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Tribe celebrates 50 years of federal recognition

SAULT STE. MARIE — Fifty years ago, on Sept. 7, 1972, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians was federally recognized, bringing to fruition decades of work by area Anishinaabe people.

Through the work of a dedicated group of Anishinaabe, on Dec. 24, 1953, the “Original Bands of Chippewa Indians and Their Heirs” was organized. At that time, Sault Ste. Marie and Sugar Island contained no lands for the people. The impoverished community in which they lived motivated their actions. Many of their friends and family members lacked employment or adequate

Watch for 50th Anniversary events throughout the upcoming year

housing and lived along unlit, unpaved streets.

Federal recognition would allow the tribe to contract with the federal government for basic services. Fortunately, the federal government had recently changed its policy toward Indian tribes with the passage of the Indian Reorganization Act. The Act ended an era of Indian removal and assimilation policies by creating laws to encourage

tribes to reorganize their traditional economies and communities into self-governing nations.

Federal recognition took more than 20 years to complete. In the early 1970s, the leaders of the Original Bands of Chippewa Indians traveled to Washington and successfully submitted their historical findings and legal argument to the Secretary of the Interior, who granted the tribe federal status in 1972.

Once recognized, the Original Bands became the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Land was taken into trust in March 1974 and Sault Tribe members adopted the tribe’s Constitution in fall 1975.

A schedule of events for the upcoming year will be announced at a later date.

Watch a video of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians journey here: <https://youtu.be/eNthBiQefzs>.



Chairperson seat vacated by board

The Sault Tribe board of directors will schedule a Special Advisory Election to fill the newly declared chairperson vacancy

On Sept. 13, 2022, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors approved a motion declaring the appointment of DJ Hoffman as chairperson to be invalid. Resolution 2022-238, states, “It is clear that the appointment of Hoffman on June 27 did not follow the Code or Constitution. I [Director Betty Freiheit] therefore motion the appointment to be invalid and declare the chair seat vacant.”

The board will schedule a Special Advisory Election to fill the newly declared chairperson vacancy, with the date to be set at a to-be-announced time. Passage of the resolution means

that executive duties normally assigned to the chairperson of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians will fall to duly elected Vice Chair Austin Lowes.

The former Sault Tribe Vice Chair DJ Hoffman was appointed chairman by the Sault Tribe Board of Directors at a special meeting held June 27 after former Chairperson Aaron Payment resigned on May 10. However, the chairperson’s seat was never officially declared vacant by the board at the time of Mr. Hoffman’s appointment as required by Tribal Code.

Youth hunter gets her first bear

Josie Ingalls, 11, shot her first black bear in Baldwin, Mich. on Sept. 7, 2022. The bruin weighed in at 325 pounds. Josie is the daughter of Adam and Megan Ingalls of Twin Lake, Mich., and is a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.



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Innerebner triumphs at Teal Lake

Julie Innerebner, a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and JKL Bahweting School Alumni, took first place in the Teal Lake Swim for Diabetes on July 30.

“Julie lives with Type I Diabetes and all the challenges that this disease comes with,” wrote her mother. “Not only was she able to complete the swim, she placed first in her age group.”

Julie completed the 2.25-mile swim from Negaunee to Ishpeming in a little over an hour delivering the fastest time for females under the age of 18. Her brother, Andrew Innerebner, also took part in the Teal Lake Swim for Diabetes and finished second in his division.

Over the past four years, Julie has raised more than \$1,000 for the Upper Peninsula Diabetic Outreach Network (UPDON) an organization dedicated to promoting innovative partnerships to strengthen prevention, detection and management of Diabetes across the U.P. The organization is entirely funded by grants and donations.

UPDON partners with CampUPeninsulin, the “Food as Medicine” initiative, Moms4Insulin initiative and Lions Defense Against Diabetes (DAD) among others as part

of the overall battle against Diabetes in the U.P.

The daughter of Nick and Alison Innerebner, Julie swims with the Sault High Blue Devils and is the reigning 100-yard backstroke champion. She is currently weighing her options from multiple colleges with plans to swim competitively at the next level.

Julie works at Lake Superior State University’s Norris Center Pool providing instruction on swimming and water aerobics when she isn’t training for her next race.



Anashnabe strong — Larry Cachagee, Chapleau Cree First Nation, shares a handshake with Leroy Fraxer of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians following a two-day tournament at the Root River Golf Course Club Championship in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. Cachagee took first place in the 18-hole Senior Division, while Fraxer topped the field in the Men’s Division. In the Ladies Division Roberta Barbeau took first rounding out the field of champions.





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For kids born just before and during the pandemic, the world has been very small. But now that the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine is authorized for those 6 months and up ... it's about to get a whole lot bigger.

Michigan.gov/KidsCOVIDVaccine

MSU Extension and U-M Medicine offer Tai Chi for Fall Prevention class for free online

Michigan State University Extension in conjunction with University of Michigan Medicine are teaming up to offer Tai Chi for Fall Prevention online. This tai chi set was designed by Dr. Paul Lam, a retired family physician and tai chi master. Dr. Lam led a team of tai chi and medical

specialists to create this program with special features that make it easy to learn and is designed to reduce the fear of falling and improve overall balance. This research and evidence-based set of tai chi has shown to improve muscular strength, flexibility, balance, and stress reduction. Tai

Chi for Fall Prevention is based on Sun style tai chi and incorporates basic and advanced moves, warm-up, cool down, and energizing qigong moves throughout the set.

MSU Extension is offering Tai Chi for Fall Prevention each Monday and Wednesday starting

Oct. 3 and goes through Nov. 23, 10:30 a.m. Central time/11:30 a.m. Eastern time, via Zoom. This online series is led by a certified instructor of Tai Chi for Fall Prevention and is free to all participants. Go to <https://events.anr.msu.edu/tcfallpreventionoct2022/> to register. For more information

or help to register contact Anita Carter at carte356@msu.edu or Kristy Brown at kribro@umich.edu.

Michigan State University Extension offers programs for older adults in Michigan. To learn more, go to <https://www.canr.msu.edu/rlr/>.

Your voice, your vote!

General election is Tuesday, Nov. 8! Be Informed, be prepared and make a plan!

Absentee voting – The easy way to vote!

Three easy ways to apply for an absentee ballot: 1) Call your local city/township clerk and request a ballot application be mailed to you. 2) Obtain a ballot application in person at your local clerk's office. 3) Download an absentee ballot application at: www.michigan.gov/sos/all-services/absenteeballot.

To ensure your completed absentee ballot is counted: 1) Mail ballot to County clerk 10 plus days before Election Day. 2) Return to county clerk in person, or 3) Drop in a designated drop box before Election Day.

Adults ages 55 and up, learn how to prevent falls

Beginning Sept. 28, a six-week fall prevention class series will be held Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Big Bear Arena Volleyball Court.

This class is being offered for Sault Tribe members 55 and older.

Learn techniques and exercises to improve balance and reduce the risk of falls.

Limited spots are available and fill up quick.

To register, call Sault Tribe Community Health at (906) 632-5210.

Sault Public Schools invites parents of Native students to annual meeting

Sault Ste. Marie Area Public Schools has invited parents of Native American students to join them for an annual open meeting on Monday, Oct. 10, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the

Big Bear Hospitality Room, located at 2 Ice Circle in the Sault. There will be a program overview, election of parent committee members, discussion about the Heritage Grant, activ-

ities, Native American program and future meeting dates and times.

Zoom Link: <https://eup-schools.zoom.us/j/91795176335>
Meeting ID: 917 9517 6335

Recovery Walk being held Sept. 22 at Big Bear Arena in support of recovery

When: Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022

Where: Big Bear Arena, 2 Ice Circle in Sault Ste. Marie
Time: 4:30-7:30 p.m.

What: The Recovery Walk is an annual walk to support individuals and families in recovery, and to recognize the positive effects recovery can

have.

Registration will begin in the Big Bear parking lot at 4:30 p.m. Participants will depart at 5 p.m., circle around Shunk Road, and return to the Big Bear Arena.

The event will feature motivational recovery speakers, informational booths, free

t-shirts and other gifts. Food will also be provided.

Anyone who is unable to participate in the walk is welcome to go right to the Big Bear Arena at 5:30 p.m.

This event is supported by the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Behavioral Health, Tribal Court, and Housing.

Committee vacancies posted

The following Sault Tribe 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 Katelynn Griffin at 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783, or call (906) 635-6050 with any questions.

Anishinaabe Cultural Committee - Ten vacancies - five males (4-year term), five females (4-year term)

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

Election Committee - Two

vacancies (4-year term)

Health Board - Three vacancies (4-year term)

Higher Education Committee - One vacancy (4-year term)

Special Needs/Enrollment Committee - Unit I: 2 vacancies, Unit II: 2 vacancies, Unit III: 2 vacancies, Unit V: 1 vacancy (2-year term)

Elder Advisory Committee - Unit I - Sault - One alternate vacancy (4-year term)

Unit II - Hessel - One alternate vacancy (4-year term)

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

Unit IV - Escanaba - One

alternate vacancy (4-year term)

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

Unit V - Marquette - One alternate vacancy (4-year term)

Elder Subcommittee

Unit I - Sault - Two alternate seat vacancies (4-year term)

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

Unit II - Newberry - One regular seat vacancy

Unit IV Manistique - One regular vacancy (4-year term)

Unit V - Munising - One alternate seat vacancy (4-year term)

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Manistique Oil company, 216 Deer St., Manistique
Carnes BP, 2300 Ludington St., Escanaba
Kinross BP Local Express, 4440 Tone Rd., Kincheloe
Cedar Pantry, 159 W M-134, Cedarville

Tribal members: need assistance?

Two 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

saulttribe.net or contacting them individually at:

Clarence Hudak, Lambert Center, St. Ignace, Mich.(906) 643-2124, chudak@saulttribe.net

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

Tribal program WIOA now offering funding for on-the-job training

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

The program may be able to provide tuition assistance for

skills training if it leads to an industry-recognized certification or under OJT, the program may reimburse an employer 50 percent of your wage for a specified training period.

Candidates must meet certain eligibility requirements and be a resident of the seven-county ser-

vice area.

Please apply at WIOA at Big Bear Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., or call Brenda Cadreau at (906) 635-4767 for more information.

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U.S. Coast Guard Great Lakes Oil Spill Center of Expertise

BY SCOTT BRAND

The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) took an important step in protecting the Great Lakes with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on the doorstep of Lake Superior State University's Richard and Theresa Barch Center for Freshwater Research and Education in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

The USCG Great Lakes Oil Spill Center of Expertise (NCOE) was officially opened on Aug. 24.

"More than 30 million people in the United States reside in the Great Lakes Basin," said LSSU President Dr. Rodney Hanley underscoring the importance of the day, "and more than 40 million rely on it for water."

Hanley also observed the Great Lakes plays a critical role in the world economy with more than 7,000 vessels carrying 86 million tons of cargo along the St. Mary's River and fueling employment for approximately 123,000 individuals. But there are potential risks associated with all of that industry in the form of unwanted contaminants entering the waterway.

"Most of the spills are less than 10 gallons, but larger spills can and do occur," said Hanley noting a June incident where up to 5,300 gallons of gear oil escaped from a Canadian plant. "Now, it is more important than ever to protect the Great Lakes from spills."

The NCOE, as detailed in an October 2021 press release from LSSU, will focus on different



The highlight of the event, featuring LSSU President Dr. Rodney Hanley, U.S. Senator Gary Peters (D-Michigan), Rear Admiral Jo-Ann Burdian Assistant Commandant, Response Policy for the U.S. Coast Guard and Mayor Don Gerrie of Sault Ste. Marie officially cutting the ribbon on the U.S. Coast Guard's Great Lakes Oil Spill Center of Expertise.

aspects of the Coast Guard's marine safety mission and is responsible for:

- Identifying gaps in Great Lakes oil spill research, including providing assessments of major scientific or technological deficiencies in responses to past spills in freshwater.

- Conducting research, development, testing, and evaluation for freshwater oil spill response equipment, technologies, and techniques to mitigate and respond to oil spills in the great Lakes.

- Helping train first responders on the federal, state, and local level on the incident command structure system and response technologies and strategies.

— Working with academic and private sectors to develop and standardize maritime oil spill response training.

"It really is a thrill to be here," said Mayor Don Gerrie saying modern-day Sault Ste. Marie has been the home to Native Americans for thousands of years and the birth-place of Michigan.

Gerrie was quick to credit Senator Gary Peters (D-Michigan) for helping to secure funding \$4.5 million on. Funding to bring the USCG Great Lakes Oil Spill Center of Expertise to 100 Salmon Run Way.

"Senator Peters has always been a good friend to the City of

Sault Ste. Marie and the U.P.," added Gerrie.

"This really and truly is a natural asset," said Rear Admiral Jo-Ann Burdian, Assistant Commandant, USCG Response Police adding the new office is "Maturing our approach to crisis and emergency response."

The fourth and final guest speaker, Sen. Peters, serves on the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committees and the October 2021 press release from LSSU credits him as the creator of Great Lakes NCOE.

"The Great Lakes are more than just an economic engine and ecological treasure," said Peters last fall. "They are simply in our DNA as Michiganders. An oil spill in the Great Lakes would be catastrophic for Michigan and the country — That's why we must do everything possible to protect them for future generations and

improve our preparedness."

Peters explained to the crowd gathered for the ribbon-cutting that there was "a mountain of literature on saltwater," but "we don't have a lot of knowledge to clean-up oil spills in freshwater."

He also expressed grave concerns regarding the time lag in the event of an emergency, referencing an anchor strike on an underwater pipeline where it took approximately two weeks to get the necessary equipment in place to assess the damage.

NCOE is designed to identify those concerns and develop the necessary responses.

"We need to be able to understand how to clean up spills in freshwater," said Peters concluding that will lead to better trained first-responders and special equipment coming to our region. "The most valuable resource we have on earth is clean, fresh water."



Photos by Scott Brand

A host of dignitaries and invited guests convened on Aug. 24 in front of Lake Superior State University's Richard and Theresa Barch Center for Freshwater Research and Education.

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Announcing OMB's first ever tribal advisor

On Sept. 12, as part of the Biden-Harris Administration's strong commitment to Indian Country, the Office of Management and Budget has named Elizabeth Carr as Tribal Advisor to the Director. Carr is a citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

In a press release from the White House, OMB Director Shalanda Young wrote, "This position is historic — the first of its kind at OMB, created out of conversations with tribal leaders — and will be instrumental in coordinating tribal priorities across OMB's budgetary, management, and regulatory functions, while working with other key leaders at the White House and across the entire Administration."

"The Sault Tribe is thrilled to see one of our own members appointed to serve as Tribal Advisor to the director of the Office of Management and Budget.



Elizabeth Carr

OMB plays an instrumental role in ensuring services are delivered equitably throughout Indian Country, and we know that Elizabeth Carr's experience working with Indigenous communities on a wide range of health and educational issues will provide valuable insights and guidance to the Biden Administration," Martin Waymire Partner Josh Harvey said in a statement from the Sault

Tribe's PR firm.

According to the release, OMB plays a unique and crucial role in advancing the President's agenda for Indian Country. Through the President's FY 2023 Budget, the Administration proposed historic investments in Tribal nations and communities that would help lay a strong foundation for prosperity for generations to come. The Budget includes proposals to advance health equity, significantly increase funding for the Indian Health Service and shift that funding from discretionary to mandatory, reduce unacceptably high maternal mortality rates for American Indian and Alaska Native women through maternal health initiatives and training for healthcare providers, improve poor housing conditions with investments in tribal housing efforts, and more.

Young wrote, "These historic proposals were developed in dialogue with Tribal nations and

communities, which OMB has made a priority by holding five Tribal Consultations since the beginning of the Administration."

In her new role as Tribal Advisor, Carr will help build on these efforts to deliver for Indian Country. She brings a wealth of experience to this new position. A member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, she has most recently served as the senior advisor to the director of the Indian Health Service, where she has led strategy and implementation of health policy. She has more than 10 years of experience working with tribes, tribal colleges and universities, tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations, including as senior Native affairs advisor with the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, Inc.

Carr will join a team focused on delivering for Indian Country on behalf of the President. Young wrote, "From Day One, President Biden has taken historic

actions to support tribal communities across the country. He appointed Deb Haaland to lead the Department of the Interior, making her the first ever Native American Cabinet Secretary. He has taken steps to protect sacred tribal lands. He signed an executive order to address the crisis of missing or murdered Indigenous people. And, he's championed and signed into law major pieces of legislation that make historic investments in Indian country: supporting climate resiliency and expanding clean energy development through the Inflation Reduction Act, building the next generation of tribal infrastructure through the President's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and making the single largest federal investment in tribal nations and communities through the American Rescue Plan."

Young added, "We look forward to continuing these efforts with Elizabeth on board at OMB."

Board meets and passes resolutions

Regular meetings of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors were held Aug. 30, and Sept. 6, 2022, in Sault Ste. Marie at the Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center. The board discussed and passed 11 resolutions, four by unanimous vote.

Resolution #2022-226: Directing the Legal Department to Review and Propose Appropriate Revisions to Election Code — The board approved the tribe's Legal Department, with input from the retained election attorney, to draw guidance from the tribe's constitution and the U.S. constitution, review the tribe's existing election code and to draft and present back to the board an amended version to more accurately reflect the needs of the tribe while promoting the freedoms contained in the constitutions.

#227: Rescinding all Prior Key Employee Resolutions Replacing with Key Employee List — Previous lists of Key Team Members in prior resolutions was repealed, and the following are the only key employees of the tribe: CEO of the casinos, CFO of the tribe and casino, general counsel of the tribe, Gaming commissioner, chief judge of the tribe, director of the Health Division, board secretary, executive director of the tribe, and the EDC director.

#228: Amending Chapter 10, Subchapter II, Special Advisory Elections — Article VI, Section 2 of the Constitution provides that the Board of Directors shall, by majority vote, fill vacancies on the Board of Directors by appointment of a voting Member to fill the unexpired term of the departed official. The Board of Directors has determined to conduct Special Advisory Elections to assist it in performing its responsibilities under Article VI. The purpose of this Subchapter is to establish procedures for conducting Special Advisory Elections. The regulations and procedures contained in this Chapter shall be administered in such a way as to accomplish this purpose and intent.

#229: Rescinding Motion, Election Attorney — The board rescinded a prior motion that assigned supervision of the election attorney to the Election Committee. The election attorney now reports

to the legal department and through them to the board of directors.

#230: Clarifying Resolution 2022-204 — The board directed the solicitation of special investigator services to look into specific matters (which were listed in this resolution) related to allegations of past misconduct of board member DJ Hoffman.

Sept. 6 meeting

#231: Manistique Medical Nursing FY 2022 Budget Modification — Approved for a change to the personnel sheet and a reallocation of expenses.

#232: ACFS Division – Tribal Emergency Assistance Program FY 2022 Budget Modification — Approved for an increase in available/allowable ARPA funding or Tribal Support monies of \$42,842.05. This modification reflects actual expenditures and reallocation of expenses.

#233: Trust Land Lease – 2300 Shawano Drive — Lease approved.

#234: Authorizing the Submission of an SSBCI Program Application — The board authorized the Memorandum of

Understanding - SSBCI Program Management between the tribe and Development Capital Networks, LLC. The board also approved the submission of an SSBCI Capital Program application on behalf of the tribe.

#235: Unlawful Interference with Sault Tribe Governmental Operations — The board directed the tribe's Legal Department to "prepare a letter in response to the cease and desist letters from DJ Hoffman's privately retained attorney, to inform him that this type of unlawful interference and conduct will not be tolerated by the tribe and any such further actions that interfere with the duly authorized governmental operations of the tribe shall be subject to legal action taken against DJ Hoffman's privately retained attorney."

#236: Approving and Adopting Amended General Counsel Strategic Plan — The board approved and adopted the amended General Counsel Strategic Plan.

To view resolutions in their entirety, visit saulttribe.com.

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Striving to learn any language or anything new, without putting in effort, is like trying to harvest where you haven't planted. And like any good harvest, it's worth that effort.

Gnawaamdanan kina maanda gaa nitaawgitoo'yang.

ga-na-waam-dan-an ki-na maan-da gaa ni-taaw-gi-too-yang

Look at this harvest!

N'gii ziigwebijigemi gebe niibin!

n-gii ziig-web-i-ji-ge-mi ge-be nii-bin

We watered all summer.

Wii minopagwadoon. They will taste good.

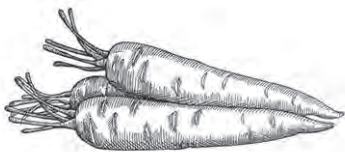
wii mi-no-pag-wa-doon

The foods on this page are considered to be 'not alive' - not having the spirit of life in them. The only way to know if a food is 'not alive' or 'alive' is to learn it from others. You can't tell by looking or tasting. Our language is based on these two groupings, and it makes a difference in the words we use. Ya gotta love it!



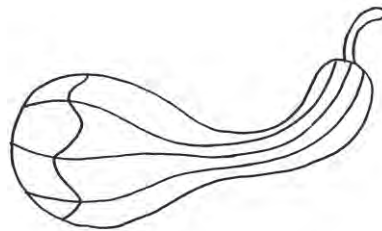
Minijiiminan peas

mi-ni-jii-min-an



Jiisenhsan carrots

jii-se(nh)-san



Kosmaan squash

kos-maan

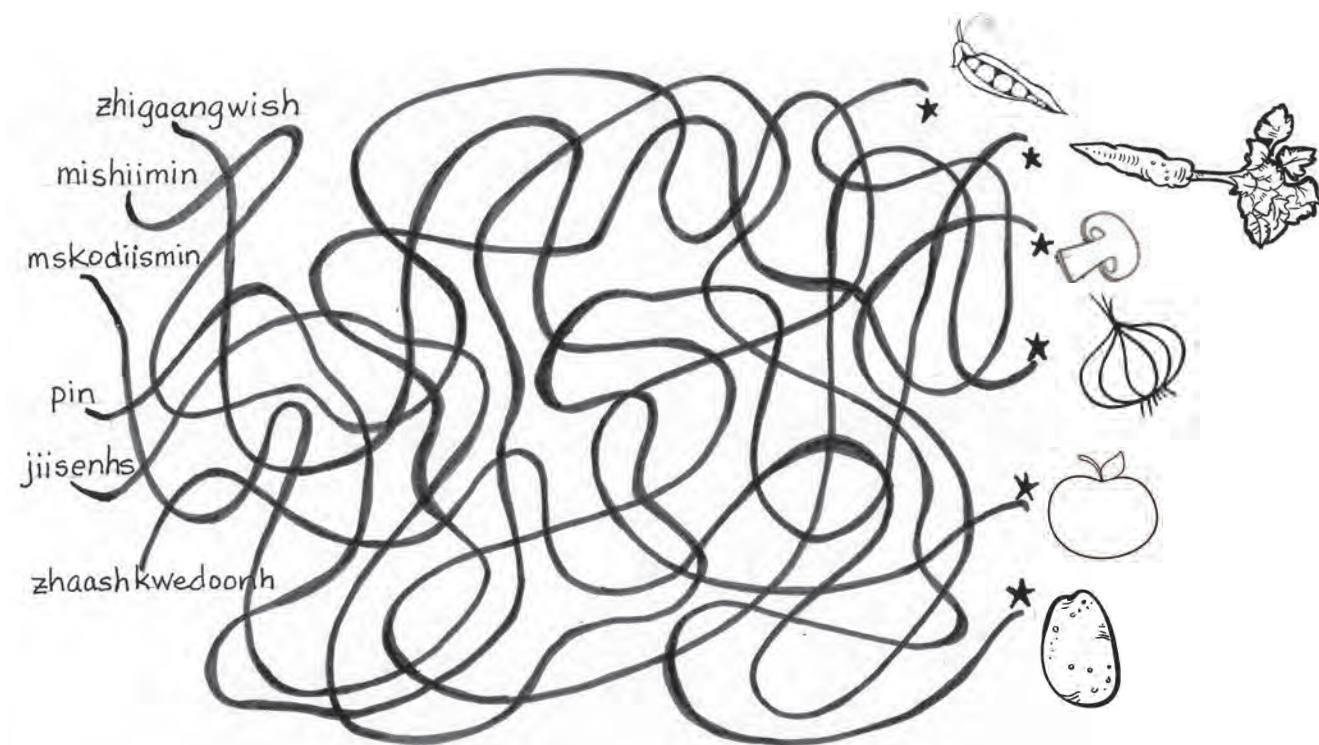
Zhaskwedoo(nh)an

zha-sh-kwe-doo(nh)-an

mushrooms



CHECK YOUR VOCABULARY!!



Bgoji-minoomin

ba-go-ji mi-noo-min

wild rice



Msko-jiisan

mis-ko-jiis

beets

The forms of the comments below are used when speaking of foods considered 'not alive'.

Gajipodan maanda

ga-ji-po-dan maan-da

Taste this.

Minopogwad

mi-no-po-gwad

It tastes good!

Zegopogwad

ze-go-po-gwad

It tastes awful.

NOTICE IN THIS PUZZLE, THERE IS JUST ONE OF EACH ITEM, SO THE PLURAL ENDINGS ARE REMOVED.

Which vegetable is best at carrot-te?

Brock Lee

Why shouldn't you tell a secret on a farm?

Because potatoes have eyes and corn has ears.

What do vegetables want more than anything in the world?

Peas on Earth

What do you call beans that have been in the sun too long?

Baked beans

How do you cheer up a baked potato?

You butter her up.

What did the organic vegetables die of?

Natural causes, of course.

Pronunciation? Find these words and those on the calendar, pronounced at this FaceBook link:

www.facebook.com/saulttribelanguageandculture.

Or you can use the guide below!

Making our Sounds Most letters sound like in English.

Here are the exceptions.

aa sounds like the a in *awesome* **a** sounds like the a in *about*

ii sounds like the e in *be* **i** sounds like the i in *dip*

oo sounds like the o in *go* **o** sounds like the oo's in *book*

e sounds like the e in *Ed* **g** sounds only like it does in *go*

We underlined the syllables that get the emphasis.

Pronounce all the letters. Big deal: "(nh)" has NO SOUND of its own. It's a sign to say the vowels just before it in a nasal way - as if you had a stuffed up nose from a cold.

The Earth is so kind; just tickle her and she laughs with a harvest! D.W.Jerrold

Bi-zhaan doopwining kina waya. Come to the table everyone!

bi-zhaan doop-win-ing ki-na way-a

The foods on this page are considered to be ‘alive,’ that is, having the spirit of life in them. It’s no easier to identify ‘alive’ than ‘not alive.’ Enjoy learning the words just as you find them. Gradually everything will feel natural to you.



Mindaamin corn
min-daa-min



G’chi-ogin tomato
g-chi o-gin



Piniik potatoes
pin-iik



Mishiiminak
mi-shii-min-ak
apples



Mskodiisminak
mis-ko-diis-min-ak
green beans



Zhigaangwishiik
zhi-gaang-wish-iik
onions

G’miigwechiwendami

g-miig-wech-i-wen-da-mi
We are thankful

G’maadookiimi

g-maa-doo-kii-mi
We share

The forms of these comments are used with ‘alive’ foods. Notice how close they are to the same comments about ‘not alive’ foods.

Gajipo maaba.

ga-ji-po maa-ba
Taste this.

Minopogwazi

mi-no-po-gwa-zi
It tastes good!

Zegopogwazi

ze-go-po-gwa-zi
It tastes awful.

Anishinaabemowin English

- bgoji-minoomin _____
- gajipodan _____
- gchi-ogin _____
- gnaajiwana _____
- jiisenhsan _____
- kosmaan _____
- mindaamin _____
- minijiiminan _____
- minopogwazi _____
- mishiiminak _____
- mskodiisminak _____
- mskojiisan _____
- piniik _____
- wabagaa _____
- zegopogwazi _____
- zhashkwedoonhan _____
- zhigaangwishiik _____

WORD SEARCH / HIDE AND SEEK!

K	I	I	H	S	I	W	G	N	A	A	G	I	H	Z
M	S	K	O	D	I	I	S	M	I	N	A	K	W	N
I	M	A	B	I	N	I	N	A	N	I	M	O	A	Y
N	S	N	Z	A	A	M	S	H	K	M	I	H	B	A
D	K	I	P	I	N	I	I	K	I	O	N	N	A	I
A	O	M	I	O	A	W	I	I	N	O	I	A	G	Z
A	J	I	H	G	A	S	C	H	O	N	J	W	A	A
M	I	I	T	E	M	K	H	D	E	I	I	I	A	W
I	I	H	O	O	S	T	E	S	G	M	I	J	O	G
N	S	S	A	B	O	W	N	E	J	I	M	A	B	O
D	A	I	W	G	K	E	G	D	O	J	I	A	A	P
A	N	M	B	H	S	A	N	T	E	O	N	N	G	O
J	I	I	S	E	N	H	S	A	N	G	A	G	A	G
K	G	A	J	I	P	O	D	A	N	B	N	W	K	E
I	H	E	I	N	I	G	O	I	H	C	G	E	D	Z
Z	P	K	M	I	N	O	P	O	G	W	A	Z	I	O

Fun Fact: In Anishinaabemowin, we do not use these sounds, so we don’t have letters for them of course: F, L, Q, R, U, V, or X. We also do not say A as it sounds in “cat”.

If you plant crab apples, don’t count on harvesting golden delicious. Bill Meyer

Sacred items and bundles:

Native teachings are about a way of life

SACRED ITEMS

When we carry sacred items, we carry them with the recognition that everything in Creation has spirit, including the animals and plants, the rocks, the water, the moon and the stars. Even one feather of a bird has spirit. When we carry a feather in our bundle and use it for our personal prayers and in ceremony, we are calling on the spirit of that bird for help and guidance.

PIPE

A pipe can be a Grandmother or a Grandfather. Usually when women carry it, it is referred to as a Grandmother; when men carry it, it is called a Grandfather.

The pipe itself represents the woman and man, the bowl representing the woman, the stem, the man. The pipe was given to Native people as a way of communicating with the Creator, a direct link is formed. When the pipe is smoked or touched, people are putting their thoughts and prayers into it.

DRUM

The drum is the heartbeat of our people; it's the heartbeat of life. We live the first nine months of our lives within our mothers and we listen to the heartbeat; it sets the pattern of existence.

DRUMSTICK

There are various types of drumsticks. Some people refer to the drumstick as being part of the Thunderbirds. Other teachings say the drumstick is the arm of the Great Spirit who gives us a heartbeat.

RATTLE

It is said that before the Creator made everyone, the universe was in the darkness and the only sound was the sound that a shaker makes, the shaking of seeds in a gourd.

The spirits are drawn in when many people use their shakers as they sing a song.

EAGLE FEATHER

The eagle feather is one of the ones who is closest to the Creator because he can fly so high and he spoke for the people.

In the old ways, if you did something remarkable for your people you had the right to an

eagle feather. If a warrior proved himself in battle, facing an enemy, he received a feather.

Today the greatest enemy Native people face is alcohol and drugs. If you are in battle with one of these, you are in a battle for your life. When you overcome alcohol or drugs, you have won that battle and you become a warrior.

You earn an eagle feather and you have to live by it. It is a high honor to receive an eagle feather.

SACRED BUNDLES

Many First Nations people who follow their traditional teachings will have sacred items to help and guide them.

A sacred bundle can consist of one or many sacred items. It can be the little tobacco pouch that someone wears around their neck or it can be the items that the spirits have given to a person to carry for the people.

Personal Bundles

You may have a personal bundle that you have built with items you have gathered and that you take care of. This bundle is sacred to you. It contains items that help you in your personal development; it contains items that have given you a teaching and that you use in ceremonies. Maybe your parents or grandparents or an Elder gave you something to help you on your path. All the contents of your bundle relate to you.

Your personal bundle may include medicines, your drum, a bowl, a rock, your colors, a feather, a staff, a rattle and your pipe. You may also carry a clan marker, something that represents your clan, such as a bear claw if you are of the Bear Clan. Tobacco is always first in your bundle. These items remind us of the beauty of Creation.

Bundles for the People

The bundles for the people are used for healing and ceremonies. It is said that these bundles contain things that the Nations need to survive. The Healers who carry the medicine bundles say they do not own these bundles. They say that our people's understanding is that we do not own anything, not even your physical body, which

is given back to the earth when we die. They carry these items as gifts for the people. The Healers who take care of these bundles have been chosen by the spirits to carry on the teachings, the work and the responsibilities that come with these bundles.

Respecting and Honoring Sacred Items and Bundles

Some people display their sacred items in a special room or altar. Others keep them in the bundle until they are ready to use in ceremony. Some leave their feathers out as these may

have been given to them to create calmness in the home.

People feast their sacred items four times a year with the seasons or twice a year in the spring and fall. Some people feast them every time they do a ceremony.

See "Sacred Items," Page 9

Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program's

Women's Full Moon Ceremony

Monday October 10th

Social Hour 7:00 to 8:00

Ceremony starts at 8:00

Located at the Nigaanigiizhik Ceremonial Building (11 Ice Circle Drive)

Please bring a copper cup or drinking vessel and skirt if available to ceremony

Women on their moon time may attend (offerings can be made on your behalf)

Please contact Lori, Bree, or Katrina with any questions

Masks are recommended

906-632-0236 or 906-632-5268

Chi Miigwech

WAABAGAA GIIZIS - LEAVES TURNING COLOR MOON - SEPTEMBER 2022

NIIZHWAASO GIIZHIGAT	NTAM GIIZHIGAT	NIIZHO GIIZHIGAT	NSWO GIIZHIGAT	NIIWO GIIZHIGAT	NAANO GIIZHIGAT	NGODWAASWO GIIZHIGAT
				1 zasweminan (chokecherries)	2 Ashiishmaajii! (Good grief!)	3 E-kinomaagozid n'daaw. (I am a learner/ student.)
4 jidmoonhag (squirrels)	5 E-nokijig Giizhigat (Labor [the ones who work] Day)	6 kinoomaadiigamig ([the institution of] school)	7 Giiwse. (S/he is hunting.)	8 Aangwaamzin! (Pay attention!)	9 sipinigan (scissors)	10 Mooshkaneshin Dibiki Giizis (It is a full moon.)
11 mitigwaab (bow)	12 bkokan (arrows)	13 mashkodewashk (sage)	14 mziniganan (notebooks, books, papers)	15 Pkibinaan. (S/he is picking fruit [other than berries].)	16 mshkiigominan (cranberries)	17 waawaashkesh wiiyaas (venison)
18 manoomin (wild rice)	19 kajgaatewin (umbrella)	20 mishiiminak (apples)	21 binewag (ruffed grouse)	22 Ntam Dgwaagin (First day of Autumn)	23 zhiibiigenaatig (writing tool)	24 mookmaan e-giinaag (sharp knife)
25 Giigoonhke. (S/he is fishing.)	26 bashkizigan (gun)	27 mijimenjigaanhs (laptop)	28 jiishkaamigagan (rake)	29 zaag'iganing (at the lake)	30 Zaawmingaande Bagwan Giizhigat (Orange Shirt Day)	

SACRED ITEMS AND BUNDLES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8 —

**See "Sacred Items," Page 9
Referrals to Healers, Elders
and Medicine People**

As our awareness and knowledge of our traditions and culture increases, so does our honor and respect for these ways. This has

not always been the case in our communities.

There are always those who present themselves as Healers, Elders or Medicine People who have not earned that title and may use the teachings and med-

icines in the wrong way. It is important for everyone, especially young people, to be aware of this and to exercise caution when they seek healing, teachings or advice. It is advisable to consult with people whom you trust to get referrals to respected and recognized Traditional Healers, Elders and Medicine People.

To obtain a referral to a heal-

er, elder or medicine person in your area, or to make an appointment in the seven-county service area, call Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine at (906) 632-5200, option 9.

Special acknowledgement is given to the following Healers and Elders who contributed their knowledge and understanding of the traditions and culture in

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BNAAKWE GIIZIS - FALLING LEAVES MOON - OCTOBER 2022

NIIZHWAASO GIIZHIGAT	NTAM GIIZHIGAT	NIIZHO GIIZHIGAT	NSWO GIIZHIGAT	NIIWO GIIZHIGAT	NAANO GIIZHIGAT	NGODWAASWO GIIZHIGAT
2 zenbaansag (ribbons)	3 Shkaakamakwe (Mother Earth)	4 Bmose. (S/he is walking.)	5 Boodwe. (S/he makes a fire.)	6 zhashkwedoonh (mushroom)	7 shiingwaak (pine tree)	8 jiibay (spirit/ghost)
9 Mooshkaneshin Dibiki Giizis. (It is a full moon.)	10 Anishnaabejig Giizhigad (Indigenous Peoples' Day)	11 manidominenhsag (beads)	12 niibiishan (leaves)	13 ziisbaakwadoonhs (a candy)	14 mishkiig (bog)	15 Mina maagwat gojiing. (It smells good outside.)
16 Nbwaachwe. (S/he is visiting.)	17 nboop (soup)	18 Dibikad. (It is dark.)	19 jiibay kanan (skeleton)	20 bgiw (chewing gum)	21 Minise. (S/he is making firewood.)	22 mndaamin bkwaakwod (popcorn ball)
23 esbikenh (spider)	24 koosmaanan (pumpkins)	25 mkadewozi gaazhag (black cat)	26 Zegis. (S/he is scared.)	27 niibiishkaa (lots of leaves)	28 nbwaakaawkwe (witch [wise woman])	29 mshkimod (bag)
30 jiibay wiikongewin (spirit feast)	31 Tasewan (Halloween)					

FEMA releases National Tribal Strategy plan

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is working to better engage with Native American tribes as they face climate change related issues.

According to a FEMA press release, the “2022-2026 FEMA National Tribal Strategy provides FEMA with a roadmap to refine and elaborate on major strategic goals and objectives we are working to achieve. It includes information requested and recommended by tribal nations through extensive outreach sessions led by FEMA National Tribal Affairs

Advisor Denise ‘Bambi’ Kraus. Key issue areas were added to address requests from tribal nation members, to include tribal-specific technical assistance and tailored resources to support tribal emergency management programs.”

Through their new strategy, FEMA will initiate a national study on tribal emergency management, develop a comprehensive FEMA guide of programs, develop tribal-specific technical assistance resources, hold an annual meeting of national and regional tribal liaisons for a report to FEMA on how prepared

tribes are to deal with climate change related disasters, and expand training opportunities for tribal nations.

FEMA is going to include the 574 federally recognized tribal nations in discussions about possible future dangers from climate change, and has earmarked \$50 million in grants for tribes looking for ways to ease burdens related to extreme weather. The new plan calls for tribal liaisons to give a yearly report to FEMA leaders on how prepared tribes are.

FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell said communities across

the country are facing increased threats as a result of climate change, and FEMA is reaching out to tribal nations to help them understand what potential future threats could be.

Federally recognized tribes obtained the ability to directly request emergency and disaster declarations in 2013 under the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act. Before that, they had to apply for disaster funding through the states.

To ensure tribes understand how to access FEMA assistance and grants, webinars, tribal consultations or regular meetings

with FEMA regional staff will be held. FEMA staff will also receive training to learn about tribal sovereignty and cultural sensitivities.

Another change FEMA is making under the new strategy will be having staff meet tribes on their land, a request the agency received from multiple tribes.

To view or download a pdf document of the 2022-2026 FEMA National Tribal Strategy, visit: https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_national-tribal-strategy_08182022.pdf.

Michigan students to learn about Indigenous peoples

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Michigan teachers and students in grades 8 to 12 will soon have access to the history of Indigenous peoples, tribal nations, and Indian boarding schools, using curriculum being developed by Indigenous education leaders.

The state School Aid budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year has allo-

cated \$750,000 for the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and the Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Departments (CMTED) for the collaboration and development of optional student curriculum and teacher support materials to help students learn about the history of Michigan’s Indigenous peoples.

According to a press release on the Michigan.gov Website, the MDE and the 12 federally recognized tribes in Michigan have been working for the past six years through the CMTED and MDE’s Indigenous Education Initiative to build a collaboration among the tribes, the state, and local entities to identify and address educational

issues and shared priorities.

CMTEDs Chairperson, Jordan Shananaquet, said the development of curriculum and teacher supports centered on Indigenous peoples and Michigan tribal nations will begin the shift of historical practices that have attempted to erase tribal histories and perpetuate the invisibility of tribal

communities in the public education system.

The funding and language included in the state School Aid budget for the curriculum and teacher supports are the work of State Senator Wayne Schmidt of Traverse City, chair of the Senate K-12 School Aid Appropriations Subcommittee.

Dental health is important for student’s success in school

BY JESSICA A. RICKERT, DDS, ANISHINAABE DENTAL OUTREACH

Let’s make this September a back-to-school-with-healthy-smiles event. Aren’t you happy, just imagining those big grins on our kids’ faces?

Excellent dental health is of paramount importance to enhance our students’ success in school. A healthy mouth is necessary for proper speech development. Good speech function helps in all aspects of learning. Asking children to read aloud is a tool that teachers often use. Being able to answer questions orally with great ease helps a child

learn. Socialization for students and their friends depends on speaking understandably.

Socialization also requires confident facial expressions. We learned this lesson the hard way when masks covered the lower half of our faces. For many children, reading the emotional and social situation was so difficult during the COVID-19 pandemic. Young children are very good at recognizing facial expressions at an early age. The emotions of others are recognized almost as well by 6-year-olds as they were by 16-year-olds! Our facial expressions non-verbally

communicate a wide range of emotions: happiness, agreement, fear, sadness, understanding, confusion. For our teenagers, confident facial expression is paramount as they interact with their peers.

Well-nourished children learn better. Kids need excellent nutrients for energy, brain function, to fight illness and to grow. Digestion begins in the mouth, with healthy, strong teeth and gums. Chewing breaks down foods: fruits, vegetables, proteins, and wholesome foods require excellent dental health. Our saliva has digestive enzymes that start the release of nutrients for our bodies to

use. If dental disease is present, this will change a child’s eating habits, avoiding certain foods and even being unable to eat.

Specifically, in order to function properly, the brain needs a constant supply of healthy fats, proteins, carbohydrates, water, vitamins, and minerals. Not getting enough nutrients can cause a lack of energy and focus.

Parents and schools play a key role in helping students establish healthy eating behaviors, by providing dietary education. The Anishinaabe Dental Outreach recommends the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020-2025, developed by the USA federal government’s Center for Disease Control. The examples on this website are hearty foods which require healthy, strong teeth and gums. Raw fruits and vegetables deliver the most nutrients. Remember: We are our children’s role models! They want to eat what

we eat.

Learning requires a clear mind without distractions. A terrible toothache is virtually impossible to ignore. Pain also affects sleep; and a well-rested child will perform better in school. Why not do what you can, as a parent, to ensure your child will not suffer with a terrible toothache?

Among school-age children, tooth decay is the most common chronic disease, five times more prevalent than asthma. Dental disease is the main cause for health-related school absences. Unfortunately, American Indian youth have more severe and more frequent dental disease. Children between 5 and 17 years miss nearly two million school days a year nationwide due to dental health-related problems. There is a strong and significant connection between excellent oral health and excellent performance in school for our students.

TRIBAL MEMBER REGISTRATION IN THE TAX AGREEMENT AREA

TRIBAL MEMBERS’ RESPONSIBILITIES

(Including the Issuance of Certificates of Exemptions)

INITIAL REGISTRATION AND OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

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

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

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTIONS

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

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

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



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DONALD DARREL SMITH

Donald Darrel "Duckie" Smith, age 87, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away at the Ball Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., after a short illness, on Sept. 4, 2022.

Born Nov. 13, 1934 on Mackinac Island, Mich., the youngest of seven children to Ozro Jackson Smith II and Mary Agatha Perrault. He attended Mackinac Island Public Schools before moving to Pickford, Mich., to attend High School. He Lettered in football, basketball and track but his first love was baseball. He attended Western Michigan University to play baseball as a left-handed pitcher. He followed his love of baseball to Detroit, Mich., for a try-out for the Detroit Tigers at the same time Al Kaline tried out for the Tigers. We all know how that ended up; Duckie couldn't run.



He went on to experience life, including work to build the Mackinac Bridge and for a time, was a personal driver in Phoenix, Ariz. His clients included Ty Cobb and Amanda Blake "Miss Kitty" with Gunsmoke. He returned to life on Mackinac Island, working for the MRA, serving as a City Commissioner and Chief of Police. He then made a long career as a lineman for Edison Sault Electric, where he retired in 1997. His second love was golf, taking every opportunity to play golf. He golfed a round of 36, the best round of his life, two-days before being hospitalized.

His love for his wife, Jeanne and his family was everything to him. He loved the moments when all of his family was around him. He is survived by his wife of 49-years, Jeanne Kaiser Smith, sons Ozro Jackson Smith III (Lisa Mattson-Smith) of Dafter, Mich.; Donald Darrel Smith of Mackinac Island; daughter Megan (Steven) Miller of Sault Ste. Marie. Grandchildren Anthony Yukich, Savannah Smith, Alexander Platter, Ozro Thane Smith and Alana Smith; and great-grandson Augustus Smith.

With gratitude and love to Becky and Tom Erickson and Christy Curtis. Visitation was held on Friday, Sept. 9, 2022, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home in Sault Ste. Marie, followed by a Celebration of Life Service.

Memorials can be made to Mackinac Island Public Schools, Pickford Schools Athletic Association or Hospice of the EUP.

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

RAYMOND JAMES FRANKLIN

Raymond James Franklin, 50, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022 at his home. He was born March 1, 1972 in Sault Ste. Marie to Raymond Cooper and Janet (LaFrenier) Franklin. Raymond enjoyed fishing but he loved spending time with his family.

Raymond is survived by his wife, Keri Franklin; sons, Bradley Franklin and James Franklin; daughters, Janet Franklin and RaeAnn Franklin; step-daughters, Kaylee Riffey and Chelsea Riffey; sister, Jan Rhodes; brothers, Ron Franklin and Ross Franklin; and twelve grandchildren.



Raymond is predeceased by his parents; brothers, Rodney Franklin, Robert Franklin, and Randy Franklin; and niece Nicole Aube.

Visitation was held on Sept. 14, 2022 from 10 a.m. until time of traditional services at the Sault Tribe Cultural Center. Final resting place is Wilwalk Cemetery on Sugar Island, Mich.

Clark Hovie Galer Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

DONALD ANTHONY SILVA

Donald Anthony Silva, also known as "Don Manidoogek,"



died peacefully from a recurrence of cancer on Wednesday July 27, 2022 at his home.

Born on Oct. 5, 1956 and raised in the Taunton area, Donald is a member of the Bear Clan of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Don was very proud of his Indian heritage. He is a member of the Algonquin Medicine Society, former Chief of the Dighton Intertribal Indian Council, Former MCNAAA Advisory Committee Member, member of UNACC (United Native American Cultural Center) and a member of various Native and non-native groups.

Native Spirituality was a driving force in his life and he conducted many and various ceremonies. He was instrumental in helping to establish Red Road recovery meetings and the Red Road Powwow in Dighton, Mass. He touched many lives in various groups, making special connections. Together, Donald and Nancy brought their energy for organizing to the local Native community, bringing together diverse gatherings from socials, powwow's and craft fairs, amongst others.

Donald enjoyed spending time in Michigan with his family, participating in ceremonies and visiting with friends. He especially enjoyed spending time with his Uncle Micky at the Sugar Bush on Sugar Island, making maple syrup while "shooting the shit" as the sap boiled.

In 1997, Don graduated from St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing as a registered nurse. He was proud of his earlier career as a mason. He especially loved working at NACOB (Native American Indian Center of Boston) as a diabetes education coordinator,

working in the Native community was fulfilling for him.

Staying at home with Nancy and their four-leggeds, Mukwa, Spot, Stachu and Sophie to name a few. Donald had a subtle sense of humor, loving those moments when he caught conversation partners unaware with it. He was a story teller, keeping them simple and deep.

When he was younger working on his GTO, with his father and brothers brought him great joy. In addition to his wife, Nancy (Spat) of 29 years, Don is survived by his sons Jeff Silva (Laurie) and Mike Silva (Katie); his four grandchildren, Claire, Griffin, Paige and Hazel; his mother, Barbara Silva; two sisters, Sandra Rose and Debbie Paige (Larry); two brothers, Brian Silva and Tim Silva (Jen); Melvin Frechette his Uncle and family, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Donald was predeceased by his father Arnold A. and his brother Billy Silva. He was also predeceased by his biological mother, Agnes (Mendoskin) Frechette of Sault Ste. Marie.

The circle of lives touched by Donald (and Nancy) is wide, full of gratitude and honor.

MELISSA LEE BEAUDRY

Melissa Lee Beaudry, 42, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. passed



away unexpectedly on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022.

She was born Dec. 30, 1979 in Sault Ste. Marie to Joseph Beaudry and Janet (White) Bennett.

Melissa has one son Eugene who she loved dearly. Melissa lived in Sault Ste. Marie most of her life. She also lived in Wisconsin with her husband Ryan while attending college and earning her degree in graphic design and photography. After graduating Melissa moved back to Sault Ste. Marie where she started her career in graphic and photography design for Kewadin Casino. She loved her career and all of her coworkers. Melissa enjoyed all outdoor activities. She especially enjoyed fishing, hunting, kayaking, boating, four wheeling, and snowmobiling. She also loved playing cribbage with her grandparents and mom, and she enjoyed taking pictures of everything.

Melissa is survived by her husband, Ryan Palmer of Wisconsin; son, Eugene Gravelle; mother, Janet (Ricky) Bennett; father, Joseph (Mary) Beaudry; brother, Charles Beaudry; sister, Katie Bennett (Bouschor); grandparents, Curt and Marilyn White; niece, Honestei Beaudry; nephews, Joseph Beaudry, Jaxon Beaudry, Damien, Raul, and Rick Bouschor; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Melissa is preceded in death by her grandparents, Louise and Betty Beaudry; aunt, Jenise Corbiere;

and nephew, Havein Beaudry. There was a celebration of life for Melissa at the Sault Tribe Cultural Center, on Monday Aug. 22, 2022. Clark Hovie Galer Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

EDWARD F. LAPOINT

Edward "Ed" Francis LaPoint Jr., 66, of DeTour Village, Mich., passed away on Aug. 20, 2022, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. He was born on Nov. 25, 1955, in Sault Ste. Marie to parents Edward Sr. and Victoria (Polaczyk) LaPoint.



Ed grew up on DeTour and married the love of his life, Terry Ann Fountain, on July 14, 1979.

The couple moved to Nebraska and spent the next 15 years there and raised their two daughters, Samantha and Liza. They enjoyed when the whole family would make the trip from Michigan to Nebraska to go pheasant hunting. When the girls were older, the family moved back to Michigan and resided in Kincheloe for the next 25 years before settling in their retirement home in DeTour Village.

Ed loved tinkering with cars and engines and going out to the woods to hunt. He was an all-around great woodsman and jack of all trades. He was a fan of the Tigers Baseball team and U of M. He loved music, especially Kid Rock and would attend whatever concerts he could.

Ed is survived by his wife, Terry of DeTour Village; daughters, Samantha (Robert Miller) LaPoint of Kincheloe and Liza (Adam Jackson) LaPoint of Kincheloe; grandchildren, Ryver, Morgan, Ashton, and Harper; sisters, Francis (Benny)

Hank of Goetzville and Kathryn Cruickshank of Sault Ste. Marie; and brother, Lawrence LaPoint of Sault Ste. Marie.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, Edward Sr. and Victoria; sister, Theresa LaPoint; brother, Ricky LaPoint; and uncle, Art Paquin.

A memorial service was held Aug. 27, 2022, at Sacred Heart Church in DeTour Village following visitation. In memory of Ed, the family asked attendees wear their best sports jersey, hunting gear or concert t-shirt—but absolutely no suit and tie.

Ed was laid to rest at Maple Grove cemetery along with his sister Theresa on Sept. 16 followed by a Celebration of Life at the Fountain Hunting Camp.

Galer Funeral Homes and Cremation in Pickford, Mich., served the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

DAVID KARL CURRIE

David Karl Currie, 56, of Hessel, Mich., died at MyMichigan Medical Center in Midland, Mich., on Aug. 27, 2022. He was born in St. Ignace, Mich., to Robert Carl and Dorothy Mae (Huffman) Currie.



David grew up in Hessel. During his youth, he worked at the local cemetery and doing other yard jobs in the area. He graduated from Cedarville High School in 1985 and joined the U.S. Army, where he served from 1985 until 1988. He was stationed in Panama for 10 months. When he returned, he began working for BreezeSwept Docks in Cedarville.

Due to an illness, he was forced to retire in 2012, but he

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Walking on continued...

From "Walking on," page 11 kept himself busy with projects.

David was a member of the American Legion #3 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

David loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, playing baseball, picking morel mushrooms, and boating.

David is survived by his mother, Dorothy Mae Currie; daughter, Julie (Alan) Bedell of Sault Ste. Marie; son, Karl (Sabrina) Graham of Pickford, Mich.; grandchildren, Freddrick Bedell, Louis Bedell, Azal Bedell, Davyd Bedell, Krystal Bedell, Amber Bedell, Kylar Graham, Lyla Graham, and Myia Graham; sister, Melinda Santiago of Sault Ste. Marie; brothers, Joe Currie of Rudyard, Mich., and Gregg (Candy) Currie of Hessel; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

David was preceded in death by his father, Robert Carl Currie; and brothers, Gerald Currie and Robert Currie.

A graveside service was held on Sept. 10, 2022 at Fenlon Cemetery, W. Chard Road, Clark Township, Michigan.

Galer Funeral Homes and Cremation in Pickford assisted with funeral arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

ELIZABETH JEAN BROWN

Elizabeth Jean Brown, 63, of Kinross, Mich. passed away Monday, August 29, 2022 at MyMichigan Medical Center.

She was born July 23, 1959 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. to Benny and Delores (Cornwell) Captain.

Elizabeth loved being surrounded by family. Her first love was her children and grandchildren. In her spare time she enjoyed reading, scratch off lottery tickets, puzzle books, watching movies, coloring, and shopping. Elizabeth liked to just jump in the car and would go where the road would take her. She was full of life and a very special woman to many people. It was well known that Elizabeth spoke her mind and if she had an opinion you would know about it. The world lost a beautiful soul, but God gained one. May God take care of Elizabeth and our father. Rest easy mom.

Elizabeth is survived by her son, David Brown, Jr.; daughters, Felicia Brown, Alicia (Mel) Brown, Amber (Bob) Tremblay, Betty (Terry) Brown, Ashley (Erin) Brown, Courtney (Erika) Brown; sisters, Sherry (Ken) Captain, Donna Goetz; brothers, Louie (Jodie) Captain and Richard Captain; grandchildren, Shyloh Brown, Hailie and Kaden Middleton, Evan Evitts, Hannah and William Tremblay, Konner and Tami Trudeau, and James Trudeau, Jr., Dominic Mcgrath, James Mcgrath, Jr., Octavia, Nevaeh, and Bryson Brown.

Elizabeth is predeceased by her parents, husband David R. Brown, Sr., and brother Benny Captain, Jr.

Per Elizabeth's wishes cremation has taken place.

Graveside services were held

Tuesday Sept. 6, 2022 at Lakeview Cemetery in Kinross with Pastor Bill Lockhart officiating, followed by a Celebration of Life with friends and family in honor of Elizabeth.

Clark Hovie Galer Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.galerfuneralhomes.com

ADOLPH BONNO

Adolph Bonno, 82, of Brooksville, Florida passed away on Thursday July 28, 2022.

Adolph was born on Dec. 23, 1939 in Sault Ste Marie, Mich. He was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Adolph worked as an auto body



technician until his retirement in 2008. He enjoyed cooking and always had his wife's dinner ready for her when she got home from work.

He is survived by his wife Karen King, brother Clyde Bonno, daughter Brooke Betterly, and sons Ron and Clyde Bonno. He was also fortunate to have been blessed with a multitude of nieces and nephews, cousins and grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents Frederick and Josephine (Shampine) Bonno; his brothers William and George Bonno; sisters Leona Willis, Sadie McLeod, Marie King and Barbara Bonno, and sons, David, Adolph and Fred Bonno.

FANNIE BRIDGET ASLIN

Lifelong Newberry resident, Fannie Bridget Aslin, 100, died Friday afternoon Aug. 19, 2022 at her residence surrounded by her loving family and the care of North Woods Home Care and Hospice.

Born March 18, 1922 at the Caffey Lumber Camp in Rexton, Mich. Fannie was the daughter of the late Frank and Caroline (Derusha) Maddix. Fannie was a 1942 graduate of Newberry High School and later received certification in the field of nursing.

Fannie was employed at the former Newberry Regional Mental Health Center for several years, retiring in 1976 as an attendant nurse. She was a member of St. Gregory's Catholic Church, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, life member of the American Legion Post #74 Ladies Auxiliary and life member of the V.F.W. Post in New Jersey.

Fannie enjoyed attending concerts, fishing, playing cards, cribbage, euchre, knitting dish cloths, watching game shows and westerns.

In addition to her parents, Fannie is preceded in death by her husband's Robert Fitzgerald in 1966 and John Aslin in 1998; son James Fitzgerald; brothers Jessie,

Frank, James and Leroy Maddix; sister Lola Davis; sons-in-law Carl Belonga and John Chippewa.

Survivors include her children Maryann Belonga of St. Ignace, Mich. Diane (Jerry) Menzia of Aberdeen, South Dakota and Roberta Chippewa of Newberry; 12 grandchildren, 32, great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law Tina Fitzgerald of Cookstown, New Jersey.

Per her request, Fannie donated her body for medical study to the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor, Mich.

A gathering of family and friends celebrating the life of Fannie took place Thursday Aug. 25, 2022, at the American Legion Post #74 in Newberry. Rite of Committal will take place at a later date at Forest Home Cemetery in Newberry.

Condolences at: www.beaulieu-funeralhome.com. Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry assisted the family.

IN LOVING MEMORY to my dear brother, Jim Ailing, Nov. 22, 1954 to July 16, 2013.

My brother,

It is once again the anniversary of the day that I lost you, and for a time it felt as though my life had ended too.

But loss has taught me many things, and now I face each day, with hope and happy memories to help me on my way.

And though I'm full of sadness that you're no longer here, your influence still guides me and I still feel you near.

I look up to the sky and talk to you daily, what I wouldn't give to hear you talk back.

I miss your voice, I miss your laughter, I miss everything about you dear brother...

Love and miss you much...

Your brother, Robert Captain

IN LOVING MEMORY of my dear son, Jim Ailing, Nov. 22, 1954 to July 16, 2013.

Son,

Cherished memories of a son whose love was strong and true, to lose someone so precious brings a pain you can't undo...

You were the treasure in my heart, you were loved in every way, now you're gone, you're truly missed each and every day...

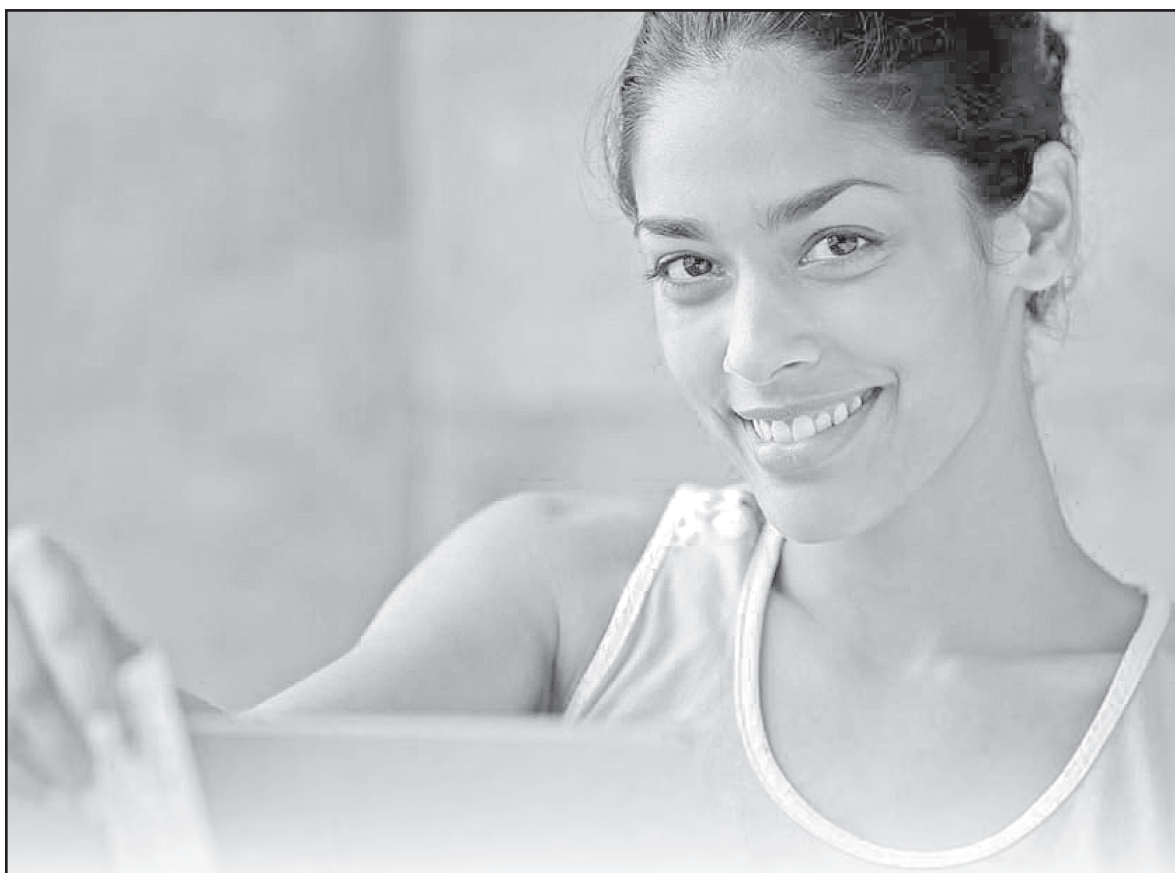
You always brought the blue skies and filled my world with joy, spreading happiness and laughter since you were a little boy...

Son, life will never be the same now you're no longer here, but my love for you is solid and will last forever and ever...

Keep shining bright in Heaven my son, so you can light my way...

Love and miss you dearly,

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Escanaba Tribal Community Health Services relocate to new tribal-owned Gladstone facility

BY MARLENE GLAESMANN, COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM MANAGER

The Escanaba Tribal Community Health Services recently relocated to the new tribal owned Gladstone Tribal Health Center facility on Aug. 30.

Members can access all Community Health Program services previously offered at the Escanaba site at the new Gladstone site.

Services offered include medication delivery and pick-up, home and office visits by Community Health nursing, technician and registered dietician staff.

This new site also is the point of contact for a variety of other tribal services, such as applications for emergency assistance

services, USDA food services, tribal housing, elder services, ACFS Division staff and tribal liaison staff services for tribal members.

Future plans for the new site are to renovate a portion of the facility for addition of fitness center services.

Hours of operations are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Call the new Gladstone Tribal Health Center at (906) 341-1836 anytime needed.

Open House Ceremony Friday Sept. 30, from 1-4 p.m. Gladstone Tribal Health Center 2002 Minneapolis Ave. Gladstone, MI 49837

Refreshments, facility tours, parking available across the street from the facility.



Marlene Glaesmann, RN, MPA, Rural Health Program manager

Moving truck in front of the new Gladstone facility.

Paquette-Selling earns Ph.D. SMSgt. Williams retires

SUBMITTED BY JOE PAQUETTE, JR.

JoeyLynn (Paquette) Selling finished a Ph.D. in educational studies with a focus on literacy, language, and culture in 2020 and participated in the comeback graduation ceremony this spring at the University of Michigan's (U-M) Hall Auditorium.

Selling is the daughter of Joe and Lee Paquette and a 2001 graduate of Munising High School. She earned both a bachelor's degree in elementary education (2005) and master's degree in reading K-8 (2011) from Northern Michigan University.

Prior to attending U-M, she taught elementary grades in Manistique and Marquette. She currently serves as a literacy consultant for the Delta-Schoolcraft Intermediate School District and lives in Marquette with her husband Brandon.



JoeyLynn Selling, Ph.D., and Dean Elizabeth B. Moje, Ph.D.

SMSgt. John Williams assigned as Superintendent, Cryptologic Systems Group, Cryptologic and Cyber Systems Division, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, has retired.

He was the senior enlisted advisor to the Senior Material Leader leading 493 military, civilian and contractor personnel, executing \$1.2 billion, acquiring and providing cryptographic communications security systems, signals intelligence products, and nuclear treaty monitoring systems for the Department of Defense, national agencies, national space systems, and allied partners.

"John is a proud Sault (St. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians) member through his Cadreau side," wrote Roger Cadreau submitting the information about his

nephew. "He also just completed his Master's Degree in Computer Sciences."

Sgt. Williams enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in January 1999 as an Aircraft Communications and Navigations Systems technician. In 2005, he cross-trained into the Scientific Applications career field where he has held numerous positions. He has been stationed at bases in Texas, Mississippi, Georgia, Colorado and Germany. In addition, he has deployed in support of operations: Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Anaconda, and Mountain Lion.

"Great job," added Uncle Roger, "Thanks for your years of service."

Williams has retired from the U.S. Air Force in a recent ceremony. John and Lisa have two children. "Their two kids are proud of daddy," concluded Roger.



Dr. Perry is July Employee of the Month for tribal health



Dr. Jillian Perry, of St. Ignace Sault Tribal Health & Human Services Center Dental Dept., has been selected as Health's Employee of the Month for July. She used her personal credit card to help a team member in need during training in western Michigan.

Flesher sibling births 2020, 2022



Svenson Gregory Flesher was born to Seldon and Erin (LaTour) Flesher, April 15, 2020, at Roper St. Francis Berkeley Hospital in Summerville, S.C. He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 20.5 inches in length. He joined big sister Brennan Flesher, 10.

Grandparents are Greg LaTour of Hessel, Mich., Tammy Tamlyn of St. Ignace, Mich., and Daniel and Kathleen Flesher of Summerville. Great grandparents are the late George and Gladys Tamlyn of St. Ignace, the late Beverly Kammers of St. Ignace, and the late Bill and Betty Watkins of Summerville.



Stella Ashlyn Flesher was born July 5, 2022, to Seldon and Erin (LaTour) Flesher at Roper St. Francis Berkeley Hospital in Summerville, S.C. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 20 inches in length. She has a big sister, Brennan, 12, and a big brother, Svenson, 2. Grandparents are Greg LaTour, of Hessel, Mich., Tammy Tamlyn of St. Ignace, Mich., and Daniel and Kathleen Flesher of Summerville. Great grandparents are the late George and Gladys Tamlyn, of St. Ignace, the late Beverly Kammers of St. Ignace and the late Bill and Betty Watkins of Summerville.

Alberta House puts Focus on Tribal Art and Culture

By Scott Brand

Three artists, with different perspectives on Tribal Art and Culture, are currently being showcased at the Alberta House, located at 217 Ferris St, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Scott Laursen's photos capturing the Bay Mills Indian Community are exhibited, as well as the pottery of Ed Gray featuring copper, clay and stone collected from the shores of Lake Superior and Lake Michigan.

The third featured artist — Deanna LaLonde, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe's Mackinac Band with ancestral roots to Mackinac Island, St. Ignace and Cheboygan — has put 10 paintings on display primarily with the medium of acrylic on canvas.

"I have been painting since I was a little girl," said LaLonde and her gift has been recognized for more than two decades. "I had a solo show at the Roethke House in Saginaw."

Back then, her artistic style was different. LaLonde has one of her older-style paintings on display. This particular work, in laymen's terms, is a series of black ink dots creating an elaborate series of designs. Her other works, from long ago primarily were done of her daughter and other family members.

But the majority of her work is influenced by the "Picasso of the North" Norval Morrisseau, an Anishinaabe who founded the Woodlands School of Canadian Art and a chance encounter with Ann Hubbard.

"She was in the Alberta House and she was making little dolls the day I came in," LaLonde recalls. "I had a conversation with her and she



Photo by Scott Brand

Deanna LaLonde shared a story regarding the inspiration for this painting of a bear which is on display at Alberta House. She has a pair of paintings, including this one, featuring turtles and eight other pieces. Other featured artists include the photography of Scott Laursen and the pottery of Ed Gray. Their works will be showcased throughout the month of September.

inspired me to go a little deeper into my roots."

Eventually, LaLonde asked Hubbard to give her a lesson in the Woodlands-style of painting and as the promotional materials for the Alberta House exhibit describes it: "*When Deanna paints, she hopes to uplift her spirit and the spirits of the animals and habitats... believing that it is good when, for a moment or two, we can experience the beauty and power we have been gifted through nature.*"

Her first painting in this new style was completed in 2019. As a member of the Crane Clan, it seems only fitting that a crane would be her first inspiration.

"I have the time to paint and the energy," said LaLonde of the flurry of activity that has

followed, "and the motivation to keep learning what inspires you."

LaLonde revealed that not every painting turns out the way she planned but it is easy to tell when it does.

"It looks good," she explained, "you know it in your heart, with these they just started to pull together."

LaLonde likes to tell the story that fueled her bear painting. She was driving up north on the expressway when the vehicle ahead of her hit its brakes, she likewise did the same without knowing why, when a running black bear revealed itself.

"I could see its energy, its hair standing on end," she recalled. "The bear was running, galloping as fast as it can and it

looked at me, looked back and ran again."

To LaLonde, locking eyes with the bear, seeing it weigh its options before choosing its path, provided immense inspiration.

"Its about life and how people make decisions," she said of that piece adding each one of her works has a similar story in some way.

While the main topic of her art is clear to see and identify from a distance, it is only when getting closer that the fine details emerge. For the bear there are bees and honey, fish and water among other things revealing flora, fauna and habitat where the animal resides. The turtles, crow and other works reflect this same overall idea.

"More of a spirituality with the animal, there is a

connection," said LaLonde. "The things associated with it. I want to show the power of the animal and the beauty of the animal."

LaLonde says she is currently using a bedroom in her Kincheloe apartment as a studio, but admits that with the recent inspiration the studio has spilled out into her general living area. She is looking to purchase a home in the Brimley area to be closer to her work. LaLonde is employed as a full-time art teacher with the Brimley Area School District teaching K-12 students.

A reception was held at the Alberta House on Sept. 11.

The work of all three artists can be viewed throughout September. Alberta House is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

Active shooter response

By Scott Brand

Active Shooter Response Training was delivered to Sault Tribal employees in multiple sessions on Sept. 15 and 16 at the Kewadin DreamMaker's Theatre.

The keynote speaker, AJ Hale Jr., provided statistics which show mass shootings are on the increase throughout the country and it is wise to be prepared in the event that you find yourself in that situation.

"What would you do?" Hale asked inspiring those in attendance. "What is your plan?" In breaking down these situations, Hale indicated there are three good responses to an active shooter — run, hide or fight.

But those responses are not equal depending on the situation. "Run/escape if possible" was the best course of action, according to Hale. "Hide if escape is not possible," explained Hale of the next best option, offering a number of tips to prevent detection such as barricading doors, turning off lights and doing everything possible to avoid detection. "Fight only as a last resort," said Hale when the other two options



AJ Hale

are no longer available.

"You need to take direct responsibility for your personal safety and security," he said and part of that commitment comes in thinking ahead in the event that you someday find yourself in an active shooter situation.

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Early Childhood Programs cap summer of 2022 session

BY SCOTT BRAND

With the loud cheers from family members in the parking lot and gentle applause from the others in attendance, dozens of young pre-school students were hailed in multiple graduation ceremonies completing various Sault Tribe Early Childhood Programs as the clock ran down on the month of August.

Photos by Scott Brand

IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SERVICE ABOVE AND BEYOND — Family Services Coordinators Tammy Bumstead, left, and Danielle Kaminski, right, pose with two special family members — Raechel Homminga and Deanna Bowen — honoring them with certificates for going above and beyond in assisting the program throughout the summer.

“We have approximately 100 students enrolled,” said Family Services Coordinator Danielle Kaminski recognizing each child with a certificate.

The facility, at 4 Ice Circle Drive, is located right next to the Big Bear Arena and is open Monday through Friday from 6:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

There are roughly 50 employees caring for the chil-

dren, 5 and under, who attend the program.

“We are always looking for more staff,” said Kaminski urging anyone with interest in employment opportunities to visit the Sault Tribe Website to begin the application process.

To enroll a child or for more information contact the Sault Tribe Early Childhood Program at (906) 635-7722.



(Clockwise) Teacher Aide Rebecca Podleski conducted the welcoming prayer and told the “Talking Feather Story” at graduation. Also known as Gentle Breeze Woman, she is a member of the Thunder Clan, Zhaabaahaasing, from Manitoulin Island. Carter Jacobson claims his certificate during the ceremony. Anthony Lane and Landon Hassink prepare to return to class after graduating from the Early Head Start Program on Aug. 26. Their class was taught by Peggy Bray and Tiffany Shaw. Bentley Andrews kicks back after completing his Early Head Start Program under the tutelage of Robin Nault.

Foster Parent Appreciation Picnic

On Aug. 11 the EUP AFPRR (Adoptive Foster Parent Recruitment and Retention) Coalition held their second annual Foster Parent Appreciation Picnic at Sherman Park in Sault Ste. Marie.

Partnering agencies included DHHS, Great Lakes Recovery, Anishnaabek Community and Family Services, and UP Kids. Sault Police Department, Sault Fire Department, Chippewa County Sheriff’s Office, Sault Tribe Police Department, Border Patrol and “Spot” the ice cream truck all provided fun activities and treats for the foster families. Participating families enjoyed a scavenger hunt, various demonstrations from first responders, were provided first aid kits, and a box lunch picnic.

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) is in need of caring individuals who

can provide a safe and nurturing home environment for children who have been placed out of their home due to abuse or neglect. 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.

Fostering is just one way to help children in a crisis. Even if you aren’t in the position to foster a child there are still ways to help and become involved. You can offer respite care and help when a family is overwhelmed and is in need of some help. It can be as simple as babysitting when a foster family is in a crunch.

Another great way to get involved is by mentoring a child or teen. Mentors can provide

needed support to youth and give young people in the foster care system a caring adult they can look up to and share their problems with. Educate and advocate for children in foster care. Keep informed on the challenges families are facing.

Educating yourself and sharing with those in your circle spreads awareness, and can create a ripple effect of support for everyone affected.



Officer Ryan Lubben (above) with his dog and Scott Horner (below) in “Spot” the ice cream truck.





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ATTENTION:
Parents of Native American Students

Please Join us for our Annual Open Meeting

On Monday, October 10th

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

***Big Bear Hospitality Room**
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Zoom Link: <https://eupschools.zoom.us/j/91795176335>
Meeting ID: 917 9517 6335

• Program Overview	• Activities
• Election of Parent Committee Members	• Native American Programs
• Heritage Grant	• Future Meeting dates/times

28th Annual Gathering of the Eagles Hessel Powwow was held August 19-21



The 28th Gathering of the Eagles Hessel Powwow was held Aug. 19-21, at the Hessel powwow grounds, next to Kewadin Casino.



Dancing an intertribal dance after grand entry. To see more photos, search for "Photos from Sault Tribe News archives" on Facebook.



Veterans dance around the arbor to a veteran honor song. Photos by Brenda Austin



Firekeeper Sam Doyle, Bonnie Jensen and Jeff Causley (right).



Ben Lyon, 3, decided he wanted to participate with the other drummers.



Ma'layah Tobias, 10, and her grandmother Susan Tobias.



Beautiful shawl dancer in blue and green.



Little one learning how to dance.



Young friends spending time together in the dance circle.



Shelby Fisher, 4, and mom Kelley Paquin helping Bella Fisher, 10, with her regalia.



Grandfather Johnathon DeRidder, Christy DeRidder, Zander DeRidder, 8, and Preston DeRidder, 10. Above right: Grand entry.



Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians
Advocacy Resource Center
Invites You to Attend
"Speak Your Truth"
**Community Quilt
Dedication Ceremony**
ORANGE SHIRT DAY EVENT
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
4 PM UNTIL 7 PM
NIIGAANAGIIZHIK CEREMONIAL BUILDING



Young men's grass dancer.



Womens shawl dancers.



Emcee, drummer and traditional basket maker Josh Homminga.



Womans shawl dancer.



Tiny dancer.



Mentoring the next generation.



Head male dancer Richard Lewis.



Nick VanAlstine during grand entry.

Join us for a special quilt dedication ceremony for victims and survivors of Residential Boarding Schools. Our community has worked together to create a beautiful quilt to remember and honor those who have suffered and those who have survived.

Listen as survivors "Speak Their Truth" and share their stories about attending residential boarding schools. "Walking Tacos" and Orange T-Shirts will be provided.
www.arcsaulttribe.com | (906) 632-1808
Contact Community Educator Jess Gillotte-King
jgillotte@saulttribe.net

Elder Sub-committee meetings in full swing — check this schedule



The Hessel Elder Committee meets the third Monday of each month.



The Marquette Elder Committee meets the first Thursday of each month.



Sault Ste. Marie elders meet the first Wednesday of each month.

Elder Committee schedules:

- Unit I – Sault Ste. Marie - First Wednesday of the month – 12 p.m. – Elder Building 2076 Shunk Rd.
 - Unit II – Hessel – Third Monday of the month – 12 p.m. - Hessel Tribal Center
 - Unit II – Naubinway – Last Wednesday of the month – 6 p.m. Naubinway pavilion
 - Unit II – Newberry – Third Friday of the month – 10:30 a.m. Zellars Restaurant
 - Unit III – St. Ignace – Second Thursday of the month – 12 p.m. – Elders Complex – 3017 Mackinac Trail
 - Unit IV – Manistique – Second Wednesday of the month – 12 p.m. – Manistique Tribal Center
 - Unit IV – Escanaba – Second Wednesday of the month – 5:30 p.m. – Chamber of Commerce building
 - Unit V – Munising – First Thursday of the month – 11 a.m. – Munising Tribal Center
 - Unit V – Marquette – First Thursday of the month – 6 p.m. – Holiday Inn
 - Elder Advisory Council – Third Friday of the month – 1 p.m. Newberry Tribal Center
- If you are interested in attending or have questions about the Elder Sub-Committees, please contact Holly Kibble at (906) 635-4971.

Sault Tribe Community Health

2023 Flu Clinics

Check flu clinic schedule for your area and Mark Your Calendars!



FREE flu shots for:

- Sault Tribe members
- Members of a federally recognized tribe
- Health Division Employees

FLU SHOTS ARE A \$10 CO-PAY FOR NON-NATIVE SPOUSES

SAULT / KINROSS AREA

Kinross Rec Center
Wed., Sept. 21 1 - 3 p.m.
DRIVE -THRU FLU CLINIC & HEALTH INFO
(18 years old and older)

Big Bear Arena Parking Lot
Monday, Sept. 19 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
DRIVE -THRU FLU CLINIC & HEALTH INFO
(18 years old and older)

ESCANABA AREA

Escanaba YEA Building, 1226 Wigob
Friday, Sept. 30 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 7 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
DRIVE THRU - 18 years and older

ST. IGNACE AREA

Little Bear Arena
Wednesday, Sept. 28...11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
DRIVE -THRU FLU CLINIC & HEALTH INFO
(18 years old and older)

St. Ignace Health Center
(2ND FLOOR CONF. ROOM)
Monday, Oct. 3...9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 14...9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 17...9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 26...9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

NEWBERRY AREA

Newberry Tribal Health Center
Thursday, Oct. 6.....9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 182 - 5 p.m.
DRIVE THRU - 18 years and older

HESEL, DETOUR, DRUMMOND AREA

DeTour Tribal Health Center, 200 Superior
Friday, Sept. 309 - 11 a.m.
DRIVE -THRU FLU CLINIC & HEALTH INFO
(18 years old and older)

Hessel Tribal Health Center
Monday, Oct. 109 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Monday Oct. 179 a.m. - 2 p.m.
DRIVE -THRU FLU CLINIC & HEALTH INFO
(18 years old and older)
Friday, Sept. 30 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

MANISTIQUE AREA

Manistique Tribal Health Center
Monday, Oct. 39 - 12 a.m. & 1 - 4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 109 - 12 a.m. & 1 - 4 p.m.
DRIVE THRU - 18 years and older

MARQUETTE AREA

Marquette Tribal Health Center
Behind the building -1229 W Washington St.
Saturday, Oct. 110 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 13.....1 - 4 p.m.
DRIVE THRU - 18 years and older

MUNISING AREA

Munising Tribal Health Center
North parking lot off of M-28
Saturday, Oct. 810 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 121 - 4 p.m.
DRIVE THRU - 18 years and older

ADULTS, if you are not able to attend our drive-thru flu clinics, please call your clinic below to schedule an appointment:

CHILDREN needing a flu vaccine: please call your clinic to schedule an appointment on an alternate day.

- Escanaba Health Center 341-1836
- Hessel Tribal Health Center..... 484-2727
- Manistique Tribal Health Center ... 341-8469
- Marquette Tribal Health Center ... 225-1616

- Munising Tribal Health Center 387-4721
- Newberry Tribal Health Center 293-8181
- Sault/Kinross Community Health.. 632-5210
- St. Ignace Tribal Health Center 643-8689, ext. 34531



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Tribal Tech LLC tours JKL Anishinaabe School

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Tribal Tech LLC staff met in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., at the Sault Kewadin Casino to train and team build. Tribal Tech has staff across the country — and that’s purposeful said Lori King, Project Manager with Tribal Tech, because Tribal Tech represents tribes across the country.

“We have unique cultural understanding of the populations we serve,” said Lori King, Project Manager with Tribal Tech.

King is a Sault Tribe member who once taught at JKL. She said since they were in “the Sault” it made sense to tour JKL Bahweting School. Tribal Tech serves JKL as a Bureau of Indian Education school. Tribal Tech LLC Project Manager Barb Smutek, also a Sault Tribe member with ties to the school as the parent of a former JKL student, also attended.

Tribal Tech is a Native American, SBA 8(m), third-party verified, woman-owned small business, according to its website. As a management and technical services company, Tribal Tech collaborates with federal agencies and tribes to improve security, health, education, energy, and environmental services. Since 2000, Tribal Tech has provided a diverse range of services to federal, state, local, tribal, and private sector entities.

Growing up the daughter of a tribal chairman of the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians, Tribal Tech LLC owner Victoria (Vicki) Vasques developed a deep understanding of the needs of Native American communities and the lack of informed private sector services dedicated to meeting those needs, according to the website. From early in her career as an educator, Vasques advocated for not only her own community, but the wider Native American community of diverse individuals and close-knit tribal groups.

“Indigenous communities are at the very heart of every service Tribal Tech provides, and though it has expanded our reach over the years and continue to effect change across the whole of the United States, our heritage remains the core of who we are,” Vasques said on the Tribal Tech website.

JKL Principal Carolyn Dale said the school has accessed Tribal Tech’s culturally-based services, such as a virtual talking circle for staff. Dale added that having Tribal Tech at the school made her aware of additional resources the school could use, such as mental health first aid.

Tribal Tech LLC Deputy Manager Cherrah Giles was on the tour. She had heard about the school and read Angeline Bouley’s *Firekeeper’s Daughter* and wanted to see the school in real time, she said. She was most impressed with the library, especially its section on social-emotional learning. Giles’ tribe in Oklahoma has two tribal schools, and she found the library “exciting.”

Giles also found all staff there during summer hours to be nice and welcoming.

Photos used courtesy Tribal Tech, LLC www.tribaltechllc.com/



Lori King, with Tribal Tech LLC



Julie White Pigeon, with Tribal Tech LLC



A Tribal Tech LLC staffer takes a turn on the zip line.



JKL Principal Carolyn Dale gives Tribal Tech a guided tour.

American Indian residential boarding schools: Every child matters movement gaining ground

FROM ACFS

For many years, Native families remained skeptical about the whereabouts of their children. Sadly, we now know the harsh truth. Residential boarding schools and the historical trauma caused by the brutal acts of genocidal tyrants is now resurfacing and family members of missing loved ones are struggling to face this nightmare come true.

Starting in 1860, Native American children were forced by the United States government into residential boarding schools with the intentions to “kill the Indian and save the man.” After drastic and failed attempts to completely destroy and eliminate the Native race, the government concluded that they would assimilate the race and “civilize” the “savage Indians.” Forced assimilation, meaning to conform to white society norms, was the goal of the United States and across Canada. Young children were ushered into schools with much resistance from their families, oftentimes with empty promises made to the children’s parents of visitations and summers at home.

Society wanted to take care of the country’s “Indian problem” and wished to strip the Natives of their culture, language, and practices.

Many accounts from boarding school survivors detailed humiliating acts being performed on these young children upon their arrival at their new schools. Native children’s long, sacred hair was immediately cut off, their traditional clothing, beautiful beadwork, photographs of their family, medicine pouches, and personal items were often burned or destroyed. Native children were called “dirty Indians” and doused in alcohol, kerosene, DDT and other pesticides to “disinfect” them. Young Native children, now clothed in matching, uncomfortable uniforms made of poor quality to teach them about “sameness, regularity, and order.” School staff assigned each child a new English first and last name and beat the children brutally for speaking their Native languages, stating their language was the devil’s language.

The reports of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse are horrid

and the nightmares are endless. The trauma that affected our ancestors continues to affect generations today.

In May 2021, the gruesome discovery of 215 Native children in unmarked graves at the Kamloops Residential School in British Columbia, Canada, has opened a floodgate of emotions and has sparked a nationwide investigation to bring our children, our ancestors, our family members, home. This discovery only reminds us that this traumatic period in our history existed. Since the discovery, many changes have occurred. In May 2022, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland and Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland released Volume 1 of the investigative report called for as part of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative, a comprehensive effort to address the troubled legacy of federal Indian boarding school policies.

This report lays the groundwork for the continued work of the Interior Department to address the intergenerational trauma created by historical federal

Indian boarding school policies. According to a press release, “The investigation found that from 1819 to 1969, the federal Indian boarding school system consisted of 408 federal schools across 37 states or then territories, including 21 schools in Alaska and seven schools in Hawaii. The investigation identified marked or unmarked burial sites at approximately 53 different schools across the school system. As the investigation continues, the Department expects the number of identified burial sites to increase.”

In September 2021, a bill was introduced to the Senate to establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States and sets forth its powers, duties, and membership. The bill is also intended to modify the curriculum for 8-12th grades to incorporate teachings about Native boarding schools.

It is time rewrite our history books and educate current and future generations the truth about Native American Boarding Schools. It is time to reveal the cruel ways children were treated

by nuns, priests, and other authority figures. Children lost their lives at boarding schools.

Deaths became secrets, parents were told lies, and our children suffered, all while missing the people they loved most — their families. It is time to educate future generations and teach the truth about our past.

Advocacy Resource Center advocates are available for support at (906) 632-1808. The Cultural Department is also available for assistance and can be reached at (906) 635-6050.

The Advocacy Resource Center will be hosting a Community Quilt Reveal event at the Niigaanagiizhik Building on Orange Shirt Day, Sept. 30, from 4 to 7 p.m. Survivors will be speaking and sharing their stories of their experiences at boarding schools. A light dinner will be served along with free orange shirts for those in attendance. See the ARC website, Facebook page, or posted flyers for more details.

ARC website: www.arcsault-tribe.com or find us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/sault-tribeARC.

Tell USACE where you stand on Line 5 Tunnel

BY SCOTT BRAND

ST. IGNACE — Hundreds of people descended on Little Bear East for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) scoping meeting on the Line 5 Tunnel Environmental Impact Statement and from all indications, the vast majority of them arrived with their minds firmly made up.

Dozens upon dozens of speakers, from both sides of the argument, weighed in with their opinions.

For those opposed to the Line 5 Tunnel, there were a myriad of reasons to scuttle the proposal: A spill poses a risk to the Great Lakes the world's largest freshwater supply; the project threatens ancestral lands and culturally significant sites; the ecosystem is fragile and 5-7 years of drilling through the rock beneath the Straits of Mackinac may have a significant shaking effect harming aquatic plants and spawning fish; the risk was not worth the

possible reward and Enbridge's track record, including the 2010 spill of 1.2 million gallons into the Kalamazoo River, only underscored the danger.

"Every day oil runs through the Straits of Mackinac is another day of Russian Roulette," said Paul McCarthy, encapsulating the opposition in a single sentence.

But the other side brought their own arguments to the meeting and delivered passion-

ate support to approve the plan: The tunnel was the best way to protect the Great Lakes moving the pipeline out of the waterway; the project would create jobs and boost the economy; it would also keep energy costs lower for those who heat with natural gas and would also provide an access portal connecting the upper and lower peninsulas.

"Building this tunnel is a big thing," said Mark Griffin,

speaking on behalf of the petroleum industry, "and it's time in Michigan that we do big things again."

Public comment will continue to be collected through Oct. 14. If you would like to voice your opinion, visit www.line5tunnelis.com and go to the comment section. Written comments can also be mailed to Line 5 EIS, 6501 Shady Grove Road, P.O. Box 10178, Gaithersburg, MD 20898.

Advancing efforts to revitalize Indigenous languages

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Departments of the Interior, Agriculture, Education and Health and Human Services have announced that the annual Native Languages Summit will be held on Oct. 4 in Oklahoma City. The Speaking Sovereignty Summit — which will be hosted this year by the Bureau of Indian Education — supports Indigenous communities seeking to protect, revitalize and reclaim Indigenous languages, many of which were erased or

critically endangered through assimilationist policies, including federal Indian boarding schools.

"The cornerstone of any culture or community is its language — is how oral histories are passed down, knowledge is shared, and bonds are formed. As part of our commitment to strengthening and supporting Indigenous communities, the Biden-Harris administration is resolute in its efforts to ensuring Native languages are preserved and protected," said

Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland. "The Department is proud to help lead this interagency effort to encourage programs and projects to include instruction in and use of Native languages."

Last year, as part of the 2021 White House Tribal Nations Summit, the Departments launched a new interagency initiative to preserve, protect and promote the rights and freedom of Native Americans to use, prac-

tice, and develop Native languages — including in signing a memorandum of agreement (MOA) to further the Native American Languages Act of 1990.

Topics to be discussed at the Native Language Summit include mentoring and developing teachers, amplifying family and community engagement, and honoring Native people for their contribution to Native languages within Indigenous communities. The summit will include a space

to collectively share best practices and learned experiences from Native language revitalization in Native communities.

The Summit may be attended in-person or virtually and is free to the public. Visit the Native Language Summit website for more information. Members of the public can register for the free event: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/native-language-summit-speaking-sovereignty-tickets-404806195227>.

DHS establishes Tribal Homeland Security Advisory Council

WASHINGTON — The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the establishment of the first-ever Tribal Homeland Security Advisory Council and the opening of the nomination period for membership. This Council will enable Tribal leaders to advise the Secretary on homeland security policies and practices that affect Indian Country and indigenous communities, including emergency management, law enforcement, cybersecurity, domestic terrorism and targeted violence, and border security.

"The inaugural Tribal Homeland Security Advisory Council is a result of sustained engagement to improve nation-to-nation relationships and comes at a time of critical importance," said Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas. "I look forward to building a new Council that will provide timely advice and recommendations directly from Indian Country regarding how we can better work together to improve homeland security."

The Council will engage with DHS agencies and offices and produce recommendations and reports for the Secretary. The Council will be charged with collaborating on all matters of

homeland security as they relate to Tribal Nations and indigenous communities, including but not limited to:

Implementation of Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments and the President's Jan. 26, 2021 Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships;

Implementation of Executive Order 14053, Improving Public Safety and Criminal Justice for Native Americans and Addressing the Crisis of Missing or Murdered Indigenous People;

Implementation of Executive Order 13985, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government; Implementation of Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations and Executive Order 13990, Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis; Implementation and execution of the DHS's Tribal Consultation Policy; and the responsibility to uphold the Federal Government's and the Department's trust and treaty

responsibility to Tribal Nations.

The Council's membership will be diverse in its leadership, professional backgrounds, technical expertise, and geographic makeup. Since every tribe is a unique sovereign nation, DHS strives to establish a Council that is reflective of the wide expanse of Indian country.

DHS is accepting nomina-

tions for a period of 30 days.

Individuals will be considered for membership based on their qualifications to serve as representatives of a Tribal Nation or tribal organization.

Interested individuals may submit their nomination packages via first class mail (Attn: Colleen Silva, Office of Partnership and Engagement, MS

0385, Department of Homeland Security, 2707 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE, Washington, DC 20528-0835) or e-mail submissions to TribalHSAC@hq.dhs.gov until 11:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on Oct. 10, 2022.

To learn more about the Council and how to apply, please visit <https://www.dhs.gov/tribal-advisory-council>.

Old Drugs, New Threats

Friday, October 14 from 1-3PM
Sault Tribe Cultural Center
11 Ice Circle Chi Mukwa, Sault Ste. Marie
Open to the public! Anyone can attend!

Presented by Melissa Moore, Owner & Trainer of M3 Consulting LLC, Consultant of Tall Cop Says Stop
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One of the most dangerous public perceptions has to be "I did it when I was a kid and I turned out fine." Fast forward a few decades...where we find some of the most popular trends filling headlines and flooding socials are in classes all their own. Novel and re-imagined products and devices pose new threats to the next generation of teens and young adults. Awareness is only part of the solution, but it is going to take the entire community to address this growing trend.

Attend this session to:

- Learn more about the latest trends in youth drug use, products and devices
- What works (and perhaps more importantly what doesn't) in prevention;
- How to engage the community (& your coalition) in efforts; and
- Tour the Hidden in Plain Sight Trailer!



REGISTER TODAY! Old Drugs, New Threats



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 FROM 1-3PM
SAULT TRIBE CULTURAL CENTER
11 ICE CIRCLE CHI MUKWA, SAULT STE. MARIE
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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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capofeup@yahoo.com
Electronic pet fencing and dog training.

Coonen Law
Rose Coonen
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
(616) 951-1531
rcoonen@coonen-law.com
<https://coonen-law.com/>
Business, estate and special needs planning.

Cottage UP
Thomas Clark
St. Ignace, MI 49781
(906) 298-2298
cottageup@outlook.com
Vintage home decor retail store.

Creative Change
Alan Barr
Manistique, MI 49854
(906) 286-1922
alanb@creativechange.org
Communication/job performance services.

Creative Memories
Janet Hess
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 630-3878
jhess4cm@hotmail.com
<https://www.creativememories.com/user/JanetHess>
Scrapbook supplies - albums,

decorative paper, embellishments, tools, etc.

Credence HR
Michael DiAngelo
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A5A8
(705) 542-7208
michael@credence.ca
Management consulting.

Crooked Music
Zac Crook
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 259-7400
crookedmusicstore@gmail.com
Music lessons and instrument sales.

D & S Custom Upholstery
Dwayne Lehn
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 748-1047
dwaynel91@gmail.com
Custom upholstery.

Dance of the Sun Day Spa
Dawn Cremeans
Marquette, MI 49855
(906) 249-9084
hello@danceofthesun.com
www.danceofthesun.com
The holistic approach to personal care and wellness.

DeMawating Development
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 495-2800
tgermain@saulttribe.net
Property management company.

Derusha Construction
David Derusha
Ashland, WI 54806
(715) 730-0734
derushaconstruction@yahoo.com
Construction.

Dream Catchers Consulting
Bill Pemble
Williamston, MI 48895
(517) 243-2877
pemblew@gmail.com
Business IT maintenance and management.

Dress Up and Tuxedo
Jody Bugay
Escanaba, MI 49829
(906) 789-9796
Jody@dressup906.com
Clothing outlet.

Eagle HVAC Services
Bryan Goudreau
Garden, MI 49835
(906) 450-0408
groundsourcehtg@gmail.com
Residential/commercial heating/cooling service and installation.

Eagle Specialties
Taryn Sulkes
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 638-6640 Ext 1
taryn@es.us.com
<https://es-us.com/>
Specialties supplier/sub contractor

Eagle's Dream
Rachel Mandelstamm
Greensboro, NC 27406
(989) 385-2129
eaglesdream2@yahoo.com
<https://www.facebook.com/eaglesdream2>
Authentic Native handmade dream catchers, quilting, embroidery, crochet and knitted items.

Everson's Furnishings
Jimmy Everson
St. Ignace, MI 49781
(906) 643-7751
info@eversonsfurniture.com
Residential and commercial furniture.

Farmhouse Restaurant
Patty Basse
Gould City, MI 49838
(906) 286-9763
jbasse2112@yahoo.com
Restaurant.

Fast & Secure Towing & Recovery
Ronald McClusky Jr.
Pontiac, MI 48340
(248) 993-3632
ronaldalcar@gmail.com
Towing & roadside assistance.

Feathers Upholstery
Emily McGeary
Escanaba, MI 49829
(906) 446-3406
mcmilly451@gmail.com
Sewing repair shop residential and commercial.

Floor Masters
Art Derry
Dafer, MI 49724
(906) 322-0252
art.derry@yahoo.com
Flooring and carpet.

Flowers Automotive
James Flowers
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 632-8074
flowersautoservice@gmail.com
Automotive repair shop.

Franks Place
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Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 440-4457
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Restaurant.

General Contractor
Fred Sliger
Trout Creek, MI 49967
(906) 852-3232
fredsliger@jamadots.com
General contractor.

Gitche Gumee Handcrafted Jewelry
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Newberry, MI 49868
(906) 293-3625
ginavgc@gmail.com
<https://www.lakesuperiorpendants.com/>
Handcrafted Lake Superior agate, stone and fossil pendants.

Gitchi Enterprises
Mike Brown
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 203-4491
mikeborwnsells@gmail.com
Used car/mobile home dealer.

Good Fruit Video
Justin Caine
East Lansing, MI 48826
(517) 803-9464
justin@goodfruitvideo.com
<https://www.goodfruitvideo.com/>
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Video Production Company, Personal and Business capabilities.

Great Lakes Drone Services
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St. Ignace, MI 49781
(517) 819-5542
greatlakesdroneservice@gmail.com
www.greatlakesdroneservice.com
FFA certified drone services.

Great Lakes Roofing & Insulation Systems
Craig Miller
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 647-2916
info@greatlakesroofing.com
http://greatlakesroofing.com/
Commercial roofing and insulation systems.

Greene Environmental Services
Mike Greene
Livonia, MI 48154
(734) 272-8434
mgreene@greeneenvironmentalservices.com
Asbestos abatement services.

Gus' Gourmet Nuts
Dustin Denkins
Cooks, MI 49817
(906) 644-2548
dustin@denkins.net

Hakola Logging
Tate Hakola
Rudyard, MI 49780
(906) 440-0842
Cuts, splits, delivers firewood.

Hakola Porta John & Rental
Tony Hakola
Cedarville, MI 49719
(906) 484-6202
tonyhakola@hotmail.com
Rental of porta johns and tents.

Hand Trucking
Andrew Garvin
Mount Pleasant, TX 75455
(469) 403-5930
persevere12@yahoo.com
We provide vacuum truck services to oil companies.

Herbal Lodge
Nathan Wright
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 622-9063
native14u@yahoo.com
Herbal medicines and treatments.

Herbst Seamless Gutters
Kenneth Peterson
Manistique, MI 49854
(989) 329-2139
herbstsg@gmail.com
https://www.herbstseamlessgutters.com/
Installing gutters and gutter guards.

Hilltop Bar/Restaurant
Brandon/Tracy McKerchie
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 259-2621
mckerchiebrandon@yahoo.com
Restaurant.

Horn's Odds and Ends
Irene Horn
St. Ignace, MI 49781
(906) 984-2189
imhorn517@gmail.com
Antique, vintage and thrift store.

Huck's Pub
Tate Hakola
Rudyard, MI 49780
(906) 442-1042
Pub/restaurant.

Hunts Maintenance & Services
Tyson Hunt
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 748-1920
tysonhunt2019@gmail.com
Janitorial/custodial work and maintenance.

Innes Welding and Repair
Mike Innes
Brimley, MI 49715
(906) 440-5634
thepropmaster@hotmail.com
Boat props and small metal working projects.

Irwin Group
Mitch Irwin
Lansing, MI 48826
(517) 896 6875
irwinmitch@gmail.com
Business development, investment and consulting.

ISHPI
Earl Bowers
Suffolk, VA 23435
(757) 809-2302
info@ishpi.net
Cyber protection service company.

Iversons Outdoors
Jim Baker
Munising, MI 49862
(906) 452-6370
baker.jimr@gmail.com
Handcrafted traditional snowshoes.

IvyTek
Sandy Griggs
Jacksonville, FL 32245
(337) 212-0994
sales@ivytek.com
Loan management software services.

Jeta Corp
Linda Grov
Neenah, WI 54957
(920) 486-7072
http://jetacorp.com
Distribution of hard to find materials.

Jose's Cantina
Allecia Gallo
St. Ignace, MI 49781
(906) 643-1519
gualoca619@gmail.com
https://joses-cantina.business.site/
Casual Mexican restaurant.

Kings Fish Market
Sally Shultz
Naubinway, MI 49762
(906) 477-6311
benschultz3134@gmail.com
Fish, gifts and sporting goods.

Lajoie Trucking Service and Freight
Marty Lajoie
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 647-3209
ltsf1@yahoo.com
Trucking.

Lockview Restaurant
Amy Goetz
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49784
(906) 632-2772
lockview2019@gmail.com
Restaurant.

Long Ships Motel
Scott Albon
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906)748-0589
scotty_joce@yahoo.com
Motel.

Ludington Outdoor Services

Caleb Bowman
Ludington, MI 49431
(231) 690-1002
Caleb Bowman1982@gmail.com
Landscaping and tree removal.

M&M Fisheries
Lynn Rickley
St. Ignace, MI 49781
(906) 984-3209
Fishing company.

Mackinaw Trail Winery
Laurie Stabile
Petoskey, MI 49970
(231) 487-1910
stabilelaurie@gmail.com
Winery.

Manley's Famous Smoked Fish
Don Wright
St. Ignace, MI 49781
(906) 430 0937
https://www.facebook.com/manleysfishmarket/
Fish market.

Mark and Sons Plumbing and Heating
Lewis Mullins
St. Ignace, MI 49781
(906) 643-9597
markandsonsp@gmail.com
Plumbing/heating/HVAC.

Massey Fish Co.
Jamie Massey
St. Ignace, MI 49781
(906) 984-2148
masseysfish@hotmail.com
Fish market.

Matson's Fisheries
Katy Matson
Munising, MI 49862
(906) 202-0025
matsonfish@yahoo.com
Fish market.

McCabes Quality Flooring
Bill McCabe
Marquette, MI 49855
(906) 228-8821
mccabesflooring@aol.com
Flooring.

McGahey Construction
Randall McGahey
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 632-4272
ashmuncreek@sbcglobal.net
Construction—general contractor.

Medical Arts Optical
Melanie Cook
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 632-2289
melaniebea@aol.com
Glasses and hearing aids.

Mesick Market
Carl Brasseur
Mesick, MI 49668
(231) 885-1030
carlbrasseur@gmail.com
Full line grocery store (Spartan Brand).

MI Playground
Andy/Nick Behling
Jensen, MI 49428
(616) 201-8731
contact@enjoymiplayground.com
Digital media production.

Mid-American Title
Amy Goetz
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 379-9555
amy@mid-americantitle.com
Title agency.

MidJim Convenience Store
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

(906) 635-4782
jmacdonald@saulttribe.net.
Convenience store.

MidJim Convenience Store
St. Ignace, MI 49781
(906) 643-9906
jmacdonald@saulttribe.net.
Convenience store.

Midway General Store
Erica Kemeny
Wetmore, MI 49895
(919) 621-8998
A great general convenience store.

Mike's Garage
Mike Cook
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 635-5755
mikemike1962@hotmail.com
Vehicle repair shop.

Mollys Nest
Robin Pavia
St. Ignace, MI 49781
(906) 298-1633
rbelonga14@yahoo.com
Farming-flowers/veggies/eggs with services in landscaping projects.

Moofinfries
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Moore Trooper Construction
Ted Moore
Holt, MI 48842
(517) 694-6310
tmoore@mooretrooper.com
Construction.

Mountainside Apartments
Marrijo Beckman
Boyne Falls, MI 49713
(231) 330-1992
mjobeckman1@gmail.com
Rental apartments.

Mountainside Grille
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Boyne Falls, MI 49713
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mjobeckman1@gmail.com
Restaurant.

Mullenbrock and Associates
Craig Mullenbrock
Piqua, OH 45356
(937) 773-8500
craig.w.mullenbrock@ampf.com
A private wealth advisory practice.

Muscotts Painting
James Muscott
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 342-7055
jamesmuscott@hotmail.com
Painting, residential and commercial.

National Painting Contractors (MBE)
James McClusky
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(828) 989-1395
nationalpaintingcontractors@gmail.com
https://nationalpaintingcontractors.business.site
Commercial and residential painting.

Native American Church of Turtle Island
David Gaskin
Redding, CA 96001

(906)-256-0062
davidgaskin4@gmail.com
https://www.nacturtleisland.org/
Helping to develop Indigenous communities.

Native Steel Welding & Fab
Trystan Ferris
Moran, MI 49760
(906) 430-7816
nativesteelwelding@gmail.com
Here for your welding and repair needs.

Natures Cure
Joel Halloran
Cedar Springs, MI 49319
(616) 970-8016
hallorjo@mail.gvsu.edu
www.naturescurestore.com
Online store selling natural herbs.

NMK Consulting
Charlee Brissette
Dafter, MI 49724
(906) 630-3082
cnbrissette@gmail.com
Consulting services for Indigenous health and wellness education, individual or organization.

Nontrivial Solutions
James Bearden
Oklahoma City, OK 73137
(405) 698-3702
james@nontrivial.net
Health care system software management.

Northern Hospitality
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 635-4800
Flooring service and furniture sales.

Northern Wings
David Goudreau
Newberry, MI 49868
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Aerospace and national defense manufacturer.

Ogitchidaa
Ann Dailey
Holt, MI 48842
(906) 322-2716
ann@companyk.us
Military/law enforcement training.

Ojibwe Hazardous Abatement
Rob Arndt
Escanaba, MI 49729
(906) 786-3001
robarndt95@gmail.com
Hazardous abatement and pest control.

Pedersons Lawn and Landscape
Heather Pederson
Garden, MI 49835
(906) 644-2150
dr.pederson@hotmail.com
Lawn and landscaping service.

Pemble Concrete Coatings
Charles Pemble
Marquette, MI 49855
(906) 361-6562
pemconco@gmail.com
Epoxy floor coatings/polishes concrete in industrial, commercial and residential settings.

Peninsula Shores Gallery
Eirnella O'Neil
Gould City, MI 49838
(906) 477-6303
Nature and wildlife photo art by
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Pennzoil
Tracy Smart or Mickey
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 635-3018
tsmart1218@gmail.com
Oil change/car wash.

Peterson Building & Contracting
Kenneth Peterson
Manistique, MI 49854
(989) 329-2139
peterson_building@hotmail.com
Construction—general contractor.

Pink Giraffe Beauty Products
Maddi Lynch
Gladstone, MI 49837
(906) 280-6994
pinkgiraffebeautyproducts@gmail.com
www.pinkgiraffebeautyproducts.com
Candles, lip balms, scrubs and more.

Premier Learning
Colleen Ford
Swartz Creek, MI 48473
(810) 732-6493
cgkford@comcast.net
Tutoring and tutor training.

Prescription Oxygen
Ron Gordon
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 632-3772
ron@prescriptionoxygen.com
Durable medical equipment.

Project Pomona
Meghan Roberts
Driftwood, TX 78619
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meghan2roberts@gmail.com
https://projectpomona.com

Proline Auto
Mike Pages
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 259-0809
mpages73@gmail.com
Vehicle repair shop.

Red Sky Woman Designs
Helen Wilkins
Kincheloe, MI 49789
(906) 322-3370
hwilkins5@gmail.com
Handmade crafts.

Regal Home Care
Breana Eby
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
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regalhomecare@outlook.com

Rock Road Masonry & Construction
Brandon Deno
Escanaba, MI 49829
(906) 789-7892
scs@chartermi.net
Residential and commercial work,
ICF foundation work and exterior
concrete applications.

Ron's Birchbark Studio
Ron Paquin
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Native American artist with
in-store items, workgroups and
demonstrations.

Roy Electric
Jeff Roy
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 632-8878
royelectric@lighthouse.net
Electrical, mechanical and main-
tenance business.

Ruddle's Native Painting
Carol Ruddle
Mackinac Island, MI 49781
(906) 430-1728
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Painting contractor.

Sabatine Appraisals
Stephanie Sabatine
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 322-2960
stephsabatine@gmail.com
Appraisals and rental properties.

Sacred Tattoo Studio
Danielle Pemble
Marquette, MI 49855
(906) 273-0800
sacredbooking@gmail.com

Salon C
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Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 635-3964
cathyann906@gmail.com
Hair salon.

Sault Printing
Ron Maleport
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 632-3369
ron@saultprinting.com
Printing and office supplies.

Saulteur
Scott Lavictor
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
https://www.saulteur.com
Consulting, advisory and con-
tracting services

Sawyer Village
Gwinn, MI 49841
(906) 346-3919
jpage@saulttribe.net
Rental apartments.

Say it with Swag
Cassandra Pasque
Macomb, MI 48044
(248) 953-1933
sayitwithswagllc@gmail.com
http://sayitwithswag.net
Custom apparel and promotional
products.

Seniors Helping Seniors LLC
Chad Lawson
Jacksonville, FL 32258
(904) 716-5680
clawson5454@yahoo.com
Non-medical personal services.

Seriously SEO
Dustin Denkins
Cooks, MI 49817
(906) 644-2548
dustin@denkins.net
https://seriouslyseo.com/
Marketing services with serious
results.

Snowbelt Brewing Co.
Angielena Muellenberg
Gaylord, MI 49735
(989) 448-7077
drinklocal@snowbeltbrewery.com
Brewery.

Soo Welding
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Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 632-8241
soowelding@outlook.com
Welding and metal working.

Sore Arms Fishing Charters
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(906) 360-6035
sorearmscharters@gmail.com
Fishing and market.

St. Ignace in Bloom

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St. Ignace, MI 49781
(906) 643-9480
greenhouse@stignaceinbloom.
com
Flower and plant shop.

State Farm Insurance Office
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Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 635-5377
kristi.harwood-causley.ke8b@
statefarm.com
Insurance agency.

Sugar Island Shores
Dave Menard
Sugar Island, MI 49783
(906) 440-7644
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Vacation rental (VRBO)

Sunset Motel
Armand Horn
St. Ignace, MI 49781
(906) 643-8377
sunsetmotel786@gmail.com
Motel.

Superior Custom Blinds
Jennifer Roy
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 630-6939
jennroy209@gmail.com
Custom window blinds.

Superior Satellite Solutions
Gary Talarico
Germfask, MI 49836
(906) 450-7675
chieffishfinder@gmail.com
U.P. satellite TV and Internet
installation and service.

Superior Web
Gina Harmon
Newberry, MI 49868
(906) 293-3625
ginavgc@gmail.com
https://www.superiorweb.net/
Responsive web design, web
page/site builders.

Surface Tech Applicators
Nathan Cremeans
Rudyard, MI 49780
(906) 203-9397
Industrial paint applications.

Synchronized Networking Solu-
tions
Robert Gonczy
Penrose, CO 81240
(719) 371-2315
rgonczy@syncns.com
http://www.syncns.com/
Provides networking expertise
for service providers, government
agencies and enterprise business-
es.

T & K King Fisheries
Theron King
Moran, MI 49760
(906) 643-1068
kingsfishmarket@gmail.com
https://www.facebook.com/kings-
fishmarketandrestaurant/
Wholesale and retail.

The Bostique
Cindy King
Manistique, MI 49854
(906) 283-3245
Bohemian shop.

The Brickyard Bar and Grill
Tate Hakola
Rudyard, MI 49780
(906) 442-1099
Restaurant and bar.

The Buckley General Store
Carl Brasseur

Buckley, MI 49620
(231) 342-4245
carlbrasseur@gmail.com
Convenience store.

The Ice Cream Shoppe
Jill or Jeff McLeod
Cedarville, MI 49719
(906) 484-5525
jmcLeod@eupschools.org
Ice cream and treats.

The Palace Saloon
Doreen Goetz
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 632-7721
palacesaloon1903@gmail.com
Restaurant.

The Pink Cactus
Laura Cook
Ithaca, MI 48847
(989) 264-2050
lannecook@gmail.com
Michigan artisans 100% hand-
crafted products.

Thermal Kernels
Cathy Baker
McMillian, MI 49853
(231) 675-1060
lovethermalkernels@gmail.com
Therapeutic hot and cold pads,
wraps and more.

Tickled Pink Antiques
Carole Prisk
Negaunee, MI 49866
(906) 475-4567
caroleprisk@yahoo.com
Antique shop.

Timberdoodle
Janelle Gross Dudeck
De Tour, MI 49725
(906) 297-1011
timberdoodle.mercantile@gmail.
com
Handmade crafts.

Tinger Guide Services
Alex Ermatinger
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
(269) 303-1339
tingerguideservice@gmail.com
https://www.tingerguideservice.
com
All-inclusive salmon fishing
experience.

Tipping Point Solutions
Rick Schmidt
Centennial, CO 80112
(303) 353-0440
info@tp-solutions.com
Digital media production.

Total Outlook Hair Care & Tan-
ning
Connie Payment
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 632-6936
totaloutlooksalon@gmail.com
Hair salon.

Tribal Voices
Cressandra Thibodeaux
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(310) 880-3907
cressandra@mac.com
Photography and videography.

Trucor USA Steel Structures
Michael DiAngelo
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(705) 542-7208
michaeldiangelo@trucor.usa.com
https://www.trucorusa.com/
Permanent, temporary, and emer-
gency steel structures.

Tx Pro
Tracy Prout
Hutto, TX 78634
(512) 630-8848
tracy@txprollc.com
https://www.facebook.com/
txprollc
Custom laser engraving,
UV-LED printing and commer-
cial embroidery.

U.P. Auto Group
Gerald Jackson
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 259-1559
gjackson@upautosales.com
Used car sales/car detailing.

U.P. Carpet Mart
Derrick Eitrem
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 635-1026
https://upcarpetmart.business.
site/
Residential and commercial
flooring.

Up Cycled Hippie
Jessica Shields
Escanaba, MI 49829
(906) 553-8430
jessicaloushields@gmail.com
Handmade hippie/bohemian
clothing.

Walsh Service Solutions
Rich Walsh
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
(269) 823-1051
rich@walshservicesolutions.
com
Environmental consulting ser-
vices.

Weddings by Judy in Northern
Michigan
Judy St. Louis-Scott
St. Ignace, MI 49781
(906) 643-7064
stlouis92@yahoo.com
Wedding officiant.

White Pine Lodge
Christmas, MI 49862
(906) 387-1111
whitepinelodgeonline.com
Hotel and convenience store.

Wholistic Energy Healing
Shelly Kucharczyk
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 440-2224
s.kucharczyk@yahoo.com
https://www.facebook.com/
wholisticwellnesssolutions
We clear the negative energy,
allowing wellness.

Wicked Walleye Tackle
Mendy Kolbus
Rapid River, MI 49878
(906) 286-1886
wickedwalleyet@yahoo.com
Handmade lures for walleye
fishing.

Willis Pest Control
Willard Willis
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 322 7445
Full pest control services.

Windy Hills Bison Farm
Carl Brasseur
Tustin, MI 49688
(231) 342-4245
Brasseur@windyhillsbisonfarm.
com
Full bison farm and home to
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Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and Conservation

BY CHIEF OF POLICE ROBERT MARCHAND

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE) issues treaty hunting and fishing licenses to Sault Tribe members to be utilized within the boundaries of the 1836 Treaty Area. If members have any questions regarding these licenses, the criteria for obtaining them, and/or the regulations governing their use, please contact our office at (906) 635-6065.

Inland Hunting, Fishing, and Gathering

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement has been receiving calls from members who hold Sault Tribe's treaty licenses (bear, fishing, deer, etc.) asking if the tribe has to abide by State of Michigan rules, several of which have changed recently. We want to remind all members who exercise their treaty rights with Sault Tribe licenses that they follow tribal law. Chapter 21 regulates tribal members' Inland hunting, fishing, and gathering activity; Chapter 20 and CORA Code regulate tribal members' Great Lakes fishing. Just because the State changes a regulation does not automatically mean Sault Tribe has. The Sault Tribe board of directors are the governing body that approves and amends tribal law.

Early firearm deer season began Sept. 6 and runs through Oct. 31, 2022. Please remember that you are authorized to fill only two tags during early season,



one of which may be antlered. Late deer season begins Nov. 15 and runs through the first full weekend in January, which falls on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023. In late firearm deer season, you can harvest any remaining tags you have left. Between Nov. 1 and 14, you are still able to hunt deer with a bow and arrow and/or cross bow. The bear and elk lottery drawing has been completed and STLE has sent out all winning bear tags to those who already held their 2022 Inland Hunting and Fishing Harvest license. We do have a few winners who have not yet picked up their bear tag who also have not renewed their harvest license for 2022. As a reminder, Sault Tribe's Natural Resources Department coordinates everything for the elk drawing; the only thing STLE does is print the tag itself for them. Please remember that when you harvest a bear, you are required to have it sealed within 72 hours of the harvest. This can be done through

Sault Tribe's Natural Resources Department ((906) 632-6132) or at any Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) check station. Regardless of where you have your bear sealed, you are required to contact Sault Tribe Natural Resources Department. We would like to remind our members that if you held a 2021 Inland non hunting harvest license or an Inland Hunting license, you are required to submit the annual harvest report prior to obtaining your 2022 licenses.

These reports are required to be submitted regardless of activity during the 2021 hunting and fishing seasons.

Sault Tribe's small game season began Sept. 1, 2022 and runs through March 31, 2023. Fall turkey season began Sept. 15 and runs through Nov. 14, 2022. Migratory bird season is coming up also and the seasons and bag limits are available online where you find license applications or you can pick them up at our Sault office.

If you have never held an Inland Harvest license with Sault Tribe, you are required to provide a copy of your tribal card along with proof of hunter safety if you want to engage in treaty hunting rights. STLE does administer a youth mentoring program that members under the age of 10 are able to participate in for a maximum period of two years; please

note however that once the youth turn 10, they are not eligible for this program and will be required to provide proof of hunter safety. STLE recommends that they begin participation at 8 years of age so there is no lapse in licensing. Please contact our office for more information as there are other requirements to participate. Chapter 21 of tribal code regulates Inland licenses. Please remember that if you are using this license for fishing purposes, you are only authorized to fish inland lakes and streams within the boundaries of the 1836 Treaty Area. There are some exceptions on specific bodies of water that you can find more information about in tribal code. All tribal codes may be found online at saulttribe.com, select Government at the top, select tribal code from the drop-down list and choose Chapter 21 for Inland rules and regulations.

Great Lakes Fishing – Subsistence/Netting and Commercial

Commercial licenses – captains and helpers – still have the requirement to schedule an appointment with STLE in order to renew each year. It is important that helpers and captains call to schedule their own appointments. STLE has to obtain specific personal information each year that only the member themselves can provide.

If you hold a subsistence

license or subsistence and netting licenses, please remember that you are required to turn in a monthly catch report by the 10th of each month. These reports are required whether you catch any fish or get out to fish. If you fax in your reports, please make sure to call STLE about 10-15 minutes after you faxed it to ensure we received it. Please remember that these licenses are valid only on the Great Lakes within the boundaries of Sault Tribe's 1836 Treaty Area. Chapter 20 of tribal code and CORA code regulate both subsistence and netting licenses. Both sets of regulations may be found online at saulttribe.com, select Government at the top, select tribal code from the drop-down list, and choose either Chapter 20 or CORA code for Great Lakes rules and regulations. As a reminder, you are authorized to recreationally fish in the Great Lakes within the boundaries of our 1836 Treaty Area with just your tribal membership card as long as you follow State of Michigan rules for the activity. Members are encouraged to educate themselves on the various rules governing our Treaty rights; however, STLE is here to help members wade through the sometimes-complex rules.

If you cannot find the information you are looking for in tribal and/or CORA Code, please contact our office and ask to speak with a conservation officer.

Nuisance alga "rock snot" found in local rivers

FROM THE MDNR

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy has confirmed the presence of didymo (*Didymosphenia geminata*), a nuisance alga also known as rock snot, in a stretch of the Boardman River in Blair Township in Grand Traverse County.

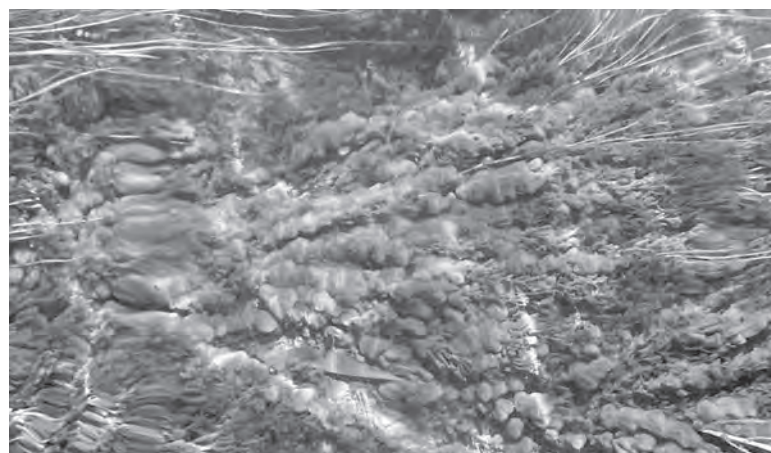
Blooms of didymo, a microscopic diatom (single-celled alga), were detected on the Upper Manistee River in Kalkaska County in December 2021 and have been found in the St. Mary's River in the Upper Peninsula since 2015.

A photo of suspected didymo posted Aug. 17 on a Michigan Sportsman online forum was forwarded to EGLE and Department of Natural Resources staff the next day. Sarah LeSage, EGLE aquatic invasive species program coordinator, visited Shumsky's Canoe Launch and a bridge access off East River Road in Blair Township Aug. 22 to collect samples, which were verified the next day by the Great Lakes Environmental Center.

Points on the Boardman River, including Shumsky's launch, were surveyed in May as a part of a 12-river didymo survey in northern Michigan following the detection on the Upper Manistee. At that time, didymo was not found on the Boardman or any additional rivers.

Not a typical alga

Unlike the harmful algal blooms that plague areas of the Great Lakes and some inland lakes due to warm temperatures



Above: Didymo growth on submerged vegetation and gravel at Shumsky's Canoe Launch on the Boardman River in Grand Traverse County. Right: Didymo stalks form mats that are coarse and fibrous, resembling wet wool or cotton.

and excess nutrients, didymo blooms form in cold, low-nutrient streams generally considered pristine – the same streams prized for their sport fisheries.

Didymo mats can cover streambeds and reduce habitat for macroinvertebrates including mayfly and caddisfly nymphs, which are important food for fish.

"We don't have a lot of historical samples to indicate whether didymo may be present but undetected in other Michigan waterways," said LeSage. "It's possible that environmental factors like changes in water chemistry or quality are causing it to 'bloom' or develop long stalks, making previously undetected alga cells now visible on hard surfaces in the streambed."

What's being done

Since 2015, the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program has supported researchers at Lake Superior State University's Center for Freshwater Research and

Education in an extensive study of occurrences of didymo in the St. Marys River and Upper Peninsula waters, the risk of spread and why nuisance blooms are increasing – a phenomenon being observed worldwide.

Information on didymo and LSSU's ongoing efforts is available in the June 9, 2022, NotMISpecies webinar, Didymo: What you need to know, presented by Dr. Ashley Moerke.

Throughout the year, EGLE and DNR have increased outreach to partners including outfitters and bait shops serving the Upper Manistee River. These partners, in turn, have been encouraging boaters, anglers and others to adopt practices that prevent the spread of didymo via boats, gear and waders.

New signs reminding users to "Clean, Drain, Dry" are posted at access sites along the Upper Manistee. Similar outreach measures will be taken along the Boardman



Photos courtesy of EGLE

and debris from all surfaces.

– Drain water from all bilges, wells and tanks.

– Dry equipment for at least five days or disinfect with hot water or a diluted bleach solution.

– Additional recommendations can be found on the didymo page at Michigan.gov/Invasives.

Despite its slimy nickname, didymo has a coarse texture resembling wet wool. It can appear as small, cotton ball-sized patches or thick blankets with rope-like strings that flow in currents.

If you observe didymo in the water, note the location and report it by using the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network, available online at MISIN, MSU.edu or as a downloadable smartphone app. The MISIN smartphone app will take a GPS location point if a report is made at the site; it also will allow you to upload photos with a report.

Find more information at: Michigan.gov/Invasives.

River.

Prevention is key

Currently, there are no effective methods to eradicate didymo once it is established in a river or stream. To prevent spreading didymo and other aquatic invasive species to new locations, it is critical for recreational users to thoroughly clean, drain and dry waders, equipment and boats upon leaving a waterway.

– Clean by removing mud

Sault Tribe Thrive business directory continued

From "Directory," page 23 award winning animals.

Woody's One Stop
Nick and Pam Louricas
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 632-7361
Full service convenience store
"A true 1 stop shop."

Y & R Outdoor Service
Ron and Yolanda Baird
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

(906) 203-7388
yolandanolanbaird@gmail.com

Tree service-cutting and removal

Zodiac Party Store, Taste of the U.P.

Keith Massaway
St. Ignace, MI 49781

(906) 643-8643
kmassaway@msn.com
Convenience store.

Celebrating 50 years of federal recognition



KIMBERLY LEE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II

This past month has been one of learning, lessons, and humbling moments as fall is quickly upon us. Our reminder that change can be beautiful. This time of year, it is proven all around us.

On Sept. 7, we, as a tribe, celebrated an incredible mile-

stone, 50 years of federal recognition. Our elders' and ancestors' dedication, so we can hold our tribal cards proudly and say I am proof of over 20 years of hard work and commitment: Rosemary Gaskin and the founders who fought and achieved federal recognition for us, we could never express our gratitude sufficiently. Hard-working team members have some plans for the year ahead in celebration.

I attended the trial on the JLLJ case in Lansing. It was a bit of a surprise that we were at the trial point in this lawsuit. Some of us thought it necessary to attend the trial and see what we may face — delivering the message of our presence and what a loss this would be to our people. With that amount of money at risk — \$133 million. We now wait as the judge is rendering her decision.

I made it over to the Little Bear Arena in St. Ignace to the Line 5 tunnel environmental impact public hearing. I could not stand up and speak as the list of speakers was incredibly long. There were some compelling testimonies. People came from miles to oppose pipeline five and the effect or potential risk it will have on our resources.

We must continue to stand up and fight for what our ancestors fought to protect for centuries. Water is an essential resource that must be preserved for seven generations and beyond as well as all living things that depend on it.

It is not late in submitting an impact statement by email at www.line5tunnelEIS.com on or before Oct. 14, 2022, to the Army Corp of Engineers as they make their decision on how they will proceed forward.

We have had a couple of orientation days, with more on the schedule. It has been great to see different departments come in and talk about what they do as part of their team that makes our tribe function effectively. We have some fantastic individuals who make our tribe operate at its level of capacity. We appreciate them taking the time to share with us what their teams do and why they are so crucial. I am anxious to hear from more departments so we can continue to grow at the board level to help continue our growth journey together.

As back to school time is upon us again, I sincerely hope your kids had a safe and happy start to the new school year. Do not forget that your child could be eligible for the youth development fund. It is income-based and if your student qualifies helps with \$150

per calendar year on events and needed amenities.

Applications can be found at saulttribe.com/membership-service/education. At this time, this is a service limited to the seven-county service area. This is the guideline for this program.

I see the membership's responses to the current circumstances at the board table, and they are looking for answers. Assurance is not having all the answers. Now is the time to sharpen our leadership skills so we may lead with intention. Immoral is always available as a choice, but so is what is honorable.

Miigwech! I choose honor to help guide me through these times of adversity.

Kimberly Lee
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(906)379-8965

Feeling sick seeing gloomy path tribe is on



DARCY MORROW,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

We have had three months at the board table with the new crew plus 2 maintaining their smear campaign against Chairman Hoffman with their various resolutions. The latest resolution they passed is to now investigate Chairman Hoffman back to 2006 along with all his family members! This is the saddest I have ever seen our tribe and I feel sick seeing the gloomy path our tribe is on.

They are calling special meetings weekly to do their dirty work and unfortunately our legal department is helping them to write resolutions without the chairman or the four senior board members even knowing about them. We do not find out what is on the meeting agenda until we receive the agenda from the board secretary. The Legal Department should be looking out for the tribe's best interest not individual board members personal interest but that is what is happening in front of your eyes! This is working together? Far from it! And when the items get to the board table the senior board members are not even able to ask a question before Betty yells out call for the vote and her two nephews second it and they shut down any discussion so that the members in the audience or on Zoom can't hear the truth of what they are pulling!

Chairman Hoffman have both put the following resolution on the meeting agenda a few times:

Investigating Accusations Against Elected Officials –

WHEREAS, there have been complaints of harassment, intimidation election interference, and improper influence of an elected official committed by towards Sault Tribe members and Sault Tribe employees; and

WHEREAS, several Members of the Board cornered Election Committee volunteer(s) at their respective work office(s) to question them regarding the Election with no provocation or authorization; and

WHEREAS, an Employee complaint has been filed internally, as well as received by Sault Tribe Law Enforcement on this issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors mandates and directs an investigation be undertaken regarding accusations of harassment, intimidation, interference in the Election process, Abuse of office, and Improper Influence of a Tribal official regarding these matters and further authorizes disclosure of any records otherwise classified as confidential for the purpose of investigating these allegations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Executive Director of the Tribe, with assistance from the Tribe's General Counsel, shall hire an external firm to investigate these allegations, with authorization to modify the existing budget to pay for these services.

And again, over and over Hampton, Lowes, McRorie, LaPlaunt, Lee, McKechnie and Freiheit all voted to table this resolution. Call them up and ask them why they wouldn't investigate their own. Per the resolution there is a police report that was filed. They campaigned on

TRANSPARENCY start holding them to it! They had no problem voting YES on their made-up investigation with no documentation or police report of Chairman Hoffman!

The new crew plus 2 are trying to keep your attention away from the election investigations that are still ongoing! Ask them why they removed the Election Committee lawyer out from underneath the Election Committee and put him under the board with an ongoing investigation on an election they were all participants in! Ask them about when the election committee chair came to update the board at a meeting, they demanded he be kicked out and the committee members in the audience also. Members you must be seeing this by now, the deceit you were given in their campaign promises.

I want to clear up a lie being spread about the wrist band giveaway at the Escanaba Fair. It is being said that I refused to go to the wristband giveaway! That is the farthest thing from the truth, I was at Mayo Clinic for a cancer check up and it is really no one's business, but I felt I needed to stop the lies in their track and if this is how I must do it I will! I have always volunteered to work the children's fair wristband giveaway for years — way before I was a board member! My family and I have always volunteered, we have never needed to be paid to do anything for our tribe and its members.

I have been contacted by Unit 4 members asking me about wristbands that were handed out to non-Natives at the fair. Per the resolution the funding used for the wrist bands is to be used for cultural and educational purposes for Unit 4 members. I approved the funding to be used for tribal members residing in Unit 4. If they were handed out to non-Natives, then that money will need to be paid back to the

tribe by the person responsible for getting the check from the tribe's Unit 4 funding.

I would like to bring to your attention, last week at the board meeting we had committee appointments. The Enrollment Committee had me and Boyd Snyder, an elder in Unit 5 up for reappointment and Kim Gravelle, a Unit 1 elder for chair of the Enrollment Committee since the seat had become vacant. They all voted NO for the three of us to be appointed. Call up Hampton and ask her who the problem is? She voted against two elders and a fellow board member. Hope she feels good about it! The Enrollment Committee has never been full for the nine years I have been on it. And, now the board just left that committee with less than a handful of members. I hope you members are starting to see

a pattern here!

I apologize that each month I have to write about such pathetic and distasteful things going on, but if we do not report it to you then who will?

Now onto some good news everyone is invited to attend the Gladstone Health Center Grand Opening on Sept. 30, 2022, from 1 to 2 p.m. at 2002 Minneapolis Ave., Gladstone, MI 49837. I hope to see you there — come check out this beautiful building, it has Health Services on one side and the other side of the building is being modified to a 24-hour fitness facility. To be opened soon.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to call me.

Thank you,
Darcy Morrow
Unit IV Representative
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RECOVERY WALK

2022

Thursday, September 22, 2022
Chi Mukwa (Big Bear Arena)
4:30PM - 7:30PM

You're Invited!

Registration will begin in the parking lot of Chi Mukwa at 4:30 with walk starting at 5:00. The walk starts at Chi Mukwa then circles around Shunk Road and returns to Chi Mukwa. The speakers will begin once walk is complete.

- Motivational Recovery Speakers
 - Informational Booths
 - Free shirts & gifts until gone
 - Food will be provided
- Anyone who is unable to participate in the walk is welcome to go right to Chi Mukwa at 5:30.

This event is supported by the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Behavioral Health, Tribal Court, and Housing.

National Recovery Month

Every Person. Every Family. Every Community.

Director Sorenson and

Director Sorenson updates Unit III membership



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

Unfortunately, we are into month three of the DJ Hoffman witch trials. It seems like every meeting there is another resolution on the meeting agenda to crucify the current chairman. Sometimes, we get lucky enough to have a special meeting to accommodate the vendetta. In my entire life I have never seen anything like it. Just when I think it cannot get any worse or crazier, they prove me wrong.

The members, team members and communities do not need to be in the middle of this nonsense. There have obviously been deals struck to retaliate against DJ and the four remaining board members for the resignation of Aaron Payment. Aaron made that choice and maybe the new board plus 2 can vote to publish that video as well as the results of the investigation. You cannot campaign on transparency and then think that doesn't mean yourself.

On Aug. 23, we held a workshop with the commercial and subsistence fishers to discuss the NOAA funding. We have met a few times with staff and fishermen on these funds and the ideas that were discussed were equipment (nets, twine, fish boxes, etc.), docking and launching access, growing the hatchery, disbursements, etc. The funds, if distributed, would have to take into consideration the money that was received by the tribe, the state and the feds by individuals and prove the loss was more than received. The majority of the support was to use the funds to grow the hatchery. This allows for all members to benefit hopefully for years to come. Our legal counsel will need to submit our plan to the funding agency for approval prior to accessing the funds.

Also, during that same workshop was discussion by Legal of the board having to approve a resolution to hire a special prosecutor when and if he or she feels conflicted out. The constitution says the board hires legal counsel but I believe that means our general counsel not a special prosecutor. I believe in the past when the judge or prosecutor had a conflict they arranged for a substitution. Why should the board get involved in this process? Even though I don't think we should have to vote on this I would, so the process can move forward. With that being said, DJ called a special meeting for Aug. 30 to vote on the resolution to hire a special prosecutor. Then the eight

board members loaded the special meeting with items.

On Monday, Aug. 29, we were scheduled to go over schedule B budgets and then a workshop on Tuesday, Aug. 30, and special meeting at 12 p.m. On Friday, Aug. 26, the board was told that the trial on the JLLJ (Lansing Casino) case would begin on Monday. Then the eight did an email poll to cancel both the workshops on Monday and Tuesday but keep the meeting. Not sure why that happened since Betty, Austin, Isaac and Rob were the only ones attending the trial. Not sure what they thought they could do by attending, either.

So, the Tuesday special meeting had myself, Darcy, DJ, Mike, Tyler, Lana and Shawn in attendance and the six on Zoom with Betty, Austin (remember they voted "no" to attending meetings using Zoom), Isaac and Rob from Lansing and the two Kim's from I don't know where. We got started a few minutes late due to technical issues with being in a different room. DJ opened the meeting and the election chair, James McKerchie, was there to address the board and a few Election Committee members were in attendance as well. James let us know he had sent out a very important email about the elections. Austin was shouting that it wasn't on the agenda. Isaac shouted to kick out the Election Committee. Our agenda always lists presentation so this wasn't a big deal and also on the agenda was the special prosecutor that is relevant to the Election Committee. We then took a 10-minute break to fix the technical issues.

The first item on the agenda was to amend Tribal Code Chapter 71 to allow the board to delegate to the tribal prosecutor to appoint a special prosecutor. Darcy and I motioned to conflict Kim and Shawn out but they did not support that. Honestly, all of them should be conflicted out with all the election complaints and investigations still going on. The eight then voted "no" to a special prosecutor.

As we went to each item on the agenda, Betty and her two nephews repeatedly called for the vote and the other six voted to vote on each item not allowing for discussion. They canceled both workshops and then never allowed for any discussion with us but it is obvious they had discussed this plan of action. Perfect example of transparency and working together.

They voted to direct Legal to review and propose election revisions, removed some key employees from board hiring, changed Tribal Code 10 and rescinded our motion for the election attorney to report to the Election Committee instead of to the board. Does this sound transparent to you all? These directors that are being investigated are voting to change code and who can prosecute them! They are retaliating against the election committee and are not allowing them to be a part of any code change discussions. They want them kicked out of the

room and also voted to not allow an investigation into four of them intimidating an election committee member.

The last resolution was clarifying the witch hunt on DJ. This one included investigating his family going back to June 2006. Wow, you don't even keep your tax records for that long! Does anyone think this is all a distraction with the current election investigations? Scare tactics? Smoke and mirrors? Sounds familiar to the last two decades.

The Sept. 6 meeting was a new crazy with myself motioning to approve meeting minutes and Lana seconding. Betty is yelling objection?? She says she is not approving the minutes because we illegally appointed DJ to be the chair. I then said, minutes are the staff's recollection of what happened during those meetings. Our minutes only consist of votes taken so how can you object or vote "no" on them just because you don't like what happened? Half of the meetings this group was not even on the board yet. Needless to say, eight of them voted "no" to approving the minutes.

On the agenda again was to amend Tribal Code 71 for the special prosecutor and investigating the four that cornered the Election Committee member. Of course, they voted to table both of those.

After the continued witch hunt on DJ, he sent seven of them cease and desist letters from his personal attorney. Rob then put on a resolution, "Unlawful interference with Sault Tribe governmental operations." The seven who received letters voted for the tribe to be their personal attorney in this matter. The title in this resolution is exactly what their

actions have portrayed. Once again, I am not happy with our legal team having the best interest of the tribe in mind. Not once have I heard them say that any resolution that a director writes is a mistake or unconstitutional. This isn't about doing what the majority wants, it is about the BEST INTEREST OF SAULT TRIBE!

One of the last items on the agenda was committee appointments. There were letters of interest and support from Darcy Morrow and Boyd Snyder to be re-appointed to the Special Needs and Enrollment Committee as well as appointing Kim Gravelle to the chair the committee. With Ken Ermatinger passing, the committee unanimously voted for Kim to be the chair. The eight voted "no" to all these appointments. These are all voluntary positions and it seems retaliatory. Tyler's and Isaac's family members were recently appointed to serve on committees though.

I hope the membership is starting to see the corruption that is taking place. The old board was accused of many things by the same person that is leading this delegation. I can tell you that in my years on the board never has there been a strong majority. In 2012 when Aaron came back to office and I was elected there were seven votes and he used it to quickly get things he wanted done such as his delegated authority. Within three months, that seven faded when they saw the reality. Since that time, when there was a majority vote, it was different directors not the same majority with every issue or resolution. When the board came together to investigate Aaron, that was after working with him for several years. This majority hasn't even

worked with DJ or the four of us. Like I said they didn't attend meetings prior to the election so how did they get their information?

How coincidental is it that these resolutions are usually created and motion and supported by Austin, Betty and Rob? I think it is because they want DJ gone so that their relative will be the chair.

I know that some members do not like how I write my reports and frankly neither do I but I did run on the fact that I would tell the truth even if people didn't want to hear it. I feel that there are many members that prefer to know the reality and truth of what is taking place rather than writing about the weather or how wonderful I am. I can tell you one thing, the truth will always come out, the unfortunate part is how long and how much damage will take place before accountability happens.

Please call, text, or email the eight board members and ask them why they are wasting the tribe's time and resources on their campaign manager's vendetta. Ask them what they meant when they ran on "transparency?" If you don't have anything to hide why all the resolutions and disregard for the election committee and codes?

How about Kim Hampton shaming Unit 4 for using Zoom but she continues to use for workshops and comes in person right before membership issues. The kettle sure looks black to me!

As always please contact me with any questions or concerns at bsorenson@saulttribe.com, bridgett91@yahoo.com or (906) 430-0536.

please join YEA for a

Trunk or Treat

October 15th
from 2pm-4pm

Big Bear - Chi Mukwa
2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste Marie

we are dying to see you

Contact Terri at tlinacre@saulttribe.net or
906-253-1321

With any questions and to reserve your Car's
Spot
Prizes for Best Car & Drawing for Kids under
12 in Costume

Election code amended to prevent appointments



AUSTIN LOWES
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Aaniin,
I'd like to begin my unit report by detailing a disturbing event that recently happened to six board members and I. After the Sept. 6 meeting, where the board amended the resolution to investigate DJ Hoffman to provide investigative

clarity, DJ's personal attorney sent the seven board members who supported this resolution a cease-and-desist letter. Letters like this are oftentimes precursors to lawsuits. Has our government, with DJ Hoffman at the helm, become so dysfunctional that lawsuits are used to threaten and manipulate board members to vote certain ways? Does this threaten our sovereignty? Can elected officials in a sovereign nation, such as ours, be sued in a non-tribal court based on how they vote?

Among other things, DJ is being investigated for harassment and intimidation. This letter confirms what many of us already know — that we have a bully for a chairperson who can no longer win elections and instead relies on political appointments, such as the one

he received, to extend his term. The membership deserves better. They deserve to elect their leaders.

This appointment has been so disastrous for our tribe that it prompted the new board to amend the Election Code to prevent future appointments. From now on, when there are vacancies on the board due to death, removal, or resignation, there will automatically be an election where the top vote getter will be seated. This wasn't the case before this change was enacted. Previously, the old board could pick and choose when to have Special Advisory Elections. They weren't even required to appoint the individual with the most votes or someone who even ran in the elections. With this change, travesties such as this will no longer occur. The will of the people will now be honored and

respected.

Another change that recently occurred was amending what jobs are considered key positions. The board selects who to hire for these positions, and only the board has the authority to terminate them. The problem is that key positions have become highly politicized. There's a reason why key positions such as Education Director and HR Director are chronically vacant. It's because the board would rather select loyalists to fill them rather than the best qualified. When loyalists don't apply, the positions remain vacant. This is a dysfunctional way to staff a government. The new board corrected this by recently passing a resolution that dramatically reduces what positions are considered key. These positions no longer report to the board, which is a toxic body to

report to, and are now supervised by the tribe's administration.

Moving forward, our Tribe has much to be proud of. We are in our 50th year of federal recognition, and we have many things that other tribes don't have. This includes casinos, health centers, housing, employment, a domestic violence shelter, a soon-to-be homeless shelter, assistance programs, and more. We will continue to improve our operations and services to better meet the needs of our membership. To the team members who make up our tribe, thank you. You are the backbone of our tribe, and your contribution will ensure that we will continue to flourish for the next seven generations.

Miigwetch for listening.
Austin Lowes
Vice Chairman

Director McKechnie updates Unit I membership



ISAAC MCKECHNIE
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

First and foremost, I have decided to take a break from social media, the social media lens that we all use to be informed, I feel signifi-

cantly affects the way we think, feel, and behave. Let's face it, it is hard to go online without being saturated with the worst examples of our people. If you would like clarification on any issue, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

On Aug. 29 and 30, I attended the court proceedings lawsuit between JLLJ Development LLC, and Lansing Future Development II LLC, and the Kewadin Casinos Gaming Authority. This case arose from the two-casino development contractual disputes between JLLJ Development LLC, Lansing Future Development II LLC, and the Kewadin Casinos Gaming Authority. The purpose of the contracts was to develop two new tribal casinos on newly purchased land, in Michi-

gan's Lower Peninsula. After entering these contracts, plans for new tribal casinos in Lansing and Romulus hit a roadblock when the U.S. Department of the Interior turned down a request from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians to take land into trust. Federal officials denied the request because the application did not show how acquiring these lands would "consolidate or enhance" tribal lands, therefore the casinos could not be constructed. The parties designated the District Court for the Western District of Michigan as the forum to resolve any contractual disputes, and so the developers initiated this action seeking a declaratory judgment in which they alleged nine state law contract, quasi-contract, and tort claims.

The trial was to address the developer's proposed motion for default that was issued by the court after the tribe made the decision not to provide discovery as part of the state court case.

The reason the prior board chose not to comply with the order for discovery was because doing so would result in violation of the tribe's own laws and could establish a precedent where a state court could seek to order the tribe to turn over confidential and privileged tribal records. Since the tribe did not comply with the state court's order compelling the production of documents, the court entered a default judgment against Kewadin and held the bench trial on the issue of damag-

es.

I felt that the judge's lack of thoroughness and her tendency to rule against the tribe during these proceedings, regardless of the law or contractual language, indicates that she will rule in favor of the plaintiffs and award damages despite the unambiguous contractual language that should preclude such an award. The judge did not rule from the bench, so the court is in recess until her decision. We are expecting that the judge will issue an order within the next few weeks.

Sincerely,
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Unit I
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Imperative to have open lines of communication



ROBERT MCRORIE
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Dear Fellow Members of our Sault Tribe Nation,
I am extremely happy to report that I have had the pleasure of meeting with many of our members this month. As a leader who believes my job is to represent the true will of our membership, I believe it is imperative to have open and transparent lines of communication open to our membership at all times. This gives me an opportunity to hear first-hand from you, the members, on many issues and what you feel are the most important services and opportunities we can offer as a tribe. So please feel free to reach out to me at any time to discuss matters that are important to you.

I would like to use this opportunity to give thanks to our elders. This month we celebrated our 50th

anniversary of federal recognition. Although our people have been here thousands of years prior to the past 50 years, I believe we must truly recognize what our elders did for us when they sought federal recognition. Without their actions and sacrifices, we would not have the opportunities we do now. I once again had the honor of attending our elders committee meeting and enjoy a meal with them as they conducted their business. When asked to speak I made a point to give thanks and said, "I was not here 50 years ago, so I cannot take any credit for this anniversary or milestone; however, we owe you, the elders, all the thanks in the world for making sure our future generations have the opportunities we currently enjoy."

Another highlight of my month was having the opportunity to attend the employee appreciation picnic. It was amazing to see all of our employees to gather and feast together. This was another reminder of how blessed we are as a tribe. Like I have stated many times, we have some of the best talent on our staff who could work anywhere else but choose to put their tribe first, even with their labor. Our employees understand that their hard work, dedication, and loyalty to our tribe translates into services for our elders, youth, and families in need of services. I would like to thank each and every employee from the

bottom of my heart for their service to our people and their families for the time sacrificed to ensure our tribe functions properly. Our employees truly are the backbone of this tribe, so chi miigwech to each of you for all you do for our tribe.

As a board, we have been dedicating a large portion of our time to Consent Decree negotiations. Although we cannot discuss specifics of the negotiations, I can assure our members that your leadership is hard at work to protect the treaty rights that our ancestors fought and sacrificed for us to have.

Another issue we have had to dedicate much of our time to is the JLLJ lawsuit pertaining to the failed Lansing Casino Project, in which we are being sued for over \$130 million. I do believe that this situation is a result of poor leadership at the time of this agreement and even worse decision making of past and some current representatives of our tribe. I strongly believe that any of our representatives that held any form of employment or contracting work with JLLJ or Jerry Campbell should recuse themselves from any decision making regarding this case immediately. In response to this case and to protect our Tribe's finances and assets, I have submitted a resolution to insulate our assets from outside judgment. As a sovereign nation, I feel this is both our duty to our people and imperative to pro-

tect the future of our nation. I have called a special meeting to address this issue as I feel it is time sensitive and must be a top priority.

Following the board meeting in which the scope of the investigation of DJ Hoffman was decided, seven board members received a cease and desist letter from DJ Hoffman's privately retained attorney. This letter specifically identified actions taken by the board conducted in the official capacity of our government's operations and demanded they be retracted. This action taken by DJ Hoffman and his privately retained attorney was found to be an act of unlawful interference of our sovereign nations governmental operations. Threats to our sovereignty such as these will not be taken lightly. These tactics, clearly meant to interfere with the investigation of DJ Hoffman, will not be tolerated. The following meeting the board passed a resolution that directed our general counsel to prepare a response letter to DJ Hoffman's privately retained attorney to inform them that this type of unlawful interferes with our governmental operations will not be tolerated and any such further actions will result in legal action taken by the tribe. I cannot speak for the entire board, but I will not be intimidated or threatened out of taking actions that I feel protect our tribe and that I feel are in the best interest of our people and our assets.

I am honored to have the opportunity to represent our tribe and attend the 17th Annual Government-to-Government Tribal Consultation on Violence Against Women Act Sept. 21-23 in Anchorage, Alaska. This event is very near to my heart as myself and my family have been personally affected by this type of violence when my mother was taken from us when she was murdered by the person she was with in 2007. As the son of a murdered Indigenous woman, I feel a strong sense of duty to advocate for resources that will allow us to address this issue head on. Our women are the source of life for our people and deserve to be treated as a sacred part of our society. I am honored to represent our tribe and advocate for the protection of the mothers, aunts, sisters, grandmothers, and daughters of our people. Without them we would not have life.

I look forward to working hard for our people and reporting back to you, the members, the progress and advancements we make together as a sovereign nation. Like always, please feel free to reach out to me with any concerns you may have or ideas that you would like brought to the board table. Until next time, I will be keeping all of our people's family's' in my thoughts and prayers and hope the best for us all as we move forward together. Chi Miigwech!

Director Hampton updates Unit IV membership



**KIMBERLY HAMPTON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

Aniin kina waya (hello everybody). As I sit down to write my second unit report for the membership, I am humbled by this honor. I have been spending my time working with members directly on issues and concerns, as well as attending meetings and starting to tackle my "To Do" list to help our tribe become stronger and united.

2022 U.P. State Fair located in Escanaba, Mich.

On Thursday, Aug. 18, I had

the honor of distributing wristbands to our children located in Units 4 and 5. Those who reserved wristbands in Unit 4 alone totaled 458 children. I am still so thankful to Unit 5 Director LaPlaunt for lending Unit 4 the funding to be able to provide wristbands again at this year's U.P. State Fair. Chi Miigwech.

Manistique Elder Picnic

On Aug. 17, the Manistique Elders had their annual picnic, which I was able to attend. This gathering was relaxing and allowed some of our Elders to socialize while enjoying great food and great music. Miigwech to all who made this happen. This year's picnic was a huge success.

Treaty Negotiations

Treaty negotiations and team meetings are still actively occurring multiple times each week. Sault Tribe is continuing to negotiate for the treaty fishing rights of our people now as well as looking toward the future.

Board of Directors Workshops and Meetings

The Board of Directors had workshops or meetings on the

following dates: Aug. 16, Aug. 21, Aug. 30.

A summary of the workshops and/or meetings is as follows:

— Board Pensions: currently being reviewed by Legal to ensure no negative consequences upon freezing board pensions effective immediately, with a grandfather clause being in place, with no pensions accumulating moving forward.

— The tribe's Legal Department was instructed per a resolution to review the existing Election Code and to draft an amended version of the Code to more accurately reflect the needs of the tribe and to propose the amended to the board of directors within 90 days.

— The list of key employees was changed to reflect nine positions as to allow Human Resources to make decisions that otherwise would take the board of directors a length of time.

— Chapter 10, Subchapter II, Special Advisory Elections Code, was amended to state that special advisory elections shall be automatically held and not delayed in

the event of any vacancy.

— A resolution was passed so that the election attorney no longer reports to the Election Committee but now reports to the Legal Department of the tribe.

Fishery Fund

Fishery Fund: The Sault Tribe currently has National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Funds to help commercial and subsistence fishermen. The board of directors met with fishermen on Tuesday, Aug. 23, to discuss NOAA funds pertaining to Sault Tribe commercial and subsistence fishermen who have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. There has not been a definitive plan put into place at this time but further discussions will be taking place.

Sept. 1, JKL Fiduciary Meeting

On Sept. 1, I attended the JKL Fiduciary meeting regarding financials for the Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., based school.

Sept. 1 Sault Tribe Inc. Meeting

I attended the September monthly meeting for Sault Tribe Inc., next meeting is Oct. 6, 2022.

Unit 4 Elder Meetings

The next meeting in Manistique will be held Sept. 14, 2022, 12 p.m., at the Manistique Tribal Center.

The next Escanaba Elder Meeting will be held Sept. 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the Delta County Chamber Building.

Looking Forward

As I sit down to develop plans for the next few months, I am focusing on my campaign promises as well as what is best for our tribe as a whole, as well as our communities, and the next seven generations. I look forward to serving you all and working with you all.

Miigwech for allowing me to represent and advocate for our members. I am always available. I kindly ask for a 48-hour time frame to return calls or emails. My number is (906) 440-8138, email is khampton@saulttribe.net.

Kimberly Hampton,
Unit 4 Representative

Update on DeTour Clinic and business meetings



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

Chi Miigwech to all the people, community members and committee members who helped with our annual "Gathering of the Eagles powwow." A very special thank you, too, to those who traveled to help construct our lodge — look for pictures in this edition of the paper. It was a great year and I cannot wait until the next one.

I have to report that some things have gotten worse since the last I reported — during one of the special meetings that have been called, this has been the normal since the election. This meeting led to myself and the "old" board members not being able to ask questions again or discuss the resolution that the new elected members placed on the agenda. They had also outright canceled the workshop to discuss the items so we could not even ask a question or comment and most attended through Zoom and had not been present (some were at the hearing in Lansing on the case we have been working on for quite some time). I want to remind everyone as it's been a topic that can be confusing. We have a recommended legal strategy that an outside law firm and our general counsel have worked on since the onset. I do not believe those that

are taking us to court will prevail as we did not get the land into trust nor opened the casino.

As a reminder, we did do a vote out to the members on approving or disapproving our move to try and get a casino in Lansing. The members approved of this and we went forward. During the discussions in this direction, I did not support this. I always thought that no matter what we did or how hard we tried there would be roadblocks, and in the end, "someone" would always try to sue us; I had this feeling from the start. With that being said, I do believe the legal strategy will prevail and it will be just as we agreed, no casino or land into trust, no funds to the developers. That was the risk they assumed. During these times, it would benefit us greatly as a tribe if all would try to keep things steady and factual; when our business is on social media this weakens us.

I regret to also let you know that during the last meeting, the majority of the board voted to NOT pass 10 sets of minutes of our board meetings, citing that they didn't agree with some of the items that had been voted on. This is very alarming as once minutes are approved, they become public to the members. I cannot recall a time where this has ever been done. When business is conducted and recorded, board members cannot just fail to support them because they don't agree with the actions. I'm worried about where this will head. Hopefully, they will come to understand how government works — business is recorded, documented and then open to the members, that's how it works. We shall see what transpires next.

As you know, we have been working toward a recovery facility for quite some time. In the last couple years, we worked with Betty Ford hospital to work

on a plan and the "old" board approved land to be secured for this facility and we obligated \$25 million for this project (AARPA funds). At the latest meeting the board voted to change the location. I'm not quite sure what the future will look like for any kind of recovery center. This is supposed to be discussed again, but frankly I'm worried that we won't see any facility being done as all the laid plans are being changed...I've asked that we take input from our professionals and health staff on this. I'm hoping that this will remain a priority for this board and our tribe. It will remain on my priority list.

Now, here is some good news. The DeTour Clinic is slated to open by Sept. 30 as long as all products come in on time. We will be hosting and opening for the community once this is complete. It's been a long time coming for the and I'm certain it will be well worth it. Thank you for the patience in this and I'm very thankful we have this again for the members in this area.

I would like to state that it's been good to attend the Elder meetings in our unit and I enjoy seeing everyone again and working toward what you would like to see and what we need. I am working toward more housing; this will take time with the prices and demand for supplies but please know this is a priority for me and all the members that I have spoken to about this.

In closing, unfortunately, this year's Newberry powwow is being canceled. The powwow committee made this decision and placed a lot of thought and consideration into it. The community plans to work toward drum socials and regalia making at the center this fall so please watch for advertisements on

this. I would like to encourage the community to attend those and also if you are able take part in the powwow committee, they are recruiting members. For those who would like to be a part of this committee, please contact anyone at the Newberry Tribal Health Center or me and we can assist you on this.

Many things have been changing. I will be thankful when the change comes that we work as one group of elected leaders in a professional and respectful manner. Once again, I've worked with many that

state change. There's a difference between just chanting that and truly working toward making professional, respectful decisions to get there. I will be here doing that for you.

As always, please call me if you would like to meet or discuss any items. I'm available through my home number (906) 484-2954, cell number (906) 322-3818 or email, lcausley@saulttribe.net.

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



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Implementing policies to protect tribal assets



SHAWN BOROWICZ,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III

Tribal members,
I hope all is well and that you have had an excellent summer

and that you are ready for fall, which is just around the corner. I had an eventful and fun summer attending workshops, meetings, powwows and other engagements as well as meeting new people. I have learned a lot and have a lot more to learn and am learning that tribal politics at times can be very challenging. We as a board are trying to implement several policies to protect the assets of the tribe, something that should have been in place a long time ago. One of my campaign promises was to look into the BOD pension and a resolution was drafted to do away with this benefit. Being a board member is not a career position and this benefit should have never been in place

and if this passes any member not already receiving a pension will no longer be entitled to one. In Unit 3 we are moving ahead with the housing project by clearing the property, improving the access roads into it, and setting up the utilities as in water, sewer and gas. We also purchased some property on the south side of St. Ignace known as the Strawberry Field Development. This property will be for future development in housing. We are trying to diversify the tribe's portfolio with other businesses as we cannot continually rely on the profits from our in house gaming as the market has been saturated with other casinos as well as online gaming.

Our gaming promotional team is always coming up with new ideas to keep the customers coming into our facilities and they are doing a great job. At least once a week I and my wife go into the Shores casino to talk to employees as well as customers and to get feedback on issues and concerns. The number one issue from employees is to hire more workers so all departments can be adequately staffed. The number one issue from guests is to have the restaurant open every day. This has been an ongoing issue in this area and goes hand in hand with the lack of housing in this area. Hopefully, this issue will be alleviated when our housing project is further

along in the spring. Other areas in our seven-county service area are also having difficulties retaining employees, especially in the health care field and it was suggested to possibly look at hiring paramedics to help with the nursing shortage. Paramedics working under the direction and license of our health director are able and capable of performing a lot of the same duties as an RN or LPN. We as a board are working for all members and continually trying to improve services for all. If you should have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at (906) 379-8511 or sborowicz@saulttribe.net.

Time to end chaos and let new board govern



BETTY FREIHEIT,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Hello Tribal Members,
It is time to end the chaos and allow the new board to govern our tribe. They were rightly elected by the members based on their campaign platforms for moving the tribe forward. But

the new board have been subject to harassment and insults from former board and their supporters, and even threats from the chair. As board we serve at the will of the members. We need to always remember this fact. We do not own our board seats, they are only temporary for the periods in which we are elected and re-elected. And when that time is over, it's over. Seems many of our board have forgotten this. We have witnessed some outrageous acts as former board, aided by some current board, act out their anger at losing their seats. We are even seeing these attacks by selected board in their unit reports. Some former boards have started to attend board meetings. This would be great if they were there to support the new board and their initiatives. But that is

not happening. Rather, it appears the intent is just to attack new board members, Individually and collectively before, during and after the meeting. Former board and their family and supporters are claiming election fraud, and questioning the legitimacy of the wins of new board. And they are out right attacking new board abilities and competencies for their roles. And there are continued efforts to undermine the integrity of the elected victories of some of our new board. The Election Committee, under the direction of board relative, have engaged in never before undertaken aggressive investigations of new board. Subjecting new board to demand for personal financial information. Since when have the new board had their finan-

cial reports audited? Is this retaliation? Harassment? Or are they looking for some angle to which to overturn some victories? And just recently the appointed chair, DJ Hoffman, sent cease-desist letters from his private attorney to all board who voted on a resolution clarifying areas of the prior approved investigation of him. So, he threatened to sue us for doing our official duties? The revisions were specifically requested to provide some needed structure to the investigation. Board members lose their seat when they do not obtain enough votes to keep them. Period. Voters are generally not swayed by postcards or mailers, so blaming them it's not dealing with the reality that voters

have moved on to other candidates. This is just the way it is in politics. Voters are attracted to those candidates who best represent what they want to see in their government. Board who have been in their seats for two or more terms are vulnerable to members who want change. Our role as a board is to serve and respect the will of the members. We can do our best while in office and when voters decide they want a change, we need to respect that will. Again, in closing and as always, take care of yourself and your family. Help your neighbor anytime you can and please take care of our elders. Betty F. Freiheit
Unit 1 Director
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Majority of board prohibits transparency at meetings



MICHAEL MCKERCHIE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

I have and will continue to welcome change but I am having difficulty remaining optimistic about the current changes when the majority of the board prohibits transparency at meetings and will not hold each other accountable. What is being said on social media isn't always the way things are happening at meetings or behind closed doors. They won't allow open discussions and stop any conversations they don't agree with. Special meetings don't allow for membership input and they don't allow departments or committees to have a say in resolution pertaining to them. Just because you have super majority

doesn't mean you're right. I'm not trying to be confrontational with any board member or group of members, but what we voted on at this month's meeting was wrong. There was a resolution proposed and passed that included "personal dealings between the tribe and Hoffman family members" to be investigated. We as a tribe should not be attacking members because of who they are related to. We have tribal police, we have policies and procedures to follow, we have chain of command, and we have executives who report to the board — to simply pass a resolution that allows this was wrong. The board already passed a resolution to investigate the chairman, now they want to investigate any relatives? Some may try to change my concern into a personal issue since I am related to the chair but no matter who is affected or being targeted, wrong is wrong. At the meetings, the motion to "call for question" was used several times. A "call for question" eliminates all discussion and debate and the board has to immediately vote. I disliked it when it was previously used by the "old" board; I dislike it now. At one point it was used five

times in a row to silence the conversation. The membership has a right to hear all our voices. This isn't transparency. The resolutions proposed to hold others accountable or at least look into were tabled once again without discussion. As previously stated, I'm not a fan of the continued type of resolutions but I disagree with picking and choosing who gets looked into and the failure to hold each other accountable. Is there a reason why a majority of the board does not even want to hear or get input from anyone else? No membership input session on special meetings (several called since election), no committee input (members that volunteer to help guide board), no whole board discussion (members voted all of us in), no legal input (legal helps write but board as whole doesn't get legal concerns or share opinion on issue), no discussion whatsoever for the membership to see or hear. I believe this will continue and only get worse. We will see continued attacks and we will see continued accusations and calls for investigations rather than uniting our tribe and moving on. This is not the change membership was hoping for, we can and must

do better. I welcome your calls or emails letting me know how you feel

about the direction our tribe is heading. I can be reached at (906) 440-7768. Miigwech.

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- Help with scheduling appointments
- Help with health insurance applications

Transporter assistance is primarily provided within our seven-county service area, but can include transportation to services located elsewhere in the state of Michigan if staff and funding are available.

Eligible clients can be transported to and from healthcare services such as: Residential Substance Abuse treatment and detoxification programs, health and behavioral health appointments, and specialty care providers like physical therapy, cardiology, pain management, etc.

For eligible RTWP clients who lack adequate health insurance, we provide certified staff members to assist them in applying for health insurance benefits.

We do not provide transportation for those needing emergency care.

Funded by a Mental Health Block Grant from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Director LaPlaunt updates Unit V membership



TYLER LAPLAUNT
DIRECTOR, UNIT V
Aniin, Boozhoo!

It's hard to believe another month has passed us by so quickly. With the early cooling and slow and subtle changes in nature, let us remind ourselves that everything changes, and those changes must occur for the cycle of life to restart and begin anew again. Like the changing of the seasons, our tribe is in the midst of change. Let me assure you, we are working diligently to ensure that the changes will serve our people in the best way possible. Some wish things to change quicker, some fear change, but everything happens in time, when it is meant to happen.

Some of the positive change that have recently occurred are a series of resolutions that were passed at the Aug. 30 special meeting. These resolutions will strengthen our Election Code and ensure that no board of directors, including us, ever appoint any position to the board again. While we cannot change the past, we can ensure that the voice and will of the people is heard through a democratic electoral process.

The first resolution that was passed directs our Legal Department to review and propose revisions to our Election Code. What this will do is tighten up our Election Code and make it consistent with timelines and procedures so that the misinterpretations that allowed the previous board to seat someone a week before we took office can never happen again. This will also prevent the flip flopping of legal advice based on contradictory information within our own code. The previous board used this vague wording to their advantage, which is why we are where we are today.

The second resolution that was passed at that meeting amends Ch. 10, Sub. Ch. II: Special Advisory Elections. What this amendment does is assures that if a board member is removed, resigns, or walks on, that seat will automatically be sent to special election. This removes the loopholes used to seat a chair who themselves lost their own primary election. These revisions were necessary to implement immediately so as to never deal with an appointment like this again. Since our Legal is directed to review code, further changes could be made. At least for now, we know that YOUR votes will matter and the highest vote getter will be seated in the vacant position up

for special election. Never again will your voices be ignored.

Finally, we also passed a revised Key Employee List. This significantly reduces the number of positions the board oversees. We do not need to be involved with day-to-day operations and we should not hold up key positions for political reasons. It is our hope that this newly revised list will allow positions to fill quicker and remove backroom deals, handshakes, and nepotism from the hiring process.

Due to our investigation clarification into DJ Hoffman, he has submitted a cease and desist through his attorney against those of us who voted to clarify the investigation protocols. We will not be threatened or intimidated based on our voting as elected tribal leaders of a sovereign nation, in a duly called meeting, on tribal property. If we allow this behavior to continue, where will it end? This is a direct threat to our sovereign duties as elected officials.

Because of this action, during a regular meeting on Sept. 6, we voted to direct our general counsel to send a counter letter to Mr. Hoffman's attorney. Again, bullying and intimidation will not be tolerated and we will leave this situation with Legal. DJ is now in direct conflict with our own general counsel based on these actions. Remember, he sits as the chair of this tribe, send him emails and make phone calls and have your voice be heard.

Looking back on some of my report from last month, I am pleased to update you all that there is progress being made on remote, hybrid, and flex scheduling policies. While things are not happening quite as quickly as we would like, they are being discussed and reviewed. I'm optimistic that we can begin bringing our policies into the 21st Century.

I am very excited to see what will eventually be presented to us and will continue to advocate for progressive employee policies. We need to be mindful that we live in an ever-changing world and as part of that world our policies should change as well. Our employees keep our tribe alive and it's about time we start adapting to the world around us and continuously revamp our policies to reflect that. We cannot create policies and then put them on shelves for 30-plus years to become severely outdated and burdensome to staff and supervisors.

With that, several of us have directed our CEO to bring us any policy that has created bureaucratic red tape in the hiring process. I'm calling on everyone from every division to bring reasonable recommendations forward. We have a board that is willing to listen and cut the micromanagement once and for all. Take this opportunity to provide your suggestions.

If there are other positive changes that can be made, please let us know. There are two rules that I live by. Remove the phrase, "because that's the way it's



Stephanie Segerstrom, Tyler LaPlaunt, and Erica Segerstrom (L-R) at the Kewadin Christmas Employee Picnic.

always been done." If someone cannot provide a good reason for something, it's time to change that something. The other is, if there is a problem, come to us with the problem and a list of professional recommendations and solutions, preferably at least three.

If you are afraid of retribution for any reason, you can reach out to me directly as I do not judge and can keep confidential information confidential. No one should fear making a suggestion for the betterment of our tribe. Hold tight Sault Tribe, changes are coming, slowly, but they are coming.

We also recently directed the Health Division to do whatever they can to expand health services through telehealth. The potential expansion would begin in our outlying clinics and offer access where it hasn't been offered before due to staffing and space limitations. I'd be thrilled if we could begin telehealth even one day a week in Marquette to help save our Elders that rough winter drive. While telehealth isn't optimal, it's the wave of the future and here to stay, so let's adapt and help our citizens live healthier lives through better access to healthcare.

In relation to that, I also connected our Health Division with MSU School of Medicine and their residency program leads. I am hopeful that we can work out a partnership with them and begin bringing residents through our doors to address some of the staffing shortages that have plagued our tribe. It would also be wonderful to recruit some of these young physicians to get them to stay here in the U.P. and with our tribe. Our recruiter has already been given the go ahead to connect with them, so to me, it's already a win. Next on the agenda is to connect the psychiatric residency program with our

Health Division as well. Again, I will continue to push for partnerships and collaborations wherever I can to help our tribe and our people.

In Unit 5, I had the pleasure of attending the team member summer picnic at the Christmas Kewadin Casino. Chi Miigwech goes out to Stephanie Segerstrom for emailing me an invite and communicating with me. I appreciate the hard work and dedication of all of our team members and I was happy to be able to take part in this picnic and meet with many of the employees that keep our operations running. We have some fantastic and talented people working for us and that's important to recognize. Your hard work doesn't go unnoticed. I worked in a casino myself a long time ago and I know how difficult and exhausting it can be. Chi Miigwech to all of our workers everywhere.

I have continued to attend the elder meals and meetings in both Munising and Marquette. I want to put another shoutout to all of my Unit 5 Elders to join us. We weren't able to get anyone new in Munising as of yet and we had one new attendee in Marquette. I'd like to see us continue to grow, one Elder at a time. Again, the pandemic has been difficult on all of us and it's important to bring our Elders back together and maintain that community, if even just one day a month.

This is a friendly reminder that the Munising Elder Meeting and Meal occurs on the first Thursday of every month at the Munising Tribal Health Center. The next date will be Thursday, Oct. 6 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Munising has a second meal that occurs on the third Thursday of each month with that happening on Thursday, Oct. 20 from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m., also at the Munising Tribal Health Center. The Marquette elder meeting and

meal occurs once a month on the first Thursday. The next meeting in Marquette will be on Thursday, Oct. 6 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn of Marquette. Please join us! If you don't know anyone you can come sit by me and have a chat, get to know me, and offer some feedback and advice.

I'm continue to look into ARPA funding options in both Munising and Marquette. It looks like the focus in Munising will be housing as that is what most people in Munising are interested in. I'm trying to find additional funding opportunities and had a call a call with a bank, our housing, and STI. There could be an opportunity to apply for grants to subsidize some of our funding in the future.

Marquette, the search is still on for a permanent community center. I've looked at many vacant buildings and have now shifted my attention to vacant lots for a new build. Unfortunately, commercial space is at a premium and our budget is limited. I'm keeping all options on the table and recently met with NMU to gauge interest in a potential partnership as well. I want to make the right choice, not a quick choice, so please be patient and I will continue to update you on the progress.

To all of Unit 5, keep your eyes open for announcements in the future. I am working to try and bring at least one cultural activity to our area before the end of the year. Let's work to connect and build our community together. We can make it whatever we want it to be, but we have to do it together.

As always, reach out to tlaplaunt@saulttribe.net or (906) 440-8294 with any questions, comments, or concerns.

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Sault Tribe member conducts wild rice research at MSU facility

BY SCOTT BRAND

A member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians has made some important contributions over the past two summers in restoring wild rice, manoomin, to Michigan wetlands.

“Last summer I worked in the U.P. from May to August,” said Kailee Pearson, recalling her tenure with the Sault Tribe’s Wildlife Department and the coastal rice restoration efforts that propelled her into the field of wild rice research at the Corey Marsh Ecological Research Center about 20 minutes northeast of East Lansing, Mich. “I pretty much took everything I learned in the Sault and turned it into my own research project.”

One of the most difficult parts, Kailee explained, was obtaining the wild rice seed.

“It’s really hard to get a source,” she said of the meager amount she was able to secure. “I had literally one pound of seed.”

That seed was planted at the MSU Muck Soil Research Farm where it initially took root, and prospered, according to Kailee’s account.

“It was doing so good in May and June,” she said as the rice grew to the water line and continued to the floating leaf stage. “Then in July the water dropped two feet and the ducks started to nibble at it.”

One of the key pillars of good science, is that even if an experiment is not successful, information can be learned allowing it to move forward. With that in mind, Kailee identified a key factor that could allow the wild rice to attain full maturity in the future at the old muck farm.

“The pump houses are there but they haven’t been turned on since 2012,” she said of a system in place that could regulate water depth.

With graduation looming on the horizon, however, it seems unlikely that Kailee will oversee the next phase.

“I will probably pass the project on to another student,” she said,

The Michigan State University student, originally from the Chicago area, has deep ties to the Upper Peninsula.

“I grew up coming up to the U.P. as often as we could,” said Kailee of the many visits to the family cabin in Gould City



Kailee Pearson, a fish and wildlife student, has donned the waders plenty of times in pursuit of her degree.

she had made with her parents, Gregory and Loralee Pearson. An opportunity to intern with the Sault Tribe’s Wildlife Program, monitoring marsh birds, removing invasive species and exploring the various wetlands and water-

ways during the summer of 2021 proved to be a powerful draw.

She had family in the Sault — the Holts — who were willing to house her throughout her visit.

Kailee said she will complete her Fish and Wildlife degree



The wild rice seed, Kailee explained was difficult to obtain for her research project and required great care in preparation for planting.

with a concentration in Wildlife Biology and Management in December.

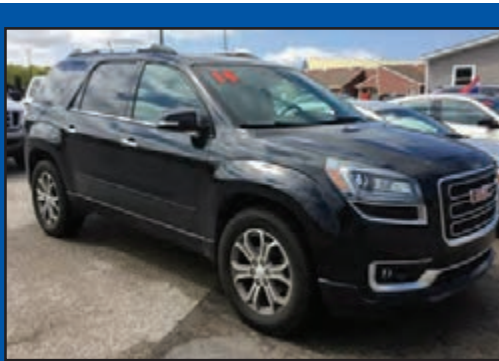
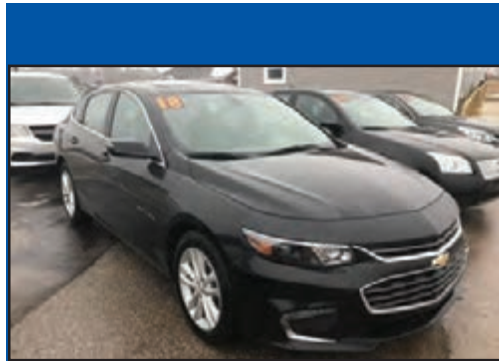
“There are no official plans, yet,” said Kailee of what the future holds. “I’m hoping to find a Field Tech position maybe somewhere down south.”

She added that she would

like to focus on managing populations, maybe even, managing endangered species.

“My parents had always told me to follow what you want to do — what makes you happy,” she concluded. “Fish and wild-life pretty much checked all my boxes.”

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