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Michigan tribal leaders praise boarding school bill

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

A bill (S.2907 - Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act) has been introduced by U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) to create a special commission for the federal government to uncover, document and begin to heal intergenerational trauma for Native people caused by Indian boarding schools.

Michigan's past includes three of these federal schools located in Harbor Springs, Mount Pleasant and Baraga, where Native children were forced to assimilate into white society and often subjected to abuse.

A federal investigation ordered by U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland is underway to document the effects of boarding school policies. Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment says he believes the Warren legislation will help Haaland's efforts go further.

"While Secretary Haaland ... has a focused attention and commitment, the legislative side needs to come along," Payment said.

Tom Cole (R-Okla.) and Sharice Davids (D-Kan.), who co-chair the Congressional Native American Caucus, are introducing an identical bill in the U.S. House.

Leora Tadgerson, a Bay Mills Indian Community member and interim director for the Student Equity and Engagement Center at Northern Michigan University, is working on a traveling exhibit to share stories from Native survivors and their loved ones.

Tadgerson said she has found that some institutions, including the Harbor Springs boarding school, are attempting to suppress records by reason of student confidentiality. "If [Warren's bill] is done correctly, this could mean real action towards authentic

truth, healing and reconciliation for Indigenous individuals and communities as a whole," she said.

Payment said the experience of intergenerational and historical trauma linked to boarding schools is at the core of the often disproportionately negative outcomes for Native communities, such as higher unemployment rates and lower educational attainment. "We are facing some difficult times as we realize the outcomes for children who never came home. The solution to addressing the worst of the worst statistical outcomes as a result of historical and intergenerational trauma is to return culture, language, and facilitate curriculum inclusive of a true accounting," he said.

The introduced bill proposes the commission have 10 members, two appointed by the president; two appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate, on the recommendation of the majority leader of the Senate; two appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate, on the recommendation of the minority leader of the Senate; and four appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, of which not fewer than two be appointed on the recommendation of the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

Members chosen for the commission will represent diverse experiences and backgrounds, and include tribal and Native representatives and experts who will provide balanced points of view with regard to the duties of the Commission. Including tribal and Native representatives and experts from diverse geographic areas who possess personal experience with, diverse policy experience with, or specific expertise

in, Indian boarding school history and Indian Boarding School policies; and who possess expertise in truth and healing endeavors that are traditionally and culturally appropriate.

The committee's initial report will be due no later than three years after the bill is enacted, and will include recommendations for legislation and administrative action.

According to the bill's verbiage, the Commission will also make recommendations to provide or increase federal funding to adequately fund American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian programs for mental

health and traditional healing programs; provide a nationwide hotline for survivors, family members, or other community members affected by the Indian Boarding School policies; the development of materials to be offered for possible use in K-12 Native American and U.S. history curricula to address the history of Indian Boarding School policies; other recommendations of the Commission to identify possible ways to address historical and intergenerational trauma inflicted on American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities by the Indian Boarding School policies; and

ongoing and harmful practices and policies relating to or resulting from the Indian Boarding School policies that continue in public education systems.

A final report from the proposed commission would be due not later than five years after the date of the Act's enactment and the commission will then terminate 90 days after the submission of their final report.

A copy of the proposed bill (S.2907 - Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act) can be viewed here: <https://www.congress.gov/117/bills/s2907/BILLS-117s2907is.pdf>.

Brown celebrates 94th birthday

On Sept. 4, Sault Tribe elder Rosann Brown celebrated her 94th birthday at her home in Newberry surrounded by over half of her loving extended family, who came as far away as Chicago, Superior, Wis., and Canada.

Rosann bravely raised six children, two daughters Suzanne and Cathy, and four sons, Mike, Ken, Clyde VI, and in spirit, her loving son John, who passed on.

At the party were grandchildren, great and great-great grandchildren running around bursting balloons and entertaining grandma. Also, nieces and nephews attended, making for a robust celebration.

Before retirement, Rosann was a devoted RN for many years at Newberry's General Hospital, and eventually served as director of nursing at Newberry State Hospital, and then as supervisor of the children's unit.

She also taught EMT classes and was an active parishioner of St. Gregory's Community, giving of her time to help others.

Rosann and her six children would like to thank all who were able to attend her celebration and for all the loving wishes from

those who could not come.

Also, thanks to the sun that pierced the rain clouds just in

time to gather outdoors. It is believed that the sun followed Suzanne and Pam from the Sault.



Rosann Brown turned 94 on Sept. 4.

Team members' \$3 raise extended

SAULT STE. MARIE — The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors voted unanimously Sept. 22 to extend the tribal organization's team members' \$3 per hour pay raise through the end of 2021 while the board studies the results of a compensation study.

Sault Tribe Executive Director Christine MacPherson said, "I am very thankful the tribal board authorized the continuation of this enhancement to team members' pay until the board has a chance to review and implement the compensation study that has been worked on for the last two years. This is a very comprehen-

sive study that addresses market, pay compression and longevity."

In response to wage inflation during the COVID-19 global pandemic and tribally declared emergency, the board voted at its Aug. 3 meeting to provide every team member under the Sault Tribe organization umbrella — including the tribal government, gaming and EDC employees — an increase of \$3 per hour from July 4 through Oct. 2 pending a compensation study. On Sept. 22, the board unanimously approved extending the \$3 per hour appreciation pay through the year's end while they continue to review the study.

"Wage adjustments to match market value is a project the tribal Administration has diligently worked on for several years," Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment said. "An initial estimate presented a few years ago was cost prohibitive. Before the pandemic, the board voted to hire a firm to do a more comprehensive review. This is nearly complete, then will require board approval. The board voted on Tuesday, however, to authorize extending the \$3 an hour increase for all team members who are eligible through Dec. 31 or until the market adjustments are complete."

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Protections for Native American Voting Rights

On Oct. 5, the Senate introduced a modified John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (S.4), which now incorporates the Native American Voting Rights Act as part of the bill.

NARF Staff Attorney Jacqueline De León responded to the news, “We are thrilled to see that the unique obstacles faced by Native American voters are finally being included in the broader federal voting rights discussion and we thank Senator Leahy for his bold leadership. The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act helps ensure that Native American and other

minority voters are provided the same opportunities to participate as their neighbors. In doing so, the bill honors our democratic ideals, our shared desire for fairness, and our constitutional law.”

The Native American Voting Rights Act, which has bipartisan support, addresses the specific and unique needs of Native American voters. For example,

Native American voters often must travel much further distances than nearby non-Native populations to register and vote. The provisions in that act will now be incorporated into the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act as it is considered by the U.S. Senate.

The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act restores

and updates the popular civil rights protections that were included in the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Learn more about S.4 - A bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/4/titles>.

Learn more about the Frank Harrison, Elizabeth Peratrovich,

and Miguel Trujillo Native American Voting Rights Act of 2021 (NAVRA) at: <https://vote.narf.org/native-american-voting-rights-act-navra/>.

Learn more about the challenges faced by Native voters in NARF’s 2020 report, “Obstacles at Every Turn: Barriers to Political Participation Faced by Native American Voters.”



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Seeking information about Missing and Murdered Sault Tribe members

In an effort to create an informational database for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP), the Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) seeks information regarding missing and murdered individuals who belong to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

The information provided does not be current information. The ARC is seeking information for ALL missing or

murdered tribal members including the seven-county service area and tribal members across the world.

Please ask for community educator, Jess Gillotte-King (extension 73104), when calling the ARC.

If messaging the ARC Facebook page (www.facebook.com/saulttribeARC), please leave the following information: First/middle/last name, date of

birth, date of death, murdered/when/where, and perpetrator name, if applicable.

If missing: Nickname/alias, date last seen/went missing, physical description, distinctive physical features, and any vehicle information.

Any information would be appreciated.

Thank you for your participation in this matter. Please feel free to share this information.

Attention Sault Tribe households

The Sault Tribe Food Distribution Program would like to announce that we are open to Sault Tribe households and members of other federally recognized tribes in the 15-county service area, and are accepting new applicants.

Our office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and our store is now open by appointment for clients to come

in and shop. We ask that everyone still keep social distancing in mind and to also wear a mask if not fully vaccinated. We would also like everyone to know that we now have a variety of seasonal fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as other new items.

There has been some confusion regarding eligibility and the extra pandemic money. Our program does not use the extra

\$300 pandemic unemployment compensation, the recent child tax credit payments, or any past stimulus payments to determine eligibility.

If you want to know if you or a loved one qualifies, or you have any questions about USDA and the food program, please call us. We are here and happy to help, call (906) 635-6076, or (888) 448-8732.

Sault Tribe Committee vacancies

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

Anishinaabe Cultural Committee - nine vacancies - four males (4-year term), five female (4-year term)

Child Welfare Committee - two vacancies (4-year term), 1 vacancy (expires May 2023)

Election Committee - four vacancies (4-year term)

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

Health Board - four vacancies (4-year term)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

one alternate vacancy

Elder Subcommittee Unit I - Sault (4-year term), one alternate seat vacancy

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program November clinic dates

Please call for questions or to set up an appointment.

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Sault Ste Marie Health Center —

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St. Ignace Health Center —

Nov. 18 (906) 643-8689 (877) 256-0135

Newberry Community Center —

Nov. 19 (906) 293-8181

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, (906) 635-6050, (800) 793-0660, sberger@saulttribe.net

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

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

Senior Employment Youth Elder Worker sought in Manistique

Youth Elder Worker position for the Manistique YEA Program is available through the Senior Employment program. The position is 14 Hours per Week at \$9.87 per hour. The Youth Elder Worker assists YEA staff with chaperoning activities, field trips and outings and ensures that youth are in a safe environment; assists tutor with homework labs; prepares snacks; assists with cleaning and basic office tasks (copying, faxing, filing and

telephone assistance). May have to work evenings, weekends and holidays as requested. Must be a Sault Tribe member age 60 or over and reside within the seven-county service area. Must undergo and pass a criminal background investigation and pre-employment drug test. Must be able to travel.

Contact Brenda Cadreau at 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, (906) 635-4767, if interested.

Work Experience Program taking applications

The Sault Tribe's WIOA Program is accepting applications for the Work Experience Program. Eligibility Requirements: Must be Native American age 16 to 21 and reside within the seven-county service area. If you are inter-

ested in applying for after school employment, applications may be picked up at the WIOA office at 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie MI or by contacting Brenda Cadreau at (906) 635-4767 or bcadreau@saulttribe.net.

Support for family and friends of people with a substance use disorder

Addiction is a disease that impacts everyone around the addicted person. At Dial Help, we are now offering community presentations at businesses, agencies and other groups in the U.P. through our new "Affected Others Program." The goal is to educate friends and family of people with addiction so they better know how to both support their loved one and take care of themselves.

"Family and friends of people who struggle with an addiction

can be affected in many ways including emotionally, financially and legally," Mandy Daniels, Affected Others coordinator, said. "This is why it's so important to provide resources and support to those who are affected by a loved one's substance use disorder."

The program also offers referral to resources for anyone in the community who is struggling with addiction, or has a loved one with addiction. To schedule a presentation or find a referral, contact Mandy Daniels at (906) 231-0630 or mdaniels@dialhelp.org. You can learn more at www.dialhelp.org/affected-others. The program is funded by Beyond the Save (www.beyondthesave.org) and NorthCare Network (<https://northcarenetwork.org/>).

Avery Square Craft Show

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Tribe breaks ground for \$2M warehouse

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

The Sault Tribe is one step closer to the construction of its much-anticipated 20,000 square-foot Crane Industrial Suites warehouse, located on the Ode-naang Community Development housing site in Sault Ste. Marie.

A quick ground-breaking ceremony was held Sept. 14 during heavy rain, with local dignitaries and tribal board members gathering for the traditional shovelful of earth where the new building will sit.

In 2019, the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration awarded a \$2 million grant to Sault Tribe to build the 20,000 square-foot manufacturing warehouse to serve as the foundation for tribally led regional business development.

The grant was matched with \$100,000 from funding resources through the tribe's Economic Development Commission, and a \$250,000 grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Sault Tribe Economic Development Director Joel Schultz said the warehouse is being built on the corner of S. Cougar Lane and Bobcat Court, across the street from the tribe's mini-storage facility, located just off of Seymour Road.

Schultz said, "The tribe's board of directors had the vision to start going this direction and laying the groundwork and infra-

structure for our tribal members to succeed and start taking those next steps. The facility will be structured as an enterprise with its own cost center, but will be a property management business. At \$4 a square-foot, we hope to generate \$80,000 a year. The effort will generate cash that will be reinvested into additional revenue generating ventures and be used to increase the economic base of the tribe.

He added, "We are planting seeds, not picking fruit. It's a tool."

The warehouse has its first committed tenant in JETA Corp., who currently leases space at the tribe's Tamarack Business Center. JETA will be leasing 5,000 square feet and hiring new employees once the warehouse is operational. The remainder of the building will be available in increments from 2,500 up to 15,000 square feet. "We are going to build the space so it can be expandable, and are looking to attract industry to locate there," Schultz said.

He added, "Our goal is that the warehouse will be utilized by Sault Tribe members who can best take advantage of all the incentives associated with doing business on reservation lands. But we are not going to rule out leasing to non-Natives. Our goal is to use the space to bring Sault Tribe members back onto our lands."

The warehouse will qualify as



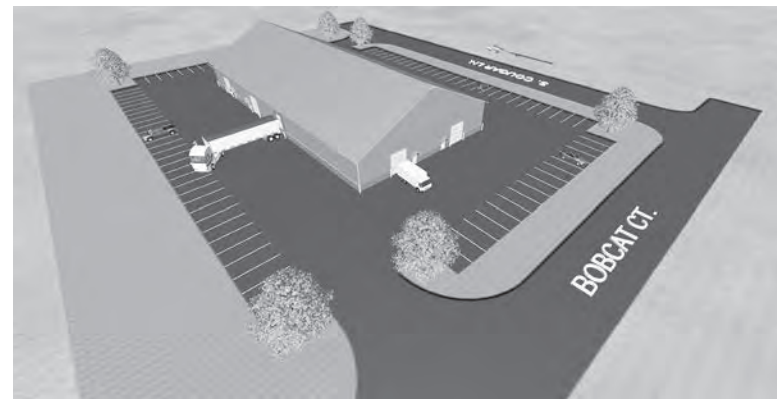
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L-R: Scott Grove of Seven Generations; tribal Board Member Lana Causley; tribal EDC Director Joel Schultz, tribal Board Members Mike McKerchie, Catherine Hollowell and Bridgett Sorenson; Ted Moore of Moore Trospers; tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment; and tribal Board Members DJ Hoffman and Keith Massaway.

a Foreign-Trade Zone and HUB-Zone.

The project's general contractor is Moore Trospers Construction Company, with engineering services provided by Seven Generations Architecture and Engineering. The project is slated to be completed by the summer of 2022.

Right, an artist's rendering of the completed facility.



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Proactive steps for better indoor air quality

BY ROBIN BOUSCHOR, ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST

Indoor air pollution is an increasing concern throughout many communities. This is due to many factors such as wildfire smoke, mold, toxic household cleaners and more public outreach bringing awareness to this issue. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the average American spends about 90 percent of their time indoors. The EPA also states that concentrations of some pollutants are often two to five times higher than ambient (outside air) concentrations. The increase in pollutants for indoor air quality vs ambient (outside air) can be contributed to a plethora of factors that range from advancements. Energy-efficient construction may not incorporate sufficient mechanical ventilation to ensure proper air exchanges. There is a wider variety of personal care products. New furniture, pesticides, candles, diffusers, air fresheners household cleaners, smoking and the building occupants themselves can contribute to a decline in air quality indoors.

The happy news is that there are some general steps that can be taken to help improve air quality indoors and reduce indoor air quality related health risks. The first step would be controlling the sources of pollution by either eliminating individual sources or reducing their emissions. This can be achieved through proper ventilation, which is increasing the amount of fresh outdoor air being brought inside. This can be as simple as opening a window during good weather, using an air conditioner with the vent control open and utilizing bathroom and kitchen fans that exhaust outside.

The second step is to set reminders to regularly change filters (according to manufacturers instructions) on central heaters and air conditioners regularly, since the filters with these appliances trap dust and other pollutants in the air. To take further action, upgrade the air filter in your furnace or central heating system with at least a Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) 13 rating or as high a rating your system fan and filter slot can accommodate. The third step is keeping the relative humidity (RH) indoors between 30 to 50 percent. This can be accomplished by using a hygrometer or humidity gauge indoors to keep track of your homes RH and making adjustments as needed. An example is if the RH falls below 30 percent you can use a humidifier to bring it back up and if it is higher than 50 percent either opening windows (when RH is low outside) or using an air conditioners or dehumidifier to lower it.

One specific step that can be taken would be to test your home for radon, which enters homes through cracks and openings in walls and floors that are in contact with the ground. It is a good idea to test your home every two years since homes can settle and form new cracks at any given time. You may not be aware of

a radon issue since it evades our senses and testing is the only way to confirm if your home has a radon problem. The Sault Tribe Environmental Department offers free radon test kits for any Sault Tribe member living in the seven-county service area, please see contact information below. For our members outside our service area that reside in Michigan, your local city or county health department should have access to free radon self-test kits. If you reside outside of Michigan you can contact your state radon office by going to a browser and inputting this link: <https://www.epa.gov/radon/epa-map-radon-zones-and-supplemental-information-0> and click on your state for a list of contacts.

The Sault Tribe Environmental office also offers free indoor air quality assessments to tribal members living in the seven-county service area. It consists of an occupant interview to go over any concerns prior to the assessment, a walk-through of the building to observe any



obvious issues that could impact indoor air quality, utilization of air quality diagnostic tools that measure levels of particulate matter, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, relative humidity, temperature and moisture within walls.

The assessment also includes a health home kit that includes

green cleaning supplies, educational material, moisture meter, gloves, a mask and, in some cases, a carbon monoxide detector and a detailed report of the findings to the home occupant. All information collected is strictly confidential and zero judgment on the condition of the home is given — we are only

concerned about air quality. In addition, virtual assessments are also offered at this time due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, if requested. Please contact the Sault Tribe Environmental Department at 906-632-5575 or email rbouschor1@saulttribe.net for more information.

The information in this article was largely provided through educational information from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency website, reflecting the most recent scientific understanding and approved recommendations on these subjects at the time this article was published. Like any scientific discipline, the body of scientific knowledge related to air quality is continually evolving due to new methods of research and technologies. It is advised to review the latest research and recommendations currently being offered by the EPA if a year or more has passed since the published date of this article at: <https://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq>.

The maps for MICHIGAN are ready.

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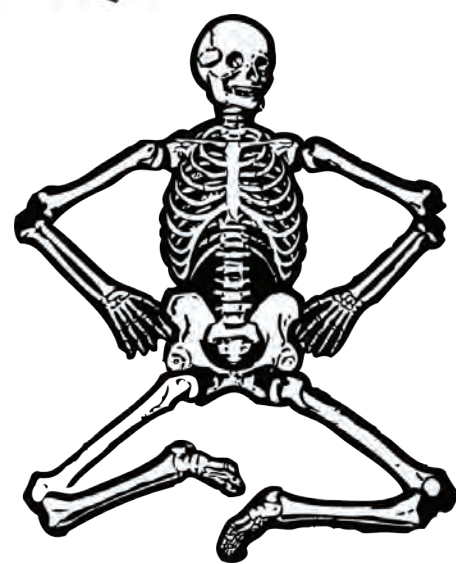
No matter what understanding we hold about the mystery of all that is, that “something” is so deeply a part of Anishinaabe culture and tradition, it is impossible to ignore. Someone once said we do not come to the earth but from her — our mother. **Shkakimikwe** —

Gzhe- likely comes from the word **Zhewenjige**: He or she is kind-hearted, blesses, is merciful and has pity. So we say Gzhemanido.

Gchi- a prefix meaning immense, surpassing all others, very distinguished. So we say Gchi-manido.

Manidoo (plural: Manidook) Europeans thought we meant little spirit beings, living in rocks, trees, places, and animals. In our language and culture it meant that and a lot more: property, muse, patron, mystical, an essence and transcendent — depending on context. Inspiration.

Pahiinhsag Little people who travel and live near rivers and lakes, and make their homes in rocks and caves. Stories tell of them being mischievous, tricky and good at hiding. **Memengwaanhsak**: (Butterflies = little feathers) Beloved for their special care and regard for children. Full of play, laughter and mischief.



Of all the things we find mysterious and sometimes fearful and worrisome and hopeful, it's death. So like people everywhere we might participate in events that take away some of the sting of that unknown. Halloween - the eve of the Christian All Souls Day - is one such festival, from Medieval times in Europe.



Use our language to name all the Halloween pictures on this page and around the community!

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Tasewan | Ta-se-wan | Halloween |
| Jiibay | Jii-bay | Ghost |
| Jiibay kanan | Jii-bay kan-an | Skeleton |
| Kosmaan | Kos-maan | Pumpkin |
| Esbikenh | Es-bi-kenh | Spider |
| Pashkwaanaajinh | Pash-kwaa-naa-jii | Bat |
| Dbik giizis | Di-bik gii-zis | Moon |
| Nbwaakaawkwe | Ni-bwaa-kaa-o-kwe | Witch |
| N'zegiz! | n-zeg-iz | I'm afraid |
| Ziisbaakdoonhs mshkimod | Ziis-baak-a-doo-s | mish-ki-mod |
| | | Candy bag |

Pronunciation Guide; How to Sound Really Good:

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

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

nh has no sound at all; it is only a SIGN that the vowel in front of it is said in a nasal way.

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

Bnakwe Giizis *Falling Leaves Moon*

Mshka'odin Giizis *Frozen Moon*

by Susan Askwith



Mother Earth. Like our brother Nanaboozhoo, we learn how to be a competent and responsible person by the teachings and experiences we've had. Then we put them into action for our families and community. What have you been taught about all this?

Gzhemanido: Great Mystery

Gchimanido: Great Spirit

Dbendjiged: The One who owns everything Beyond human grasp, beyond words, beyond gender and time. Gzhemanido had a vision that led to creating everything, and is only known through what was and is created.

Nanaboozhoo. His mother was a human and his father a powerful manidoo. Like us he has good intentions but often falls short of success because of fear, curiosity, forgetfulness, envy, lust and impatience. The many stories of Nanaboozhoo teach us the folly of those shortcomings, and thus learn wisdom.

Doodemag. Personal Manidook A creature that has attributes a person would like to have so they can learn from and imitate that doodem. Sometimes whole families dedicated themselves to the ideals and duties of a doodem. Thus clans were formed.



*What do witches put on to go trick-or-treating?

Mask-scare-a

*What makes trick-or-treat with twin witches so hard?

You never know which witch is which.

*Why are ghosts such terrible liars?

You can see right through them.

*Why don't skeletons ever go trick-or-treating?

They have no-body to go with.

*What do you call wood when it's scared?

Petrified.

Shackleton receives Award

Patricia Shackleton received the Michigan Heritage Award from the Michigan Traditional Arts Program at Michigan State University recently.

She was awarded the honor in recognition of her birch bark cut out work honoring her tribal heritage and history of the Great Lakes.

In 1997 Shackleton participated in a traditional arts apprenticeship under Sault Tribe member and local artist, Anny Hubbard, where she developed an interest and skill in birch bark cut out work. She has since served three times as a master artist in the Michigan Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program.

Shackleton is a Sault Tribe member, and also worked for the tribe as a resource specialist and tribal elder rural program developer. In 2001 she founded the Anishinaabegamig Cultural Center, and has used this non-profit to educate thousands of children about Anishinaabek culture and history.

Shackleton was born in Osage, Iowa, and later moved to Michigan, where she earned a bachelor's degree in history and political science from Lake Superior State University. She also graduated from Central



Patricia Shackleton with her Michigan Heritage award.

Michigan University in 2007 with a Master of Science Administration, and also from Michigan State University with two certificates.

The Michigan Heritage Award presented to Shackleton

was signed by State Senator Tom Barrett, State Representative Ben Frederick, Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist II and Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

ACFS thanks Chris Thibert

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services would like to give a very special thanks to Chris Thibert. He has volunteered his time to help ACFS make up event bags that were handed out at events throughout the summer and fall. The bags were filled with promotional items and information on becoming a foster parent. These bags help ACFS find tribal foster homes, which are very much needed at this time. Thank you, Chris!

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, and making a difference in the life of a child please contact Anishnaabek Community and Family Services at (906) 632-5250, (800) 726-0093 or by email at acfs-fosterhomes@saulttribe.net.



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Please note, you may not receive tickets for all games requested.

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| _____ | 12/11/21 | Northern Michigan |
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| _____ | 01/15/22 | Michigan Tech |
| _____ | 01/21/22 | USNTDP U-18 |
| _____ | 02/11/22 | Ferris State |
| _____ | 02/12/22 | Ferris State |
| _____ | 02/25/22 | Bowling Green |
| _____ | 02/26/22 | Bowling Green |



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TRIBAL OUTREACH & SUPERVISING EDUCATOR SOUGHT

The MSU Extension (MSUE) and the Health and Nutrition Institute is seeking a Tribal Outreach and Supervising Educator to provide leadership and expertise in nutrition and physical activity specifically within tribal nations and communities in the Upper Peninsula. Additionally, this position provides leadership to the Nutrition and Physical Activity (NPA) program and staff in counties within District 2, including Marquette, Alger, Schoolcraft, Luce, Mackinac, and Chippewa counties by providing coaching, training, and technical support.

Although negotiable, there will be space available for this position to work from the Marquette County office. Master's Degree in community nutrition, human development, family studies, psychology, sociology, public health or related field.

See <https://careers.msu.edu/en-us/listing/> and search for posting 719458 using the Job Search field.

Letter to the editor — Save our wolves!

The lives of the great wolves cannot be lost. For in the taking away of the wolf, the ancient Indian spirits will be left to wander, having no home, intended positive legacy or purpose. Long ago, when the earth was new, the Indians of the forest watched and adapted their survival patterns from the wolf, both gaining trust and acceptance of each other, becoming as one.

Their spirits forever interconnected, aiding in the balance of the beauty, freedom and creation of the forest and its creatures, as well as



promoting their strength, health and meaning. The wolf is one of

the forest animals at the center of life, the compass, the marker of continuation, and part of the circular rhythm needed so that the forest doesn't begin to fade or stumble, affecting everything.

The wolf's destruction cannot take place, for this downward motion will not be easily stopped or retrieved, bringing about the sounds of the forest's ancestors; sad, restless cries, mourning what once was and could have been.

Jean M. Peters,
Presque Isle,
Mich.

Owen Daniel Ruth is born



Victoria Toney and Eric Ruth of Cassopolis, Mich., would like to announce the birth of their son, Owen Daniel Ruth, born on Sept. 22, 2021, at Ascension Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich. He weighed 8 pounds and was 19.5 inches in length. Both Victoria and her father, Aaron Toney, are tribal members residing in Michigan.

Board approves resolutions at September meetings

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors met in Sault Ste. Marie on Sept. 7 and 21, and passed the following resolutions.

The following resolutions were approved on Sept. 7.

Resolution 206: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Head Start, Establishment of FY 2022 Budget — An FY 2022 budget was approved for Head Start and Early Head Start with federal HHS revenue monies of \$37,019.

207: Establish FY 2022 Budget for COPS TRGP — Approved with Federal Department of Justice monies in the amount of \$227,660.

208: Enterprise SUB Recipient, Emergency Housing, Establishment of FY 2021 Budget — An FY 2021 budget for Enterprise Emergency Housing Other Revenue monies was approved in the amount of \$25,000. There is \$11,250 in expenses, leaving a net income of \$13,750.

209: Economic Development FY 2021 Budget Modification — Approved for an increase in Tribal Support of \$24,027.13.

210: Judicial Services FY 2021 Budget Modification — Approved for changes to the personnel sheet and reallocation of expenses.

211: Manistique Medical Nursing FY 2021 Budget Modification — Approved changes to the personnel sheet.

212: Munising Health Administration FY 2021 Budget Modification — Approved for a change in the personnel sheet and to reallocate expenses.

213; 214: Acceptance, 2021 and 2022 Indian Housing Plan, American Rescue Plan (ARP) — Approved the ARP housing grant for 2021 and 2022, and requested funding from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

215: National Congress of American Indians, 2021 Annual Convention Delegates and 2022 Dues — Delegates and alternate delegates were approved, along with funds in the amount of \$12,000 to pay for the tribe's 2022 annual dues.

216: Acceptance of the 2020

Governmental Audit — Accepted and approved.

The following resolutions were approved at the Sept. 21 meeting.

217: Buildings, FY 2021 and 2022 Budget Modifications — Facilities Management gave properties to the EDC or casinos to manage directly, and the resulting budget modifications for FY 2021 and FY 2022 cost centers were approved. FY 2022 budget modifications to close Naubinway Rentals were also approved.

218: Sanitation BE-21-M18, Establishment of FY 2022 Budget — Approved with federal IHS Revenue monies of \$373,000.

219: Home Improvement, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Establishment of FY 2022 Budget — Approved with Federal BIA Revenue monies of \$234,540.

220: Establishment of FY 2022 Budget GLRI Lake Whitefish Experimental Rearing for Tributary Rehabilitation — Establishment of FY 2022 Budget, GLRI Lake Whitefish Experimental Rearing for Tributary Rehabilitation — Approved with Federal BIA monies of \$174,959.

221: Natural Resources — GLRI Lake Whitefish Rearing Project, Establishment FY 2021 Budget — Approved with Federal BIA Revenue monies of \$7,010.89.

222: Establishment of FY 2022 Budget, GLRI Lake Michigan Deepwater Fish Community Assessment for Protection and Restoration — Approved with Federal BIA monies of \$76,366.

223: ACFS — Child Care Development Funds (2800 & 2801) FY 2021 Budget Modifications — Approved for increases in Federal HHS monies of \$83,527.06 (2800); and \$173,464.95 (2801).

224: ACFS — Tribal Victim Services Establishment of FY 2022 Budget — Approved with Federal Department of Justice monies of \$103,186.41.

225: ACFS — OVC Tribal Victim Services Set Aside Establishment of FY 2022 Budget — Approved with Federal Department of Justice Federal Revenue monies of \$191,257.15.

226: ACFS — Domestic Violence, CARES Housing, Establishment of FY 2022 Budget — Approved with Federal HUD Revenue monies of \$13,984.

227: ACFS — Domestic Violence, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Establishment of FY 2022 Budget — Approved with Federal HHS Revenue monies of \$40,554.

228: ACFS — Family Violence American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Establishment of FY 2022 Budget — Approved with Federal HHS Revenue monies of \$246,854.

229: Advocacy Resource Center Workplace-Related Sexual Misconduct, Stalking, Domestic and Dating Violence Policy — Approved as part of a grant mandate under the DOJ Office on Violence Against Women.

230: Establish FY 2022 Budget for Colon Cancer Screening Grant — Approved with Inter-Tribal monies of \$30,000.

231: St. Ignace Medical Nursing, Purchased Referred Care and Third-Party Revenue, FY 2021 Budget Modifications — Approved for changes to the St. Ignace Medical Nursing personnel sheet, increase expenses, and increase Third Party Revenue monies of \$17,148.31. Budget modifications were approved for Purchased Referred Care for changes in the personnel sheet and to reallocate expenses. An FY 2021 budget modification for an increase in Third Party Revenue transfer out of the \$17,148.31 was also approved.

232: St. Ignace Dental Clinic, FY 2021 Budget Modification — Approved for a changed in the personnel sheet and for a reallocation of expenses.

233: Sault Walk In Clinic

and Third Party Revenue, FY 2021 Budget Modifications — Approved for an increase of Third Party Revenue monies of \$279,354.79; and the budget modification to the Third Party Revenue monies to increase the transfer amount was also approved.

234: Sault Medical Nursing, FY 2021 Budget Modification — Approved for changes to the personnel sheet and for a reallocation of expenses.

235: Continuing Funding Authority for Health Division Fiscal Year 2022, Oct. to Sept. — Continued funding for FY 2022 was approved at the 2021 spending levels for a period of up to 90 days, or until the FY 2022 budget is approved.

236: Approving the CFO's Use of Available Tribal Funds for Grant-Funded Tribal Programs — Approved the tribe's CFO to temporarily utilize tribal funds to ensure the continued operation of grant-funded programs in the event of a delay in availability of federal or state grant funding, or when post grant award budget approval has not yet occurred.

237: Medicaid Non-Federal Share Public Funding Agreement — Approved for tribal participation.

238: Trust Land Statue, A.B. Wilgus Second Addition Entire 10 Lots, Block 6, Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County, MI — Approved submitting a request to the Secretary of the Interior to have the above lands declared part of the tribe's reservation land.

239: Trust Land Statue, A.B. Wilgus Addition, Lots 4-5, Block 14, Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County, MI — The tribe requests the Secretary of the Interior to accept title to the above land in trust for the benefit of the tribe.

240: Trust Land Statue, A.B. Wilgus Second Addition Parcel A Lots 16-30, Block 5, Parcel B, Lots 24-30, Block 9, Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County, MI — The tribe is requesting the Secretary of the Interior accept title of the above land in trust for the tribe, and to have the land

declared as part of the tribe's reservation lands.

241: Authorization to Apply for the Treatment as a State for Certain Authorities Under the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act — Approved for the submission of an application by the tribe's Environmental Department requesting Treatment as a State for certain sections of the Clean Air and Clean Water Act.

242: Application Approval for BIA Midwest Tribal Wild Rice Coordination and Planning Funding Opportunity — The tribe's Wildlife Program has been authorized to apply for the referenced coordination and planning grant opportunity.

243: Contract Approval, Meritain Health and Delta Dental — Contracts approved for a period of one year, effective January 1, 2022.

244: Authorization to Open Bank Account First National Bank of St. Ignace — Approved with signatories. Inquiry access was granted to the accounts to the Accounting Department.

245: Authorizing Execution for Liquidity Access Agreement — An extension of the Huntington Nation Bank Liquidity Investment Portal access was authorized.

246: Acceptance of the 2020 401K Audit — Accepted and approved.

247: COVID American Rescue Act Funds Housing and Community Centers — \$36 million was approved from the American Recovery Act funds currently received by the tribe for housing and community centers in Units 1-V.

248: Amending Resolution 2021-198, Tribal Government, Salary Increase Allocation — Approved for an extension through payroll period ending Dec. 31, 2021.

249: Amending Resolution 2021-197, EDC — Salary Increase Allocation — Extended through payroll period ending Dec. 31, 2021.

To view approved resolutions, go to www.saulttribe.com.

Long time *Win Awenen Nisitotung* reporter and photographer Richard L. Smith walks on

RICHARD LEE SMITH

Richard Lee Smith, 66, died Sept. 8, 2021. He was born Sept. 29, 1954, to Cora and Billy Lee Smith.

Rick grew up on Sugar Island and graduated from Sault High in 1973. After graduation, he sailed with U.S. Steel's Great Lakes iron ore ships. He enlisted in the

U.S. Coast Guard in 1975 and trained as a radioman, touring in California, Alaska and Louisiana. While stationed in Kodiak, Alaska, he also wrote a weekly local column along with articles for the U.S. Naval Institute's magazine Proceedings. He also lived in Italy for a time.

Rick loved cats, music and

journalism, was self-taught in guitar and also played harmonica and fiddle. He traveled across the United States three times, twice by van and once by motorcycle. He always opted to stay in places other than hotels for the experience. He was free-spirited, even being in the USCG there was always something freeing about

him. He was always kind and always had time for his daughter.

Rick was a citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He was a 20-year veteran of Sault Tribe's newspaper, *Win Awenen Nisitotung*, starting in June 2001 when he was 45. He was an award winning journalist, three time winner of the

Good News Awards, awarded annually to U.P. news media organizations.

He was the oldest of four brothers and three sisters: Russ, Butch, Benjamin and David; and Sharon, Susan and Lorraine.

He is survived by his daughter, Holly Smith, of Oregon.

Cremation has taken place.



Rick Smith, Nov. 1976



Rick and Holly, 1990



Caserta, Italy, March 1990.



An old picture of Rick (front, second from left), and his family.

Photos submitted by Holly Smith



Rick and Holly in Oregon in 2017.



1954-2021



Rick with his daughter Holly in 1990 when they were stationed in Italy.



Rick Smith on a visit to Oregon in 2017 to see his daughter, Holly Smith.

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ROGER ALEN CONGUY

Roger Alen Conguy, 70, of St. Ignace, Michigan, passed away Sunday, September 19, 2021, after a battle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and a recent battle with Covid. He was born Sept. 11, 1951, to Louis Sr. and Vivian (LaDuke) Conguy in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. He was raised in Evergreen Shores and then the rest of his life at 404 Ellsworth Street in St. Ignace. When Roger was young, he was sent to Newberry State Hospital where he had schooling where he learned to write his name and a few other skills. He never learned to read, but he learned to get by very well. Sometimes he would look like he was reading, but got by with pictures. He learned to work on bicycles, lawn mowers and whatever else he could find.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge 999 and VFW post in St. Ignace. He was on the pool league at the Moose and always looked forward to it. He was a pretty darn good shot. Roger's most favorite time was riding around on his moped, American flag blowing and Elvis license plate flashing; you would see him all over town.

His best friend in the world was Fred "Bear" Lounsberry. Those two were together a lot. They have done and shared many things together. Roger had a lot of firsts with Bear. We thank God that he had him in his life. The love of his life was Donna Thompson. Whenever there was a band at the Moose Lodge or casino you would always see them dancing together. She did a lot for Roger, and we were thankful for that.

His idol was Elvis Presley, his bedroom is to show for all. Every holiday, he always received Elvis memorabilia and loved every one.

Roger is survived by his twin brother, Bert Conguy; sister, Roxanne Belonga; sister-in-law and guardian Patty Conguy; nieces Lisa (Leroy) Sayles and April (Jeff) Vaningan; nephews, Richard (Tracey McClusky) Smith and Louie (Andrea) McMillan; and several great nieces and nephews.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents.

Services were held Sept. 29, 2021, at Galer Dodson Funeral Home in St. Ignace, with a tribal service by Tony Grondin.

Galer Dodson Funeral Home and Cremation in St. Ignace, Mich. served the family. Condolences may be sent to www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

CORNELIA BAILEY MILLER

Cornelia Bailey Miller, 80, of DeTour Village, Mich., died Sept. 16, 2021, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She was born July 16, 1941, in Detroit, Mich., to Marshall and Naomi (Landreville) Bailey.

Cornelia grew up on Drummond Island and graduated from DeTour High School. She attended the Northeastern School

of Business in Bay City. She later went into business for herself as a bookkeeper in 1990. She owned and operated the Brown Bobbin Fabric Shop and CM Bookkeeping Services. She and her late husband, Terry, built and owned The Village Washtub laundromat. She was also known for writing "Tippers Tales," which were true stories about her silly and beloved cat. She was an accomplished seamstress and quilter. She made not only her own wedding dress, but also her daughter-in-law Traci's. She organized the quilt display at the church bizarre each year to show the beauty and craftsmanship of a lost art. Not only did she and Terry go to Columbia as short-term missionaries, but they also ministered to community youth by leading an Ecumenical youth group in their home, taking them to West Virginia twice to help the less fortunate. She recognized the need in her community for a preschool and helped organize it. She was always looking for ways to help and give back to the community and the people she loved and was instrumental in bringing the Harbor View Assisted Living home to the Village.

Cornelia was an active member of the DeTour Presbyterian Church and was their organist, treasurer and choir director for many years. She was also a member of the Fine Arts Council Board and a 4-H Sewing Leader. She was devoted to God and family and a member of God's Taxi Squad. She was a woman of many accomplishments. She was a friend of the Library Board, started a cancer support group, and received the Fine Arts Council Board Volunteer of the Year Award.

Cornelia is survived by sons, Jay (Jody) Miller of North Muskegon, Michigan and Craig (Traci) of DeTour Village; grandchildren, Katrina (Johnny) Payne, Luke (Megan) Miller, Allix (Caleb) Birkey, Jesse (Olivia) Miller, Teryn (Raven) Miller, Bailey (Ben Radka) Miller, Rayne Miller and Ella Miller; great grandchildren, Ezra Payne, Amos Payne, Bennett Birkey, Sebastian Miller and Monroe Miller; sister, Carol Yates of Drummond Island; and brother, James (Charlene) Bailey of Drummond Island.

Cornelia was preceded in death by her husband, Terrance "Terry" A. Miller; son, Corey Miller; brother and sister-in-law, Marshall and Jeanne Bailey; and her parents.

Visitation was held at the DeTour Union Presbyterian Church Sept. 23 followed by a funeral service.

Final Resting Place is Maple Grove Cemetery in DeTour.

Memorial Contributions may be sent to Harborview Assisted Living, PO Box 123, DeTour Village, MI 49725.

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation in Pickford, Mich., served the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at

www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

DEBRA ANN FISHER

Beloved mother, grandmother, sister, auntie, cousin and friend, Debra Ann Fisher went home to be with the Lord on Sept. 26, 2021. She was born on July 1, 1962, in Bay City, Mich.; she was a true Bay City Roller.

Debra's sense of humor was unique as her style and she was always full of light and laughter. There was never a dull moment, as she lived life to its fullest, making sure to put a smile on everyone's face and always showing compassion to every person she came in contact with.

The two most precious gifts in her life were her beautiful daughter, Nakotah, and sweet granddaughter, Isabelle. Nakotah and Isabelle loved their mother and grandma very much and Debbie was a single mother who loved her babies in return. She was passionate about many things in life and had many hobbies including swimming, going for walks, gardening, painting, music, dancing, collecting jewelry, but above all else, celebrating life with the ones she loved.

Debbie was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and was very proud of her Native American heritage. You would hear her "Indian War Call" everywhere, at work, weddings, funerals and even on the San Antonio River Walk. She worked at Natalia Elementary School and at the San Antonio Airport for many years. Debbie read her Bible daily and loved spending her time with Jesus. She would pray with anyone and share her faith with everyone. She was baptized along with her daughter Nakotah on April 25, 2007, in San Antonio, Texas.

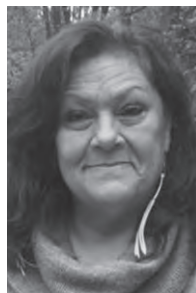
Debbie did have some health conditions such as being on dialysis for six years. She was a strong woman who fought a long and hard battle but is no longer suffering. She now has her wings. The LOVE of her life Gary Terburg, who passed away 30 years ago on Sept. 27, 1991. He called her home to be with him and the Lord but in true Debbie form she had to be first and chose one day before his.

Debbie is survived by her daughter, Nakotah Terburg, and her granddaughter, Isabelle Terburg; siblings, Daniel (Patti) Fisher, Patricia (George) Stein, Liz Soliz, Douglas (Lorrie) Fisher and Kimberlie (Stephen) Skidmore; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Debbie was preceded in death by Gary Terburg, her father, Myles Fisher, mother, Dee Fisher, and brother, Dennis Fisher.

A cremation ceremony and celebration of life will take place in San Antonio, Texas, and her ashes will be returned to her beloved home state of Michigan.

Mom, you are truly one of a kind. You will forever be missed and will always be in our hearts.



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. — John 3:16

He has taken me to the banquet hall and his banner over me is love. — Song of Songs 2:4

GREGORY LOUIS KEWAY

Greg was born to Alvin V. Keway and Leona M. (George) Honson. He was raised and went to school in Harbor Springs and studied bookkeeping and Ojibwe at Bay Mills Community College. Greg was a citizen of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and served as a Health Commissioner for LTBB Health Services in its early days. For 38 years, Greg worked at Sault Tribe Health and Human Services.

Greg lived his life to the fullest. He loved metal detecting, finding many "treasures" and coins. He had a tremendous enthusiasm for hunting and polishing Petoskey stones. He enjoyed bowling, but his biggest passion was playing golf whenever and wherever he could. He enjoyed league golf with his many comrades and played in many tournaments. For Greg, it wasn't about winning; it was about just having fun and good meal.

Time spent with close friends was all about hopping in the car and finding a good yard sale, auction, or antique shop, and a good place to eat. However, spending time with his family was the heart and soul of his life, making memories that they will cherish forever. He was so proud of them all.

Survivors include his children, Greg Keway of Spokane, Wash., Ashlee Keway of Kincheloe, Mich., Megan Dakota of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; Brian Keway of Holden, Missouri; and Sarah Keway of Savannah, Ga. Also surviving are Greg's 17 grandchildren and his sisters, Dollie Keway and Lisa Flynn, both of Petoskey.

Greg was preceded in death by his parents and one granddaughter.

According to his wishes, cremation has taken place. Visitation was held on Oct. 8, 2021, at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building in the Sault with ceremony and feast to follow.

C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Service is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences can be left online at www.csmulder.com.

HENRY J. ANDERSON

Henry Jackson Anderson, 85, Native American name "Raven," member of the Cherokee Ani-Yun-Wiya Nation, born Nov. 10, 1935, in Tifton, Ga., passed away Sept. 12, 2021, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Henry married Marlene (Payment) Anderson on July 18, 1964. Henry was a Korea and Vietnam Era Veteran who served over 20 years in the U.S. Air Force and re-tired Jan. 31, 1974, from Kincheloe Air Force Base, Mich.

He owned and operated Anderson Pest Control in Kinross, Mich., serving Sault Ste. Marie and surrounding area for over 35 years.

Henry is survived by his wife of 57 years, Marlene Anderson; daughter, Maureen Anderson; brothers, Homer Lee Anderson of Ohio and Drue Felix (Joyce) Anderson Jr. of Georgia; sister, Mary Coronado of Florida; sisters-in-law, Rosemary Lane of California and Barbara (Chuck) Harris of California; grandchildren, Andrew Jackson Anderson, Jordan Pavlat, and Eddie Gabriel; granddaughter, Ashley Ley; and great granddaughter, Lily Ley.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents, Drue Felix Anderson Sr. and Jessie Mae (Greene) Anderson; son, Andy Jackson Anderson; brother, Edward Rudolph Anderson; sister, Martha (Billings) Anderson; and grandson, Carl Gabriel.

Henry was laid to rest at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. A graveside service with military honors was held Sept. 22, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to help defer funeral expenses. Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 20 Kinross, MI 49752. Clark Hovie Galer Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.rgalerfuneral-home.com.

LINDEAN T. SHOOSTER

Lindean Theresa Shooster, 67, of St. Ignace, Mich., died Sept. 15, 2021, in Cheboygan, Mich. She was born July 10, 1954, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to Edward Joseph and Charlotte (Lasley) Martin.

Lindean grew up in St. Ignace and graduated from LaSalle High School. She moved out of Michigan to Elk Rapids, Ind., where she met the love of her life, George William Shooster. They married in his home state of Tennessee on Nov. 1, 1997. When her mother wasn't doing well, they moved back to St. Ignace to take care of her. Lindean has had many jobs throughout the years, but she was mostly known for her cooking. She loved to be involved in the community and would help cook for the Catholic Church in town during Lent and helped organize various benefits for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Lindean loved helping people; she was a saint through and through. When she was in good health, she enjoyed gardening and flowers. She was also an avid photographer of birds. In her younger days she also loved going out on the town on a motorcycle.

Lindean is survived by her husband, George; niece, Charlotte Martin; nephew, Brooks Martin; sister-in-law, Ann Martin; beloved dog, Eliza Jane; and many other beloved nieces, nephews and cousins; you know who you are.

Lindean was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and

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StrongHearts opens office in Sault to help Native victim-survivors residing in Michigan

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Native American victim-survivors have a new advocate in Sault Ste. Marie they can turn to for help and advice. The StrongHearts Native Helpline office in the Sault is located at 519 Court St., and will serve as a statewide resource for Native American victims and survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

StrongHearts Director Lori Jump, who is a member of the Sault Tribe, said the new office will be working with Michigan tribes to expand access to existing tribal programs beyond their normal hours of operation. Tribal programs often have limited resources and staff, and Jump said reaching out to those smaller programs is especially important.

StrongHearts Communications Consultant, Liz Hill, said the Sault was chosen as a location for an office because of its high population of Native Americans, and its central location in Michigan.

Jump, who has more than 25 years of experience in the field of domestic and sexual violence, is also a founding member and former executive director of Uniting Three Fires Against Violence, Michigan's tribal coalition. She said, "It's important to StrongHearts that our advocates continue to learn best practices for supporting victim-survivors and all Native Americans impact-

ed by sexual and domestic violence." StrongHearts is asking participating tribal programs to meet with their Michigan Project Coordinator Roxanne Mannisto, to share best practices, the needs of their communities and ensure advocates know the services and support available through tribal programs.

StrongHearts advocates offer the following services at no cost: Peer support and advocacy; information and education about domestic violence and sexual violence; personalized safety planning; crisis intervention; referrals to Native-centered domestic violence and sexual violence service providers; basic information about health options; support finding a local health facility or crisis center that is trained to care for survivors of sexual assault and offers services like sexual assault forensic exams; and general information about jurisdiction and legal advocacy referrals.

The concept for StrongHearts Native Hotline was developed by Native advocates in support of tribal communities across the country. In 2012, the Hotline began discussing this issue with staff from the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC) a Native-led nonprofit organization dedicated to ending violence against Native women and children. With input

StrongHearts releases statistics from first year of operation

In the first 12 months of offering sexual violence advocacy, StrongHearts Native Helpline received 347 contacts seeking help for sexual violence from across the U.S.

StrongHearts has released the following data it collected during its first year of operation.

Of all Native American and Alaska Native contacts who experienced sexual violence:

35 percent were 25 to 36 years of age.

32 percent were 37 to 48 years of age.

19 percent were 13 to 24 years of age.

15 percent were 49 to 60+ years of age.

The top three needs of Native American and Alaska Native sexual violence victim survivors are listed in order of prevalence:

64 percent needed peer support.

33 percent needed legal advocacy.

28 percent needed shelter.

Based on the data collected, sexual violence survivors who reached out to StrongHearts are mostly females between the ages of 25 to 48 who have been hurt by their intimate partner and are seeking peer support.

from tribal leaders, a Native women's council, domestic violence experts and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program, the two organizations began laying the groundwork for a Native-centered hotline staffed by advocates with a strong understanding of Native cultures and tribal sovereignty and law.

StrongHearts became a reality with the creation of the Native Helpline in March 2017, made possible by the Administration

on Children, Youth and Families, Family and Youth Services Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; the Office for Victims of Crime: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Verizon.

StrongHearts Native Helpline just gained national Native non-profit status on Oct. 1 and will continue to follow the original plan created by NIWRC and the Hotline, as they complete the transition to a non-profit organi-

zation with their own board of directors.

As a program under NIWRC, StrongHearts received advocacy training, financial oversight and technical support and mentorship in technology, communications and policy development. NIWRC will continue to support StrongHearts by sharing resources and providing technical assistance and peer support.

StrongHearts Sault Ste. Marie office can be contacted by calling Lori Jump at (996) 440-7725, or email ljump@strongheartshelpline.org.

According to their website, StrongHearts Native Helpline is a culturally sensitive, anonymous, confidential and free service serving Native American and Alaska Native survivors, concerned family members and friends affected by domestic, dating and sexual violence.

You can call or text them at (844) 762-8483, or chat online at www.strongheartshelpline.org, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.


Callers can connect at no cost one-on-one with knowledgeable advocates who can provide immediate support to survivors to find safety and live lives free of abuse.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a partner of the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center.

StrongHearts on Domestic Violence Awareness Month

EAGAN, Minn. — During Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, StrongHearts Native Helpline joins advocates, sister organizations and communities throughout Indian Country to raise awareness about domestic violence and to support and honor survivors and victims. This year, StrongHearts calls on everyone — advocates, tribal leaders, reservation and urban Indian community members, service providers and Native organizations — to support and strengthen the movement to prevent and end domestic violence.

According to the National



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Institute of Justice, domestic violence disproportionately impacts Native Americans and Alaska Natives, with more than 1.5 million Native women and 1.4 million Native men experiencing violence during their lifetime, often by non-Native perpetrators. Domestic violence has several

faces: physical, sexual, emotional, cultural, financial and digital. Children, elders and LGBTQ2S+ individuals can experience domestic violence.

Domestic violence among Native Americans is not natural or traditional. The domination and subjugation of Native Ameri-

cans began with colonization and continues today. Colonization was responsible for the theft, occupation, pollution and exploitation of Indigenous lands. Today, Native Americans who are living in tribal communities on or near lands that are exploited by extractive industries face the highest rates of domestic and sexual violence.

"There is a viable connection between the violence that has been inflicted on the land through colonization and violence brought on Native peoples," said StrongHearts Native Helpline Director Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). "When the

value of the land is lost, the value of Indigenous peoples of the land is lost and violence follows."

Jump added, "StrongHearts Native Helpline is doing its part to raise awareness about this critical issue in our Native communities and to promote healing. No matter where Native Americans live in the U.S. — on a reservation, in a small town, a rural area, or in a major U.S. city — we are here for you. Please join StrongHearts in believing survivors and victims. Let's bring our voices together, and take action. Let's collectively put an end to domestic violence once and for all."

Intimate Partner Sexual Violence — are you a victim of it?

BY ASHLEY GRAVELLE, ADVOCACY RESOURCE CENTER CULTURAL HEALING EDUCATOR

Many victims of domestic violence have also been victims of sexual assault in their intimate partner relationships. Intimate partner sexual violence (IPSV) is any form of sexual assault that takes place within an intimate relationship, and, like other forms of non-intimate partner sexual violence, it is difficult to know the extent of IPSV. As with all forms of sexual violence, women are often reluctant to disclose experiences of sexual violence and in cases of IPSV, women may not recognize their experience as one of sexual assault and thus may not identify as victim.

Intimate partner sexual violence includes but is not limited to: Using force, threats, or coercion to obtain sex or sexual acts;

unwanted vaginal, oral, and/or anal intercourse; forced to view or participate in pornography; sexual degradation and humiliation; shaming the victim's sexuality or sexual preferences; interference with birth control use and safe sex practices; and not respecting the victim's sexual privacy.

Intimate partner sexual abuse is underreported — one study estimates that only 16 percent of all sexual assaults are reported. The harm of violence from an acquaintance or intimate partner is exacerbated if sexual abuse has also occurred. Victims who have experienced both forms of abuse report higher rates of post-traumatic stress disorder, major depression and substance abuse.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Center for Injury Pre-

vention and Control launched the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey in 2010. Findings for intimate partner sexual abuse include nearly 1 in 10 women in the United States (9.4 percent or approximately 11.1 million) have been raped by an intimate partner in her lifetime.

Approximately 1 in 12 men in the United States (8 percent or 9 million) have experienced sexual violence other than rape by an intimate partner in his lifetime. This includes being made to penetrate an intimate partner (2.2 percent), sexual coercion (4.2 percent), unwanted sexual contact (2.6 percent), and non-contact unwanted sexual experience (2.7 percent).

Domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking intersect in ways that can increase risk of

serious harm and fatality for victims.

If you are in an abusive relationship, REMEMBER, YOU ARE NOT ALONE, YOU ARE

NOT TO BLAME AND HELP IS AVAILABLE. Call the Advocacy Resource Center to see what we can do to help you at: (906) 632-1808.

FREE Lakers basketball tickets for tribal members!

Sault Tribe Members FREE LSSU Lakers basketball tickets for the following dates:

Oct. 31

Nov. 19, 20, 21, 23 and 27

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Jan. 6, 8 and 22

Feb. 3, 5, 10, 24 and 26

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Request tickets by emailing bookthebear@saulttribe.net.

Michigan wolf management plan on the table

BY DR. NICHOLE BIBER

The Anishinaabek Caucus, Wolf Preservation Team, respectfully requests action to be taken by all Three Fires people and our allies in the interest of our deep cultural sovereignty.

The wolf packs that have against all odds survived willful extermination, are once again under threat of a trophy hunt that asks people to sanction and participate in their destruction. Such destruction is inseparable from the continued spiritual and psychological desolation of the Anishinaabek people. Now is the time for all of our nations to stand together and firm in our cultural teachings, to protect our brother Ma'iingan and make our voices heard in opposition to a Wolf Hunt.

The 12 federally recognized tribes of Michigan Anishinaabek nations have the right of government-to-government tribal consultation from the DNR and NRC. These governmental entities oversee the Wolf Management Advisory Council (WMAC) that has been appointed and is now considering recommendations for changes in the Wolf Management Plan. Though the WMAC is by no means adequate, nor has the authority, to satisfy the required government-to-government consultation process between the state of Michigan and the tribes, that council is instilled with a responsibility to help gauge public attitudes. Further, their conduct and areas of focus also have an influence on the tenor of what eventual recommendations they may choose to make. Because the current WMAC is much smaller, includes no Michigan tribal representation, and is stacked with pro-hunting council members who have implemented a "majority rules" approach to recommendations, the strength of our voices as Anishinaabek will be critical.



The monthly meetings of the WMAC are not offered online nor with a call-in option, so the only way to make public comment is by email, or by attending in person. To make public comments by email, the address is dnr-wmac@michigan.gov. Please BCC your emailed comments to the WMAC council member Bee Friedlander (beefriedlander@yahoo.com) at her request: she is an animal advocate and will strive to incorporate public comments into her remarks.

If you are able to attend in person, please do so. The dates and places for the upcoming meetings are scheduled (all 9 a.m.-3 p.m.):

Mon., Oct. 11, Gogebic Comm. College, E4946 Jackson, Ironwood

Fri., Nov. 5, Treetops Resort, 3962 Wilkinson Rd, Gaylord

Tue., Dec. 7, Little Bear East Arena, 275 Marquette St., St. Ignace

Be advised that there are no masks or vaccination recom-

mendations in place for these meetings. You will need to email the Friday prior to the meeting if you would like to be allowed 5 minutes to make a comment instead of only the 2 minutes allotted to those signing up on the day of the meeting. Spokespersons for groups can request 10 minutes when emailing the proceeding Friday.

The Nov. 5 meeting in Gaylord will be particularly important to attend if able, as the WMAC is set to discuss section 6.8 of the Wolf Management Plan, which is entitled, "Facilitate Positive Wolf-Human Interactions and Other Wolf-Related Benefits." This section includes direct mention that "the cultural and religious values regarding wolves are particularly important to many Native Americans," and proceeds to share a teaching from *The Mishomis Book* regarding the relationship between Nanaboozhoo and Ma'iingan as co-namers of creation and developing a brother bond of intertwined fates.

This Nov. 5 agenda will be a key opportunity to amplify our presence and our voice in these discussions. Those moved to bring drums, medicine, or songs should feel encouraged to do so. (Fri., Nov. 5, Treetops Resort, 3962 Wilkinson Rd, Gaylord. 9 a.m.).

Again, though the WMAC as a body has no authority to vote or make recommendations on issues of tribal sovereignty (e.g. reserved treaty rights), these meetings can have an effect on perceptions of public attitudes and awareness. In the arena of public attitudes, it is important that we resist attempts to normalize the unnecessary killing of wolves for sport. Aside from alerting the WMAC and public that we are opposed to a wolf hunt, the Anishinaabek people and our tribal leaders can further assert our rights by bringing our concerns directly to the DNR, NRC, and the Governor. Because all 12 federally recognized tribes hold sovereignty, it is vitally important that we also endeavor to bring our voices directly to Michigan's state government.

Like the wolf packs who were nearly driven to extinction, the hearts of the Anishinaabek people experienced an unlikely resurgence, and our love and spirits remain just as tenuously tied to their continued existence. Our teachings from the beginning place us side by side with the wolf, ma'iingan, together naming and revering all the beings of a living earth, learning about necessity and humility and abundance.

Our teachings and prophecies confirm that our fates are intertwined, and what befalls one will befall the other. Observe how the destruction of the forests destroyed every sense of home. How young wrenched away from the care of the family makes a mockery of protec-

tion. How obliteration is presented as a trophy for those who measure strength as a license to spill blood.

The wolf packs and the Anishinaabek tracked these losses side by side, together cast as villainous or unnecessary or an inconvenience. Why? Because the necessity of our place in an intact natural world threatens to expose the foundational error of domination. Because the idea of taming only resulted in killing off the abundance of the land and waters, and without that balance there is no source to feed the spirit. There is emptiness in the forests and emptiness in the heart.

Regarding the fact that the wolves original range encompassed every county in the state, tribes in both the upper and the lower peninsula have a vested interest in the well-being of the packs. Ma'iingan, the wolves' continued resurgence and balancing of ecosystems would be highly significant to us as Indigenous people. This is a matter of cultural vitality, connects to our mental and spiritual health, and is inseparable from the restoration of natural relationships. Ma'iingan is at the heart of how we understand our place in the natural order, and how we learned the value of humility by knowing ourselves as brothers, not ruler or rival or enemy.

Hunting wolves is deeply disrespectful to and dismissive of our Indigenous values. Living together with wolves is clearly possible, as proven by our ancestors and the shared bounty of the land as it was.

We cannot be asked to give up on the restoration of our relatives or our culture; we cannot countenance another slaughter of our brethren.

Dr. Nichole Biber, LTBB Odawa, Mishiikii Dodem, is the chairperson of the Anishinaabek Caucus Wolf Preservation Team.

Unnecessary trophy hunting tears apart wolf families

BY THE ANISHINAABEK CAUCUS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's decision to remove federal protections for gray wolves opens the door for Michigan officials to once again completely ignore the objections of our state residents, scientists and voters and open a wolf trophy hunting season.

Wolves once ranged throughout most of the lower 48 states, and remain absent from an estimated 70% of currently suitable habitat in the lower 48 states.

Wolves still face many threats. Studies show that the death of one animal by trophy hunters can indirectly cause the deaths of other individuals through the loss of dependent offspring or by disrupting pack structure.

Nearly 1,500 wolves were killed by trophy hunters and trappers in the Great Lakes Region the last time they lost their federal protections.



Photo by Tracy Brooks/Mission Wolf/USFWS.

Gray Wolf.

Scientific research shows that wolves pose little to no risk to people, pets or livestock, yet the same fear mongering, hate and misinformation that led to the extirpation of wolves a hundred years ago still plagues them

today.

However, state and federal data show that wolves cause very few livestock losses. Less than 1% of livestock farms in the U.P. experienced any conflicts with livestock in 2020.

Of the estimated 45,100 cattle and 3,640 sheep in the U.P., just 4 cattle and 6 sheep were confirmed to have been killed by wolves in last year.

Studies show that non-lethal deterrents are much more effective than killing wolves at preventing conflicts in the long-term and demonstrate that killing wolves will not grow deer populations.

Numerous studies demonstrate that predator removal actions "generally had no effect" in the long-term on ungulate populations (like deer). Additionally, deer numbers in Michigan remain consistently high, and science demonstrates that wolves make herds stronger and may help mitigate the spread of chronic wasting disease, a fatal neurological illness plaguing deer in Michigan and other states.

Liberalizing wolf killing will not increase social tolerance for the species. In fact,

research shows that allowing trophy hunting of a previously protected species, like wolves, may actually decrease social tolerance, as doing so has been shown to increase incidents of poaching.

Not only are wolves vital to keeping our ecosystems healthy and biologically diverse, but they are deeply valued by the majority of Michiganders. The last time Michigan's wolves lost federal protections, state officials consistently ignored science and circumvented the will of citizens to cater to the small minority who want to kill wolves. In November 2014, Michigan voters soundly rejected two wolf hunting laws on the ballot. But despite this, state officials pushed through another law in 2016 that returned wolves to the state game species list. Because of this, the Natural Resources Commission can authorize a hunting and trapping season on them.

Orange Shirt Day ceremony at Sault Tribe Health Center



Health Center staff gathered for a short ceremony during lunchtime on Sept. 30 in honor of Orange Shirt Day.

Traditional Healer Joe Syrette and his nephew (standing to his left) sang for the children missing from the residential boarding schools.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Wanda Clerc, head housekeeper at the Sault Tribe Health Center.

Johnson twins turn 80!



Happy 80th birthday to Sault Tribe members Virginia (Johnson) DeLong of Nashville, Mich., and Vern Johnson of Engadine, Mich. These twins were born to tribal member Lillian (O'Neil) Johnson and Henry Johnson on Nov. 6, 1941, in Trout Lake, Mich.



Sault Tribe Dental Department staff in their orange shirts stand in front of thousands of dental records.



Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
Anishnaabek Community and Family Services
Child Care and Development Fund

ACFS has Child Care Assistance Applications for CCDF Subsidies for:

- Income Based
- Essential Employees (Income Waived)

Eligible families have the right to choose from high quality child care services that best meet their needs for child care without regard to cost. Applications can be found at <https://www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/acfs/direct-services/child-care-development-fund> or can be obtained by mail, fax, or email. Our number is 906-632-5250 or email us at apeer@saulttribe.net or psterling@saulttribe.net.

Eligible families must be working, attending an educational program or in a job training program. The child in need of care must be a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians between the ages of birth through 12 years.

You can choose from the following types of providers:

1. State Licensed Child Care Center;
2. Tribal Licensed Child Care Center;
3. State Licensed Family/Group Home Providers;
4. Relative Care Provider;
5. In-Home Aide.

If you are choosing a **Relative Care Provider** they must meet the following criteria prior to providing care:

- must be a relative of the child(ren) needing care (Grandparent, Great Grandparent, Uncle, Aunt, Sibling)
- be of at least 18 years of age; -live in a separate residence; -must care only for children they are related to;
- obtain a clear MDHHS Clearance; -obtain a clear ICHAT (ACFS runs this report);
- obtain a clear Tribal Registry Clearance (ACFS runs this report); -Provide a signed Open Door Policy, Provider Registration Form, and a signed Client/Provider Agreement; -follow the CCDF Payment schedule and payment paperwork requirements; -complete initial Home Visit with CCDF Coordinator.

If you are choosing an **In-Home Aide** they must meet the following criteria prior to providing care:

- be of at least 18 years of age; -live in a separate residence; -must provide care in the child's home and only provide care for children listed on Child Care Certificate; -obtain and pass FBI fingerprint background check;
- obtain clear MDHHS Clearance; -obtain a clear ICHAT (ACFS runs this report);
- obtain a clear Tribal Registry Clearance (ACFS runs this report); -Provide a signed Open Door Policy, Provider Registration Form, and a signed Client/Provider Agreement; -follow the CCDF Payment schedule and payment paperwork requirements; on-line Health and Safety training; -CPR and 1st Aid; -complete initial Home Visit with CCDF Coordinator.



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Orange shirt day held to bring awareness to residential boarding school past and present trauma



Anishnaabek Community and Family Services, Kincheloe office staff.

Orange Shirt Day, or National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools, is about education for survivors and their allies. The orange shirt symbolizes the actual orange shirt taken from a young Native American girl when she was taken to a boarding school in Canada.

A Canadian national holiday, it's also a significant date in America. It's held in the fall when most young Native American children would be taken from their families to the schools.

This day is about remembering the cultural genocide, but also a means of educating every community about what happened, in order to move forward.

This year's Orange Shirt Day was held Sept. 30 in support of the 150,000 children who endured the residential school system, and the trauma that continues to present today.

Tribal departments and community members participated by designing displays and wearing their orange shirts. Contests were held for the best displays, with the group winner receiving a pizza party valued at \$100, and the individual winner receiving a medicine kit and a \$25 pizza gift card. The winners were Sault Area High School, ACFS Kincheloe, and Allison Innerebner's sixth grade class at JKL. See more photos on page 14.



Sault Tribe Community Health staff in front of one of the Health Center's new mobile health units.



Sault Tribe Environmental Department.



Gitchi Auto Home and RV Sales staff showing their orange.



Sault Ste. Marie Anishnaabek Community and Family Services staff.



Career and Technical Education students with local law enforcement at Sault Area High School.



Sault Tribe Human Resources staff.



Big Bear Recreation Center staff showing their support. Sault Tribe Dental staff (right) with their display.



Alison Innerebner's Middle School advisory class at JKL School. Parapro Jake Thoman is standing on the right.

A great show of support for Orange Shirt Day



Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District staff.



Advocacy Resource Center



Manistique Governmental staff.



Manistique Health Center staff.



Sault Ste. Marie tribal Pharmacy staff with their display.



Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and Prosecutor's office.



Sault Area High School youth and teacher.



Sault Tribe Maintenance Department.



Sault Tribe Medical Records.



Sault Tribe Gaming Department.



Sault Tribe Health Center Housekeeping staff.



St. Ignace Visitor's Bureau.



Sault Tribe court staff.



Vonderau girls dress for Orange Shirt Day.



Manistique Youth Education & Activities staff and students.

Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic held Sept. 25

Golfers from across the state competed in the 20th Annual Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic held at the Wild Bluff Golf Course in Brimley, Mich., on Saturday, Sept. 25. The annual event generated over \$78,500 for the tribe's scholarship fund.

The two-day event began Friday night with a registration held at Kewadin Casino & Convention Center. The Registration event, sponsored by PNC Bank, gave golfers the chance to pre-register for the Classic and enjoy hors d'oeuvres.

The Classic, the main event of the weekend, began with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. on Saturday. The O'Connor's Chrysler Dodge Jeep team won the Mixed Division with a 66, followed by Team Payment #2 with a 75 and in third place was U.P. Engineers & Architects with a 76. In the Men's Division, Gordon Food Service #2 took first place with a 65, followed by Mackinac Straits Health Systems with a 67 and in third place after the scorecard playoff was Hosel Rockets with a 69.

During the Classic, golfers had the chance to win cash prizes up to \$25,000 and one of two vehicles sponsored by O'Connor's Chrysler Dodge Jeep and Soo Motors during our hole-in-one contests.

Golfers also had the opportunity to test their skills for a chance to win \$10,000 prior to the Classic at the Putting Contest sponsored by Kewadin Casinos.

While on the Course, golfers were treated to a delicious lunch with all the fixings sponsored by Sault Printing Company.

Following the Classic, golfers and sponsors attended the awards ceremony and enjoyed dinner sponsored by Gordon Food Service. Sponsors were recognized for their generous support and contributions towards the scholarship fund. In addition, those attending the dinner had the opportunity to win fantastic door prizes donated by generous local vendors.

Closing out the night, prizes were awarded to the top teams in each division, Mixed and Men's. Funds generated by the Clas-

sic are placed in an Educational Fund, which provides Sault Tribe members with scholarships to further their education. To date, over 320 scholarships have been awarded.

The 2021 Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic was organized by Bill Connolly, Jessica Dumbuck, Tamara Roche and Bob Schulte and was hosted by Kewadin Casinos and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Next year's event is scheduled for July 30, 2022.

Men's Division winning teams



Team 2 GFS, first place Mens Division - Chris Menominee, Jimbo Brown, Dana Schlehuber, Aaron Schlehuber (L-R).



Team Mackinac Straits, second place Mens Division - Jim Karbon, Glen Nelson, Christine McPherson, Michael McPherson (L-R).



Hosel Rockets, third place Men's Division - Rob Martens, Mike Mariuzza, Cody Jodoin, Cory Jodoin (L-R).

Mixed Division winning teams



Team O'Connor's, first place Mixed Division - Jaxon Wilkie, Madison Wilkie, Chelsea O'Connor, Brian Miotke (L-R).



Payment Team 2, second place Mixed Division - Katie McCormick, Patrick Sircely, Tara McCormick, Kyle Sircely (L-R).



UP Engineers, third place Mixed Division - Brandon Belleau, Liz Ayers, Jeremy Gagnon, Svetlana Belleau (L-R).

Thank you sponsors, volunteers and committee members

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians thanks our generous sponsors, our numerous volunteers and our dedicated committee members who helped make our 20th Annual Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic a tremendous success!

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Unit II Children's Christmas Drive-Thru

The Unit II Children's Christmas Drive-Thru will take place Dec. 11 from 1-4 p.m. at the Hessel Tribal Center. Families must be registered by Nov. 12 with YEA by calling (906) 484-2298, or emailing lburnside@saulttribe.net.

Unit II YEA will only have one Christmas drive-thru this year, held in Hessel. The drive-thru is for Unit II families residing in Pickford, DeTour, Hessel and Cedarville. YEA will not be traveling to DeTour this year.

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Interior Department planning tribal consultations as next step in Federal Boarding School Initiative

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative is ramping up a comprehensive review of the troubled legacy of federal boarding school policies as the Department of the Interior (DOI) is set to begin Tribal consultations in the next step of the process.

The Federal Boarding School Initiative was formed in June, and directs the DOI to prepare a report detailing historical records, and cemeteries or potential burial sites, relating to the federal boarding school program.

DOI Secretary Deb Haaland said the DOI will identify board-

ing school facilities and sites; the location of known and possible student burial sites located at or near school facilities; and the identities and tribal affiliations of children interred at such locations.

In recent letters to tribal leaders, the Interior invited tribal governments, Alaska Native Corporations, and Native Hawaiian organizations to provide feedback for inclusion in the report, and help lay the foundation for future work to protect potential burial sites and other sensitive information.

Haaland, said, "I launched the Federal Indian Boarding School

Initiative to begin the long healing process that our country must address in order to build a future we can all be proud to embrace.

As we move forward, working with tribal nations is critical to addressing this legacy with transparency and accountability. Tribal consultations are at the core of this long and painful process to address the inter-generational trauma of Indian boarding schools and to shed light on the truth in a way that honors those we have lost and those that continue to suffer trauma."

Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland said the conversations will not be easy but are critical in investigating the legacy these institutions left behind.

Consultation participants are being asked to address the following topics: Appropriate

protocols on handling sensitive information in existing records; ways to address cultural concerns and handling of information generated from existing records or from potential sitework activities; potential repatriation of human remains, including cultural concerns and compliance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act; future policy and procedure implementation to protect burial sites, locations, confidential information and culturally sensitive information; management of sites of former boarding schools; privacy issues or cultural concerns to be identified as part of the Initiative; and any other issues participants think the Department should address in its review.

In remarks delivered at the National Congress of American Indians during their mid-year

session, Haaland said, "Our communities are still mourning. The federal policies that attempted to wipe out Native identity, language and culture continue to manifest in the pain our communities face, including long-standing inter-generational trauma cycles of violence and abuse disappearance of indigenous people, premature deaths, mental disorders and substance abuse."

As the Department works to build a framework for how it will partner with outside organizations to guide the next steps of the review, leaders are also working with the Indian Health Service to develop culturally appropriate support resources for those who might experience trauma resulting from the initiative.

A final written report on the investigation is due to the Secretary by April 1, 2022.

Cavanagh and Rabhi propose recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day

State Reps. Mary Cavanagh (D-Redford) and Yousef Rabhi (D-Ann Arbor) have announced legislation recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day as a state holiday in Michigan.

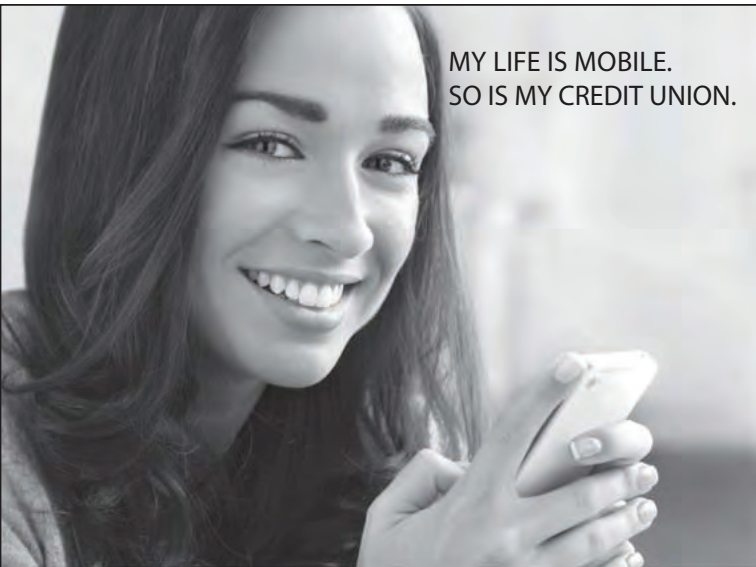
Cavanagh introduced an Indigenous Peoples' Day resolution honoring Native Americans' deep legacy and continuing contributions to our state. Rabhi's bill, House Bill 5392, would amend the list of state holidays to designate the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day, in place of Columbus Day.

"Our state's official holidays should reflect what is most unique and laudable about Michigan," Rabhi said. "Columbus Day valorizes violent conquest and celebrates genocide with an official holiday. Indigenous Peoples' Day is a recognition that Native Americans and all indigenous people deserve justice and that they are valued members of our society."

"Long before the creation of the state of Michigan, the

Anishinaabe of the Great Lakes lived and thrived here in our ancestral homelands," said Whitney Gravelle, president of the Bay Mills Indian Community Executive Council. "The establishment of Indigenous People's Day provides the opportunity to acknowledge all that indigenous people in the state of Michigan have accomplished: past, present and future. It reminds us to remember the true history of the land that we reside on here in the state of Michigan and learn about our state's real history, while also celebrating indigenous languages, traditions, culture and heritage. Every day is a good day to be indigenous — but on Indigenous People's Day, it means that much more."

Cavanagh's resolution would designate Oct. 11, 2021, as Indigenous Peoples' Day, while Rabhi's bill would make it a permanent state holiday on the second Monday in October. Under Rabhi's bill, Indigenous Peoples' Day would not add to the number of state holidays because it would replace Columbus Day.



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Tribe's Health Center gets mobile medical units

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The Sault Tribe Health Division recently purchased two customized recreational vehicles that were built to the specifications of the Health Division's needs. They also purchased two customized enclosed trailers that will be parked at different locations and used to provide specific services for longer periods of time.

Sault Tribe Community Health Nursing Supervisor, Jenni O'Dell, RN, BSN, said, "These customized units will allow us to go to the patients in our more rural settings and bring COVID 19 education, testing and vaccination directly to their area. We understand that transportation can be a significant barrier for some, and this is one way we can help alleviate that."

The mobile medical units were funded by the Sault Tribe Community Health Department, who utilized federal COVID-19 relief dollars under the



Assistant Health Director Joel Lumsden in front of one of the new mobile health units.

Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (PPPHEA) grant, which Community Health was awarded on Aug. 24, 2020.

The health division took possession of the units from the vendor on May 7. One of the mobile units is housed in Sault Ste. Marie, while the other has been placed at the Manistique Health Center.

Both units will be used to

serve the seven-county service area. "Our mobile medical vehicle provides 'healthcare on wheels' - a unique opportunity to provide patients with regular care, preventive services, exams and vaccinations," O'Dell said. "We have been utilizing the mobile vehicles for health fairs and COVID vaccinations, which are open to the public; and flu clinics for Sault Tribe members and their spouses, members of other feder-



The mobile health unit and medical staff at a local health fair recently.

ally recognized tribes, and Sault Tribe employees. All our events are advertised on our Facebook page, website, and in the tribal and local papers."

Assistant Health Director Joel Lumsden, said the trailers have a bit of a different application and will be stationed in place to provide services for longer periods of time.

One of the trailers is slated

for occupational health services, employee screening, vaccinations, workplace injury, prevention and health educational information. He said the trailers could also be used for medication pick up and pharmacy while being located outside of the health facilities to reduce infectious disease spread. Lumsden said the trailers can also be used as an exam room when needed.

Joanne Umbrasas retires from tribe after 23 years

Long time Sault Tribe team member Joanne Umbrasas is retiring Oct. 30 after 23 years.

During her time with the tribe, she worked for several departments using her compassion and talents to serve the tribal community in a variety of roles. Joanne is well known for being an honest, no nonsense, hardworking team member. She brought her compassion for the underdog to each and every task.

Umbrasas is most proud of

is her ability to "think outside the box" and being able to successfully compete for millions of dollars in grant funding that allowed city water and sewer to be brought to the Odenanng Community Development.

Upon leaving the Housing Authority, she found herself at the Health Center. There she took her passion for plants and her never say die attitude changed the Sault Tribe Health Center into a welcoming bounty of diverse green and sometimes

colorful live plants, along with a beautiful water wall that meets you at the entrance.

Umbrasas plans to enjoy every second of her retirement with her husband Helmut, her children and her grandchildren.

In addition to spending time on their farm with the goats, horses and dogs, they plan to restore the 1930 Ford Model A flatbed truck that was recently purchased for Helmut.

Right is Joanne in her office in 2007.



Walking on continued...

From "Walking on," page 10 Charlotte; and brother Eddie Martin.

Galer Dodson Funeral Home and Cremation in St. Ignace, Mich., is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at: www.galerfuneral-homes.com.

FRANCES ANNE BROWN DANIELS HUDSON

Frances Anne Brown Daniels Hudson passed away peacefully on Monday July 5, 2021 at her home in Port Charlotte, Florida surrounded by her loving family. She was born on Saturday July 16, 1938 in St. Ignace, Mich., to Leo Forrest and Ruth Catherine (Johnston) Brown, who both preceded her in death.

Anne was the fourth child in her family of eight siblings and is survived by brothers Lawrence (Sophia) Brown, William (Carol) Brown and Daryl Brown; sisters Patsy Pope, Kay (Morton) Smith and Gayle (Richard) Miller. She was preceded in death by sister Dephane and brother-in-law Dave VanDeWig and brother-in-law Harold Pope. She had many nieces and nephews whom she stayed in touch with on FaceBook and loved dearly.

Anne spent her early school days from kindergarten to eighth grade at Rabbits Back School and graduated from LaSalle High School in St. Ignace, Mich., in June of 1956 with the whole

class believing it to be the best graduating class ever to come out of their school. Anne enjoyed visiting Michigan each summer for

the all-class reunion and catching up with her childhood friends.

Anne married Raymond Louis Daniels on July 9, 1956 at Fort Riley in Jefferson City, Kansas and was his support as he joined the army and was sent to Korea. Anne was a loving wife and mother to their five sons, and they enjoyed living in Michigan, Ohio and Florida over the years. Ray was an avid pilot and airplane salesman and the whole family enjoyed attending air shows together. Anne was a student pilot at the Punta Gorda/Charlotte County, Florida airport and was proud of her achievements in this regard, having three touch and goes as a solo pilot. Raymond preceded Anne in death on February 5, 1972 in a plane crash on Casperson's Beach near the Venice, Florida airport and Anne has missed his presence in her and their son's lives tremendously over the years.

Anne continued her education in Sarasota, Florida where she graduated from the Medical Assistant Program. She



worked for the Charlotte County Medical Examiner's office in Port Charlotte, Florida, for many years which she enjoyed very much. She was a pleasure to all who worked alongside her, many of whom became lifelong friends.

Anne and Robert E. Hudson were married on June 13, 1983 and Anne relocated to Venice, Florida to become the Office Manager/Bookkeeper at their business Auto Service Center of Venice, Inc. until their retirement in 2007. Anne and Bob enjoyed traveling every summer in their big yellow RV and were able to see and enjoy many parts of the USA and visit with their large extended family. Bob, who was also a pilot, preceded Anne in Death on Aug. 13, 2008, in a plane crash on their property in Arcadia, Florida. They are now together, as pilot and co-pilot, forever.

Anne was a member of The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, her Indian name was "Crazy Hands," and was also a member of Dancing Country, Step-In Country, Venice Cloud Busters, the American Legion and the Port Charlotte Garden Club, and was a very active member for several years.

Anne also enjoyed taking classes at the Fletcher Music store, where she realized a life-long dream of owning and learning to play her Lowrey Organ.

She was a joy to all who had the pleasure of meeting and socializing with her.

Anne leaves behind her loving sons Danny Leo Daniels of Seney, Mich., Ronald Glen Daniels of St. Ignace, Mich., Johnny Michael (Connie) Daniels of Bryson City, NC, and Andrew Rubin Daniels of Port Charlotte, FL. Anne was preceded in death by her oldest son Raymond Louis Daniels, Jr. She is also survived by her adoring grandchildren Matthew Daniels, Justin Daniels, Amy Daniels, Amber Daniels, Kyle Daniels, Charles Daniels, Kelly (Matthew) Edwards, Johnny (Heather) Daniels, Jr. and Jackie Daniels. Anne was further blessed and called great-grandma by her great grandchildren Jayda Poulin, Skylar Daniels, Mariah Poulin, Tatum Poulin, Tehya Daniels, Ella Rivera, Dakota Cassidy, Max Rivera, twins Kain and Kali Daniels, Bryer Edwards, Aubrey Edwards and Richie Young and great, great grandson Mason Poulin. Each of these blessings were most precious to her and she loved them fiercely.

Per her request her walking on will be private with cremation services by Roberson Funeral Home & Crematory, Port Charlotte, FL.

PAMELA JEAN WESTBROOK
Pamela Jean Westbrook, 61,

of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away Oct. 2, 2021, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She was born Aug. 20, 1960, in Detroit, Mich., to Albert and Elma "Happy" (Lahti) Cox.

Pamela enjoyed helping at the Sugar Island Powwow every year. She loved spending time with her grandbabies and enjoyed reading. Pamela also loved her dogs. Pamela is survived by her boyfriend, Steve McKelvie; son, Shawn Cox; daughters, Emily (Tom) Phillips, Shawna (Todd) Pinsky; sisters, Cheryl (Mike) Howland, Roberta Hargraves, Dorsey Rocco; brother, Albert Cox Jr.; grandchildren, Jacob (Britnie) Phillips, Jennifer Phillips, Abigail Davidson, Griffin Davidson, Evelyn Davidson, Owen Bosley and Ella Cooper. Her first great grandchildren, a little girl, is expected on Dec. 24, 2021, and Pamela was very excited.

Pamela was preceded in death by her parents and stepfather Donald Brendel.

Cremation has taken place and Pamela's final resting place will be Wilwalk Cemetery on Sugar Island, Mich. Clark Hovie Galer Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.



Sault Tribe Thrive Business Directory

Thank you to all the Sault Tribe member-owned businesses who have reached out and contacted us so far. Another month of continued GROWTH! If your business is not listed, please contact us so we can get you or your business set up with our office and into the directory going forward. We will update the list as needed and republishing every month to ensure new members and changes are seen consistently. The Sault Tribe Thrive office is here to help any and all Sault Tribe member-owned businesses.

If you have not already please check out our new website and social media sites at <https://saulttribethrive.com> and <https://www.facebook.com/saulttribethrive>.

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Sault Tribe member purchases community convenience store

FROM SAULT TRIBE THRIVE

When Pam and Nick Louricas heard Hal Woodgate was thinking about selling his store, they knew it was a great opportunity for the right new entrepreneurs. Pam had been the smiling face behind the counter, greeting thousands of customers over the last seven years. Woody's One Stop convenience store has been an E. Portage staple for more than 30 years, serving campers, islanders, fishermen and locals.

The more the two thought about the store's future, the more they began to buy into the idea that maybe they were the ones poised for such an opportunity. Nick, a Sault Tribe member, and Pam, a Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe member, moved to Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., in 2000. Nick has worked for the Sault Tribe for over 20 years, managing Motorpool operations and overseeing budgets for the department. With Pam's long-time experience in customer service, the two began to reach out to their local network for advice on becoming first-time business



Nick and Pam Louricas, new owners of Woody's One Stop

owners.

One of the first resources Nick tapped into was Sault Tribe Thrive. After initial discussions outlining the business opportunity, the pair got to work on their research and planning.

"You'll spend a lot more time than you thought doing the research, doing the prep work," Nick said. Sault Tribe Thrive was able to connect him with local U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) reps to seek financing options. "The SBA backed the loan and even helped

with some of the initial payments," Nick added.

Aware of entrepreneurship's steep learning curve, the pair were thankful for all of the support throughout the six-month-plus process. "Do your homework, and then do some more," Pam said.

Working with banks, lawyers and state licensing agencies meant that the business and financing plans had to hold their own and stand up to scrutinizing eyes. Just because the business had been around for a while did

not guarantee its future as a proven winner, performing against the likes of big box stores carrying national brands.

The two put in the work and through many long hours of research, planning and negotiating, they closed on the purchase in August 2021.

As the Sault Tribe Thrive team visited one sunny August morning, it was apparent by the steady stream of foot traffic that something was going right. "If the machine isn't broken, why fix it," Nick said.

The Louricas' credit knowing and understanding their customers and their needs as the number one driver of their bustling retail business. Whether the next customer through the door was a long-time friend or first-time visitor, Pam's enthusiasm and smile appeared to brighten everyone's day. "You can't run a small mom-and-pop store like this without the reliable support of your customers," Pam said.

Woody's One Stop is a true independent, family-owned convenience store and bait and tackle

shop, located at 1198 E. Portage Avenue in Sault Ste. Marie. The store, open 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays, offers groceries, including Michigan-Made snacks, beer, wine, liquor, live bait, tackle, Michigan Lotto, and much more.

Woody's One Stop is proud to support local businesses. If you have a product you'd like to see on the shelves at Woody's, contact Nick and Pam.

Woody's would like to thank its customers for their support through the change in ownership over the summer, in addition to sending out a big thank you to Hal and Sharon Woodgate for all of their support of the years.

Sault Tribe Thrive would like to thank Nick and Pam Louricas for connecting with us and allowing us to help provide business support and tell another great Sault Tribe member-owned business story.

To find more Sault Tribe business highlight stories, check us out at <https://saulttribethrive.com/news-and-insights/>.

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EVERY CHILD MATTERS; EVERY MEMBER MATTERS!



With my Nephew Tyler (8) who I am now raising along with my nephew Armahn (16)

Representing All Members Everywhere

Ahneen, Boozho, Negee:

I begin in celebration with the Presidential Proclamation ~ an historic first to establish our first Nation's Indigenous Peoples' Day. While this does not replace Columbus Day, it sets a National recognition of our people and the contribution we have made to the US. Please see the media release I did below to mark the occasion and call for real changes to accompany.

Next, the issue of forced assimilation at the Mission and Boarding Schools and the children left behind along with Indian Child Welfare issues have long been on the forefront of my advocacy. Recently, I

have been vocal in calling for a National Reconciliation and Healing and appreciate Secretary Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo), Assistance Secretary Bryan Newland (Bay Mills) and now Senator Warren and Congressmembers Tom Cole (Chickasaw) and Sharice Davids (HoChunk) for both Administrative and bi-partisan legislative efforts to account for every single Indian child stolen from their communities from the late 1800s to 1983 when the Harbor Springs Board School final closed.

Indian Country and the rest of Nation need to brace ourselves as I expect we will find thousands upon thousands of Indian child remains, unmarked graves and even mass graves all at the hands of the

federal government. But in facing forward, I am not looking to blame anyone but to understand our past in order to reconcile it. I will be pushing even harder for full recognition of the treaty and trust obligation including full and mandatory funding as well as, advanced appropriations.

Let me say something very personal as well. If we believe Every Child Matters, we will make an individual pledge to ensure every Tribal Child has an opportunity in life. I grew up in a physically abusive home surrounded but substance abuse. I was abandoned at 13 and homeless at 16. I am not blaming anyone and I am not ashamed of it. My Grandmother was my respite from this when she took me in. I live in my Grandmother's house to this day. Given I had the benefit of someone to save me, over the years I have fostered or cared for over a ten nephew's and nieces when it was needed. I am currently raising my 16 year old nephew and now my 8 year old great nephew. I realize not everyone can dedicate time, effort and their very homes like this, but we can all do something. If you'd like to provide a pathway for a Tribal Child, please contact me and I will put you in touch with our Tribal Social Services and Child Welfare team to find a way to help. I promise you, you will not regret it.

DO ALL MEMBERS MATTER?

With the rolls closed 23 years out the 49 years since federal recognition and with a disparate and discriminatory distribution of federal relief funds, this is a fair question to ask. While some Board Members have risked their very elective careers and alienated their own family members who live outside of the service area by perpetuating the "Big Tribal Lie" that we were prohibited from benefitting you all equally, it is unequivocally true that **at NO point did the federal government impose such a restriction** nor has our Tribal Legal Counsel ever advised us that we were required to discriminate against the 2/3 of our Members who live "At Large". If you don't believe me, ask them to "put up or shut up" and publish where the Federal Government of General Legal Counsel ever advised or justified the Board's discriminatory practice. They can't. It is very disturbing that some Board would outright lie to you and not back up their lie with any form of documentation.

In a real government with real due process, the Members of the Tribe, no matter where you live, would be able to file a lawsuit against your government for discrimination. The Board also violates "At Large" rights by requiring voter registration for you but not for Members in the service area. That's 2/3 of our Members. This is why Constitutional Reform is desperately needed.

CALL FOR FORENSIC AUDIT OF SELECT BIE SPENDING

As I write this report, it has come to my attention that a former Tribal Board Member has been paid as an education consultant for several years now for what appears like political favor. Several years ago, the JKL Fiduciary approved a one year contract for an educational service. I acknowledge I was on the fiduciary but I expected the contract to have to be approved by the Tribal Board like all contracts. I resigned from this committee due to questionable spending practices and violating the Tribe's procurement procedures by former Board Member Jennifer McLeod and DJ Hoffman. As it turns out, while federal and Tribal procurement was followed the first year (and only that year), it remains true there never was a signed contract for what has become a perpetual contractual service for nearly four years now. This warrants a forensic audit of these practices including habitual cost overruns for construction projects with DJ Hoffman serves as owners rep.

I expect an attempt to cover this up or as we have seen in practice, Board members signing on to a joint memo saying, "nothing happened" like when Fred Paquin embezzled over \$200,000, was indicted, convicted and served time.

Chi McGwitch, Negee,



Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
MEDIA RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
~ October 9, 2021 ~



CELEBRATING THE HISTORIC 1ST INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY Dr. Aaron A. Payment, Chairperson, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2021, as Indigenous Peoples' Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Sault Tribe Reservation near Sault Ste. Marie, MI ~ In what I hope is a transition period away from the cancelling denial of a true and accurate account of American Indian History, it is exciting and enriching that President Biden has issued the historic first *Indigenous People's Day Proclamation*. Celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day comes with a call for an authentic commitment to educating Americans to our shared history including the many contributions Native people have made to the US like the adoption of the *Iroquois Confederacy: Great Law of Peace* in establishment our US Constitution. When we know better, we do better.

I call upon education systems to do better than a marginal reference to American Indian history in the classroom. I urge full implementation of the *2015 Every Student Succeeds Act* with respect to age appropriate Native American inclusion across curriculum; enhanced culture, language and assessment and "Consultation" with tribes in implementation. I served as an Obama Presidential appointee on the *ESSA Negotiated Rule Making Team* and attest that while we laid the ground work, full implementation lay ahead of us. At the Michigan level, the ideal way to honor the indigenous people would be to recognize tribal citizenship with respect to qualifying for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver.

I also serve in a Presidential appointment on the National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE). I understand that the White House is working on a relaunch of a National commitment to educational equity issues for all ethnic populations. Native Americans have a right to an education as a treaty and trust obligation but still persist in having the worst high school graduation rates. As a Tribal leader, I have made several recommendations to the Biden White House team and anticipate even bigger announcements on the horizon.

As a high school dropout at 15, who lied my age and passed the GED at 16, and entered college at 17 then went on to earn, a bachelor's, three master's and a doctorate in education, I am proof that no matter our disadvantage backgrounds, with educational opportunity, we can transcend our circumstances. What we do when we make it - how we reach back and pull others up is a measure of our commitment to the success of all of our indigenous people.

Finally, I urge all (indigenous or immigrants alike) to think about how we each can lift up and advocate for the original people of this continent. What better way to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day than for those who share in the American Dream, to ensure all have the opportunity to do so?

Chairperson Payment serves as the 1st Vice President of the National Congress of American Indians, Acting President of the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes and President of the United Tribes of Michigan.

Check On Your Elders

Here is a video in support of our Elders. I did this public service announcement for the national Indian council on aging.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=CzEiYcG80y4&feature=youtu.be>

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I have had a few members contact me about their ARPA checks. There was just another batch that came out so hopefully yours was included in that batch. If not, there will be a batch for November and December and probably January, since parents have until the end of the year to apply for minor children. Shout out to the Enrollment, MIS and Accounting Departments to make this happen!

The board voted at the Sept. 21 meeting to set aside housing money for each unit, which basically equated to \$3 million per board member. Units II-V will each get \$6 million, and Unit I will get \$15 million, to put towards housing needs. Housing is one of the biggest needs in all of our communities. There are many types of housing needed such as: single units, elder units, fair market rentals and low-income rentals. I would like to see some units sold to tribal members and keep using the money to build more houses. We have many members who would like to move back home, so hopefully this will also lessen the housing shortage.

There truly are so many needs, especially in infrastructure and capital improvements on many of our buildings and especially our casinos. If we don't start putting more money into our assets we will have many more issues. The Sault casino needs the most work at this time. It is also struggling with the Canadian border still being closed. Both the Sault and St. Ignace hotels need updates and St. Ignace needs another 100 rooms or so (When they have enough staff the hotel is always near capacity).

Some want to see money spent on other things, but if you don't put back into your assets they are not going to be performing as well as they could be. We have much more competition these days so we need to keep our properties current, which includes newer slot machines. This past week, I went to Las Vegas for the first time to the G2E conference (gaming conference). I had never been to Vegas and am not a huge gambler but it was eye opening to see other facilities and how far behind we really are. We had meetings with several vendors while there as well as educational sessions on various topics such as online gaming, sports betting, human resource issues, gaming commission, etc.

We had the opportunity to meet with two gentlemen from WynnBET, who we partner with

for Sault Tribe online gaming. It was interesting to hear that are ahead of many tribes in this process. WynnBET has put \$45 million in marketing in the state of Michigan this year. WynnBET became partners with the Detroit Lions. WynnBET branding will be featured throughout Ford Field, the Lion's digital and social media channels, and also a WynnBET Sports Bar at Ford Field. They also have a partnership with the Detroit Pistons with promotional opportunities at Little Caesars Arena, radio sports and on the Piston's social channels.

To update to last month's report of mandating vaccines for health center team members, we held a meeting with Health Director Dr. Chugunov and many board members did not agree with mandates but spoke about possible incentives for team members and tribal members to get vaccinated. The board cannot direct the health director but can only give our opinion and he has the authority to make changes.

The COVID Executive Task Force put the COVID-19 leave back in place with changes made since the original policy was put in place. Please check with your chain of command for the updated policy.

The board also voted to continue to pay all team members the additional \$3 per hour until the end of 2021. That will give HR and the executive team time to make all the changes to pay grades, job descriptions and to meet with staff about their individual position.

Sept. 21 was an emotional day for me as it was a year since my aunt had passed away. I had for the first time shared her story to the board and executive team. My aunt had fallen into a dumpster and it had been dumped soon after. I had been contacted that her car was running with her dog in it, parked at a business, so we thought she was missing. I had asked the police to ping her phone and that is the only way her body was found, unfortunately. It has been horrible on my family and I do not want anyone else to experience this pain. I had then asked for their support to enact Sharon's Law, which will mandate all dumpsters be locked. The board passed a unanimous motion with a resolution to follow. I have hope that the other 11 tribes will follow as well as the state of Michigan. It is not always something you think about, but kids hide in them, homeless people get in them or people fall in while grabbing something or dumping something and can be seriously injured or die.

There have been many people that have inquired about when the rolls will open for enrollment. I had asked for the resolution that closed them, which was the Feb. 4, 1998 (98-15) meeting. The motion was made by Aaron Payment and supported by Fred Paquin, with Bill King and Mike Lumsden opposing, to close the rolls to anyone over 18 until the board voted to reopen them.

On Oct. 19, 2004, the board passed resolution 2004-108 to open the rolls for the sole purpose of conducting special enroll-



St. Ignace Mayor Connie Litzner, City Council member and ARC attorney Kayla Peltier and Unit III Sault Tribe Board Representative Bridgett Sorenson (L-R) at the Sept. 20 the City Council voted to honor Orange Day for the City of St. Ignace.

ments. On July 5, 2005 the board passed resolution 2005-113 to suspend special enrollment on August 20, 2005. I believe there were 4,000-5,000 new members enrolled during that period. The board has not really discussed opening the rolls. When I first got on the board, there was communication given to clean up the rolls which I believe has mostly been accomplished I believe.

There have been many comments as to the board's salary as well. There was a memo written by Aaron Payment dated Oct. 21, 2000, to Mike Lumsden; both on the board at the time. Aaron was Vice Chair as well as Assistant Executive Director and Mike was the Executive Director when Bernard was the Tribal Chair and CEO. The memo included a 5 percent increase retro to 1996. Bernard received \$80,000 and Aaron and Mike each received \$40,000. The memo was for HR to put their stamp on it. This is how the board salary became what is today. It also called for a yearly 3 percent cost of living

allowance that the board has never taken. There are always rumors out there that the board got raises and I just wanted to be clear as to when the wage was set and that it has never increased since 2000.

I recently had an elder call me from Colorado asking how I was handling the recent posts on social media. I said, well, I had a hard time my first year in office but my skin grew thicker and I realized I could never make everyone happy. Some people are just miserable in their own skin and like to cause trouble and drama and nothing will change that. She said, "Hatred corrodes the container that it is carried in." I believe that and see the truth in that statement.

I had another elder contact me from Georgia with her appreciation for standing up for mandatory vaccines. She said her family had been affected by the vaccine. I appreciate all the members that reach out with their support. It helps when sometimes all you hear is negativity.

Whitmer vetoes bills making it harder to vote

FROM OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LANSING, Mich. — At the 66th annual NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner in Detroit on Sunday evening, Governor Whitmer vetoed several bills, including House Bills 4492, 4837 and 4838, which attempted to either suppress the vote or perpetuate the "Big Lie" by continuing the calculated disinformation campaign to discredit the 2020 election.

"I will always protect our civil rights and stand up for our democracy that countless Americans have fought to preserve," Governor Whitmer said. "That's why I vetoed legislation that would have perpetuated the 'Big Lie' or made it harder for Michiganders to vote."

The 2020 election was free, secure and accurate. The results were certified and officially audited by trusted local election officials, as required by law.

The Michigan Bureau of Elections released its report on

the 250 post-election audits conducted across the state, affirming the accuracy and integrity of Michigan's November 2020 election.

Officials also conducted a statewide audit exercise, by hand-counting votes cast for president on more than 18,000 ballots randomly selected across the state, which affirmed the outcome of the presidential election as previously determined by tabulation machines. And judges appointed by both Republicans and Democrats rejected more than 60 lawsuits challenging the outcome.

House Bill 4492 would make it more difficult to locate polling locations in senior living facilities and large apartment complexes, among other defects.

House Bill 4837 incorrectly implies that third parties have access to the Qualified Voter File (QVF), which they do not.

House Bill 4838 claims to

On Sept. 20, I attended the City of St. Ignace Council meeting and asked them to support Orange Day on Sept. 30 as a day to honor those who were subjected to boarding schools and those who never returned home. The council unanimously approved the resolution. I had asked the council a few years ago to acknowledge Indigenous People's Day instead of Columbus Day and they also did that. I am very pleased with the relationship of our city and tribe.

In other good news, Sault Tribe Inc., after receiving 8(a) status, has been awarded its first government contract, which is almost \$7 million over 30 months with the U.S. Army. A big congratulations to EDC Director Joel Schultz and Tipping Point Solutions owner Rick Schmidt (Sault Tribe member) after working on this project for about four years.

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prohibit the electronic poll book at each election precinct or absent voter (AV) counting board from being connected to the Internet after the polls open on election day and until the results have been tabulated for that precinct and transmitted to the appropriate clerk. However, this legislation addresses a non-existent problem because poll books currently are not connected to the internet on election day and until the results have been tabulated for that precinct.

Together, HB 4837 and 4838 perpetuate the Big Lie by suggesting there is a defect in our election system which, in fact, does not exist.

Governor Whitmer vetoed House Bill 4528, which concerns training for election challengers. While worth further consideration, it must have the necessary funding to accomplish its purpose, but this bill does include such funding.

Board should restore responsibilities, authority



BETTY FREIHEIT,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Hello Tribal Members,

A frequent complaint I hear from members is that the board is not open or transparent about actions and expenditures. Members state they often learn about

board actions from external news articles or the rumor mill.

I agree, it seems the board is becoming less transparent. Members have a right to full information about our operations and poor decisions.

Members have also expressed concerns that too many decisions are being made by committees and CEOs and members are not aware of these decisions until well after the fact. Again, I agree. Major decisions about board expenditures, programs, services and other action should be made at the board table, by the board. That is what we are elected to do. But that is just not happening.

I believe the board needs to take the following actions to restore board authority and responsibility for decisions and to keep members fully informed:

1. Rescind delegated authority

to CEOs and committees.

In March 2020, at the beginning of the pandemic, the board passed a resolution declaring a Tribal State of Emergency and delegated board powers in authority to governmental, Kewadin, EDC and CEOs to take action as needed outside the board of directors.

This delegation made sense at the time as no one knew how the pandemic would unfold.

But it's now been over a year and a half and we now have vaccines, safety protocols and a better understanding how to protect ourselves and tribal members from this virus.

It is time for the board to resume full authority and to bring all decisions making back to the board table. All action should be recorded in minutes and resolutions and made available to mem-

bers.

These delegations have resulted in the loss of board responsibility and transparency. We are the ones elected to make the decisions and are the ones to be held accountable to the members for all of them.

2. Open up board workshop, state members, via in person attendance and Zoom.

Members have a right to view the discussions that take place prior to board votes. They have a right to know their unit representatives views on issues and what goes into their decision making.

3. Revisit the tribal Open Meetings Act.

Let's make sure that all these closed sessions the board holds really meet the criteria of our Open Meetings Act. Closed meetings should never be used by board to hide their words or attacks on other board members

or staff, or their criticism of members. Board members who attack staff should never be shielded by a "closed meeting." They need to be exposed so members can see their true nature.

And, if we need to make a provision for an emergency board meeting, then let's do it. Board used as one excuse for delegating authority the fact we currently have no provision for emergency meetings. That's an easy fix.

Time to bring the business of the tribe back to the board table. These are issues I will be advocating for in the coming months.

Please take care of yourself and family. Help your neighbor anytime you can and please take care of our elders.

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Healthy debates are respectful and diplomatic



MICHAEL MCKERCHIE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

I believe in balance and as of late, many board members have been forced to react to posts or comments on others' statements. I'm not a fan of reacting as it gives more attention to those try-

ing to create division and chaos (see national politics for example), but as we've seen, you also need to provide the other side of the story. People in general want information and trust elected officials for providing information, but oftentimes, that information is biased. So, what are members to do? Remain critical and look for both sides of the story. If you can't find the other side of a story, call and ask.

I certainly don't mind a healthy debate, it's often the only way to get to the bottom of an issue, but I expect it to be respectful and diplomatic. That is often not the case in our workshops, or no argument or debate at all during a workshop only to be blasted online later on something that wasn't discussed. It's unfortunate that this occurs this

way, because it wastes valuable time and delays outcomes. However, these tactics will continue on till next year, so expect more attacks. These tactics will include personal attacks that include people's intelligence or something from their past... but know this — it is not our way.

Additional tactics will include people getting painted a certain way before discussion can even occur — a tactic used to bully an agenda — it happens so no conversations can occur. You see, if I say "I'm going to give you the moon," but as soon as someone requests information on feasibility, legal review, committee input, etc., then I can say "See, they don't want to give you the moon — see, I told you so." Where in reality, maybe the moon isn't achievable, maybe it is. But if

you take away the ability to even talk about it, it drives my agenda and I can paint a picture to misrepresent and misalign the character of others who disagree with me. What else to expect — hurried resolutions designed to sound appealing but are financially unattainable, resolutions designed to appeal to new members that haven't been previously burned by old lies. Please take a moment to remember sources, intent of information, and, most importantly, why is information being shared? And ask yourself, does it help our tribe move forward?

I wanted to take a moment and recognize that the day unit reports were due was the first time the President of the United States marked Indigenous Day. Whereas this is a historical day

and much needed acknowledgment of Native impact on America, it should be only "Indigenous Day." It is time to acknowledge all the facts regarding our history and American History starts with Native Americans. Columbus Day should be retired and all the facts regarding his history should be shared as well. He was not celebrated during his time (at all) nor should he be celebrated during our time. Don't let anyone fool you that it's about celebrating his "discoveries" or making it about "Italian" contributions — there are plenty of contributions made to America and society in general made by more suitable and appropriate persons of Italian descent.

Chi Miigwech and if you have any questions or concerns, contact me at (906) 440-7768.

Staying informed on gaming and technology



KEITH MASSAWAY,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III

One of the very important jobs the tribal board has to do is to be educated and informed. We make so many decisions from health care to casino operations and we need to have an understanding of the challenges. Gaming is what we once again had the opportunity to review. At the beginning of October each year is the Global Gaming Exposition in Las Vegas. I have been attending this yearly since 2010. I attend seminars and break-out sessions every day.

The whole world of gaming is there to be educated on and it is impossible to take it all in on one trip. Every facet of the industry is represented and many meeting

are set up to go over new trends and upcoming equipment. The casino management makes sure that the board members that go to G2E (Global Gaming Expo) are involved in the business meetings and presentations of dozens of companies we deal with and also listen to potentially new vendors to our gaming floor. Working with the management gives the board members the ability to see it from management's perspective and to blend that with what we hear from the guests and the tribal members. This allows us to make solid decisions now and into the future.

Some of the hottest topics this year was sports betting and online casinos. Our tribe has been in this area for less than a year and there is a lot of information at the expo to gather and listen to. We are working to make the electronic platform we have the best in the industry and to make sure we have a solid share of those gamers. New technology is always one of my favorite topics. It seems we are creeping closer and closer to virtual reality in gaming. We would not go to the casino but put on a headset and be electronically transported to a virtual reality of a casino that would be exciting and interactive.

That is still a ways off into the future but with the young gamers this may be their future. A big push is about to happen in online sports betting platforms to make them easier to understand and how to bet. It seems the odds and betting jargon has to be redone so to make it friendlier to first time betters.

We also meet with many ven-

dors that supply an infinite number of items. Some of them are chip manufacturers, tito tickets, furniture for hotels, paper products and kitchenware, carpet manufacturers, slot companies and others that are needed to keep the gaming floor operational. We learned about the technical infrastructure the businesses must have to operate. High

speed cabling and a smart floor are necessities of the future.

Thank you for all the e-mails and phone calls. Especially thank you and the tribe for the kind words and support when my mother passed.

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Board attends gaming expo



KIMBERLE GRAVELLE
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

This month a group of Sault Tribe Board of Directors and team members attended the G2E Global Gaming Expo presented by the American Gaming Association. This Expo covered

educational classes, training sessions, round tables, presentations and a hands-on overview of gaming machines and future technologies in the casino industry.

It was nice to sit and talk one-on-one with our team members and get to know them on a more personal basis.

Sault Tribe Thrive recently received funding (\$600,000) for its third and fourth year of operations by the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA). The focus of this award is to support Sault Tribe member-owned businesses and potential start-up businesses. This is measured by start-ups, job creation and retention, capital formations and contractual sale increases. This is accomplished through partnerships with MI-SBDC and other ser-

vice development agencies. It provides a business directory in the tribal paper, one-on-one consultation, advocacy via email distribution and meeting attendance. We expect to create a certification process for Sault Tribe member-owned businesses to assist in selling to U.S. government, state agencies, etc.

For additional information, you can check the following website: saulttribethrive.com. It's an excellent intake tool and contains some great success stories.

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

If you have any questions or comments, you can contact me at (906) 203-6083 or at KKGravelle@saulttribe.net.

Stay safe and healthy.
Kim Gravelle

Indian boarding schools caused today's trauma



AUSTIN LOWES
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Aaniin!

I am writing this report with a heavy heart on Orange Shirt Day. This is a day to honor the Native American children who were stolen from our tribal communities and placed at Indian boarding schools. These children experienced unspeakable atrocities and many of them didn't

return home. This is evidenced by the mass graves that were recently found in Canada. In Michigan, three schools housed Native American children. These were located in Baraga, Harbor Springs and Mount Pleasant. Excavating these school grounds should take place to locate our missing children so we can finally bring them home.

The genocide these children endured is responsible for much of the historical trauma that we experience as a tribal community. It has undoubtedly contributed to increased rates of substance abuse, behavioral health problems and attachment issues within tribal families.

As a therapist, it is my professional goal to improve these issues within our tribe. This is therefore a good time to highlight the therapeutic services our tribe provides. Tribal Health

offers evidenced-based behavioral health services that incorporate culture to address Major Depressive Disorder, Bipolar, Schizophrenia, PTSD and other mental health disorders. If you or a loved one are interested in these services, please call (906) 635-6075 to set up services.

I'd now like to discuss the tribe's wage review. I share the opinion that most do: **THE TRIBE DOES NOT PAY ENOUGH**. This leads to low workplace morale and high turnover rates. I ran for tribal office to improve the lives of tribal members. This means providing team members with livable wages. There is no excuse for full-time employees to be living below the poverty line. It is unacceptable for these employees to rely on subsidized housing, subsidized daycare, food assistance and other services from

MDHHS and ACFS to survive. When our employees work full-time, they should be paid a salary that doesn't make them reliant on services. Improving wages is something I'll always fight for — during this wage review and future ones. When this wage review is finalized, I will transparently share its results.

Another goal of mine is to re-open enrollment into our tribe. Our rolls were closed roughly 20 years ago. This means that for two decades, Native Americans with traceable ancestors on the Durant Roll have been unable to become members of our tribe. This has made them ineligible for the Michigan Tuition Waiver, tribal housing, ACFS assistance, tribal health services and protections under laws such as the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). This is a serious injustice. I support welcoming our

forgotten brothers and sisters into our tribe.

With an election around the corner, it's time to register to vote. The phone number to do so is (800) 251-6597. Members can also print a registration form on the tribe's website, saulttribe.com. Elections are the bedrock of our democracy and we need as many people to register as possible. Please contact me if you have questions on how to do so.

Finally, if you have a child born before Dec. 31, they are eligible to receive a \$2,000 COVID relief check. Please enroll them into the tribe and fill out the COVID relief application as soon as possible, which is located on the tribe's website, saulttribe.com.

As always, it's an honor to serve you.

Miigwech!
Austin Lowes

Oct. 1 a day of reflection, honor, appreciation



LANA CAUSLEY-SMITH,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II

I'm writing this report on Oct 11, 2021. Today marks the day that is now known as Indigenous People's Day. A day we reflect, honor and appreciate our ancestors, remember how far we have come and remain resilient in our ways and culture. It's always been an extreme struggle for us as

a people and we have always had to fight for every single thing we have accomplished. The work all tribes have done is quite extraordinary, really. We have gone from very hard times to a place where we can and do service and help in many ways with housing, employment, education and protecting our treaty rights and customary ways. This has also come with mistakes and sometimes lots of patience from the people we serve. I want to just take a moment to remember those who have helped us get to this time in history. There are so many to be thankful for, it's come with a price to those who work hard and have dedicated their life work to our tribe (our team members and past leaders). I remember when we first opened our community centers and housing sites in our unit, (will many more in other units) these times were so exciting as we have places to have safe

housing and areas to gather and have medical services close to the areas where our people reside. We have so much as a tribe and offer many programs and services to advance our families.

I'm proud of that work that all our people have done. We have successful casinos and businesses (many in the last couple of years from our EDC arm of the tribe) that gain revenue that goes directly back into our services offered. We have hundreds of acres of land to develop and simply secure back for our people (we can never have enough). We offer education with our school and numerous education scholarships and youth education activities. We host our annual powwows and gatherings to celebrate and carry on our traditional ways. These things we can take pride in and reflect how far we have come. Again, I know all is not

perfect and we can continue to grow to do better. We have come so far and I just wanted to take a moment to reflect on our great history and our great success from many, many families and dedicated people. We will remain here as a strong Anishinaabe nation.

In our latest planning meetings for the additional funds with the relief dollars, we have earmarked millions for each unit to build additional housing and recreation/cultural centers. This will come with work for planning and infrastructure. Director Hollowell and I had these two items on our top priority list so I'm very happy to report we will all be working toward that. We continue to work toward additional land and medical services for our area. This is also in the works for the DeTour/Drummond area. Each month we get a little closer to accomplishing this goal.

I really miss our ceremonies and gatherings in our area and at our centers. We are on a mask restriction as well limited capacity for any gatherings without serving food or drinks (Heath Director recommendation). We have been advised that three strains of the flu variant are increasing as well as numbers for the COVID-19 virus. I see a light at the end of the tunnel, though, and hope that we can all be gathering by the spring to welcome new beginnings and a good, healthy year.

As always if you would like to meet or need me, please call (906) 484-2954, (906) 322-3818 or email lcausley@saulttribe.net. Baamaapii. Please take care of each other. Lana Causley-Smith, Unit 2 Representative.

Lana Causley-Smith
Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors

Land acquisition crucial part of tribe's activities



CHARLES MATSON SR.
DIRECTOR, UNIT V

Aanii,

Let me say I hope all of us are safe and well. I want to start out talking about a very hard subject that all of us deal with at one time or another in our lives. The sickness or death of our loved ones. It is very hard to make decisions that affect our loved ones' health and wellness. We all know that health deci-

sions can be very hard for us all when it comes to weighing in on what direction is best. All of us will probably have to make decisions at one time or another in our lives that are not easy but we make these choices based on what we believe is best. I guess the moral of this story is that I know sometimes we don't want to make decisions but we make the hard decisions because we have to for our loved ones.

Finding affordable housing in Unit V has been and is difficult, to say the least. Either somewhat affordable housing is bought up and turned into seasonal rentals or the older homes are being torn down and turned into businesses catering to the tourism economy. The price of rent has risen to the point that it is not affordable to most families. This makes it very difficult to find a labor force for your businesses when the workers cannot find housing or if they can it is outside of their price range. In the case of elder housing, this prob-

lem grows larger as a lot of the time there is special needs that need to be addressed. This ever growing problem needs help. Either we start to develop more housing and elder units or we are going to need to reach out and partner with other institutions to start to develop affordable housing complexes.

The summer tourist season is coming to a close. The visitors bureau is predicting record numbers for attendance at Pictured Rock National Lakeshore. This is promising news for the future of our economy. We as a tribe will need to take full advantage of business opportunities in Alger and Marquette counties as models are projecting major growth in these areas. The tourism season seems to be lasting longer every year. More people are visiting the area for the fall colors as well as Alger County being one of the largest snowmobile and winter activities attractions in the Midwest.

The Lume Cannabis dispen-

sary is up and running. Even though we missed the huge summer season for sales due to construction delays, the business was completed close to on schedule. This business should help bring much needed extra revenues to our tribe well into the future.

Land acquisition will be a crucial part of our tribe's business, housing and community activities expansion in the future. Let's face it, no matter how the land was taken from us the government is not giving it back. The only way to acquire land to expand our land base is by buying it. We will need to seek out and acquire lands that will help fulfill our needs of future expansion of housing, cultural events and business growth. These properties are out there, we will just need to do our due diligence to make sure the properties are suitable for our needs.

If you or your family are having trouble making ends meet

during these times, contact the Sault Tribe Housing Authority (906) 495-5555 for assistance. They can provide emergency needs assistance such as rent and utilities. Remember these funds are available to all tribal members no matter place of residency.

Hunting season is upon us and the fish will start moving to the shallows to spawn. These resources of the land and waters can go a long way in helping individuals and families to help offset the ever rising cost of feeding your family. Make sure and get your harvesting permits, subsistence cards, and tags up to date. I hope that everyone is successful when trying to harvest these resources.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at (906) 450-5094 or Cmatson@saulttribe.net.

Respectfully,
Charles J. Matson Sr.

Unit 5 Sault Tribe Board of Directors.

Ingalls' sisters both have successful hunts

First 8-point

Tribal member Josie Ingalls (far right), 10, shot her first 8-point buck in Lake County, Mich., during this year's youth hunt.

First Deer

Tribal member Olivia Ingalls (right), 8, shot her first deer in Muskegon, Mich. Olivia and Josie are the daughters of Adam and Megan Ingalls of Twin Lake, Mich.



FAFSA open for submissions Oct. 1

LANSING, Mich. – The very first step for students and families to take when applying for scholarships and other forms of financial assistance is completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), according to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

The FAFSA is needed when applying for grants, scholarships and other forms of financial assistance. The U.S. Department of Education began accepting FAFSA submissions on Friday, Oct. 1.

Robin Lott, executive director of Treasury's Office of Postsecondary Financial Planning, said, "I strongly encourage students and parents not to wait to complete this free application. Missing the March 1, 2022, deadline could result in missing out on critical dollars that could help pay for college. Please do not delay and submit your application sooner rather than later."

Academic Year 2022-23 FAFSA submissions received at the federal processor on or before March 1, 2022, are given priority consideration for the Michigan Competitive Scholarship and Michigan Tuition Grant. Students who wait to complete their FAFSA after the March 1 deadline may not receive all the financial aid they could have been entitled to receive.

Prior to completing the FAFSA online, the student and at least one parent or guardian must obtain a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) at www.fafsa.gov. This ID serves as a legal signature and confirms an applicant's identity when accessing financial aid information through U.S. Department of Education websites.

To get started with the FAFSA, go to www.fafsa.gov. To learn more about state of Michigan scholarships and grant programs, visit www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid. Administered by Treasury, MI Student Aid is Michigan's go-to resource for finding the financial resources needed to pay for college. For more information, contact MI Student Aid at mistudentaid@michigan.gov (888) 447-2687.

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