the past year. Enbridge would pay for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the tunnel for up to 99 years. The Mackinac Bridge Authority would own the “utility corridor,” which could also hold electric transmission lines.

Snyder called it a “common-sense solution” that protects the Great Lakes “while maintaining critical connections to ensure Michigan residents have the energy resources they need.”

Meanwhile, the five tribes of the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) are unified in calling for Line 5 to be shut down. The five tribes are the Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

“We had that treaty before Michigan was even formed. Enbridge came in the 1950s. If the governor is meeting with anybody it should be with us,” McClellan said. “When it comes to Native Americans, we’re kind of pushed aside and treated as second-class people. We’re not — we were here first.”

Payment said state officials also did not inform tribes of certain aspects of the tunnel plan, such as a state authority owning the tunnel. In consultations nearly a year ago, Payment said the tribes also weren’t informed of the November 2017 agreement between the state and Enbridge that effectively set the stage for the tunnel plan.

“It doesn’t feel like good faith,” Payment said.

“Consultation is not a one-way

communication. We have a stake here and we have property rights here as well.”

Newland said the state also rebuffed the tribes’ efforts to have Line 5 shut down during maintenance and to receive information that was shared between the state and Enbridge.

Enbridge spokesperson Ryan Duffy did not answer questions about whether the company met with tribes over the future of Line 5 or if the company made any concessions to them. Duffy said in an emailed statement: “We are committed to forthright and sincere engagement with Indigenous people about Enbridge projects and operations that potentially affect them. We aim to develop mutual understanding through open, timely, two-way communication.”

Treaty rights, legal questions

While environmental groups have raised legal questions with the tunnel related to public trust laws, tribes may represent another legal challenge to the project.

An oil spill in the Straits could directly threaten the CORA tribes’ fishing rights under the 1836 Treaty, and it’s an ongoing legal question as to whether building a tunnel violates subsequent agreements between the state and tribes.

Under the 1836 Treaty, tribes retained their right to fish throughout the waters of the upper Great Lakes after ceding nearly 14 million acres in the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula. In the 1970s, the state challenged tribes’ right to hunt and fish in the ceded territory, and the federal government sued on behalf of the tribes.

Federal courts have upheld the tribes’ rights and, since 1985, the tribes and the state have partnered to manage the waters of the upper Great Lakes. Line 5, if a spill were to occur or the habitat is damaged from a tunnel, effectively threatens those treaty rights.

“The whole process of grant-

ing easements (for the pipeline) is outside of that.” Payment said, adding that the 1836 Treaty was signed with the federal government a year before Michigan was granted statehood. “Tribes are beginning to look more closely at all of our legal options because we don’t believe we’re being listened to.”

For Love of Water (FLOW), a Great Lakes water law and policy nonprofit advocating to shut down Line 5, said a tunnel under the Straits “would risk violating the 1836 Treaty and consent decree with Michigan Tribes protecting the Straits fishing grounds.”

Newland, who is also an attorney, says the CORA tribes have a “legally protected interest — a property right, if you will — in the fish and the Upper Great Lakes. That carries with it the ability to protect our property rights, including the habitat to make sure fish continue to exist.”

The tribes are also negotiating a new consent agreement with the state over how the fisheries are regulated and protected.

“We intend to address the pipeline and other habitat issues in this upcoming agreement,” Newland said. “This is why it’s particularly frustrating for us treaty tribes: The unilateral decision on the part of the state to put a pipeline in place preempts what we intend to be a negotiated resolution.”

Andy Balaskovitz has been a journalism fellow for Midwest Energy News since 2014, following four years at City Pulse, Lansing’s alt-weekly newspaper. He is a graduate of Michigan State University’s Journalism School, where he focused on topics covered by the Knight Center for Environmental Journalism and wrote for the Great Lakes Echo. He was the 2008 and 2009 recipient of the Edward Meeman Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Environmental Journalism at MSU.

Ask the employee specialist: Mandatory overtime

Dear team members, this is another in a series of articles providing information about company policies and practices and to address questions from team members. This month’s column is about overtime. Team members who have other questions they would like to see addressed in future topics are invited to send them to the employee specialist, Gloria Kemp.

Question: Do I have to work overtime if requested?

Answer: Sault Tribe businesses and departments represent many varied functions. Policies on scheduling team members are determined by each department’s individual needs. Some of our businesses operate on more than an eight-hour day and because of that, if you work at one of them, you cannot be guaranteed a particular work schedule.

The Sault Tribe, in its overtime policy, elects to voluntarily comply with the overtime provi-



of 40 hours. The key here is that only hours actually worked will be used to calculate overtime. Paid time off for holidays, jury duty, vacation, sick leave, bereavement or any other leave for hours not actually worked will not be considered “hours worked.” For instance, if you normally work eight hours per day Monday through Friday but take a vacation day on Monday (eight hours), then work Tuesday through Saturday (40 hours), you receive pay for Monday through Saturday (48 hours) at your regular rate of pay because you actually only worked 40 hours. However, if you work Monday through Saturday, you receive your regular rate of pay for 40 hours and time-and-one-half for eight hours because you worked 48 hours.

of 40 hours.

Sometimes because of business needs, a supervisor or manager may require mandatory overtime even if the team mem-

ber doesn’t want to work the overtime. There is no federal or tribal mandatory overtime law that specifically regulates so-called “forced” overtime. Moreover, neither the tribe’s overtime policy nor the FLSA prohibit employers from requiring employees to work mandatory overtime hours within reason. And neither the tribe’s overtime policy nor the FLSA restrict the total number of work hours that employers may schedule for team members who are 16 and older.

There is not a maximum limit on the number of hours your supervisor or manager can ask you to work. As long as you are paid time-and-a-half for the hours you work over the 40 hours, your employer can require you to work mandatory overtime hours, if needed.

In other words, there are currently no legal or policy protections for workers who refuse to work mandatory overtime. As a result, team members who

refuse to work overtime can be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Please send your questions to Gloria Kemp, employee specialist at gkemp1@saulttribe.net or call (906) 635-6050, extension 26230, or mail to 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

This column was prepared for general information purposes to help you to better understand Sault Tribe’s policies and the workplace.

The information presented is not intended as legal advice. While it was accurate at the time it was written, the controlling laws and tribal employment policies can change. You should always check the tribe’s intranet for current copies of any applicable employment policies.

If there are any inconsistencies between this article and applicable laws and/or policies, the applicable laws and/or policies shall apply.

Swift Current full-scale exercise conducted

BY MICHAEL C. GUILMETTE JR.

MANISTIQUE, Mich. — Four years of planning and preparation culminated in a large-scale, multi-agency disaster exercise on the Manistique River, and members of the Sault Tribe Environmental Department were there to take part.

The exercise, named Swift Current full scale exercise 2018, took place on Sept. 19 and 20 in Manistique, Mich., and it simulated a train derailment from the rail bridge over the river and the release of 12,000 gallons of diesel fuel into fast-moving water.

Forty one agencies and organizations were invited to be part of the exercise, spanning federal, state, local, tribal, industrial and academic interests. Among them were the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Michigan Department of Transportation, county-level emergency management groups from across the Upper Peninsula, CN Railway, Enbridge Inc., Lake Superior State University and state, county, local and tribal public safety and law enforcement departments.

Anthony Rinna, the Environmental Department's brownfields and emergency response specialist, sat with the environmental unit during the exercise.

"We acted as a liaison for the tribes and relayed technical knowledge we have related to natural resources and historical or cultural areas of importance," Rinna said. "In a real-world event, we would be advising cleanup and sampling."



Photo by Michael C. Guilmette Jr.

Participants from the Sault Tribe Environmental Department, Sault Tribe Law Enforcement, U.S. Coast Guard, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, CN Railway and the Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department deploy a containment boom onto Indian Lake during boom deployment training on Sept. 17 in Manistique.

Rinna explained that during an actual incident, the responding agencies might not be aware of culturally-sensitive sites, and environmental staff would advise how to best protect tribal interests and resources related to treaty rights.

One popular group present was HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response, a national all-volunteer non-profit organization that brings comfort dogs to support people affected by crises and disasters. HOPE's volunteers brought three dogs to the exercise, and many participants stopped to pet the animals and scratch their ears.

Exercises of this nature are managed using the Incident Command System (ICS), an

integrated system first developed in 1968 to address issues arising from multi-agency responses to wildfires in Arizona and California. ICS establishes a single chain of command, regardless of the agencies responding, and a modular organizational structure with defined functions.

Kathie Brosemer, the environmental program manager for Sault Tribe, served in the Joint Information Center (JIC) during the exercise — which was "a different role" for her. The JIC, as it was called, produces press releases for the media and talking points for the command staff. Brosemer also took part in the mock press conference, standing as a representative for Sault Tribe.

Although the exercise centered on a train derailment, Brosemer said the purpose was much different.

"The need for [the exercise] is because of Line 5 and its crossing of the Manistique River," she said. Line 5, also known as Enbridge Line 5, is a 1,098-mile-long oil pipeline built in 1953 that originates in Superior, Wisconsin, runs along the southern Upper Peninsula, crosses beneath the Straits of Mackinac and eventually terminates in Sarnia, Canada, after crossing the St. Clair River north of Detroit.

Brosemer added that, as part of her assessment of the exercise, she was curious about how volunteers and other civilian responders are handled in such incidents. She said volunteer management should be addressed further in future exercises.

Brosemer had previously taken part in similar exercises, including a CANUSLAK exercise in 2012 on the upper St. Marys River. That exercise, a joint operation between U.S. and Canadian agencies, simulated a spill of 50,000 gallons of diesel fuel from a punctured vessel. Brosemer said she was on the design team for the scenario and acted as an observer during the event.

"It's always fun and exciting because you really get into the situation as if it were real," she said.

But, more than fun, Brosemer emphasized the importance of holding exercises. "The point is to see what goes wrong in advance," she said, such as responding agencies using different radio frequencies, not having

accurate maps or participants not having the right training. "We can uncover those things so we can correct them before there is a problem."

"It's something we should do within the tribe," Brosemer said.

Prior to the exercise, members of the Environmental Department attended boom deployment training on Sept. 17, also in Manistique. Led by the U.S. Coast Guard, the participants practiced unfurling and deploying 200 feet of containment booms on Indian Lake, just as they would if responding to an actual spill.

Daniel Landreville said he didn't know what to expect going into the training, but he was impressed nonetheless. "It was pretty cool being able to go out on the water and throw down some boom," Landreville said. "The Coast Guard did a really good job explaining [the training], especially given that [Hurricane] Florence was going on at the time."

Hurricane Florence made landfall in North Carolina on Sept. 14, which drew away many emergency responders who otherwise may have participated in the training and the later exercise.

Aside from the Environmental Department and the U.S. Coast Guard, participants included representatives from Sault Tribe Law Enforcement, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, CN Railway and Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department.

Michael C. Guilmette Jr. is the public involvement and records clerk for the Sault Tribe Environmental Department.

Hill, Walters married



On the seventh day of the seventh month in 2018, Max Hill and Christina Walters were married in a beautiful Native American wedding ceremony. Jason Graves, a close friend of the bride who is experienced in Native American wedding rituals, officiated.

It was a beautiful 80-degree day and the ceremony was held at the Hill family cottage in Stanwood, Mich.

Along with the Native ceremony, the Japanese holiday of Tanabata was also celebrated with attendees writing their wishes for the couple on colorful paper and then tying them to dedicated tree.

The bride is the daughter of Tom and Linda Walters of Hazel Park, Mich.

The groom is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribd of Chippewa Indians and is the son of Craig and Debbie (Rutledge) Hill of Berkley, Mich., and the grandson of the late Ping and Lorraine (Leask) Rutledge of Sugar Island.

The couple reside in Chicago.



Tribal Talk is conducted monthly through December in honor of the Sault's 350th anniversary. The group above participated in the Sept. 20 talk about traditional medicines and men's and women's teachings.

Employee of the Month is Lisa Tatrow



August's Sault Tribe Health Center Employee of the Month is Lisa Tatrow, a mental health therapist at the Manistique Health Center. Congratulations for a job well done!

Sault Tribe's annual health fairs return to EUP



Photos by Rick Smith

Sault Tribe Community Health sponsored health and wellness fairs took place in St. Ignace, Hessel and Sault Ste. Marie so far this year with one more scheduled for DeTour Village on Thursday, Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fairs promote good health through screenings, education, demonstrations and freebies. Flu shots are made available to Sault Tribe members, their families and tribal employees. Above left, some of the stations and attendees of the Sault Ste. Marie fair on Oct. 3. Above right, Community Health staff provided an enjoyable and healthful lunch of chicken wraps, fresh vegetables and fruit along with soup and company at the fair.

Changes in VSO scheduling and veterans care

BY STACY KING, TVSO AMERICAN LEGION

October is the start of the new service schedule for the American Legion at Sault Tribe clinic locations. Instead of half days at some locations I will be alternating full days at clinic locations that tend to be less busy. I'm hoping that spending a full day every other week instead of the half-day will be more convenient for veterans wishing to obtain services.

With winter fast approaching I would like to reiterate that, at times, due to weather I may not be able to make it to my scheduled destination. That does not mean I will not be available though. The plan at this time is I will work out of the Manistique Tribal Clinic on days I am unable to travel to other locations so veterans will still be able to reach me by phone. If the weather is bad and you are questioning whether or not I will be at my assigned destination, please call that clinic to ask. The clinics will always be aware of my location for the day.

I have included my November schedule and information regarding the VA's closeout of its contract with Health Net. If you are a veteran who receives community care through this program, please review so that you will know where to call for questions regarding your care.

Health Net close out: Overview for veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) contract with Health Net Federal Services (HNFS) ended on Sept. 30, 2018. HNFS is the third-party administrator for the eastern region of the Veterans Choice Program (VCP) and Patient-Centered Community Care (PC3) networks. When the contract with HNFS ended, the VA took over all activity previously performed by HNFS. VA will work with veterans, community providers and VA staff to transition care coordination from HNFS to VA as seamlessly as possible. The end of VA's contract with HNFS does not affect VA's contract with TriWest Healthcare Alliance, which administers the western region of the VCP and PC3 networks.

No immediate action is needed on your part. However, if you are requesting care in the community, please contact VA to coordinate all care after Sept. 30, 2018.

Distance eligible veterans: If you are a distance eligible veteran (located outside of 40 miles of the nearest VA medical facility) and need to schedule an appointment in the community after June 30, 2018, please contact VA for authorization and care coordination at the numbers listed below.

Frequently asked questions

1. Why was the contract with

TVSO November Schedule						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 St. Ignace 8:30-3:30	2 Off	3
4	5 Sault 8:30-3:30	6 Newberry 11-3:30	7 Hessel 8:30-3:30	8 Munising 8:30-3:30	9 Manistique 8:30-3:30	10
11	12 Holiday	13 Escanaba 8:30-3:30	14 Marquette 8:30-3:30	15 St. Ignace 8:30-3:30	16 Manistique 8:30-3:30	17
18	19 Sault 8:30-3:30	20 Newberry 8:30-3:30	21 Off	22 Holiday	23 Holiday	24
25	26 Sault 8:30-3:30	27 Escanaba 8:30-3:30	28 Marquette 8:30-3:30	29 Munising 8:30-3:30	30 Manistique 8:30-3:30	

HNFS ended?

VA's contract with HNFS ended on Sept. 30, 2018, per the contract agreement.

2. Is the VCP program ending?

The VCP program continues, but the PC3 network was discontinued on Sept. 30, 2018 for veterans in the HNFS regions.

3. How do I contact VA to obtain care after Sept. 30, 2018?

All care delivered after Sept.

30, 2018, is coordinated through VA. The VCP customer service lines will remain active and open during normal business hours and can be reached at (866) 606-8198 (VCP). PC3 customer service lines will remain active and open during normal business hours through Sept. 30 and can be reached at (800) 979-9620 (PC3).

4. What happens after Sept. 30 if I already have an appointment scheduled through HNFS?

HNFS will be issuing updated authorization letters to veterans and providers with authorizations that extend beyond the contract expiration date to reflect an end date of Sept. 30. Existing appointments under the HNFS contract must be completed before the end of the contract. Appointments after Sept. 30 must be coordinated by a VA staff who will work together with your community provider to ensure a seamless transition for care authorization, coordination, billing and payments.

5. Do my providers need to submit my PC3 or VCP claims by Sept. 30, 2018, to be paid for services rendered?

HNFS will continue to pro-

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cess claims after the Sept. 30 contract end date. Claims for services on or after October 1, 2018, are coordinated directly between your community provider and VA. This information was also communicated to your community provider.

6. Who do I call if I have questions about appointments, authorizations, or billing?

The VCP customer service lines will remain active and open during normal business hours and can be reached at (866) 606-8198 (VCP). PC3 customer service lines will remain active and open during normal business hours through Sept. 30, 2018, and can be reached at (800) 979-9620 (PC3).

Harvest Your Health coming to DeTour



Sheila Kibble from the Advocacy Resource Center and Angie Gillmore from Anishnaabek Community and Family Services provided information on domestic violence and direct assistance at Harvest Your Health in St. Ignace on Sept. 12. Look for information booths at the Harvest Your Health in DeTour at DeTour Village Memorial Hall on Oct. 25 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Drum making lessons with instructor Bud Biron



Photos courtesy of Sault Tribe Community Health Bud Biron teaches participants hand drum making.



A hand drum making workshop was held in October at the tribe's elder center on Shunk Road.



Tying the hide onto the drum is an important process that takes skill and knowledge. Judi Daley holds the drum.

Manistique fall enrichment held on Sept. 26



Manistique and Escanaba Community Health staff held the 2018 dagwaagan (fall) Health Enrichment Gathering on Sept. 26 at the Manistique Tribal Center. YEA was in on the event demonstrating traditional food and Seven Grandfathers yoga.



Manistique YEA coordinator Patti Teeples (back, middle) and assistant coordinator Janet Krueger along with youth prepare traditional Ojibwe food for a healthy life.

Boys & Girls Club of Bay Mills awarded two grants

BAY MILLS, Mich. — The Boys & Girls Club of Bay Mills is excited to announce it was awarded two grants totaling more than \$2.6 million, which will be used to enhance services provided by the club and create local job opportunities.

The first award, for \$904,761, is a three-year ILEAD grant for Native Youth Initiative for Leadership, Empowerment and Development from the Department of Health and Human Services.

After collecting information from the community about youth needs, a comprehensive youth goal-setting project was established to apply for the funding. This award will support a program open to ages 14-24 to participate in workshop-style activities such as money management, cooking, financial aid and cultural learning.

The project director for the ILEAD grant will be Club Director Sandra Walden. She will hire two additional program

coordinators and two academic support coordinators to assist her.

The second award is a four-year grant totaling \$1,752,980 for a Native Youth Community Project from the Department of Education's Office of Indian Education. With this funding the club will address several major barriers to youth achieving academic success, including generational trauma and transportation to and from club programs.

The project director will be

Candice LeBlanc with funds available to hire several additional staff members. This funding will also allow the purchase of a passenger van, computers and tablets, STEM and lego-robotics supplies and more.

"I cannot contain my excitement that these two grants were awarded. I have walked away from so many discussions in the last year wondering 'How in the world are we going to make a difference? Is lasting change in our community even possible?'"

Walden said.

"Although these two funding awards are not the complete answer, they are the start of something truly incredible."

The two awards will be spread out through the club's three sites: Bay Mills, Brimley and The Chippewa Allied Mentoring Program (CAMP) Sault Ste. Marie. Total membership in the club is 363 youth; average daily attendance between the three sites is 130 members.

Friends and veterans hold reunion in Sault



Ed Cook (right) and friends he served in Vietnam with meet every two years for a reunion. This year they met in the Sault and were donated rooms by Kewadin Casinos and welcomed by the Sault Community.

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Jiibay Wiikongewin — Ghost feast customs

Bahweting Jiibay Wiikongewin Spirit! Ghost Feast is set for Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building, 11 Ice Circle Drive in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Feast starts at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. Bring your loved ones' favorite foods, pictures and stories to share.

BY SAULT TRIBE CULTURAL DIVISION

Every season brings special ceremonies and activities we as Anishinaabe have traditionally followed. During dagwaging (fall time), we have a special ceremony called jiibay wiikongewin — ghost feast. Here are some reminders and teachings that have been given to us to help you when attending these feasts.

What is a ghost feast? Jiibay wiikongewin is when we remember and honor our ancestors, our relatives who came before us. These may be our grandmothers,

grandfathers, mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters and cousins by blood or by clan. We would also honor tribal chiefs, spiritual leaders, medicine people and all others who had roles of leadership or contributed to our communities in any way.

Do you have to be spiritual leader or a pipe carrier to have a jiibay wiikongewin gichit-waawin (ghost supper or spirit feast)? No. Families and communities often have ghost feasts, there is no wrong way when your intentions are good. Those manidoos (spirits) will recognize your intentions and accept your offerings. There are many different ways this ceremony is done and it varies depending on families and communities.

How do you prepare for a jiibay wiikongewin? A sacred fire is lit so that asemaa (tobacco) and food offerings can be made. This would be done at the beginning before any food is eaten. Those who carry our dewe'iganak (drums) and nagamawinan (songs) can be invited to share what they carry. Manidoos (spirits) enjoy the sound of our dewe'igan (drum)

and the sacred songs that go with them. The area, building and participants, are smudged when you begin. After the food is cooked it is also smudged. We are asking that medicine, which can be one or all of the sacred medicines — giizihik (cedar), weengashk (sweetgrass), mshkadewashk (sage), and asemaa (tobacco) for help. Anyone can do this smudge, as long as it is not a woman on her moon time. It is not about the person doing the smudge; we ask those medicines for their help through this special ceremony.

What are you supposed to cook? We cook what our loved ones who passed away enjoyed. This is a time to bring out all those dishes that your grandma, grandpa, mom, dad, and relatives liked. It could be corn soup or it could be macaroni and cheese — whatever they enjoyed. You are offering this to their spirit and eating for their spirit. We are giving thanks for all the goodness they brought into our lives, giving thanks for all that we have received and will receive in the future.

Who is supposed to do the

cooking? Anyone can cook and we are reminded to think of those good memories and happy times we had with those who passed. Even if you did not get to spend time with your grandmother or great grandfather, think of the stories and good things your mother or father told you while they cooked the food your relatives enjoyed.

The only people who cannot cook are women during their moon time. If they do come to the ceremony, someone should get their plates for them and serve them, so they do not touch any of the sacred food. It isn't that women having their moon time are shunned or cast out. They are at their time of strength and have the ability to overcome those spirits in the food and at the ceremony.

What do you do after the food is cooked and what do I do if I am bringing a dish to the ceremony? After all the food is cooked, several different things may happen depending on family practices. Some may go feed the fire themselves with some of what was prepared for their relatives.

A chair may be left empty with everything placed in front of it as though someone would sit and eat, so there is a place for spirit to sit. Some may designate a family member to eat for the spirit, but a spirit plate is usually always made to feed the fire before anyone physically eats. If you are bringing a dish, just ask the family who is holding the feast what is appropriate, or if you have special instructions discuss it with the family first so they understand you have a special way.

Should I be afraid to go to a jiibay wiikongewin? If you have not had the opportunity or have stood back from attending this special ceremony, do as you would in any new situation or meeting someone for the first time. Be respectful. If you have a question, take some asemaa to someone who has the knowledge or is having the feast and ask for their guidance. That asemaa leads the way and you will be welcomed and comforted in your uncertainty.

These are customs we have been taught and may vary from what others have been taught.

Sault Tribe powwow volunteers recognized

BY CODY JODOIN AND LISA CORBIERE-MORAN

On behalf of the 37th annual Sault Tribe Summer Gathering and Traditional Powwow, we say chi miigwech to all of the individuals who volunteered their time to make this year's celebration an overwhelming success. We also say chi miigwech to many of our Sault Tribe and Kewadin team members for going above and beyond the call of duty to help prepare, maintain and clean up our powwow grounds before, during and after our busy week of events; we

could not have done it without your help and support! We thank the following individuals and departments for their instrumental help with the 2018 summer celebration:

— Powwow Planning Group: Michael McKerchie, Kim Gravelle, Rachel McKechnie, Ellen Quinlivan, Robin Clark, Carly Lewis, Justin Burton, Lois Bryant, Barbara Sharp, Bud Biron, Josh Biron, Joseph Ailing and LouAnne Bush.
— Cultural Department: Randy Menard, Colleen Medicine, Laura Collins-

Downwind, Les Ailing.

— Facilities Department: Chip MacArthur, Brandon Povey, Matt Roy and Chris Monk.

— Kewadin Casinos: Marketing and Design, Shipping and Receiving, Housekeeping, Food and Beverage Services, Maintenance.

— Sault Tribe Elder Committee

— Sault Tribe Construction

— Sault Tribe Community Health: Yolanda McKeachnie, Roberta Hoffman and Teresa Filan.

— Sault Tribe Accounting: Jake Sillers and Rita Bricker.

— Powwow head staff: Cecil Pavlat, Joseph Medicine, Jody Gaskin, Julie Whitepigeon, Ray Cadotte, Justin Perrault, Bud Biron, Al and George Belleau.

— Waste Management: donation of dumpsters and trashcans for waste removal.

— Gordon's Food Service: donation of lunch items for powwow clean up days.

— Finest Septic Service

— Fire keepers: Neil, Brendan, Owen, Jaylen and Scott.

— Other contributors: Aaron Payment, Christina McKerchie (Lucas and Ella), Kaylynn Cairns, Calvin Hartwig, Eric Clark (Lillian and Miriam), Barb Willis and Tyler Bouschor.

The powwow planning group continues to hold monthly meetings to help plan our community powwow celebrations. These meetings are open to the public and we appreciate community attendance and input. If you are interested in helping with our community powwow celebrations, please call Cody Jodoin at 635-6050, extension 26332.

Murder at Studio 54 mystery theater dinner

A mystery takes place in the near future! The Eastern Upper Peninsula Community Dispute Resolution Center (EUP CDRC) will open the



second annual dinner theater performance of *Murder at Studio 54*, a full scale theater production, including a murder mystery created and directed by Christin McKerchie, in a partnership with the executive director of the EUP CDRC, Nikki Dowd-McKechnie, who originated the idea of hosting a unique fundraiser, such as a murder mystery for the EUP CDRC.

This year's mystery, *Murder at Studio 54*, brings the legendary celebrity hotspot and New York

City disco nightclub to life right before your eyes; bringing back the days where fine art, high fashion and a small taste of the vibrancy

the disco era nightlife provided. The desires of mingling with some of the world's top talent sought after during the mid 1970s disco era, makes Studio 54 — without a doubt — the hottest spot around. A place in which, at times, dreams were made into possibilities. With regular celebrity patrons such as Farrah Fawcett, Elizabeth Taylor, Michael Jackson, Brooke Shields, Donna Summer, Andy Warhol, Calvin Klein or Elton John, Studio 54 is the place you want

to be!

We extend an invitation to you to join us as we travel back to the days of Studio 54, a journey of adult themes, humor, sizzling scenes, glamour, fashion, mystery, murder and the unexpected; truly, a place where anything goes. Each guest travels through an investigative but enjoyable and fun journey as they face the questions: Who will be the victim? Who committed the crime? How did they do it and why did they do it? Enjoy cocktails, dinner and an evening full of entertainment while the mystery unfolds before your eyes. Will you be able to solve the mystery? Or are you a part of the mystery? No one really knows for sure! Can anyone in the theater

really be trusted?

The performers, dancers and creative dance styles of the era — along with the costumes, soundtrack, props and guests arriving in mid 1970s high fashion nightclub attire — will create a unique and rich atmosphere for a theater experience not be forgotten for years to come. The actors and actresses involved include many talented members from our community; and the dancers from the Academy of Performing Arts provide depth and vision to the overall evening.

We hope our enthusiasm turns into your enthusiasm. We ask for your support and hope we can continue to build on this event providing you with quality

entertainment for years to come.

Date: Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018.

Place: DreamMaker's Theater, Kewadin Casino, begins in corridor outside of the theater entrance at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets: Adults \$40 (mature audiences due to adult themed content).

Sponsorship opportunities available. Disco 'after party' (after events conclude), available to all guests by donation.

Tickets available at Kewadin Box Office, (800) KEWADIN, or at the EUP CDRC in Arlington Plaza.

For comments, questions, concerns or more information, please call the EUP Community Dispute Resolution Center at (906) 253-9840.

Dream catcher workshops scheduled in Manistique and Escanaba

Dream catcher workshops are being held Nov. 10 and 17, with Unit 4 Sault Tribe member presenters Patty Teeple and Janet Krueger of the Sault Tribe YEA Program.

The first one is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 10, from 12-4 p.m. at the Manistique Tribal Center located on U.S. 2. The second workshop will be held on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 12:30-4:30 p.m. at the Escanaba

Civic Center, located at 204 21st St.

Classes are limited to 25 participants — you must preregister to attend and youth 13 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring your family and enjoy the day at the dream catcher workshop.

All dream catcher materials will be provided for the workshop participants. Lunch, drinks and incentives will be provided.

Sault Tribe sweatshirts for each participant (remember to call in shirt size when you register).

To register or for more information call:

Darcy Morrow (906) 298-1888 or Denise Chase (906) 203-2471.

Sponsored by Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Unit IV Education and Cultural Enhancement Fund.

FAN Community Awareness Night Oct. 24

Please join us on Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 6 p.m., LSSU Cislser Center. This event is open to the community. Families Against Narcotics (FAN) will host Richard Jones, executive director of Faces and Voices of Recovery (FAVOR), Greenville. Incorporated in 2004, FAVOR organizes the recovery community to advocate for innovative approaches to recovery and provide support while offering hope to family members.

Mr. Jones, in recovery since 2001, brings a wealth of knowledge in several fields of study, including behavioral health, substance use disorders and recovery support services.

To learn more about Richard Jones and FAVOR please visit <https://favorgreenville.org/about/favor-greenville/>.

For more information visit www.facebook.com/fanchipp.

Sault Tribe Recovery Walk held on tribe's reservation



For the eighth annual Recovery Walk in Sault Ste. Marie on Sept. 27, Families Against Narcotics joined in with Sault Tribe Behavioral Health and the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court in sponsoring the annual function. This year, speakers included the "voice of the Red Wings" Ken Daniels, and FAN co-founder and executive president, Judge Linda Davis.



Special guest speaker Ken Daniels at St. Isaac Jogues Church.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Judge Linda Davis speaks to the assembly.

Sault Tribe Community Health

2018 Flu Clinics

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



There is still Plenty of Time to get your Flu Shot!

HESEL, DETOUR, DRUMMOND AREA

Hessel Casino (*Employees only*)
Thursday, Oct. 18..... 12-2:30 p.m.

Hessel Tribal Health Center
Monday, Oct. 22..... 9 a.m. -12 p.m. & 1-4 p.m.

DeTour Village Community Center
(*Harvest Your Health Fair*)
Thursday, Oct. 25..... 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

MARQUETTE AREA

Marquette Tribal Health Center
Tuesday, Oct. 16..... 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 23..... 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 30..... 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

MUNISING AREA

Munising Tribal Health Center
Wednesday, Oct. 17 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 24 1 - 4:30 p.m.

NEWBERRY AREA

Newberry Tribal Health Center
Thursday, Oct. 31..... 9-11:30 a.m.
Thursday, Nov. 8 1-4:30 p.m.

Naubinway/Engadine Snowmobile Museum
Thursday, Oct. 24..... 1-4:30 p.m.

ESCANABA AREA

Escanaba Tribal Health Center
Friday, Oct. 12 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

SAULT STE. MARIE AREA

Sault Tribe Health Center
Tuesday, Oct. 16 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 24 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Kinross Rec Center
Monday, Oct. 29..... 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Sault Kewadin Casino
Wednesday, Nov. 7 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

ST. IGNACE AREA

St. Ignace Tribal Health Center
Monday, Oct. 15..... 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 26 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 29..... 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Mackinac Island Medical Center
Wednesday, Oct. 24 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

St. Ignace Kewadin Casino
Wednesday, Nov. 7 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sault Tribe Detention Center
(*Employees Only*)
Wednesday, Nov. 7 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Flu shots are \$10 for: Non Native Employees and Non Native spouses (with or without insurance)

Flu shots are FREE for: Sault Tribe Members and Members of a federally recognized tribe

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLINICS

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

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



First peek at the Goudreau elders apartments



The building has a place of honor for Shirley Goudreau, for whom the building is named, in the building's corridor at the entrance. The plaque beneath the painting of Goudreau reads, "Dedicated in honor of Shirley Goudreau, 'Red Lightning Woman,' in appreciation of her many years of service with the Sault Tribe Housing Authority Board of Commission."



Northern Hospitality provided furnishings for a model apartment to enhance the feel of the rooms for open house visitors getting their first look at the housing complex. Above is a living room mock up, the door to the right opens to a small outdoor patio with a wooden deck and a storage room.

Photos by Rick Smith



Pictured above is the communal television lounge area. All of the photos on the walls of the lounge are early photos of the Mackinac Bridge. The phrase painted on the wall above the television monitor is in the Chippewa language along with an English translation, "You know you are home when you see this bridge." Other photos on adjacent walls of the foyer and elsewhere show more images of the bridge along with images of straits area commercial vessels of bygone years.



A typical apartment kitchen as seen from the living room. The door on the right leads to a passageway common to other apartments as well as connecting to the communal television lounge, foyer, cafeteria, personell office spaces and machinery rooms. While each apartment is equipped for individual amenities for living, residents also have the option of enjoying communal amenities with their neighbors.



One of the two bedrooms in the model apartment on display for the open house visitation. It appears the apartments will be ready for residents in November.



The building's foyer features a replica of a birch bark canoe over the entrance. The canoe was donated by the Michilimackinac Historical Society Fort de Baude Museum. The canoe, dedicated to Sault Tribe elders by the society, was built by Howard Kimewon.

Painting rink ice at Chi Mukwa Recreation Center



The completed Olympic ice rink showcasing the Sault High Blue Devils logo at center ice. The Blue Devils home opener is scheduled for Nov. 16.



The ice making crew, from left, Logan Roberts, Chris Gurnoe, Rod Hutte, Nathan Reed and Joe Brown.



Operations Manager Hutte with the reservoir apparatus used to mix the paint and water. To the left of the reservoir is the pump used to force paint through the hose and spray boom used to apply the white paint on the ice surface.



Nathan Reed concentrates as he applies paint to create a blue line on the Olympic rink's ice surface.



Chris Gurnoe uses specialized equipment to "freeze-in" the goal line after painting to perfection.

PHOTOS AND STORY BY RICK SMITH

It's part science, part art, lots of math and one of those things often taken for granted by most folks who grew up seeing hockey games. It's easy to overlook that it takes about two weeks to prepare and paint the ice. That's right, the ice is painted. While this seems to defy all things logical, it's often actually the rink ice that is painted, not the concrete beneath.

And, how, pray tell, does one "paint ice," you might ask. Good question too. But Big Bear Arena Operations Manager Rod Hutte can tell you how it's done. He's been doing it for about 22 years, about a year after he joined the crew at Big Bear. After observing a Detroit company painting one of the facility's rinks, Hutte realized he and his crew could do the work as well as fabricate some of the gear himself, saving lots of money. He could also buy some of the specialized equipment. By the second hockey season under his watch, he and his crew were ready to paint ice.

"Installing the ice is a very enjoyable aspect of my position at the facility," said Hutte, "it is rewarding to work on this project with the staff and to teach new team members how the process works. I am extremely proud of my staff with their efforts on making the perfect sheet of ice."

It takes 10,000 gallons of water to create the ice on the smaller of the two Big Bear rinks, which meets size specifications of the National Hockey League at 85 feet by 200 feet. The Olympic sized rink is a little larger at 100 feet by 200 feet, so requires more water. Specialized refrigeration equipment in the hands of those with operational know how gradually drop the rink floor temperature to below freezing, around 18F to 22F, to preserve and hold the ice.

A special mixture of 250 pounds of

white powdered paint is combined with 100 gallons of water to coat the base layer of ice. It could take three coats applied with a cart-mounted reservoir, pump and 12-foot boom to complete the opaque white finish of the rink surface, requiring about 15 bags of the paint before its done. After the base paint dries, it is sealed with applications of water mists, which freezes to protect the paint. The placement of lines, circles and logos are measured, marked and painted. The painting is done either with special equipment or ordinary paintbrushes. In recent years, some of the logos on the ice are produced on mesh material by an outside company and are reusable. All of the work is sealed with frozen thin layers of water spray before more water is added to increase the final layer of ice thickness to about an inch to 1.25 inches. Hence, all the paintwork seen on the ice is actually sandwiched between layers of the ice floor.

Once a rink is painted, it's good for two years. The rinks are painted alternately every year, that is the Olympic rink is painted one year while the NHL rink is painted the following year and on it goes. "When it's done, it looks really nice," said Chris Gurnoe of the maintenance crew. "It's really bright and clean."

Recreation Facility Manager Tammy Graham places a great deal of confidence and pride in Hutte and his crew, especially when it comes to maintenance of the rinks. "I have the utmost confidence in Rod and his department when it comes to installing a sheet of ice," she said. "They are meticulous and take great care in making ice for our customers."

Graham has also been on the staff at the facility for a long time, 20 years as an events manager before taking the helm as the recreation facility manager two years ago.

Called Together by Faith: Justice for Creation



Photos by Darcy Marrow

Called Together by Faith: Justice for Creation was an interfaith event Oct. 6, at the Presque Isle Pavilion, in Marquette, Mich., to explore our connection and kinship to creation and the environment, organizing around issues of climate, justice and poverty, water and jobs. Above: Bud Biron gave the invocation. Below: Invited singer.



Youth make their own salsa, freezer jam



Participants in the salsa canning class taught by Michelle Jarvie (center), MSU Extension educator.



Making salsa and learning safe canning techniques.



Brooklynn Gehrke, 11, Jasmine Gardner, 11, measuring strawberries to make freezer jam.



Piper Bernier, 8, and Claudia Bernier, 4, mixing strawberries with other ingredients to make freezer jam.

Youth canning and preserving workshops were held in October and were open to all community members free of charge. Kids aged 6-11 learned how to prepare and make freezer jam on Oct. 2, and on Oct. 8 youth aged 12-18 were taught how to prepare and can salsa. Both events were held at the tribe's Nokomis-Mishomis building next to Kewadin Casino. These workshops were supported by the Sault Tribe Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country Project and were made possible with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Elizbeth Gardner, 8, checking to make sure the amount is correct.



MSU Extension educator and food safety nutrition specialist, Michelle Jarvie, with Elizbeth Gardner, 8, reviewing directions for freezer jam.

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State Nov. 6 general election candidates forum

A questionnaire was sent to candidates for state and U.S. offices in our tribe's service area. Six responses were received, from incumbent U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, incumbent U.S. Congressman 1st District Jack Bergman, gubernatorial candidate Gretchen Whitmer, candidate for state senator, 37th District, Jim Page, incumbent 107th District, State Representative Lee Chatfield and 107th District State representative candidate, Joanne Galloway.

Thanks very much to all candidates who answered our questions. — Editor

U.S. SENATOR

Debbie Stabenow, Democrat



1. What do you consider to be the federal government's trust responsibility toward American Indian tribes?

Michigan is home to 12 federally recognized tribes and more than 70,000 American Indians. I am committed to supporting Michigan's tribal community. This means increased access to health care and educational opportunities and making sure tribal rights are respected.

In 2014, as chairwoman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I authored and passed a bipartisan 2014 Farm Bill that made historic investments in rural infrastructure, increased access to clean water and high-speed Internet in rural and tribal communities. Additionally, I led the effort to increase access to healthy foods, promote the development of local tribal foods and protect nutrition programs for tribal communities.

As Ranking Member, I authored a bipartisan 2018 Senate Farm Bill that further supports tribes.

The Senate Farm Bill prioritizes tribal recipients for USDA rural development grants, encourages partnerships between the U.S. Forest Service and tribes, creates a Native American student scholarship fund, allows tribes to better access conservation funds and refocuses USDA's resources towards tribal communities.

2. Do you support exempting tribes and American Indians from the work requirement in Medicaid expansion? How about SNAP benefits under the Farm Bill?

The recent Medicaid legislation passed in Michigan is simply a back door way to try and take health care away from families in Michigan.

Healthy Michigan has been extremely successful, helping 680,000 people in Michigan gain health insurance. We need to be pushing to make sure everyone has insurance and stopping those trying to take it away.

The 2018 Farm Bill that I authored and that passed the Senate increases flexibility for the food distribution programs on Indian reservations. I will continue to fight to make sure families in Michigan have access to safe and affordable food.

3. Under President Trump, the annual White House Tribal Nations Conference has not occurred. Do you support continuation of the annual White House Tribal Nations Conference?

Yes. It is so important for tribes to be included in the policy-making process at all levels of government.

4. Do you support Indian tribes' treaty rights, including respecting tribal lands sacred areas and access to natural resources, as well as, meaningful government-to-government consultation?

Yes.

5. The Trump Administration has called into question the legitimacy of tribes continuing to receive tribal housing funds as a possible violation of civil rights laws; has suggested that tribes are race-based rather than sovereign tribal governments, and recently issued a land mark decision to take land out of trust for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. These actions suggest a return to the 1950s Indian Termination Era. What can you as a lawmaker do to preserve our treaty and trust responsibilities and our very recognition or acknowledgment as sovereign nations?

I believe that federally recognized tribes should receive federal benefits, services and protections because of their unique status with the U.S. government. I will continue to work with Michigan's 12 federally recognized tribes to ensure that they are consulted in policy matters and are treated with the respect a sovereign government deserves.

6. Optional election statement:

One of my top priorities is lowering costs for families, whether it's the cost of education, health insurance or prescription drugs. I believe that health care is a basic human right and that everyone should be able to afford the health care and the medicine they need. I am also laser focused on creating jobs in tribal communities and across Michigan so that families can thrive and be successful.

DISTRICT 1, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Jack Bergman, Republican



1. What do you consider to be the federal government's trust responsibility toward American

Indian tribes?

The federal government must honor its agreements with our nations' tribes, including the complex trust responsibility. Congress and the executive branch should work with tribes to ensure its rights and resources of our federally recognized tribes.

2. Do you support exempting tribes and American Indians from the work requirement in Medicaid Expansion? How about SNAP benefits under the Farm Bill?

As sovereign nations, tribes and tribal members should be exempt from certain federal requirements that are imposed by the states—as has been the long-established precedent.

3. Under President Trump, the annual White House Tribal Nations Conference has not occurred. Do you support continuation of the annual White House Tribal Nations Conference?

I would support the continuation of the annual conference, as any opportunity for continued relationship building should be supported.

4. Do you support Indian tribes' treaty rights, including respecting tribal lands sacred areas and access to natural resources, as well as, meaningful government-to-government consultation?

Yes.

5. The Trump Administration has called into question the legitimacy of tribes continuing to receive tribal housing funds as a possible violation of civil rights laws; has suggested that Tribes are race-based rather than sovereign tribal governments, and recently issued a land mark decision to take land out of trust for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. These actions suggest a return to the 1950s Indian Termination Era. What can you as a lawmaker do to preserve our treaty and trust responsibilities and our very recognition or acknowledgment as sovereign nations?

Since coming to Congress, I have supported several initiatives that would strengthen the federal government's relationship with tribes. This includes my support tribal labor sovereignty, tribal funding for programs like the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, direct access to tribes for opioid treatment grants, and exemptions from state-based requirements. As a Member of Congress, I will continue working to build meaningful partnerships between the 8 federally recognized tribes in Michigan's First District and the federal government. Effective policy making can only happen when all parties come together based on mutual respect and understanding.

MICHIGAN GOVERNOR

Gubernatorial candidate

Gretchen Whitmer, Democrat

1. Do you support full funding for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver?

Current funding remains at original levels from 20 years ago. We need to update the funding formula and distribution, and we



need to ensure institutions are using the funds as intended.

2. Do you support tribal treaty rights?

Each tribe is a sovereign nation with rights to be respected. Renewing compacts between the state of Michigan and the tribes can be accomplished in a mutually beneficial way that respects these rights and lays the groundwork for partnerships on public policies that impact us all.

3. Do you support exempting tribes and American Indians from the work requirement in Medicaid Expansion of the Affordable Care Act?

When tribal leaders requested an exemption from the recently passed Medicaid work requirements in Michigan, the governor and the legislature largely ignored that request.

I oppose the work requirements and would be glad to work with the tribes on a path forward on this issue.

4. Do you support the Michigan Indian and Family Preservation Act (MIFPA) of 2013 (as amended in 2018) and full notification to tribal authorities when tribal children (from their respective tribes) are in the custody or care outside of the home?

I support strong child welfare standards that support the safety and best interests of tribal children and their families, including the notification standards set out in the MIFPA.

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

First, I am in favor of a greater amount of open dialogue than what has been happening over the past eight years. There are many opportunities where partnerships and working together would be advantageous.

The MEDC was created in part with funds from tribal compacts and the economic development efforts of it could, overall, be more aggressive and better targeted to benefit everyone.

We should be pursuing opportunities big and small and getting serious about place-making to boost our shared tourism sectors.

Additionally, having a broader definition of what is a disadvantaged business and more direct supports to small and disadvantaged.

6. Optional election statement:

As a general philosophy on governance, what we've seen over the past eight years and the "take it or leave it" approach is

not what Michigan will be when I'm governor. If we want to get things done for the people of our state, we've got to work together. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to this questionnaire and look forward to working together to solve problems in the future.

37TH DISTRICT STATE SENATOR

Candidate Jim Page, Democrat



1. Do you support full funding for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver?

Yes

2. Do you support Tribal Treaty Rights?

Yes

3. Do you support exempting tribes and American Indians from the work requirement in Medicaid Expansion of the Affordable Care Act?

Yes

4. Do you support the Michigan Indian and Family Preservation Act of 2013 (as amended in 2018) and full notification to tribal authorities when tribal children (from their respective tribes) are in the custody or care outside of the home?

Yes

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

I support the PURE Michigan campaign. Helping the state tourism efforts will help all business.

6. Optional election statement:

I'm a retired public school teacher from Sault Area Public Schools. I'm a veteran, sportsman and an environmentalist.

I will restore our state's education system to make it the best and safe place for our students to learn.

I will protect our natural resources, including the decommissioning of Line 5.

I will protect Michigan jobs and Michigan workers.

Often, our state government is focused on corporation and businesses and is controlled by a few powerful people.

My goal is to put the focus of our state government back on the people of this state.

107TH DISTRICT, STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Rep. Lee Chatfield, Republican

1. Do you support full funding for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver?

Yes. In fact, we have increased the funding for the Indian Tuition waiver each of the last three budget cycles, and I have been happy
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AFDO/Seafood Alliance HACCP training in December

A seafood Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) training course coordinated by Michigan Sea Grant, Michigan State University Extension and the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission is set for Dec. 4-6, 2018, at Bay Mills Resort and Casino in Brimley, Mich. All fish processors are required to take this training if not currently certified.

HACCP consists of identifying safety hazards, determining where they occur, monitoring these points and recording the results. HACCP involves day-to-day monitoring of critical

control points by production employees. The seafood HACCP regulation enforced by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is based on the belief that commercial fish processors can understand the food safety hazards of their products and take reasonable steps to control them. Commercial fish processors are required either to obtain formal training for one or more of their own employees or to hire trained independent contractors to perform the HACCP functions.

The HACCP regulation requires processors to keep extensive records of processing

and sanitation at their facilities.

At times, questions rise whether someone needs training in seafood HACCP. The seafood HACCP regulation defines processing as handling, storing, preparing, heading, eviscerating, shucking, freezing, changing into different market forms, manufacturing, preserving, packing, labeling, dockside unloading or holding fish or fishery products. The regulation does not apply to the harvest or transport of fishery products. It also does not apply to practices such as heading, eviscerating or freezing intended solely

to prepare fish for holding on a harvest vessel. Retail establishments are also exempt from the seafood HACCP regulation.

Fish processors who complete the course put themselves at a competitive advantage as they can then produce value added products such as smoked fish and

caviar. Those completing the course will receive a Seafood Alliance HACCP certificate issued through the Association of Food and Drug Officials recognized by agencies regulating fish processors.

For more information, please contact Ron Kinnunen at (906) 226-3687 or kinnune1@msu.edu.

— Upcoming Events —

Conservation Committee Meetings

The Conservation Committee meetings for the rest of 2018. Meetings are at Kewadin Casino in Sault, Mich., and begin at 5 p.m. Contact Linda Grossett, 635-6050 or lgrossett@saulttribe.net, for any questions: Mondays, Oct. 22, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17.

Newberry Drum Social Oct. 25

Sault Tribe YEA and Mukkwa Giizhik drum social and pot luck Oct. 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center. Open to the public. Join us! Bring a dish to pass if you can. For More information, contact YEA at (906) 484-2298 or lburnside@saulttribe.net.

Family Halloween Party!

Monday, Oct. 29 in the Big Bear Arena Basketball Court

Bewitching hours 6 to 8 p.m. Dare to join us in SCARE games and to make spook-tacular crafts! Please wear your costumes! Contact Jill Lawson at 253-1321 with any questions.

Candy Donations Needed! YEA is looking for donations of candy to hand out at the event. Candy can be brought to our office upstairs in the East Wing at the Big Bear, Mondays through Fridays 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Thank you!

Annual Removal of Flags Ceremony & Celebration, Nov. 11, Veterans Day

Wequayoc Cemetery, 2354 E. M-134 in Hessel, Mich. Removal of Flowers 11 a.m. Removal of flags & Ceremony 1 p.m. Pot luck lunch to follow. Please bring a dish to pass. Free and open to the community. All Veteran's welcome.

Help shape future of Lime Island

Visitors to Lime Island State Recreation Area already know it's a gem. The park encompasses the 932-acre island in the St. Marys River about two miles from the eastern tip of Michigan's Upper Peninsula – plus about 6.5 acres on the mainland in the community of Raber.

Its location in the St. Marys shipping lane has helped shape the island's rich history as an industrial complex and refueling depot. Original structures that once supported the island's industrial use have been partially

restored and repurposed as rental cabins or historical interpretive buildings.

"The park's remote setting makes it a perfect spot for hiking, fishing, swimming, wildlife watching, hunting, watching the freighters and other activities," said Corey Butcher, park manager. "The quiet retreat offers a boat dock, cabins powered by solar panels and tent camping on wooden platforms."

The DNR is developing a new general management plan for the recreation area and is encourag-

ing those interested to share their opinions through an online survey (available through Oct. 31) at michigan.gov/limeisland. The final plan will provide a strategic guide for long-range planning and management strategies that will protect the site's resources, while addressing current and future recreation and educational needs.

This survey is one of several opportunities for the public to be involved.

For more, contact DNR park management plan administrator Debbie Jensen at (517) 284-6105.

Candidates answer questionnaire treaty rights and working with tribes

From "Candidates," Page 19 to be a leader in the House in this effort. I will continue fighting each cycle to ensure the Indian Tuition waiver is fully funded.



Rep. Lee Chatfield

2. Do you support tribal treaty rights?

Yes. I support the treaties agreed upon by tribes and the federal government and will defend the rights that accompany them.

3. Do you support exempting tribes and American Indians from the work requirement in Medicaid expansion of the Affordable Care Act?

As seen above with my answer regarding treaties, I believe that the states should act in accordance with federal treaties made with tribes and respect those rights. Outside of those explicit rights, I believe in treating individuals as equal under the law. This most recent year in Michigan when we passed a "work requirements" law for able bodied adults on Medicaid, we allowed for tribal employment and community service as a qualifying activity to ensure flexibility in all tribal communities.

4. Do you support the Michigan Indian and Family

Preservation Act of 2013 (as amended in 2018) and full notification to tribal authorities when tribal children (from their respective tribes) are in the custody or care outside of the home?

Yes. I supported Senate Bill 616 which accomplishes this and will continue fighting for and defending similar, future efforts.

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

Our region of the state depends heavily on tourism, and we've seen increases in the quantity of tourists over the past four years that I have been in office. I have worked directly with business owners, local chambers and tribal boards when approached about investments and projects, and I will continue to do so. We need to preserve what makes us unique, and that requires protecting our Great Lakes like my recently passed bills do, fully funding an additional Soo Lock which my resolution calls for that was sent to Congress and ensuring that statewide economic development funds make their way north to be invested here. The more tourism we have, the more economic development there will be.

6. Optional election statement:

It's been an honor representing our region, because this place is more than merely where I was born and raised, this is my home. I've enjoyed listening to you, whether it was meeting with the tribal board to learn more or my multiple visits to Bahweting Elementary. I look forward to continuing my fight on your behalf in Lansing in the coming years.

107th District Representative Candidate Joanne Galloway



1. Do you support full funding for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver?

Yes, I support full funding of the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, funding for which has unfortunately not kept pace with the increase in the number of American Indians attending college. I will work to return this program to full funding and advocate to include tribal community colleges to expand course offerings to vocational-technical and certificate programs.

2. Do you support tribal treaty rights?

Yes — the U.S. Constitution and judicial precedence require that we honor the treaties and resulting federal funding to tribes. It is a moral imperative to honor the treaties.

3. Do you support exempting tribes and American Indians from the work requirement in Medicaid expansion of the Affordable Care Act?

I don't support a work requirement as a prerequisite for medical care for anyone. The state missed an opportunity to grant an exemption to Michigan tribes and American Indian citizens. I will

work to change this requirement as I believe all Michigan citizens deserve affordable health care.

4. Do you support the Michigan Indian and Family Preservation Act of 2013 (as amended in 2018) and full notification to tribal authorities when tribal children (from their respective tribes) are in the custody or care outside of the home?

Yes. The passage of the Indian Child Welfare Act and Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act protect the rights of tribal children and, as such, should be upheld. I pledge to be an advocate for American Indian children in Michigan by ensuring full compliance with ICWA and MIFPA.

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

It is imperative that all efforts to develop tourism and tribal economic ventures be preceded by significant investment in our fiber optic and mobile networks. People visiting the region, whether it be for work or for play, demand world class connectivity, insofar as that connectivity represents a lifeline to the data networks that form the foundations of their lives. These data networks allow the businesses and entrepreneurs who cater to visitors to more effectively execute transactions. A better class of global connectivity will foster new cohorts of entrepreneurs and make the area more of a draw to visitors who had overlooked the area as a destination because of poor connectivity. Making the region more attractive will appeal to a broader range of visitors, a new pool of visitors that the tribes are well positioned to

serve. Leading the development of connectivity networks will help the Sault Tribe leverage existing assets to expand services, and increase revenue streams.

Further, the time has come to fully integrate tribal enterprises in the state plan for economic development by supporting the development of new opportunities like tribal enterprise zones. When tribes thrive, jobs become available to local residents. Everybody wins.

6. Optional election statement:

Running for office has never been my dream. However, like becoming a farmer, it is something that I have decided to fully embrace because I believe it is the right thing to do for my family and our community. What compels me is a persistent sense that our communities have not been well-served by the current state government with a primary focus on the enrichment of the wealthy few and not the delivery of needed support to communities that have been historically underserved. Foremost among these communities, in my mind, are the Anishinaabe tribes across Michigan.

Tribes are guaranteed a level of funding through treaties, judicial precedence and legislation, and Michigan's state government has not met these obligations. If elected, I will stand tall for tribal rights in the 107th State House District and across Michigan, including full funding of the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver; full compliance with the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act, and will stridently oppose the imposition of any kind of work requirement for Medicaid for any Michigan citizen.

Members can now use YMCA of Marquette County

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe Health Director Leo Chugunov is pleased to announce tribal members and their immediate family can use the YMCA Fitness Center of Marquette County, located in Negaunee, Mich., for free.

Rachel Berglund, membership and wellness director and west end instructor for the YMCA of Marquette County, said, "The tribe is sponsoring dollars so tribal members and their families can utilize the west end facility in downtown Negaunee at no charge to them. What we look at for a family is if they reside in the same household and are dependent children up to the age of 25."

Members who wish to use the services of the Marquette County YMCA must bring their tribal ID cards with them on their first visit and fill out a day pass registration form that includes the names of all the members of their household. Once that is on file, members and their dependents can check in with their tribal I.D.



The YMCA of Marquette County is in downtown Negaunee.

cards, or by letting staff know they are a registered user of the facility.

Youth ages 10-11 are required to attend a youth cardio orientation, where they are shown how to safely use exercise equipment such as the treadmill, recumbent cycle and rowing machine. Youth 12-16 must earn a youth fitness certification to use the facility. A staff member guides them though all the strength-training pieces stressing safety and there is a test at the end of the program

they must pass in order to use the facility without direct supervision. Young adults 17 and older can use the facility without a parent if they have a form on file.

For parents with young kids ages six weeks to seven years, there is an on-site Tot Watch program. Parents must be in the building attending a class, using the sauna or exercising to use the program and the YMCA is extending their member rates of \$3.75 an hour per child for this service. The Tot Watch pro-

gram is staffed Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturdays.

In addition to the facilities cardio and strength training equipment, they offer free drop in fitness classes such as yoga, Pilates, a barbell based class called Strong Bodies and an older adult fitness class specific to healthy aging. These classes are located on the lower level of the building and last from 30 to 60 minutes. Also on the lower level

are the sauna, locker rooms with showers and a group fitness space for aerobics or yoga.

Youth and adults alike find the rock wall in the bouldering room a fun activity and if you are in the mood for coffee and conversation there is an area for that. There is also a free book exchange available, so bring in your old books and pick out a "new one" while you are there.

Berglund said, "We have a really welcoming and friendly community oriented facility where a lot of folks come to build their health and wellness. A lot of what also draws people here are the relationships and friendships they make. Linda [Linda Paquet, YMCA member service coordinator] and the team out there do a really good job creating those connections."

The Marquette County YMCA is at 350 Iron Street in downtown Negaunee and is open from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3p.m.; and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3p.m.

Escanaba members eligible for free gym memberships

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe Health Director Leo Chugunov is pleased to announce an arrangement with Sullivan's Health and Fitness in Escanaba, Mich., for free gym memberships for Sault Tribe members, their spouse and children.

In order to offer this free service to tribal members, the health center is making annual payments to Sullivan's for providing gym membership services.

To register for a free membership, tribal members residing in the Escanaba area can call or email Sullivan's Health and Fitness for an appointment to fill out membership paperwork, tour the facility, and have a membership swipe card programmed. You will need your tribal card and a photo ID at this appointment.

Tribal members who register with Sullivan's can access the gym Monday through Friday from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., and have 24-hour access on weekends. An adult must accompany youth under the age of 17, and guests that have not filled out the proper paperwork are not permitted in the gym.

Gym memberships also include the use of shower facilities and a small locker area.

Sullivan's is located in the Penstar building (down the hall from the Escanaba Tribal Community Health Center) behind the Escanaba Fairgrounds, at 1401 N. 26th St., in suite 118.

Sullivan's is a small gym that opened in 2015 and is operated by owners Alex and Ronni Sullivan. Alex is a master trainer, group instructor and fitness professional, specializing in pain management. Ronni is a personal trainer, group exercise instructor, nutrition consultant and a tribal member.

Because the gym is not typically staffed after 6 p.m., the membership swipe card provides access and allows you use

of all of the equipment. Because of this, it is important to follow safety guidelines and precautions while using the equipment. For example—use safety bars on the squat rack, and only rubber plates are permitted on the wooden lifting platform. Gym members are expected to pick up after themselves and wipe down equipment when they are done working out. The Sullivans offer personal training for an additional charge, and can set up a workout program to fit your health and fitness goals. The first personal training session is free, and is a consultation session where they sit down and talk with you about your goals and how they can help you reach them.

In addition to offering personal training, they also offer nutritional guidance and group exercise classes (not included in your free gym membership). If you are interested in personal training or group exercise they can give you more information and get you started.

Alex said they offer clients everything needed to do a fully comprehensive workout. "We work a lot with what is called functional training - we have a lot of free weights including barbells, kettlebells, and dumbbells; suspension straps, resistance bands and ropes hanging from the ceiling. We do have some cardio equipment, including a treadmill, recumbent bike and a total body exercise machine used for rehab with a leg press, and high and low pulleys. We also have a lot of info graphics hanging on the walls throughout the gym that show how to do the exercises correctly."

Gym amenities include swipe access for members, bathrooms, shower and towels, personal item storage and cubby area, coffee, microwave, and refrigerator, protein bars and supplements, protein shakes and smoothies, Wi-Fi access and Bluetooth HD sound system.

Training equipment includes large open group exercise area, flat screen smart TV and digital workouts, treadmill, exercise bike, battle ropes, medicine balls, wall balls and targets, push/pull/drag sleds, tires, plyometric boxes, cardio, speed, agility equipment (ladders, cones, hurdles, steps), free weights (barbells, dumbbells, kettlebells), Olympic bumper plates, multiple squat, deadlift, bench stations, pull-up bars and dip stations, landmine push/pull stations, total body exercise machine, high/mid/low cables and attachments, assistance and resistance bands, suspension training and rings and foam rollers.

Alex has an A.S. degree in pre-professional health and B.S. degree in exercise science with specializations in sports performance and conditioning, fitness program design, nutritional guidance and program design, weight management, weightlifting, strength training, high intensity interval training



Sullivan's Health and Fitness in Escanaba, Mich.

(HIIT), small group training, group exercise instruction, functional movement and pain management.

Ronni has a B.S. degree in psychology, with specializations that include sports conditioning, weight management, nutritional guidance, strength training, group exercise instruction and

high intensity interval training.

Sullivan's Health and Fitness is at 1401 N 26th St., Suite 118, in Escanaba, Mich. They can be contacted by Email at alex@sullivanshealthandfitness.com, or call (906) 217-2011.

Visit their website at <https://www.sullivanshealthandfitness.com/>.

American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program helps 179 people

FROM ITCMI

SAULT STE. MARIE — Native Americans in Michigan have been working hard to lead healthier lives this year. The American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program at (855) 372-0037 received calls from 179 American Indian callers seeking coaching help to quit smoking and using other tobacco products.

Commercial tobacco use is related to many of the most prominent health disparities in tribal communities, including but not limited to preterm birth, colorectal cancer, lung cancer and heart disease. In the past three years, over 530 American Indians in the state of Michigan have used the Michigan Tobacco

Native Americans in Michigan can receive help by calling (855) 372-0037

Quitline and American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program to begin their quit journey.

The American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program and the Michigan Tobacco Quitline is an evidence-based service providing free telephone coaching for the uninsured, pregnant women, residents enrolled in Medicaid and Medicare, veterans, cancer patients and American Indians.

The program serves all ages, however callers seeking nicotine replacement therapy, when available, must be over 18 and

meet basic health requirements. Enrollees will receive a coach who will assist them in setting a quit date, choosing a nicotine replacement product that is right for them, and making an individualized quit plan. The coach will provide support with up to four telephone-coaching sessions scheduled around the caller's quit date.

Over 40 percent of Native American adults in Michigan smoke cigarettes. Quitting smoking can be difficult, but help is available. Native American quit coaches are waiting to help quit smoking. Over 30 percent of callers stay quit after six months. For more information, call (855) 372-0037 or visit keepitsacred.itcni.org/quitline.

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JOHN P. ADAMS

John Paul Adams was born on June 6, 1967, and passed on July 9, 2018. He was the last child of a mixed-marriage family. His father, Gordon, who died in 2006, married June Cronan Erickson in 1953. She had four children



from a previous marriage, and then two children with Gordon, before she died in 1956. Gordon married Alvina Mastaw Adams in 1959, and together they had three children; John was the youngest of these.

During the spring and summer of 1967, a couple of other moms were having their last babies in our largely Catholic neighborhood. When John first came home as a newborn, it was obvious that he and his mom had a unique, special bond that played out until the end. He graduated from LaSalle High School, took classes at LSSU and obtained employment with the DNR for a few summers. He loved listening to music and going to concerts. He loved road trips and visiting new places, loved people and laughed easily.

We have this saying, "It takes a village to raise a child." In John's case, this support and care transitioned into his adult years. We, his family, are sincerely grateful to many people and organizations in our community that extended grace, kindness and friendship to our John. Special thanks to Ron and Mary Kay Tamlyn; Mr. Penner of the Straits Evangelical Free Church; Father Norbert Landerville; Wendy of Sault Tribal Health; Hiawatha Behavioral Health; Don Wright and Al Stempki at Community Action and the staff at EUP Home Health and Hospice.

NANCY A. ADAMS

Nancy Anne Adams of Lebanon, Ore., and formerly of Pontiac, Mich., walked on Sept. 1, 2018. She was born on June 17, 1951.



Nancy is survived by wife, Suzanne, with whom she shared more than 21 years of happiness; sons, Michael Meyer of Lebanon and Joshua Meyer and his wife, Myranda, of Veneta, Ore.; daughter, Emily Potts (Matthew Kessing), and sons, David Potts (Leslie Sabin), Sacramento, Calif., and Sam Potts of San Francisco, Calif.; grandsons, Alex Meyer of Albany Ore., Christopher, Matthew and Joseph Meyer of Lebanon; and granddaughter Winifred (Winnie) June Kessing; sisters, Alice (Ron) Pinto of Mikado, Mich., and Diane (Michael) Morris of Spruce, Mich.

Nancy was preceded in death by parents Earl and Jeanette Adams, and sister, Linda Dix.

Many loving friends, nieces, nephews and cousins blessed Nancy. She enjoyed a rich career in several fields, culminating in

10 years as a freelance business writer and editor until declining health demanded her retirement in 2015.

Cremation took place with a memorial service on Oct. 6, 2018, at St. Martins Episcopal Church in Lebanon.

Nancy and family request no flowers, but that donations be sent to St. Martins Episcopal Church, Guest House in Lake Orion, Mich., Evergreen Hospice, Habitat for Humanity or a food bank of your choice.

HARRY T. AMYOTTE

Harry Thomas Amyotte, a longtime resident of Darien, Conn., died on Aug. 25, 2018, while hiking in the San Juan Mountains of Colorado with his family. He had a heart attack caused by an undiagnosed genetic heart condition. Harry was 55.

Harry grew up in Stoughton, Wis., and graduated from Stoughton High School in 1981. He attended Lawrence University on a full scholarship and graduated magna cum laude with degrees in history and art in 1985. Harry was recruited to Columbia University for a Ph.D in modern European intellectual history with another full scholarship. At Columbia, however, his historical study of financial markets redirected his path to New York University to pursue an MBA. He graduated with distinction in 1990. Harry was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Professionally, Harry was a banker specializing in corporate finance. He worked in a number of roles at Scotia Bank in New York City for the past 20 years, and previously at Citibank and Sumitomo Bank, also in NYC. He was known for his capital market insight and sage advice and was a trusted advisor to many companies in the technological and media industries. Harry was admired by his colleagues for his credit acumen and sound judgment.

According to his boss at Scotia, Harry was brilliant, kind-hearted, fair and he was always, always a team player.

Harry married his hometown sweetheart, Kathryn, in 1986.

Their lifelong love of music and theater began as they met in a Stoughton Middle School production of *Oliver!*, when Harry was "Mr. Bumble" and Kathryn was the "Milk Seller." In high school they participated in all of the select choirs, musicals and plays (Harry was "Puck" to Kathryn's "Hermia" in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*) and they continued to sing together in choirs throughout their lives. Harry and Kathryn became avid patrons of the New York Philharmonic, the Metropolitan Opera, Carnegie Hall and Broadway, but nothing made Harry happier or prouder than listening to and supporting Kathryn in all of her professional singing activities.

Harry was a wonderful father who adored his two children.

Matthias and Marin. His life was motivated by his devotion to his family. He never missed one of his children's performances and always attended with a camera in hand to photograph or record.

He taught his kids to always fight for a better version of their schoolwork and writing, and he was willing to sit with them to help them edit as many drafts as it took, all the way through college and graduate school. Harry inspired by example to be as fit as one possibly could be, not encouraging the kids to pursue competitive sports per se, but to encourage a lifelong love of exercise and physical fitness, from the time the kids could walk.

Harry was a prolific artist. He had his camera in his backpack every day he commuted into New York for work. He excelled in many forms of photography: street, landscape, portrait, wedding and art. In this capacity, Harry often served the Darien community, working on projects for his church, Darien High School's Theatre 308 and for his wife's voice studio, among others. He had a unique ability to make beautiful images captured in the perfect light.

His family and friends are grateful to continue to see the world through Harry's eyes and the lens of his camera in the vast archive of images he created.

Dining was always a cherished event, and photos of family and friends are most often around a table for a meal that Harry, a true epicurean gourmet, had helped to prepare and lovingly pair with a perfect wine. Harry had a meticulous palate and he delighted in discovering new flavors that would inspire guests to exclaim "Wow! What's in this?" Always in search of what Harry referred to as an "umami bomb," recent additions to his cooking repertoire include such items as Ssäm sauce, colatura di alici, gochujang, sambal oelek, smoked shoyu, ground sumac, maple cayenne hot sauce, pomegranate molasses and flaked dulce, and he recently upgraded the family mortar and pestle to a deeper model more suited to grinding myriad spices for his meat-rubs.

While Harry did not relish his daily commute to NYC from Darien, it afforded him countless hours to study and contemplate; he read voraciously, fiction and non. Harry did not dabble. He became an expert in everything he set his mind on: grilling, wine, photography/print-making, videography, filmography/cinematography, color study, home sound and lighting systems, landscaping, back-country camping equipment and technique (the best way to hang a bear bag!) to name just a few. He was a brilliant writer and poet, and he kept a folder on his phone called *Brainstorm* to keep track of all of his ideas when they occurred to him, some deeply thoughtful, some hilarious, so

he could return to them — fragments of ideas that reveal his sensitivity to the world and humanity. Harry was even writing a screenplay called *Mind the Gap*, the premise of which, in his words, was "True Happiness is possible if you pursue your true identity and calling, rather than

the empty promise of material success as society values it."

Harry was a real Renaissance man. In addition to his intellectual pursuits, supported by hours of quiet, focused study, Harry was also very physically active, and he loved being outdoors in all kinds of athletic endeavors. A road biker from childhood, for many years he biked 17 miles each way to work. He ran on his high school's cross country and track teams and he continued to love running all his life. He skated (masterfully, after years of hockey playing) on ponds the moment they froze, and he relished a "snow day" when the trains weren't running to Manhattan and he could strap on the cross-country skis for a tour around Waveny Park or any local golf course.

Harry was always drawn to the mountains: backpack-camping and hiking in the remote wilderness for dozens of miles in the Rockies, the Alps, the Whites, the Catskills, the Adirondacks, and segments of the Appalachian Trail, and on and off-piste Telemark skiing in places such as Tuckerman's Ravine at Mt. Washington and the Kootenay Mountains of British Columbia. He and his wife skied the American Birkebeiner, a cross-country ski marathon. They swam together every summer in Long Island Sound, off the Darien shoreline, jiggering their work schedules around high tide when open-water long-distance swimming was best. Harry's one indoor athletic activity was ballroom dancing, which he and Kathryn had recently taken up and were frankly surprised they enjoyed so much!

Harry, a man of deep faith, was a member of Noroton Presbyterian Church, Darien, for 26 years, and served the church in many capacities: he taught Sunday school, spent the past 20 years as a tenor in the Chancel Choir, was on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (Pastor Brandi Drake), attended Pastor Greg Doll's 6:15 a.m. Bible study in NYC for over eight years, photographed and videoed concerts, special services and children's musicals and most recently designed the newly remodeled chancel space in the sanctuary. He embraced and was embraced by his church community.

Family and friends captured Harry in adjectives: dear, sweet, warm, caring, kind, loving, steady, thoughtful, careful, honest, conscientious, trustworthy, intellectual, inquisitive, interested, erudite, pedantic (in a good way!), funny, insightful, creative, musical, artistic, generous, hospitable, spiritual and faithful. Harry left a legacy of the constant pursuit of excellence and integrity. He lived an exemplary life: spectacular, but in the most unassuming way, ever willing to assume a supporting role so others could shine.

Harry is survived by his beloved and loving wife, Kathryn Amyotte; his adored children, Matthias Amyotte (partner Mia D'Andrea), and Marin Amyotte Marka (husband Arthur Marka); his parents, David Amyotte Sr., and Dorothy Bvrne; siblings,

Michael Amyotte and Sarah Amyotte (wife Laurie Neff); a large extended family and a multitude of friends.

Harry's brother, David Amyotte Jr. (aged 57), died less than three weeks prior to Harry, also by heart attack.

Visitation was on Sept. 28 in the Noroton Presbyterian Church Sky Lobby. A celebration of Harry's life took place on Sept. 29 in the Noroton Presbyterian Church Sanctuary. Burial was private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution to San Juan National Forest Stewardship, where a fund has been established in Harry's memory for the maintenance and preservation of the Vallecito and Johnson Creek trails, with the ultimate goal of replacing the bridge over Vallecito Creek which was washed away in 2006. His family believes Harry would love for this tremendously beautiful place to be more accessible to the world. Via mail: National Forest Foundation, 390 Union Blvd, Ste. 400, Denver, CO 80228-1556 – Note: San Juan National Forest Stewardship Fund in memory of Harry Amyotte. Online: <https://www.nationalforests.org/give> - In the "Promotional Code" field, enter "San Juan NF – Harry Amyotte"

To see some of Harry's beautiful photos and videos, visit his websites: www.HarryAmyotte.com and www.vimeo.com/harryamyotte.

PATRICK W. BERNARD

Patrick Wayne "Pat" Bernard, 60, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Sept. 16, 2018, at War Memorial Hospital. He was born on Aug. 20, 1958, in Sault Ste. Marie, to John Edmund and Margaret Ann (Filippis) Bernard.

Pat graduated from Sault Area High School with the class of 1976 and continued his education at Bay de Noc Community College where he earned his associate degree. Pat worked for the Michigan Department of Corrections at Hiawatha Correctional Facility for over 20 years. He was a member of the Christopher Columbus Society and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He was also an avid ham radio operator.

Pat enjoyed bowling, fishing and metal detecting. He played fantasy football and he also enjoyed watching football and baseball. He loved people and was always kind and gentle. He would give anyone the shirt off his back and will be sadly missed by friends and family.

Pat is survived by his mother, Margaret Bernard; and three siblings, Nancy Watson of Wyoming, Mich., Ron (Jacqueline) Bernard of Sparta, Wis., and Rich (Jan Hood) Bernard of Ellenton, Fla.; as well as nine nieces and nephews, Kristin, Ryan, Josh, Jason, Chris, Michelle, Nathan, Lucas and Tori.

Pat was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Gary Bernard.

A graveside committal service and celebration of life will be *See "Walking on." page 23*

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Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

ANNE C. CAUSLEY

Anne Charlotte Causley, 81, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., died on Aug. 28, 2018, in Sault Ste. Marie. She was born July 18, 1937, in Hessel, Mich., to Perry Wilfred and Mary Anne (O'Sogwin) Causley.

Anne grew up in Hessel and graduated from Cedarville High School. She lived in the Lansing area for several years before moving back to the Hessel area in the late 1960s. Over the years, she worked as a bus aide for the Sault Tribe Head Start Program, at Crisp Laundry and Northern Linen operating the ironing and folding machines, as a secretary in the Accounting Department for the Sault Tribe and in the Ammo Shop at K.I. Sawyer AFB. She also worked as an Avon, Artex and Tupperware sales consultant.

Anne was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians where she served on the board of directors and was the founder of their Diabetic Support Group. She was active in the St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Sault Ste. Marie. Anne was tough and managed to get through hard times. She understood and spoke the Ojibwe language.

Anne enjoyed creating beadwork and ceramics, playing Bingo and going to garage sales. She liked canning and cooking and hosted many family dinners saying she was "keeping the family plump." She loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Anne is survived by her children, Steve (Catharine McDonald) Causley and Darian (Janet Roy) Causley, both of Sault Ste. Marie; grandchildren, Page Houghton, Austin McKay, Darian Causley and Michael Causley; great grandchildren, Jayden, Alex and Stephen; a sister, Margaret Vassar and niece, Rita Vassar, both of Sault Ste. Marie.

Anne was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Mary Causley; grandson, Steven McDonald; brothers, Raymond Causley, John Causley, Wilford "Wig" Causley, Joseph Causley; infant brother, Wilfred Perry Causley; sisters, Catherine LaPointe and Francis Smith; and brother-in-law, Gene Vassar.

Services took place at the Anaamianag Nopaming Tribal Center in Hessel over Aug. 31 to Sept. 1. A prayer service was conducted by Brother John Hascall. An additional service was conducted at the tribal center was followed by a procession and burial at the Italian Maplewood Cemetery in Hessel.

R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Mich., served the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneral-home.com.

SHARON L. FEGAN

Sharon Lee Fegan, 75, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Sept. 23, 2018, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Mich.

Sharon was born on Sept. 10, 1943, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to the late Woodrow and Hazel (Parish) Wilcox. Sharon graduated from Brimley High School with the class of 1962. On Nov. 17, 1962, she married Keith Fegan and they remained friends throughout the years.

She was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Calvary Baptist Church. Sharon enjoyed crafting and going to craft shows. She also enjoyed cooking, baking and teaching others how. She was a 4H leader and took in many foster children. Sharon loved going to activities and sporting events of both her children and grandchildren. Her favorite holiday was Christmas, which involved decorating her entire house, inside and out, for her family and community to enjoy. She loved watching Hallmark Christmas movies year round. Although Sharon had mobility limitations, she never let that stop her from doing the things she loved. She remained active and took part in family gatherings and friend activities as often as possible. Sharon thrived on time spent with family, made homemade gifts of food and crafts constantly for them, kept a positive attitude continually through her unending pain and never complained.

Sharon was retired from the Department of Human Services as a social worker (Native Outreach) and taught Decisions to Actions classes. She transported patients to doctor appointments in both upper and lower peninsulas and volunteered for hospice. Hardly a day passed before Kimber or Pat were stopped by someone extending a compliment about Sharon and explaining the difference she made in his or her life and going above and beyond the call of duty to help their families.

Sharon is survived by her children, Kimber (Chris) Kirby of Kodak, Tenn., and Pat Fegan of Sault Ste. Marie; seven grandchildren, Danielle, Abigail, Josie, Maddisyn, Alli Mae, Kallee and Courtney; and three great-grandchildren, Theorin, Jorie and Eleanor. Sharon is also survived by two sisters, Katherine "Kim" (George) Tull of Texas, and Barbara (Bill) Anderson of Brimley, Mich.; a brother, Ralph (Shirley) Wilcox of Brimley; a sister-in-law, Mary (Clarence) Ojala, of Grayling, Mich.; former daughter-in-law, Liz Messer, of Sault Ste. Marie; and many nieces and nephews.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, Woodrow and Hazel (Parish) Wilcox; her former husband, Keith Fegan; a brother-in-law, Donald Fegan; and a sister-in-law, Barb Meehan.

A funeral service took place on Sept. 28, 2018, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Pastor Dave Pierce officiating. Burial will be

at Mission Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the Haiti Missions Trip (Calvary Baptist Church). Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

WAYNE L. GARRIES

Wayne Lee Garries, 53, of Branson, Mo., passed away on Sept. 5, 2018. He was born on Oct. 26, 1964, to Jerry and Brenda (nee Johnson) Garries in Battle Creek.

Mr. Garries proudly served in the United States Marine Corps. He reached the rank of gunnery sergeant during his 19 years in logistics, supply and recruiting.

He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Always one to enjoy life, Mr. Garries particularly liked riding bikes and being a jokester. Those who knew him will miss his antics, family members said.

He is survived by his parents, Jerry and Brenda Garries; two sisters and their families, Wina Taylor and his twin sister, Wanda and Joe Cody, all of St. Ignace; a brother and his family, Duane and Tami Garries of Battle Creek; his grandmother, Jean Garries of St. Ignace; his son, Cory Gibson of Battle Creek, and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charlie Garries, Leona and Bill Johnson, and Laurence and Pearl Garries, and two uncles, Sam Montie and Ray McCall.

A memorial service took place on Sept. 20 at the VFW Hall in St. Ignace.

Cremations of the Ozarks in Hollister, Mo., assisted the family with arrangements.

JAMES A. JACKSON

James Alfred "Jimmy John" Jackson, 62, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Sept. 13, 2018, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.

James was born on July 14, 1956, in Sault Ste. Marie to Jerome and Betty (McCoy) Jackson. He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He worked as a demolitionist for many years all over the United States.

James is survived by his children, Tonya (Jason) Forster of Cass City, Mich., Ryan (Becky) Jackson of Sebewaing, Mich., and Justin (Amanda) Jackson of Minden City, Mich.; 11 grandchildren, Aiden, Asher, Makenna, Trent, Kaylee, Ava, Autumn, Addison, Braelyn, Justin Jr. and Emelia; and his mother, Betty Mae Faunt of Sault Ste. Marie. He is also survived by his siblings, Marsha Waybrant of Kincheloe, Mich., Mike (Deb) Jackson of Brown City, Mich., Duane (Missy) Jackson of Alpena, Mich., Leon Jackson of Kincheloe, Jerry (Linda) Jackson of Muskegon, Mich., and Donna (Brad) Hall of Rudyard, Mich.

Jimmy John was preceded in death by his father, Jerome

Jackson; his sister, Diana Beckwith; and his brother David Jackson.

A Memorial service took place at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building on Sept. 21, 2018.

C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremations Services helped the family with the arrangements. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

DAWN E. BIRON

Dawn Elaine (Sehy) Biron went to be with the Lord on Sept. 22, 2018, at the age of 66. She passed away in her home with the love of her life holding her hand and family by her side.

She was born in Kalamazoo, Mich., on Dec. 25, 1951, to the late Richard and Lois (Meek) Sehy. Dawn

was united in marriage for over 50 years to John W. Biron. Dawn was a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt and grandmother. She worked in the gift shop of the Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., for over 15 years. Some of her favorite things to do included traveling on the powwow trail with her husband and spending time with her family and friends. She was an active member of "For the Love of Native American People and Wolves." She provided a loving home for many and was loved dearly because of her sweet, caring nature.

Dawn is survived by her loving husband, John W. Biron; her daughter, Tammy (Kenneth) Hillsburg; her son, John R. (Sandy) Biron; her sisters, Christine (Tom) Aldrich, and Antoinette, Theresa and Barbara Biron; her brothers, Bruce Sehy, and Robert, Thomas and Gary Biron; grandchildren, Cortney, Corie, Ashley Biron, Alyssa, Danielle and Justin Hillsburg; and great grandchild, Elaina Padula along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Rick Sehy and Paul Eversole.

A private family service was held in her honor.

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Fearless to the end, the lakes lost one of their finest fishermen, Captain William ("Jim") James LaLonde, on July 16, 2018, from natural causes. Born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.,

on Aug. 15, 1928, Jim spent seven years of his childhood in the Emma C. Nason orphanage with his brother, Bob, where they were visited by their father, never by their mother, and were well cared for by the Native woman who worked there. Jim first worked delivering newspapers on a bike leased from his school teacher. He was very active, winning several swimming and diving competitions. After two Canadian professional hockey

player brothers had Jim play goalie in a couple American games, he was scouted to attend a prestigious hockey school, but his mother wouldn't sign the permission slip.

At 14, Jim ran away from his mother's home and joined the Merchant Marines after the Canadian military denied him entrance due to his age. "I saw Russia on my 15th birthday," Jim said, "And, was lucky I made it back from that trip, only half of us did." He joined the Navy and then the Army (as a paratrooper) where he trained others, earned his GED and various military medals, and boxed (holding quickest knockout record in the Golden Gloves for several years).

Jim courted and married Irene Stevenson, who was smart enough to propose. After returning home from the military he held various jobs: guitar playing and lounge singing, logging, selling Michigan trees in LA at Christmas, hunting and trapping to sell pelts. He proudly opposed the DNR, spending a couple days in jail advocating against hunting fines and taught others how to avoid DNR fake "deer" traps. Jim also earned his airplane pilot license, but had it taken away because he flew too close to a car his friend was driving in the Sault. Jim operated his own pilot boat in Bay Mills from 1961 to 1974, taking pilots on and off the foreign ships that went through the Sault locks.

He was one of the first tribal commercial fishermen on the lakes, even taking Abe LeBlanc out on his first few commercial fishing trips before Abe got his own boat. It was among many times Jim didn't get caught, but he did have his picture in the Soo Evening News making a net and advocating for our tribal fishing rights. When Lake Superior was too dangerous for the Coast Guard's boats, Jim was sometimes asked and went out saving lives using his 42-foot steel tug. Jim raised his family in Bay Mills, where it was easier to work but close to the tribe, which was important to him because his father and uncles had been taken away from the Sault to an "Indian School," missing out on many years of teachings he wanted for his own children.

Jim owned a kennel for years — breeding, training and selling AKC registered blue and red tick hounds. He competed in the I-500 race his son, Rocky, qualified for in the early '70s. The two later earned welding certifications, and dredged around the Midwest and West Coast. Jim lived with his wife and son on a beach in Oregon dredging out the Columbia River after Mount Saint Helens erupted in 1982, until the beach was restored and the government made it illegal to live there. Jim retired from the Port of Portland, earned his advanced scuba certification, then began independently dredging the Klamath River in northern California for gold and was part of the New 49'ers Club. Jim got to know the Karuk Indian tribe, who treated him as one of their own elders, giving him 50 pounds

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Soo Film Festival includes Indian Country works

BY RICK SMITH

Folks in the area of the eastern Upper Peninsula would do well to keep up with the offerings of the annual Soo Film Festival if interested in films by and about folks from Indian Country or the Great Lakes region. Since its inception and inaugural presentations in 2014, the festival brings five days of film viewing enjoyment to the Bayliss Public Library and the Soo Theater in downtown Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Films directed by American Indians from the Great Lakes region and beyond have been featured every year, always with fresh films and no reruns.

According to Jason Markstrom, Soo Film Festival president, the first film related to American Indian interests to ever be featured in the festival was written, produced and directed by award-winning filmmaker, teacher and Sault Tribe



member, Bill Blanchard of Lansing, Mich. Blanchard's 58-minute documentary, *A Difference of Rights*, examined the controversy and struggle surrounding American Indian treaty fishing rights on the Great Lakes and was part of the 2014 festival. The showing was followed by a question and answer session along with a reception and art show in the tribe's Library and Learning Center across from the Soo Theater.

A short film, *Two Wolves*, directed by Jonathan Elliott, was featured in the 2015 festival and another short, *Other*, directed

by Rodrick Elliott was shown in 2016.

The 2017 festival saw the appearance of three films that involved Sault Tribe members out of the five based on American Indian subjects. *This Is Who I Am*, a short feature created by a group led by Sault Tribe member Calvin Hartwig. The film looks at a young woman coping with walking in the two worlds of mainstream life in the United States and maintaining her identification as an American Indian. The film was also screened before the 16th session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and elsewhere.

Sault Tribe members Adam and Zack Khalil created the second film in the line up, *INAATE/SE (It Shines A Certain Way To A Certain Place/It Flies Falls)*, which re-imagines an ancient Anishinabe story set among

generations in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The work claimed the Best Documentary Feature Award.

The Stories We Share, a documentary directed by Sault Tribe member Katilin Lenhard and shown in the 2017 festival looks at indigenous culture, language, loss and modern story telling as it relates to American Indian communities. She captured the Best Documentary Short Award.

The fourth and fifth films shown in 2017 were experimental stop motion animations titled *Hands To the Sky* and *Returning*. Both films created by Elizabeth Lepensee, an Anishinabekwe from Bawating who is an assistant professor at Michigan State University.

This year, two films involving the world of American Indians were featured in the festival. Shane McSauby directed the 2017 work, *Mino Bimadiziwin*,

a short film about a contemporary two-spirited love story and decolonization. A film directed by Denny Rauen, *Standing Rock Take Me From the River*, took the Best Documentary Short Award. The film is a winner of numerous other awards from film festivals, competitions and organizations.

The latest festival guide notes the Soo Film Festival is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of promoting and hosting film and allied arts festivals in Sault Ste. Marie. It intends to showcase works of independent and emerging filmmakers from the Great Lakes region while bringing movies back to the downtown area of Sault Ste. Marie and the historic Soo Theater.

More about the festival can be learned at www.sooofilmfestival.org and on Facebook at [SooFilmFestival](https://www.facebook.com/SooFilmFestival).

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From "Walking on," page 23 of salmon each year. He took several trips to Alaska to dredge gold and picked and sold mushrooms in Oregon while visiting his children and grandchildren.

After Irene passed, Jim spent winters in California and summers home in Michigan, fishing, gardening, picking blueberries, and watching the fights, poker and Fox News. In his month shy of 90 years on earth, Jim taught us many lessons: "don't spend your life arguing," "the only thing you get out of life is what you eat," and "the best winds for fishing are from the south and the west." He was honorable, kind, a wonderful husband and father, and the best grandpa a kid could ask for. He didn't want a lot of attention but was thankful for the time he had with everyone, and it warmed his heart that his daughter stayed at his bedside until the end.

Jim was predeceased by his wife of 50 years, Irene LaVerne (Stevenson) LaLonde; daughter, Penni Yvonne (LaLonde) Dumback; son, Rockne ("Rocky") Allen LaLonde; parents, Theodore ("Jack") Pascal LaLonde and Florence Myrtle (Nicholson) LaLonde; brothers, Ted ("Ham"), Fred and Bob LaLonde and his baby sister who passed away when 5 days old.

Jim is survived by his brother, Donald Harold LaLonde; daughter, Dawna Lee LaLonde; Penni's children, Krystal (Dumback) Huyck, Tiffany and Nick Dumback; Rocky's children, Michael LaLonde and Danielle (Craddock) Fairchild; Dawna's children, Stacey and Kevin Saich, and Jesse Singh; Krystal's children, Trenton and Eric; Nick's son, Monte; Michael's stepchildren, Kristen, Ramsey, Taylor and Gabrielle; and Danielle's children, Dakota and Nicholas.

Jim's family thanks Pickford Pennington Home staff, everyone who donates to Pennington Home (especially R. Galer Funeral Home and the Quilters), Sault Tribe Health Center staff (especially Dr. Wilkerson and RN Virginia), WMH, and Arfstrom's staff. Please make any donations, on behalf of Jim, to Pennington

Home or the Salvation Army (which was his favorite charity due to the help they provided him and his fellow servicemen). R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Mich., is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneral-home.com.

SHIRLEY A. NOLAN

Surrounded by family, Shirley Ann (Krull) Nolan, 74, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Sept. 7, 2018.

The eldest of 13 children, Shirley was born April 28, 1944, to Bernard and Loretta (Germain) Krull. On Jan. 26, 1963, Shirley "Guno" married John "Muggo" Nolan. She and John raised eight children and she was the proud "Grams" of 22 beloved grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Shirley was a once in a lifetime kind of person. She was exquisitely, beautifully human. To know her was to love her. She had a way of embracing all of her quirks and vulnerabilities, and in doing so, freed others to be exactly who they were around her. Shirley had a special way of making everyone feel as though they were the most important person in the world. Everyone was her "babes" and her "son." Under her spirited and feisty nature was a heart of gold, a champion for the underdog. She never met a stranger.

Shirley loved rummy, sales and visiting with family and friends. She loved fancy dresses and good conversation — especially good conversation! She danced with her plants. She loved her coffee. Most of all, best of all, she loved her family. Shirley was a gift giver, both the tangible kind; trinkets, jewelry, clothes, toys and the intangible, more meaningful kind — time, laughter, hilarious antics. She gifted us with adventures and stories to last a lifetime. Her strength and bravery taught us how to be strong

and brave. Her unconditional love and acceptance taught us how to love. She gave so fully of herself and in doing so taught us all how to live.

Shirley was preceded in death by her mother and father, Loretta and Bernard Krull; sisters, Diane Krull and Tina Laaksonen; and daughter, Vanda Nolan. She is survived by her husband, John Nolan; children, Tammy Nolan, Diane (Thomas) Captain, Debra (Ken) McDonald, Frank (Mita) Nolan, John (Teresa) Nolan, Yolanda (Claude) Petitpas and Will (Katie) Nolan; brothers, Bernard "Manny" Krull, Donald Krull, Michael Krull and Ronald Krull; sisters, Betty Freiheit, Margaret Lane, Wanda Marble, Barbara Parr, Terry Perry and Bernadine Whiteman; grandchildren, great grandchildren, in-laws, nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. Shirley's spirit and stories will live on in the many lives she touched.

Visitation was held Sept. 12 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Funeral services took place on Sept. 13 at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church with Brother John S. Hascall officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery with a dinner to follow at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building.

Donations in memory of Shirley can be made to the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

EVELYN M. SHACKLETON

Evelyn May (Peterman) Shackleton, passed away peacefully on Sept. 22, 2018, at the Mayo Clinic. Evelyn was born on Oct. 5, 1927, in Toledo, Ohio, the only child of the late Roy Peterman and Dorothy (LaFaver) Peterman.

Her family moved to Sault Ste. Marie and Evelyn graduated high school from the Ursuline Academy in St. Ignace. She

received her nurse's training from St. Luke's Hospital in Marquette. She had a lifelong interest in and service to the health care field and fondly recalled her two years of working in obstetrics at War Memorial Hospital as a young nurse.

Evelyn married the love of her life, Henry K. Shackleton, on Aug. 19, 1950, in Sault Ste. Marie. Together they raised four children, Patricia Shackleton (Jim Anderson), Michele MacPherson-Shackleton, Michael Shackleton and Scott Shackleton (Karen).

Never one to keep still, Evelyn was always active in her community and church. The list of organizations that benefited from her leadership skills is too numerous to recount here. Most dear to her was her involvement in the War Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, the St. Joseph Catholic Church Ladies' Guild and the elders group at Lake Superior State University. She was a strong force and even during illness she could be found helping at events and volunteering her time — usually in high heels and dressed to the nines. Evelyn's greatest love and attention was to her family.

Evelyn is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and son, Michael.

She is survived by her children, Patricia, Michele and Scott; her grandchildren, Jamie Shackleton, Michael Shackleton, Theresa Dalsky (Kyle), Henry Shackleton and John Shackleton; and great-grandchildren, Kayla and Luca Shackleton.

Evelyn was very grateful for the wonderful care she received over the years at War Memorial Hospital and the Mayo Clinic. The family would like to thank all those caregivers.

Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on what would have been Evelyn's 91st birthday, Oct. 5, with Father Michael Chenier as celebrant and Deacon Bill Piche assisting.

Donations may be made in her memory to the St. Joseph's Ladies Guild. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home is

assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

MARY G. DUFFINA

Mary Gwendolyn Duffina, 89, of Inverness, Fla., and Mackinac Island, passed away quietly at her home in Inverness Sept. 26, 2018. She was born on Mackinac Island Aug. 8, 1929, the eldest daughter of Philip G. Dufina and Elizabeth (Habermehl) Dufina.

She is survived by her children and their families, Thomas Chambers of Mackinac Island, David (Cindy) Summerfield of Iron Mountain, Sheryl (Rick) Weaver of Inverness and Kathryn (Richard) Wieber of Inverness; a sister, Frances Hayes of Inverness, and a brother, Dennis Dufina of Sarasota, Fla.; six grandchildren, Chris (Stacie) Summerfield, Chelsye Summerfield (Jesse Morrow), Lindsay (Scott) Bauer, Joshua (Ashlee) Simonetti, Alicia Simonetti and Erika McCullough; seven great-grandchildren, Luke, Parker, Gabriella and Brynlee Summerfield, Caleb and Piper Bauer and Greyson Morrow.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Suzanne Simonetti in 2013, and a sister, Lois Anne Dufina Morello in 2006.

Mary attended school on Mackinac Island and also in Alpena. She was a lover of Mackinac history and she authored two books, "The Voice of the Turtle," and, "Historic Personalities of the Mackinac Region." While on the Island, she was a member of the Ste. Anne's Church choir. She was an elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Funeral arrangements were by Heinz Funeral Home and Cremation of Inverness. A June 2019 service is planned on Mackinac Island.



REPRESENTING YOUR INTERESTS TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY: DURING NEW FEDERAL INDIAN TERMINATION ERA



Representing All Members Everywhere

Ahneen, Boozho, Negee,

I have previously reported that I do my job to the best of my ability as your elected Tribal Chairperson. I am elected by tribal voters from all units and at large. I want to emphasize the strength of our people and the importance our role in inter-tribal and national politics. We are the largest tribe East of the Mississippi. Many tribes elect their tribal council members by unit with a few hundred votes or even as much as a thousand votes or more, our Chairperson position takes well over 4,000 votes to become Chair. It seems this should mean something or should mean more to some Members of our Tribal Board who, in a self-defeatist way, undermine our Tribe's impact and opportunities.

In addition to the work I do at the federal level (which I reported upon extensively in my Chair's report) I work at the National level to advocating for Indian people. In doing so, we reap great benefits as a tribe. I will continue to do so.

FINAL TRIBAL-STATE SUMMIT WITH THIS GOVERNOR

Over the years, I have realized that I have to do my job in a non-partisan way and without regard to whether or not I personally like who is elected to state and federal office. For eight years, the 12 Michigan tribes have met with Governor Snyder to share our issues, areas of improvement and to give kudos when things work well. Below is an assessment of the Snyder Administration as it effects our tribe.

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I have previously reported on this extensively. While we were successful in passing the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act to give legs to the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act, we are receiving a nonsensical level of resistance from State bureaucrats who appear not to be following the direction of the Governor. The Governor's office supported an amendment to make clear the State staff's role in compliance with data sharing to ensure full consideration and care of our

Indian children. I asked at the most recent summit that this be addressed once and for all and gained concurrence for a high level meeting to occur in the coming weeks to iron out compliance. On passing the law and the Amendment, I give this Snyder Administration a kudos. But the work is incomplete. Stay tuned.

ICWA UNDER THREAT

Now more than ever, the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act is under threat to be ruled unconstitutional at the federal level as ideologues on the bench interpret tribes as 'race-based' and not as sovereign governments. A federal district judge on October 4th struck down the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). ICWA was enacted because of the disproportionately high percentage of Native children who were separated from their Native families and placed with non-Native parents. Clearly this judge does not understand Indian law as the judge stated ICWA is based on race that affords American Indian children special treatment because of their ancestry or heritage. The case, *Brackeen v. Zinke*, involved a non-American Indian couple, who sued for the right to adopt an American Indian child they had in their home for over a year through the foster care program. Again, stay tuned.

MITW

I have repeatedly asked for full funding to be returned to the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver program. Easily, the Sault Tribe is the great beneficiary of this fund. Since funding was frozen in time to the 1997 levels, universities have dropped their Native studies programs, all but eliminated their Native faculty and support staff, dropped Native Admission counselors, and overall lost their purpose as it relates to our people. Why? Because they get the same amount in MITW funds regardless of enrollment. Thus, there is no incentive to recruit or retain Native students. Some schools have nonetheless thrived. Some, have simply maintained. I have repeatedly advocated to State Representative Chatfield (107th) and Governor Snyder for full funding but to no avail. During the Tribal State Summit, I asked for full funding and to extend funding to the three tribal colleges in the State as an increasingly greater number of our students are going the tribal college route.

ED CONSULTATION

When the National Every Student Succeeds Act passed in 2015, I served on the National Negotiated Rule making team to promulgate how this would be implemented to ensure equity for our Indian children in public schools, I fought to ensure that "Consultation" with tribes be included in State plans. After

the Presidential election, the Congress excised this out of the law. Fortunately, the Michigan Department of Education had already drafted a Consultation policy and fortunately, followed it. The State is working with the Tribal Educational Directors to populate a tribal portal on their State Department of Education website to make available some general *Anishinabe* curriculum and providing portals to local tribes to flesh out their respective histories and curricula to inform local school districts so they can include learning modules into their teaching units.

MEDC

Many do not realize that the predecessor to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (namely the Michigan Strategic Fund) was funded almost entirely by the 1993 Compact tribes which includes our tribe. After, the State breached our exclusivity, we no longer had to pay 8% of our revenues to fund the MSF. Tribes who entered gaming compacts subsequent to this have paid for a huge portion of the MEDC fund.

Fortunately, we recoup some of these funds for grant projects awarded on a competitive basis, but we will never recoup what we put into this fund. The State bureaucrats who administered this fund are very supportive and great to work with. What is needed, however, is a greater financial commitment, more funds to promote tourism which is of mutual benefit for the State and tribes, and to commission an independent economic impact study and report by say the Michigan State University Native American Institute to show our value to the State economy and solidify our role in the tourism industry. I specifically requested this of the Governor to get the ball rolling before he leaves office.

AREAS OF NEEDED IMPROVEMENT

Unfortunately, this list is much longer and I have reported on it previously so I will highlight bullet points:

- Graymont mining forever took away our ability to exercise our treaty rights in this territory;
- Wolf hunt violated our traditions as we do not eat wolf and politics was how they made the decision;
- 1993 Compact negotiations have so far failed for the last five years due to the State stipulating a \$500,000 tax and regulation by the Michigan Gaming Control Board with no justification as to why;
- Flint Lead Poisoning of Sault Tribe Members who live there. Children exposed are expected to have lowered IQs and permanent disabilities;
- State's denial of an exemption to a fishing closure for

tribes when we went over the Total Allowable Catch and then asking for the same for themselves.

Suffice to say, a greater level of consideration of tribes as sovereignty nations is needed with the next Governor.

TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

I want our new efforts to be successful. When I was first elected, the Tribe was subsidizing failing tribal businesses in the amount of millions a year. Over a span of about four to five years, the Tribe wasted over \$30 million in economic development failures. These failures occurred, because our Board at the time, gave blind faith to those who acted loosely and foolishly with your funds that otherwise could be spent on education, Elders, youth recreation, or even tribal member business loans.

I am fearful that if we do not adopt a set of standards for spending your money, that the same era could be in front of us. As an example, six months ago, I asked for a pro-forma, ROI (return on investment) and when our Riverside Trailer park will break even. I was lambasted in public for asking this question and told I was absent when it was discussed. Board Members have boasted in their unit reports about this project. While, I will support it if we develop a plan, it was revealed that it will take 20 years to just break even. You deserve better than blind faith.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

We are just weeks away to what may be one of the most consequential elections we have seen in since the Indian Self Determination Act was enacted in 1974. Threats exist to redefine tribes as "race-based" rather than honor the treaties, judicial precedence and modern law which recognizes tribes as sovereign governments. Immediately at stake is \$9 million in third party revenues we have gained through the Affordable Care Act.

Our issues are non-partisan. This reminder is not to prop up one party over another or sway how you will vote. To the contrary, I simply wish to encourage you to exercise one of your most fundamental rights ~ the right to vote. Did you know, we were the very last group of Americans to get the right to vote in 1924?

Every vote counts and the Native Vote has made a difference. Two examples ~ one Democrat and one Republican ~ underscore this point. First, in the late 1990s, Senator Slade Gordon (R-WA) proposed to tax Indian Gaming. Tribes in Washington got behind his opponent for election and helped elect Maria Cantwell into office. She has since represented the interests of her tribal constituents on the US Senate Indian Affairs Commit-

tee. Next, on the other side of the Isle, when Senator Lisa Murkowski lost her primary to a t-party candidate, she launched a write in campaign for which Alaska Natives gathered signatures. Senator Murkowski went on to defeat the party nominee, was re-elected and once again strongly represents her Alaska Native constituents by advocating their interests including crossing party lines to support the VAWA Authorization in 2013.

While it is too late to register to vote, it may still be possible to secure an absentee ballot. Please go to the following link to see if you can request an absentee ballot.

https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633_8716_8728-21037--,00.html

Also, to find out where you cast your ballot in Michigan, please check out the following link:

<https://webapps.sos.state.mi.us/MVIC/votersearch.aspx>

If you live in a state other than Michigan, please go to your state's Secretary of State website for the appropriate links.

& Don't forget to Vote!

*Baama Pii
Shirley Nolan*



All tribal members deserve to be memorialized and we do so in a section of the Sault Tribe News. I have a special sentiment to share as I loved this woman as an auntie. I have known her my whole life. She lived next door to me and was herself raised next door to my mom Gotnee Payment on Shunk Road. They were great friends. So much so that she spent the last few days of my mom's life talking to her when she was in a coma. This brought great comfort to me. I will miss my friend and I pray for the Creator's Grace for her husband Muggo and her children who I grew up with. **Baami Pii Shirley.**

Chi McGwitch, Negee!

Aaron

McLeod sits on committees benefitting tribe



JENNIFER MCLEOD,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Aaniin, Anishinaabek! I wanted to report to you the work I am engaged in, in addition to serving on the board of directors. I believe this work is important to our tribe and feel it is a duty to serve my tribe in the best way I know.

Mentoring — As a tribal leader, I believe it is my responsibility to help grow young tribal leaders. I am mentoring Samantha Hale. It is difficult these days for us to get together regularly because of my schedule, and also HERS! This young woman is remarkable. She attends various youth camps including the Pathkeepers Camp in Virginia. Recently, she was invited to speak at the Anishinaabe Healing Stories Conference and was contacted by someone from the Native American Rights fund (NARF) to possibly participate in Peacemakers. Young people like Samantha, who are stepping up and learning about tribal leadership, give me hope our tribe will be strong for many generations to come. I am so proud of her.

JKL Fiduciary Committee — This is a Sault Tribe Board of Directors committee. I am the chairperson for this committee, serving for about six years. It has been primarily composed of Unit I board members. It works on the multi-million dollar grant for our BIE tribally controlled grant school in Sault Ste. Marie. This is a highly efficient TEAM of board members who really know how to get things done! The last couple of years have seen a transformation occur at our school. A new gymnasium, 10 additional classrooms, playground, track, cross country trail, parking lots, bus garage and a total face-lift for the school have been part of the massive expansion this committee has developed, overseen and completed on behalf of the tribe (per resolution of the board of directors). This is an extremely time consuming committee, requiring many short notice meetings to respond to the needs of the school. But now that the big construction projects are coming to a close, we are looking forward to resuming our regularly scheduled meetings to work on process, procedures and many other aspects that will strengthen our relationships with our education contractors and will ensure continued success for all the students at the school. Our children ARE our future.

Board Advisory Committee – Early Childhood Education — This is a federally required committee for the tribe's Early Childhood Education grants. I am a member of this committee along with several other board members. We meet with Anne Suggit monthly (at a minimum) to ensure

compliance for the grant, but most importantly to support Anne, staff, parents and the children enrolled in our programs. Under Anne's direction, the Sault Ste Marie Tribe has one of the BEST programs in the nation, and it isn't just me saying that. I am so appreciative of their fine work. Miigwech ALL!

Drug Court, Family Court — I will be returning to work in our Drug Court program and am expanding into Family Court. I serve as a member of this hands-on team that includes counselors, law enforcement, behavioral health, social services, cultural folks and helps heal people and save families. It is some of the most rewarding work I have done in our tribe and am happy to be going back. The courts programs meet every week on Thursday and Fridays.

National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) Tribal Leaders Workgroup — I am representing our tribe on this committee and am the chairperson. This is a group of elected tribal leaders from across the nation who meet directly with the United States Department of Agriculture. These meetings ensure food (formerly known as "commodities") is available for qualifying tribal people. This is an active group due to recent attempts by federal governmental officials to reduce, restrict or eliminate these VITAL services. Tribal leaders are there sounding their voices to make sure the federal government never forgets its treaty obligations to tribes. This group meets quarterly, and as the chair I am very busy between the meetings coordinating between tribes and USDA. I am newly appointed so I am working double time trying to get up to full speed. There are some amazing tribal leaders on this committee and I am so honored to serve with them. I want to give a special shout-out to our FDPIR Program Director Tony Nertoli for all of his help and guidance. Tony's knowledge of the USDA, Congress and the Farm Bill is vast and is instrumental to me being able to do my job. Miigwech, Tony.

ACTS — I am a board member of the Association of Community Tribal Schools. This is a nationwide group and has a long history of being instrumental in the development of Indian Education Law. I will be meeting with the group for two days prior to the BIE Neg Rulemaking Committee so that they may provide input and have a voice. I have learned so much from those who have worked for many years in Indian Education.

Community Health Aide Program Tribal Advisory Group — I serve on this group as the Bemidji area representative. I was nominated to this tribal advisory group (TAG) by Chairman Payment and voted in by the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST). The Indian Health Service Bemidji Area Office (BAO) provides service and support to 34 federally recognized tribes and four urban Indian health programs located in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Tribal health services are provided through 11 P.L. 93-638 Title V compacts and 23 Title I contracts. Urban Indian Health

programs are located in Chicago, Ill.; Detroit, Mich.; Milwaukee, Wis.; and Minneapolis, Minn. Tribes in the Bemidji area include Ojibwe (Chippewa), Ho-Chunk, Menominee, Mohican, Oneida, Odawa, Potawatomi and Sioux.

The Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) is vital to Indian Country. Working together, tribal leaders and IHS strive to provide needed medical care to tribal people. Some of the work has resulted in innovative programming such as the dental therapist program in Alaska. A dental therapist, working under the supervision of a dentist (even via TeleDentistry), can provide needed services in areas that are rural or remote and have shortages of dentists. A dental therapist would be able to do minor fillings and other more routine dental services as approved, thus improving dental health for tribal people.

The CHAP TAG is a robust group, including tribal leaders from across the United States. The advocacy is impressive and is working to ensure accessible and fair access to health care in the more remote tribal populations. I've only attended one meeting thus far and am looking forward to our next meeting on Oct. 10, 2018, in D.C.

I would like to give a special shout-out to Tyler LaPlaut. Tyler is a Sault Tribal member and program director of Great Lakes Tribal Health Board. He has been extremely helpful educating me on the challenges that face our area. Because of his help, I was able to provide meaningful contributions at my first meeting! Miigwech, Tyler! For more information, go to <https://www.ihs.gov/chap/chaptag/>.

BIE Negotiated Rulemaking Committee — I was appointed to this federal committee by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke. Officially, "the United States Department of the Interior has established the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Standards, Assessments and Accountability System Negotiated Rulemaking Committee (Committee). The committee will advise the Secretary of the Interior on the development of regulations to fulfill the Secretary's responsibility to define standards, assessments and accountability system consistent with ESEA section 1111, as amended, for schools funded by BIE on a national, regional or tribal basis, as appropriate, taking into account the unique circumstances and needs of such schools and the students served by such schools and the process for requesting a waiver for these definitions."

We had our first meeting in Billings, Mont., Sept. 25, 26 and 27. I was so impressed by the people who were selected to serve. The education, talent and experience are dynamic. This first meeting was to become familiar with the process, elect a leadership committee and breakout into sub-committees. I was voted to serve on the leadership team and am also the point of contact for the Standards Committee.

This committee is high powered and moving quickly. We receive lots of information and documents for review, have online webinars and conference calls. We will meet monthly for a total of four (possibly five) face-to-face meetings in

various locations.

This committee will give tribal schools a voice in the rules that affect our children! Unlike the *No Child Left Behind Act*, we have an opportunity to develop rules that meet the unique needs of tribal children. One of my jobs on this committee is to meet or speak with all the stakeholders in Indian Education (school administrators, teachers, students, parents, etc.) in my constituency and bring their input back to the committee. What an honor (and fulfillment of a personal dream) to be in a position to make such a difference in Indian education. I am grateful to be appointed to this committee.

For more information, go to <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/08/02/2018-16588/notice-of-establishment-of-the-bureau-of-indian-education-standards-assessments-and-accountability>.

Sugar Island Ice Breaking Committee — This is a Chippewa County committee. It was formed after "several circumstances came together and resulted in a difficult winter season for those using the Sugar Island ferry." I was appointed by the County Board of Commissioners and made vice chair. We have worked hard to find solutions so there won't be a repeat of last year, where many islanders were stranded for quite some time. I attended meetings with this committee, with Eastern Upper Peninsula Transit Authority (EUPTA — ferry operators) and the United States Coast Guard (USCG). Retired attorney and fellow Sugar Islander Tim Moher spearheaded this group and has done a tremendous amount of research and FOIA request to provide regulations, laws and past commitments so the committee can move forward with EUPTA and USCG to ensure adequate ice control. From a tribal leader perspective, there are hundreds of tribal members who live on Sugar Island, Neebish Island, as well as Drummond who were all unusually negatively impacted last winter. I will do my best to help minimize problems this year.

Resolution to include more tribal members in grant benefits — In September, I brought a resolution to the tribal board of directors that helped find a path to serving tribal members regardless of where they lived, in certain grant situations. This wouldn't change any of the grants we currently have, but could POSSIBLY be a part of future grants. I tried to do a good thing. It made sense to me that "IF" a grant was being applied for that included the "total" population of the tribe, and "IF" the grant allowed for the benefit of the grant to go to ALL those tribal members who were counted, that a "REASONABLE EFFORT" should be made to include everyone who was counted. I even gave them an example: Suppose there was a grant available to record Ojibwe lullabies and distribute copies to tribal members. I proposed that in this case, "REASONABLE EFFORT" should be made to include EVERYONE. Seemed simple, "If we can, we should..." WOW! The pushback from some board members was astounding. Political games were played to prevent me

from speaking at one meeting, but I prevailed at the next! I won't share any of the objections because there is no need to turn this into more of a political mess than it already is. I was only interested in fairness and doing the right thing. Our people are ALWAYS our people, no matter where they live. Unfortunately, the resolution was defeated. I was very disappointed in what I heard from some board members, but not at all surprised. Maybe one day things will be different, time will tell.

Moving forward for our tribe — Moving forward, I continue to provide verbal testimony on behalf of our tribe. The federal government prefers that the person speaking be an elected leader and so I go and speak the words written by our staff who are experts in their fields. The "white papers" they provide make me so proud of our tribe. We have such wonderful people working for us.

I am still looking for better ways to increase transparency and improve communications with tribal members. I had offered to compile a mailing list with the hopes of sending out information through a venue other than just social media. However, interest has been extremely low and I am considering discontinuing it. I am still willing to travel downstate to listen to our membership, if it is something members want, but the few times I went, there were very few people who came. But I won't give up trying. I try to let people know where I will be in upcoming travel, in the hopes of meeting up with our members who live in the area. On a recent trip to Billings, Mont., for BIE Neg Rulemaking, I was contacted by a tribal member who lives in Montana and was going to be in the Billings area at the same time! I had such a great time answering his questions and seeing the smile on his face knowing he was talking to someone from the tribe. I think it's important to reach out and try to arrange these meet-ups whenever we can!

In the meantime, I will be submitting written information to be put in my folder on the tribe's website for those who are interested. If you want to be on the mailing list please let me know. If you are interested in meeting up someday, please contact me and I will try to arrange that when my travels bring me to your neck of the woods.

Chi miigwech for reading this lengthy report, I thought it was time for me to catch you up on some of the things I do for our people, besides my work on the board of directors. I'm a very busy person and sometimes I'm so busy it's hard to find time to do anything that's FUN, but I take time every now and again to make sure I squeeze in some fun to balance all the hard work. For example, I wrote this unit report on my phone, in my DEER-BLIND! (Big grin!)

As always, please feel free to contact me anytime if I can be of service or answer any questions.

Anishnaabe gagige!
(Anishnaabe for always)

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Snyder downplays Line 5, puts Great Lakes at risk



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On Sept. 26, my son and I attended the 2018 Dagwaagan (Fall) Health Enrichment Gathering hosted by Community Health staff from Manistique and Escanaba at the Manistique Tribal Center. There was a great turnout; members joined from all around Unit IV from Escanaba and in between to Gulliver in Unit II. Patty Teeple, Manistique Youth Education and Activities coordinator; and Janet Krueger, YEA assistant coordinator, along with our YEA youth demonstrated and taught about traditional Ojibwe ways to prepare food for a healthy life. Kelly Constantino, Escanaba YEA coordinator; and Tess Brazeau, YEA assistant coordinator, along with our youth, demonstrated the Seven Grandfathers yoga. Almost everyone in the room tried doing the yoga, there was great participation. It was a nice casual social event with many great traditional dishes for everyone to try along with recipes to take home along with drawings for great giveaways.

As Governor Snyder's administration comes to an end, he makes a last-minute deal with Enbridge Energy that will succeed in keeping OUR Great Lakes at risk from a massive Line 5 oil spill! While this tunnel is being built, we just wait for Line 5 to spill into our Great Lakes daily. On Sept. 27, Director Chase, Chairperson Payment and I, along with several other tribal chairmen, a chairwoman and their board members, attended the 2018 annual State-Tribal Summit in Lansing with Snyder. At the summit, Snyder downplayed any discussion of Line 5 and at no time did he talk about his sweetheart deal he had made with Enbridge. Snyder was also hosted in Sault Ste. Marie on Oct. 2 where Chairman Payment was in attendance. I asked after we were made aware of the news release if Snyder brought this up at that meeting. Chairperson Payment answered "no" it did not come up in discussion. Unfortunately, throughout his administration Snyder has never been a friend to tribes. The time is long gone where the state may act on matters of importance to a treaty tribe without meaningful consultation. Failure to act to protect tribal interests and assets is a treaty violation! With our 2020 Consent Decree ending, we must take a stand and let the state know we will not continue to allow these treaty violations to happen.

I need to address the issue at the National Congress of

American Indians (NCAI) and what information was shared with our board. We received an email from staff on Sept. 26 with a *Indianz.com* article attached with the headline *National Congress of American Indians under #MeToo fire*. The article talks about another tribe pulling out and canceled their membership with NCAI. I am not going to go into the article too much, just that this was the first time we were made aware of an issue at the NCAI level, where our chairperson is a vice-president of the organization. I decided to search a little more about the subject as did a few other women board members. I found a letter online on Sept. 29 dated Sept. 18 to *Honorable Tribal Leadership* from Jefferson Keel, President of the NCAI where Aaron Payment, chairperson-first vice-president of the organization is also on the letterhead. I asked him if we ever received the letter from NCAI. He didn't remember getting the letter; this is another way for us as board members to be uninformed. Staff were asked if they received the email; then at our Oct. 2 board meeting Aaron admitted that he did receive the email. Information cannot be withheld from us to make decisions because Aaron is on the board of a committee. As the chairperson of our tribe we are his first responsibility, not him withholding information he has firsthand knowledge of.

At the Oct. 2 workshop, we had an extensive discussion about this NCAI issue and during the meeting, when the resolution of support for NCAI was introduced, directors Causley-Smith, Hollowell, Sorenson, Massaway, Chase and I removed our names from supporting the NCAI. Then on Oct. 3, we received an email from Chairperson Payment with another *Indianz.com* article saying *National Congress of American Indians ousts senior attorney after #MeToo outcry*. We have done an official letter from the entire board to the NCAI asking for an outside independent investigation and a follow up on the investigation. Until that is done, I will continue not to support NCAI.

Director Chase and I were approached to see if the tribe would like to participate in the event Justice for Creation held Oct. 6 in Marquette at the Presque Isle Pavilion, the event was to honor mother earth and the water. We are very thankful to everyone who was able to participate! The day started out with Bud Biron doing an opening prayer and a song on his hand drum. It was great to see many Sault Tribe members from around the U.P. in attendance. A lot of great speakers were present. We were informed about the Great Lakes region global warming (which was very interesting and scary information), heard about the catastrophic experience a couple endured in the Keweenaw flooding and a water song was performed, etc. I would like to thank the staff who had information tables at the event — Brad Silet, Fisheries Department; Eric Clark, Inland Department; and Anthony Rinna, Environmental Department — we really appreci-

ate everyone's participation.

A resolution titled, *Statement of Policy Regarding Grant Applications to Benefit Tribal Members*, was introduced in our board packet and on the agenda a couple of times by Director McLeod to be voted on, before we had any board discussion about the resolution. When we were finally able to have board discussion it was said by many board members at the table to Director McLeod that her resolution didn't change anything about the way we applied for grants and it was giving false hope to the members who live outside the service area. Directors McLeod's response to board members and executive staff informing her this resolution would not change that way they apply for grants was "Yes, I know."

This is just another example of political games at the membership's expense. Director McLeod can go around saying she tried to get services to the membership, but the big bad board voted down her resolution. There is a lot of misinformation out to the membership that Sault Tribe uses our total membership number of 43,000 plus when applying for grants. In the grant's narrative they will use our current membership number. But when applying for the grants on the application, we only use the number of tribal members who reside within our service area. Please, when you have questions about issues such as these, feel free to call board members. Politicians play the political game and use our members as pawns — this is not what our ancestors would have wanted. We need to look for new revenue streams to be able to provide much needed services inside our service area and look at expand-

ing to outside the service area when we have the extra tribal support.

I apologize in last months' article information on the Sault Tribe Housing Authority's programs for furnace and water heater replacement. I stated this program was not based on income. Again, I apologize, it is based on income. If you need a furnace or water heater tank replace-

ment, please direct any questions to Dana Piippo at (906) 495-1454 and ask her for the Home Improvement Program-Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (906) 298-1888.

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Researching sports betting at casinos



CHARLES MATSON SR.
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Aanii, as summer has moved into fall and the temperatures are dropping make sure and check on your elderly loved ones. Sometimes just a little hello and gesture of making sure they are doing okay can brighten up their day.

The governor and his administration have pretty much slapped our tribe in the face and signed a long-term agreement with Enbridge to pump oil through our treaty ceded waters. I believe that not only is it going to take harsh language coming from us but also

filing a lawsuit to let them know the tribes will and do have a say in what happens to the lands and waters in our ceded territory. The state has pretty much set the tone for how they are going to act as we negotiate the 2020 Consent Decree.

We have hired Mason Morisset from the law offices of Morisset, Schloser, Jozwiak and Somerville out of Seattle, Wash. Mr. Morisset argued and won the Boldt decision in 1974, which is the decision that propelled tribes across the country to argue for their treaty rights. It is my belief that Mason is going to be instrumental in possible litigation against the State of Michigan.

I have met with traditional craft makers and am currently seeking funding to expand traditional craft making in Unit V.

We are researching in the profitability of sports betting in our gaming establishments. We are also looking into our legal rights for online betting.

Feel free to contact me at cmatson@saulttribe.net or (906) 450-5094.

Respectfully,
Charles Matson Sr.

Siblings Kim and Zach Jodoin



Kimberly Jodoin recently attended the American Quarter Horse Association Nutrena Level I Championships East World Show in Ohio. This show is the pinnacle event for Level I, rookie, novice, and walk trot exhibitors. This year, over 2,600 entries were in the show. Kimberly riding her horse ItsGoodToBeARebel "aka Rebel" made it through large qualifying groups and went on to be ranked in the top 15 in rookie amateur western pleasure and top 10 in rookie amateur horsemanship in the finals. Kimberly is the daughter of Lori and Cory Jodoin and the granddaughter of Linda Bourque of Sault, Mich., and Rolland and Murina Jodoin of Sault, Ont.



Zachary Noah Jodoin graduated from Northern Michigan University summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. He will continue his educational journey in the Rural Health Program at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. Zach is the son of Lori and Cory Jodoin and the grandson of Linda Bourque of Sault, Mich., and Rolland and Murina Jodoin of Sault, Ont. He is also a JKL Bawhetting PSA alumnus.

Preparing for the 2020 Consent Decree negotiations



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

I apologize my report was not in last month's paper, it was available on our website and is in this paper as well. It has been a very busy couple of months with powwows, gatherings and tribal business.

I've stayed very clear of writing about our internal dramas, usually remain silent in my reports and simply address those issues quietly but things are different this time. You need to know we are concerned and have attention on it at the national level — there have been issues brought forward that have made many feel uncomfortable and concerned. In the past week, we have been made aware through news media and an email from our executive director on the questions arising about some concerns at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). It's been alleged there is some questioning about abuse against women in the organization (this is alleged). When this information was first shared with our tribal board it DID NOT come from the vice president of the NCAI organization, our chair, Aaron Payment. He admitted and confirmed that he did receive a "Dear Tribal Leader" letter to notify our government and that should have been forwarded to our governing body but failed to pass that on to us, this can be verified by viewing the public meeting on Oct 2, 2018. Again, we found out through other channels and this was very alarming as we then were in complete reaction mode after seeing that brother and sister tribes were beginning to withdraw their support from NCAI until a complete and fair investigation was completed.

Since this came to light, the board has collectively taken actions to address members' questions as well as get answers to these concerns at the national level. Immediately after receiving the concerns, when we convened together on Oct. 2, 2018, we discussed in a public meeting what steps we will take with the concerns over the organization. Some board members including myself (very adamant) withdrew as alternates of NCAI and we crafted a detailed letter questioning the concerns we had with the alleged claims toward Indian women and placed in demands of response from the organization. This was a difficult discussion as, again, our chair is the vice president of this organization. I personally had to put my disappointment aside and I did not oppose the chair's request to continue as a delegate. (I said that was his own personal decision with what he is aware of as facts but it was not easy.) I made clear my anger and disappointment of

NOT getting the letter through our own government channels and how I felt it was unacceptable to the governing board and disrespectful for all our tribal government that works in the field of services of protecting Indian women and families in our communities. (This abuse has happened in our own tribe as well.)

In the end, we will send the letter to NCAI of our concerns; half the board has withdrawn from being alternates in that organization and I await a response from NCAI. In the end, I certainly hope all is resolved and all take appropriate action toward any involved but I could not stand silent and simply wait. I will move on from this (but continue to demand a response) and just accept that once again, we had to be reactive in a situation of this magnitude. But, I learned a very valuable lesson — to some this kind of abuse is sadly acceptable, some will take any measures to remain in circles of national levels but I will not. I will stand in support of the women who are abused anywhere because, as I've said in the past, plenty of women right here at home have had to deal with verbal abuse in our own government (that is documented). You don't hear the stories, but once women become stronger and more comfortable speaking out. I'm sure you will. I do want to apologize to all the staff who work in the field here at home, it's not easy and it's not easy when you see that it was not responded to at the onset. I heard from many of you and listened. I don't like bearing the bad news but as an elected official, it was my duty to assure you that I was not sitting in silence with the turmoil we have been made aware of and I won't. I will update this issue next month and once again hope that it's resolved and NCAI can have a clear and appropriate reaction to these claims.

Our tribe has been in the process of planning for a state-of-the-art recovery facility and our health director has been working toward options and solutions for the facility. In the last week, our tribe has been awarded \$313,000 to combat opioid use in our communities (this will be a service all people anywhere) as we move forward to the goal of having our own facility we also are seeking additional funding for the help in making this possible. We have many staff who work very hard to seek out resources and solutions to aid in the crisis. I'm looking forward to seeing the moneys already approved help and support the needs in our communities.

Pictured beside is the objectives of the grant we have already been awarded and hope we meet expectations and continue to move on from this to our own facility. During our recent budget reviews the health director and his team on this have requested a minimum of \$700,000 to hire professionals to manage the planning, steering project, prepare documents and hire recovery coaches for members for 2019 budgets. I'm beyond happy we are assisting in this area aggressively and thank the staff who work toward this.

EDC is still on a very good path of moving forward. We have placed more billboards in Naubinway on land that was undeveloped and now has future revenue generating. We

SECTION B: PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH

Goals and Objectives:

Goals:	Objectives:	How Objective will be Measured:
1. Complete a Comprehensive Strategic Plan	1.A - Prior to October 2019 existing Tribal Action Plan will have data updated on opioid use and prevention efforts	Data section of the TAP is updated, results are shared with the TAP committee & sub-committees
2. Implement Workforce Development Activities	2.A - Prior to November 2018 hire and train two prevention specialists in the LST curriculum with offices established in Sault Ste. Marie and Manistique, MI	# of prevention specialist in place Completion of Training
	2.B - Prior to January 2019 have contracts in place with Recovery Coaches & training program complete	# of recovery coaches in place Completion of Training
3. Decrease Youth Substance use in the Community <i>Prevention Activity 1</i>	3.A - Prior to November 2018 agreements will be established with 14 schools across the 7-county service area to provide the evidence-based LifeSkills Curriculum to students.	# of schools across the 7-county service area that agreements have been established with
	3.B - By the end of the 2019 school year, the LifeSkills Curriculum will be delivered to 4,000 students across the 7-county service area.	% of students curriculum was delivered to out of the 4,276 identified students
	3.C - By the end of 2019, the Prevention Specialists will have collected 90% of pre/post-test assessments.	# of tests that are administered Percent of tests that are completed and assessed

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4. Have prevention services available across the 7-county service area. <i>Prevention Activity 2</i>	4.A- By the end of September 2019 prevention materials, PSAs, and other training will have been delivered across the 7-county service area to identified groups including elders	# of individuals who received prevention materials/messaging.
	4.B - By August of 2019 community prevention health fairs across the 7-county service area will be attended, where staff will deliver prevention education and disburse naloxone	# of health fairs attended, The quantity of naloxone distributed
5. Have recovery services and recovery housing available to Tribal Membership	5.A - Prior to January 2019 have established recovery support services that utilize the Chronic Care Model	Chronic Care model in place/training complete
	5.B - Prior to January 2019 have recovery housing available that can house up to 9 individuals.	Recovery housing contract established Housing is furnished/prepped Policies and oversight established
	5.C - By the end of September 2019 Sault Tribe Health will have collected data on facility use, residence: demographics/progress/outcomes/and employment status	# of data points that are collected that provide information for improving programming % of residents participating in data collection

are filling up our storage buildings for rental income and we will now start the project on Ashmun Street at the old American Cafe to house a new business where tribal members will be working in a very successful tribal-owned business. We have also sold a car at our new business and will be opening the office in the very new future for homes, cars and scooters. It is a very exciting time and as long as we stay clear and let the professionals vet these projects and use their knowledge to perform, I see good things happening. Thank you to all the staff who assist here as well.

We are in the midst of preparing for the 2020 Consent Decree negotiations; remember that it took almost an Act of Congress (haha) to get our attorney secured (myself and other board had to bring forward resolutions to make this happen). At this time, we have seen a lot of input, scheduled this month will be meetings with other tribes to discuss the issues we can agree on and we are at the point of securing our own negotiating team. We will need at least two to five bodies who are committed to every single meeting and at the table to speak for our tribe. This will be a very important discussion and one that makes me glad to hear from you. I watch and notice who and why people speak out on these issues so my support will be to those who want to retain what we have and aggressively, but diplomatically, want to secure a better way to take part in our treaty rights. I can assure you your Unit II directors have taken the lead at the table to be prepared and are committed to making a team that will be fully capable of negotiating without bias. Think about that; it's going to

be difficult but this area is one of the most important we need to see through for the entire tribe.

I had the distinct honor to open and speak at our Violence Against Women Conference this past month with Uniting Three Fires hosting and our own staff assisting in this conference. We were briefed about the legislative issues that need to be addressed as well as receiving statistics on the numbers in our own tribes across the nation. Clearly, we have a lot of work to do toward this but we have an amazing group of team members and tribal members who are well vested in educating us and advocating for better services and ways to assist when families need this care. During this conference, they had a retired Marine and FBI agent (I was impressed) speak about his work, the challenges he has seen and a presentation to better service women and children when dealing with any violence. If one listened to this presentation openly it was so much more. I'm happy our own staff had the opportunity to attend and take part in this and very thankful they had meaningful presenters there to educate and help us "get better" when we are servicing the families that need us.

Last but not least, I want to speak about the new kitchen project at the tribal center in Hessel. For years, we have serviced thousands of elders at the meal program, held hundreds of feasts, gatherings, baby showers, birthdays, meetings, funerals, teachings, youth activities and drums in our small center. There are so many good memories and times when we used that to house those who need comfort. The tribe does not hold this asset in the tribe's coffers as

it's under Housing. With that said, we worked toward and supported a recommendation to install a brand new kitchen (this elder program is the second highest in our delivery system preparing and feeding elders on a monthly basis). I'm very excited to report we will begin construction in 2019 to complete this project. Our meal program is open to all area Unit II elders and invite all those who can take part in that in the Pickford, DeTour, Drummond, Rudyard and west areas Naubinway and surrounding areas. Since our unit is the largest geographically, I know it's a struggle and we are still working toward transportation to assist with that in ways of bussing, please accept this as an invite to attend any time you can — this is truly a meeting place for services for all the eastern Unit II members.

This month we also added a small amount to the Land claims funds. We had an old stock that we did comparisons on and found it to be a better return on adding this 212,000 to this fund. I want to just give you a small statement about that so you know there are board members who are always paying attention to this and wanting to add to the fund. Thank you to Director Hoffman for discussion and offering up this suggestion.

I want to say a chi miigwech to Lois Bryant in Newberry; this area has struggled to have a committed powwow committee to take part in planning and hosting a powwow for the past two years. This year the community opted to host a drum feast for all drums and community members to take part, this was the first of this sort and I would like to acknowledge her and the drums and community that attended. Josh Homminga offered up his help where we needed him, to MC for us (and drum), Tyler for dancing all afternoon and Bud Biron came and assisted everywhere he could. Thank you to the community members who helped cook and attended. Please be thinking about next year and speak with Lois at the center if you would like to take part in planning and hosting.

This month we will be hosting the long overdue recognition of years of services to our all team members. We are hosting a luncheon for years or longevity and offering a pay scale to rise up throughout the years. We also still increase at the COLA level. It gets confusing but the team members will see the longevity increase as well as the COLA yearly. This is a means to recognize those who commit and also sustain a better wage each year. We are far from resolving the workforce problems but attention on this are steps forward in assisting with that.

In closing, I want to say we have so many projects going on and issues of uncertainty at the national level (no matter what side you are on). I ask that we just pray for our tribe and our country, beside everything is that profound fact that many people laid down their life for our freedom and rights and they continue today stepping up and out to protect us. Thank a vet and thank a recruit.

As always contact me via any means and we can meet or talk. Baamaapii, Lana Causley-Smith, (906) 484-2954, (906) 322-3818, lcausley@saulttribe.net.

Heating assistance programs opening soon



DENISE CHASE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

I recently reported to you that the transit route between Escanaba and Manistique was started. I also reported that Marlene Glaesmann, Rural Clinic director, was working with the Delta and Schoolcraft Transit Authority to come up with guidelines and procedures to implement and provide free transportation rides for medical appointments. You must be an active tribal member patient in the communities of Escanaba and Manistique (including all areas in between). Following are the guidelines and eligibility guidelines the Rural Health director implemented for the paid medical transportation.

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Health and Human Services Division Medical Transportation Voucher Program

General program eligibility:

The Schoolcraft County Transit Authority and the Delta Area Transit Authority will provide transportation within and between the communities of Manistique and Escanaba for members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians that are established patients at the tribal health centers located in Manistique and Escanaba for transport to medical appointments using the Medical Transportation Voucher Program.

General program guidelines:

— Medical transportation vouchers will be provided for established tribal member patients living in either Manistique or Escanaba with medical appointments at the Manistique/Escanaba Tribal Health Centers or referred by a tribal medical provider for specialty medical services located in the Manistique or Escanaba areas.

— Medical transportation vouchers will be provided by medical reception staff during routine business hours of operations to established tribal member patients for rides to/from the Manistique/ Escanaba Tribal Health Centers or to specialist medical appointments.

— Medical transportation vouchers will be mailed by medical reception staff on a case by case basis during routine business hours of operations to established tribal member patients with extenuating physical, medical or transportation barriers which prevent the tribal member from picking up the vouchers at the tribal health center sites.

— Medical transportation vouchers will be delivered by Community Health Program staff

on a case-by-case basis during routine hours of operations to established tribal member patients with extenuating physical, medical or transportation barriers which prevent the tribal member from picking up the vouchers at the tribal health center sites.

The tribal member patient will call the transit service directly to schedule the ride to the medical appointment and will present the medical transportation voucher to the transport bus driver upon boarding the bus. Tribal member patients that will be riding the transit systems between the Manistique and Escanaba communities need to call to schedule the rides with the Transit service the day before the appointment. Transit Authority numbers are:

Schoolcraft County Transit Authority: (906) 341-2111

Delta Area Transit Authority: (906) 786-1186.

Health and wellness initiatives and opportunities update

Sullivan's Health and Fitness

— I am pleased to report FREE gym access for Delta County and Escanaba area members at Sullivan's Health and Fitness Center in Escanaba, Mich.

To register or get more information call Sullivan's Health and Fitness Center at (906) 217-2011. Sullivan's is in the Penstar Building (down the hall from the Escanaba Tribal Community Health Center Office) behind the Escanaba Fairgrounds at 1401 N. 26th St., Suite 118. This gym access will help address the concerns of tribal members who work various shifts at their jobs and because they aren't able to access the YMCA during its open hours.

Negaunee YMCA: Free access

I am happy to report as of Oct. 1, Negaunee area tribal members can visit and access your local Negaunee YMCA for your exercise, health and wellness activities. For more information, stop in at the YMCA or call the West End YMCA Facility, 350 Iron St., Negaunee, Mich., at (906) 475-9666.

Manistique Health Fair

The Manistique health staff held its annual tribal health fair on Oct. 17 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Manistique Health Center.

(See photos on page 13.)

They provided health education services, blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, pharmacy, dental and nutrition education, bone density screenings, acupuncture demonstrations and cancer screenings. They also offered influenza vaccines, body assessments, laboratory testing, breast cancer screenings, colorectal cancer screening, prostate cancer screening and lung cancer screening.

Light refreshments were provided and there were giveaways for your well being.

Your annual check up, immunizations and health screenings are important parts of keeping healthy — being proactive keeps you healthy.

LIHEAP

Reminder: The LIHEAP program provides assistance to lower the burden of high-energy bills and to increase energy efficiency

of eligible tribal households. Here are a couple of heating assistance programs.

Heating: Open Nov. 1 until funds are exhausted. Eligible households will receive a heating credit toward their heat bill to help reduce hardships resulting from high-energy bills during the winter months.

Crisis: Open Jan. 1. Target households at risk of being shutting off may receive energy assistance. (A target household is documented disability, elderly 60-plus or child under the age of 6 in the home.)

Youth development funding

I would like to remind parents, since school has started, of the Sault Tribe Youth Development Funding and application process. The following is the application checklist and program criteria, application and income guidelines.

Sault Tribe Youth Development Fund 2018 application checklist

All applications must include the following information:

— Completed application
— Copy of student's tribal card
— Proof of income (most recent check stub OR W2 OR tax forms, etc.)

— Invoice, registration, or brochure/literature with organization's name and costs or receipt of payment

ALL documents MUST be submitted to: Laura Porterfield, YEA Manager, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or emailed to lporterfield@saulttribe.net or fax to (906) 635-6511

Questions? Email Laura or call her at (906) 635-7010.

Please note: Approvals, denials, and requests for more information are sent via email. After submitting your request, please check your email periodically for updates.

Tribal youth development criteria

Tribal youth may request funding for a variety of purposes to be expended outside of tribal

2018 HHS Poverty Guidelines

Persons in Household	Income	300% of poverty level
1	\$12,140	\$36,420
2	\$16,460	\$49,380
3	\$20,780	\$62,340
4	\$25,100	\$75,300
5	\$29,420	\$88,260
6	\$33,740	\$101,220
7	\$38,060	\$114,180
8	\$42,380	\$127,140
For each additional person, add \$4,320		

programming, to include:

— Sport fees (registration, equipment, shoes)
— Music, dance and theatre lessons
— Instrument purchase and rental
— Language lessons
— Camps (sports, band, art, academic) and related travel fees
— Educational, cultural and class trips
— Testing fees
— Driver's education
— Senior pictures
— School supplies and book deposits (school clothes NOT included)
— Regalia and youth drum

Applicant qualifications

— Must be a tribal youth age 0 – 12th grade living within the seven county service area. (Seven county service area includes: Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette and Schoolcraft counties)

— Applicants may receive funding, up to \$150 once per academic year (Aug. 1 – July 31).

— Qualifying categories for funding are based on Tribal Strategic Directions of medicine wheel: academic/intellectual, physical, emotional and cultural/spiritual.

Applicant requirements

— Applicant must submit current copy of tribal membership card with application.

— Applicant must submit copy of invoice, registration, brochure/literature with organization's

name and costs or receipt of payment with application. (Check will be made payable to the organization, unless receipt of payment is provided.)

— Applicant must submit proof of household income (recent check stub, tax forms, W-2, etc.). Income guidelines are based on 300 percent of the 2018 HHS Poverty Guidelines (see above).

The application package is available on the tribe's website saulttribe.com. Go to Membership Services and scroll down to Education. Then click on Downloads on the left hand menu.

Submit applications for funding to Laura Porterfield, Big Bear Arena, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Applications can also be submitted via fax at (906) 635-6511 or via email at lporterfield@saulttribe.net. For more information, please call 635-7010.

Please make sure to apply for this youth funding. It covers a variety of activities for tribal youth aged birth to 12th grade.

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

Thank you,
Denise Chase,
Unit IV board member

Lana Causley-Smith's September unit report

Ed. Note: Due to a network problem, WAN was unable to receive Director Causley-Smith's report and photos. The report and photos are available in a pdf document on the tribe's web site. A text only version is below.

Unit II Representative Lana Causley

I would like to take this time to say chi miigwech to all our community, Kewadin staff, committee and families who made our annual 2018 powwow one of the very best.

We gathered four days prior and lit the fire as well as rebuilt a new lodge for the sacred fire teaching and spiritual gatherings. We shared stories, saw old friends, gathered families and worked to carry on our traditions and teach our

young men and woman the great pride of celebrating our ways.

We had the great opportunity for tribal member artists to show off and offer their art and traditional foods to the community and public and all reports say they were grateful and very happy with the outcome (we only host authentic Native American art and protect that) so it was a sound opportunity for them and their gifts to be shown.

I'm grateful for the older men, Kewadin staff, YEA and a handful of young ones that took every request and assisted with our lodge and worked so hard for us all weekend. Head staff, fire keepers, dancers, cooks and drums always made the gathering run smooth and

took great care of us and the community. I really can't explain the pride and gratefulness that I felt after it was complete. This is our best time of year to celebrate who we are as a people and I appreciate everyone that took the time to help or just attend and support our community.

Just in closing, we have had lots of sadness in our communities this summer as well so please pray and do any act of kindness you can for others and just show love to whomever is in need.

If you would like to meet or talk please contact me (906) 322-3818, (906) 484-2954, lcausley@saulttribe.net.

Baamaapii.
Lana Causley-Smith
Unit II Tribal representative

Program income requirements eliminated



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

The board recently voted to eliminate the income requirements for the funeral assistance program. Now all members will be able to get the \$1,000 towards their burial expenses. Prior to this change the deceased person's income was used to qualify for the program. It made sense to get rid of that requirement since that person is no longer with us and sometimes family had a hard time finding proof of income for their loved ones.

At the Oct. 2 meeting, we voted to transfer 12,923 shares of MBank stock into the Land Claims Fund. The stock has just been sitting out there so it was decided that it would make sense to have it in the Lands Claim Fund. When there are dividends,

it will benefit that fund for the elder check distributions. There was a recent dividend of \$1,500 that will now increase the fund.

On Sept. 24, we had the grand opening ceremony for the Shirley Goudreau Elder Complex. Shirley's husband, daughter, granddaughter, mother, sister, brother, aunt and cousins were present for the celebration. There were many community members present who enjoyed seeing the new complex. The building is a wonderful place for our elders to enjoy living as well as gathering. The move-in date has been pushed back a few times with issues with the doors, kitchen being completed as well as the test of the fire suppression system. Hopefully, the transition will occur before the snow flies.

The St. Ignace elder meal program is supposed to move from the McCann building to the elder complex. That has caused mixed emotions from some as they feel the McCann building is theirs and they will only be guests at the complex for those who do not reside there. The McCann building will still be available for community gatherings, funerals, feasts, etc.

The St. Ignace Sobriety Walk on Thursday, Sept. 27, went off without a hitch. The weather held out with merely a few sprinkles prior to departure. The group

gathered at the McCann School and left at 5:15 p.m. The majority arrived within 30 minutes at the Museum of Ojibwa Culture where the Grandmother Moon Singers greeted the walkers. Mukwa Giizik also played a welcome song and a prayer was given by Tony Grondin. The participants then enjoyed a meal and conversation. Later teachings were offered as well as speakers and a resource booklet was distributed. It was another successful walk organized by Russell Rickley, Tony Grondin, Shirley Sorrels, Christina Burlak and Bruce Zimmerman.

The board needs to form a negotiation team for the 2020 Consent Decree negotiations. There has been discussion on whether that should be two to five people. So far we have not reached a consensus on a team. This will need to be decided by the next board meeting on Oct. 16 because there is a meeting of the tribes being held at Bay Mills on Oct. 18. Whoever represents the tribe needs to dedicate them to attend all the meetings and keep up with all the information provided. I personally feel that the committee should definitely not be more than five and maybe three is the best number.

There has been a lack of communication involving recent accusations at the National Congress

of American Indians (NCAI) that are being viewed as swept under the rug. The board was never informed of the circumstances taking place. Apparently there was a letter sent out to all tribes but if there was one sent to the Sault Tribe, neither board nor staff has seen it. The chairperson is currently the first vice president of NCAI and claims he hadn't received the letter nor had he shared anything with us in regards to the allegations of sexual harassment of a female employee by a long time, then general counsel of NCAI.

This has caused outrage among many women and tribes since the implementation of Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the #MeToo Movement of Women's equal rights. The Pokagon Tribe has since cancelled its membership in NCAI. We had a resolution on our Oct. 2 agenda to allocate the remainder of our \$12,000 in dues. There was much discussion of disgust with NCAI, which resulted in some of us board members removing our names as individual members. The board also voted to send a letter to NCAI to let them know we were not happy with their actions and we are demanding a more independent investigation into the accusations. NCAI must take corrective steps, including, at the least, policy changes to

ensure communications are open throughout the organization, and a cultural audit to find systematic issues that need to be addressed.

Reminder that there will be a removal of the flowers and flag ceremony at the Wequayoc Cemetery on Sunday, Nov. 11, beginning at 11 a.m. Please join us and bring a dish to pass.

Heating assistance applications should be available beginning Nov. 1. Please visit your local ACFS office or health clinic for an application.

If you have a child in a sport, driver's education, senior pictures, attending a camp and need financial assistance, please download a youth development fund application on saulttribe.com under Membership Services, the Education tab and then download. The fund will pay up to \$150 annually.

I would like to say thank you to all the housing employees who made the elder complex a reality our people can be proud of.

Thank you to all the team members who continue to stay with us even though things are not always easy and many times you are doing the work of multiple people.

Anytime you have questions or concerns, you can contact me at bsorenson@saulttribe.net, bridgett91@yahoo.com or (906) 430-0536.

Troubling allegations emerging about NCAI



**CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

Over the course of the last two weeks, our tribal council was made aware of troubling and serious allegations at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). These emerging allegations involve claims of sexual harassment, inappropriate employee conduct of executive staff and chronic unaddressed workforce issues that created a hostile work environment. Information was brought to light through a series of articles published in a national Native news service.

As board members of your tribal government, we were unaware. Our chairman is second in command as first vice chair of the executive administrative board at NCAI. I first heard about this when tribal leaders I know across the country contacted me directly, as well as friends and colleagues who work at the national level for a number of Native advocacy groups. I had no idea what they were talking about, because unfortunately we

were left in the dark.

It wasn't until another tribe in Michigan announced publically they were withdrawing their support and membership from NCAI that we learned some type of trouble was brewing. We then learned a "Dear Tribal Leader" letter had been sent out across the country. But your tribal council did not receive that formal notice. There is nothing worse than being left in the dark.

Comments like "need to know" are not helpful at this time. In fact, as more information emerges going back to 2014, it appears this "need to know" approach may have been part of the problem all along: We now have a growing number of tribes demanding more accountability and transparency leading up to next month's 75th annual conference. There are two resolutions on the NCAI agenda calling for thorough investigations from an independent third party source with a long growing list of concerns related to inappropriate employment practices; exit interviews of former employees, finances, litigation and whether employment files have been deleted.

All of these claims are allegations at this point. Everyone deserves due process. By the time we had been informed, we had already submitted our \$12,000 membership fees. Under the circumstances, myself and a number of board members withdrew their names from the tribal delegates roster to NCAI — until this gets sorted out.

"Oversight" is the most important responsibilities of an elected tribal council board — or

any board for that matter, including the tribal executive board of NCAI.

Hiding behind "need to know" is incentive to "sweep under the rug." Honesty and truthfulness goes a long way in building trust. Being left in the dark is unacceptable.

Community information — Christmas party planning is underway. We're still working out the dates for the children's parties, but the elders Christmas luncheon for Units I, II and III, will be at Kewadin Sault at 12 p.m. on Dec. 13. Hope to see you there.

We have some exciting programs and activities we are planning right now for 2019. Our hope is to bring our communities together — to share, educate, socialize and have fun. We want to have something for everyone, especially our moms and dads of young families. Look for more information as we get closer to 2019.

We've acquired the forestland that shares a property line with our currently held forestland in Hessel. We now have sufficient property to realize some of the great ideas gathered at last spring's community gathering and feast. The forest is going to be an ideal location for a "land based" education center; a place for a community sugar bush, walking trails and an outdoor learning lab where various forest management prescriptions can be demonstrated to share traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) and display the habitat that many of our medicine plants require in order to thrive. Many of our old ways are known, but we lose important knowledge

with each generation and we must invest in preserving that knowledge and the teachings derived from that knowledge.

And it would be pretty nice to have a youth center to attract and support a land based education center with a commercial kitchen to use for maple syrup production as well as instruction and processing of game harvest and then share with our elders, as done in the old ways. And, some indoor "move around" rooms for our kids: for music, art and woodland crafts; dance, exercise and instruction. We have some long cold winters. Our kids need a place to gather.

That's a long-term vision of course. But, our people are not going anywhere, so we should do

today what we can for our future generations.

Happy to report we are about to expand and remodel the kitchen at the Hessel Community Center. This is where we hold our elders meal program and other community social events. We serve so many people out of this kitchen. It's a long overdue improvement and I can't wait until our cooks have a brand, spanking-new kitchen to cook up all the goodness they serve to our community.

Please contact me with your questions, comments and concerns: chollowell@saulttribe.net.

Here is the best phone number to reach me: (906) 430-5551.

With respect,
Catherine Hollowell

*You have been summoned to the Tribal Youth
Council's*

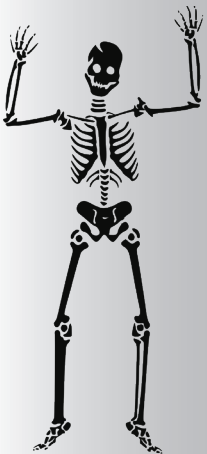
Family Halloween Party!

Monday, Oct. 29 in the Big Bear Arena
Basketball Court

Bewitching hours from 6 to 8 p.m. Dare to join us in SCARE games and to make spook-tacular crafts! Please wear your costumes! Contact Jill Lawson at 253-1321 with any questions.

Candy Donations Needed!

YEA is looking for donations of candy to be handed out during the event. Candy can be brought to our office upstairs in the East Wing at the Big Bear, Mondays through Fridays 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Thank you!





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