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## Sault Tribe awarded \$25 million federal grant to expand broadband access on tribal lands

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians announced today that it has been awarded a Rural Development Broadband ReConnect grant totaling \$25 million from the USDA's Rural Utility Service (USDA-RUS).

The grant will allow the tribe to expand high-speed Internet access to its members by installing a fiber-to-the-premises network located on Sault Tribe's reservation lands in Chippewa and Mackinac counties. The network will provide 1 gigabit broadband services to any subscribing households.

"Bringing affordable and reliable broadband service to our region is central to connecting our membership to medical spe-

cialists, job opportunities, and distance and remote learning courses," said Sault Tribe Vice Chairperson Austin Lowes. "This rural development investment will connect tribal reservation lands from Sault Ste. Marie, south to Kincheloe, and to St. Ignace. The Sault Tribe Board of Directors thanks all tribal employees involved in making this opportunity a reality. This has been a true collaborative effort and has the support of the entire board of directors and executive staff."

The grant was supported by several Michigan elected leaders, including U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters, Congressman Jack Bergman and

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. Each leader was a key supporter of the Sault Tribe's application and helped secure the necessary funds from USDA-RUS.

"High-speed Internet means so much for our nation's tribal communities, both in Michigan and nationwide, and I'm thrilled to be able to help expand broadband through the bipartisan infrastructure package," said Sen. Stabenow. "Better, more reliable Internet connects kids with more resources for school, links patients to the doctors they need, and helps small business owners access a world of new customers."

"Whether you are a student, running a small business, or working from home – reliable high-speed Internet access is critical to keeping our communities strong and connected," said Sen. Peters. "I was pleased to support this investment in critical broadband infrastructure to help ensure Sault Tribe members across the U.P. can access essential health care services, educational and business opportunities, and good-paying jobs."

"With high-speed Internet as our tool, we can grow our economy, create jobs, and improve health and educational outcomes

in every corner of our state," said Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist II. "Governor Whitmer and I were proud to support the Sault Tribe in its grant application and we look forward to continuing our work to create opportunity by connecting Michigan communities."

"High-speed Internet is critical to bridging U.P. communities with the rest of the digital world, and I'm thankful to the USDA's Rural Utility Service for recognizing the need to ensure Sault Tribe members have access to this vital infrastructure," said Rep. Bergman.

## Sault Tribe Health Staff honored by Michigan Primary Care Association



Photo by Leo Chugunov

Sault Tribe Health staff recently attended a Michigan Primary Care Association award ceremony to receive the following awards: Left to right, Laboratory Manager Carey Mills, Michigan Primary Care Association's Distinguished Service Award; Community Health Nursing Supervisor Jenni O'Dell; IHS' Award for Excellence in Pursuit of Healthcare Equity; St. Ignace Tribal Health Center Manager Cheryl LaPlaunt, Michigan Primary Care Association's Distinguished Service Award; Health Division Administrative Assistant Ashley Vogel, Michigan Primary Care Association's Distinguished Service Award; and Behavioral Health Program Manager Laura Fisher, Michigan Primary Care Association's Distinguished Service Award. Missing from photo: Joel Lumsden.

## Indigenous People's Day made a paid holiday by board

On Sept. 19, 2022, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors approved a resolution to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day as a paid holiday for Sault Tribe Governmental, EDC, and casinos, effective Oct. 10, 2022. In June 2016, the board resolved to change the name of the national holiday observed on the second Monday of October from Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day.

Indigenous people across the nation know that we have resided in the Americas untold millennia

before Christopher Columbus sailed. To set the record straight and to respect our cultures, languages and traditional life ways of the Indigenous of the Americas, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians urges the cities of Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace, and communities throughout the state of Michigan, to officially recognize it as well, along with celebrating the thriving culture of Indigenous peoples and encourage other businesses, organizations and public entities and support celebration among the broader community.

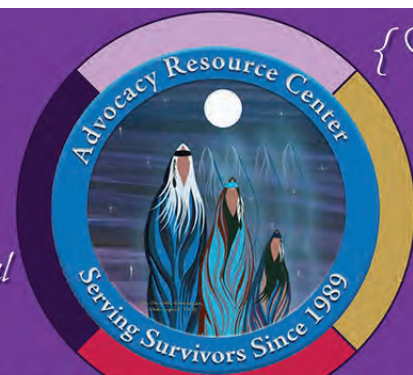
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# Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Notice of Special Advisory Election Sept. 19

The Election Committee of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians would like to inform you that a SPECIAL ADVISORY ELECTION will be held for the currently vacant Chairperson's seat to occur immediately.

Below are important dates and information.

The timetable for the election process is as follows: (All deadlines are 5 p.m. ET).

Oct. 3 — Deadline for voter registration. Last day to receive Letter of Intent for potential candidates. Roll of registered voters prepared and posted. Nomination petitions available.

Oct. 14 — Nominating petition deadline.

Oct. 19 — List of eligible candidates available.

Oct. 24 — Deadline for contests relating to nominations and voter registration.

Nov. 7 — General election ballots mailed to voters.

Dec. 7 — General Election Day.

Dec. 12 — Deadline for contest relating to vote count.

Officers to be elected chairperson

The term for this seat will expire June 27, 2024.

#### **Election Rules:**

This expedited SPECIAL ADVISORY ELECTION is not a general election pursu-

ant to the Election Ordinance at Subchapter I or a special advisory election pursuant to the Election Ordinance at Subchapter II. This SPECIAL ADVISORY ELECTION is being held by the Election Committee at the direction of the Board of Directors. The Election Committee has established the above time lines pursuant to that directive. The conduct of the election will otherwise follow the Election Ordinance.

#### **Voting Procedure:**

All ballots will be mailed to registered voters by first class mail. In order to be counted, ballots must be received by the Election Committee by 5 p.m. at the United States Post Office-Sault Ste. Marie location on Dec. 7, 2022, for the general election. A Post Office Box is provided by the United States Post Office for return of the ballots. The address of the box will be included on the ballot.

#### **Address Correction Requested:**

The election will be conducted by mail to the address shown in the Tribal Registrar's records. It is the responsibility of the tribal member to ensure that the address shown for him or her is correct. Please contact the Tribal Registrar's Office for any changes: Tribal



Registrar's Office, 2428 Shunk Road, Mailing address: P.O. Box 1628, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 phone: (906) 635-3396 or 1 (800) 251-6597.

#### **Nomination of Candidates:**

Any tribal member who meets the requirements detailed in the Election Ordinance is eligible for election to office. A candidate for nomination must be eighteen years of age or older by Dec. 7, 2022, a qualified voter, and have established one year residency within the election unit which they seek to represent. Any member who holds appointed/elected position in another unit of government; has been convicted of election fraud, misdemeanors involving gambling, theft, dishonesty or fraud; or a felony offense is ineligible for election to office.

Any person elected shall voluntarily resign employment

position and/or surrender any rights under any contract with the Tribe prior to assuming office. To be nominated, a candidate must file a letter of intent, background investigation forms, nominating petition, campaigning financing forms, etc. with the Election Committee in accordance with the Election Ordinance. A nominating petition must bear the original signatures of the proper number of registered voters from the unit to be represented. A voter may sign only as many petitions as there are offices to be filled from their unit. Petitions must be submitted on the forms provided by the Election Committee obtained at the designated offices.

#### **Finance Reporting:**

The Election Committee requires candidates and others who expend money on the election to file reports on campaign fundraising and spending. If you plan to spend money on the election, you must contact the Election Committee to obtain the proper forms before doing so. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in criminal prosecution.

#### **Election Contests & Complaints:**

Any tribal member may raise election disputes before the Election Committee. All disputes must be stated in writing,

addressed to the Chairperson of the Election Committee, contain the original signature and received under procedures provided in the Election Ordinance. The Election Committee will review disputes according to the Election Ordinance.

#### **Election Ordinance:**

This letter is a narrative statement of the requirements of the Election Ordinance and the Constitution. Any discrepancies the Election Ordinance and Constitution are controlling and superlative. Questions regarding the election should be directed to the Election Committee.

#### **Designated Offices:**

Designated Offices are the tribal offices as to which additional election material is available and for delivery of correspondence.

#### **Please note:**

Unit 1 designated office shall be the Tribal Court Office, located at the George Nolan Judicial Building.

Unit 2 designated office shall be the Hessel Community Center.

Unit 3 designated office shall be the Kewadin Shores Security Office.

Unit 4 designated office shall be the ACFS Office in the Manistique Tribal Center.

Unit 5 designated office shall be the Munising Tribal Center.



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# Elder Service Division annual report 2021

The Elder Service Division experienced a year like no other delivering to the community a wide variety of services such as in-home care, meals, transportation and outreach to assure elders health, welfare and safety. The meal programs seen all-time highs in the year 2021. There were 49,567 meals in total served to elders — 29,132 were congregate meals served by curbside and drive-thru from the meal sites in Sault Ste. Marie, Hessel, St. Ignace, and Manistique.

In 2021, Elder Services set an all time record — 78,429 services provided to elders, in Homecare, meal programs, outreach and

transportation.

*(Please See Table Below.)*

This year, Elder Services received supplemental funding for planning and expansion of the Manistique Elder Meal Program. After planning and assessing elders, the program started in October, expanding the meal program to four days a week and delivering meals to home-bound elders established through assessment. The operation is very successful and elders are greatly appreciative for the new service.

The St. Ignace Meal Program moved back to the Senior Complex on Mackinac Trail from the McCann Building as we

entered post pandemic phases.

In October, the newest Elder Outreach Program completed its first year of operation. Over 6,500 home visits to assist elders in completing applications for tribal and non-tribal services programs across the seven-county service area.

The Elder Service Division received new grants in 2021 with the Title VI Elder Nutrition Meal Program, and the Nutrition Services Incentive Program. Other grants included funds from the Upper Peninsula Area Agency on Aging, Family's First Coronavirus Response Act, CARES COVID, Title VI

Supplemental Funding, and Title VI Supplemental Funding through the American Rescue Plan. State

and federal funding sources help Native American Indian Elders with many program opportunities.



In March 2021, 70 Sault elders set a record for the number of drive-thru meals served in a day.

## AREA ELDER HOLIDAY PARTIES

**UNIT 1, 2 AND 3 HOLIDAY PARTY**  
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**UNIT 4 HOLIDAY PARTIES**  
MANISTIQUE AREA - MANISTIQUE TRIBAL CENTER  
THURSDAY, DEC. 8, 2022  
6 P.M. - DOORS OPEN AT 5 P.M.  
TO RSVP, PLEASE CALL: (906) 236-2597

**ESCANABA AREA - ISLAND RESORT AND CASINO**  
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14, 2022  
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TO RSVP, PLEASE CALL: (920) 713-2903

**UNIT 5 HOLIDAY PARTIES**  
MUNISING AREA - MUNISING TRIBAL CENTER  
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THURSDAY, DEC. 15, 2022 - 5 P.M.  
TO RSVP, PLEASE CALL: (906) 451-4572 OR (906) 387-2086

**MARQUETTE AREA - HOLIDAY INN MARQUETTE**  
THURSDAY, NOV. 3, 2022  
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(906) 458-0339 OR (906) 249-3051

Services	Sault	St. Ignace	Mack. Is.	Hessel	Manistique	Munising	Marquette	Escanaba	Naubinway	Newberry	Outside Service Area	Total
<b>Consolidated</b>												
Congregate Meal	10168	6041	1026	6881	3465	1551	0	0	0	0	0	29,132
Home Delivered Meals	8366	2544	0	2283	692	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,891
Frozen Meals	5002	373	0	672	497	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,544
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elder Health Fund	70	31	1	22	32	16	14	36	9	9	34	324
Phone Contacts	13421	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,421
Information & Assistance	3076	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,076
Loan Closet	13	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	17
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transportation	488	15	0	5	11	27	27	0	0	1	0	574
Medication Deliveries	1103	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,103
LUPCONNECT Transports	12	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homemaker	839	167	0	124	252	201	49	216	87	9	0	1,964
Personal Care	204	2	0	5	0	58	0	0	63	41	0	373
Respite Care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Referrals	81	61	0	80	64	24	25	39	13	13	0	352
Ramps & Rails	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	12
Case Management	239	180	0	79	134	67	60	87	40	39	0	925
Outreach Program	940	845	29	161	1584	1029	586	1210	78	101	0	6,568
Elder Meeting Participants	6	0	0	7	7	0	18	0	0	0	0	38
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Meals Only</b>	<b>28536</b>	<b>8958</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>9,842</b>	<b>4,654</b>	<b>1,551</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49,567</b>
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<b>Total All Services</b>	<b>40210</b>	<b>10360</b>	<b>1,056</b>	<b>10,271</b>	<b>6,733</b>	<b>2,859</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>1,617</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>78,429</b>

## Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Committee vacancies; apply today

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)

**Housing/Utility Authority** - Two Vacancies (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 vacancies (4-year term)

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

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

### Elder Subcommittees

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

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

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

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

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

### 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 them at membersconcerns@saulttribe.net or contacting them individually at: Clarence Hudak, Lambert Center, St. Ignace, Mich., (906) 643-2124, chudak@saulttribe.net OR Mary Jenerou, Manistique Tribal Center, (906) 341-8469; Munising Centers, (906) 450-7011 or (906) 450-7011, mjenerou@saulttribe.net.

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

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## Michigan Indian Elders Vacancies

There are two Michigan Indian Elders delegate appointment vacancies and one Michigan Indian Elders alternate appointment vacancy, a 2-year term.

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# Sprecker takes helm of Downtown Development Authority

BY SCOTT BRAND

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians member Stephanie Dawn Sprecker has accepted the position of Downtown Development Authority Director for the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

“My first day was Sept. 12,” said Sprecker, noting she had already learned a lot in her first two weeks on duty. “I plan to work with the Sault Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, the EDC (Economic Development Corporation) and the (Sault Area) Chamber of Commerce.”

Sprecker brings a lot of experience to her new position having worked in the Sault Tribe’s Executive Office for eight years as an administrative manager and taking the lead role as COVID-



19 Task Force Manager during the heart of the pandemic, before concluding her tenure with the Sault Tribe’s EDC Division as a

business management assistant.

“As a Sault Tribe member and former tribal employee, I’m looking to really foster that rela-

tionship between the tribe and the City of Sault Ste. Marie,” said Sprecker. “I want to enhance that partnership.”

Sprecker was quick to emphasize that this is a critical component moving forward as the Sault Tribe plays an important role not only within the city limits, but throughout the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

“My vision for the downtown is to maintain our historical and cultural significance,” she said of taking on this position in Michigan’s oldest city. “I want to keep the historical integrity.”

But that doesn’t mean she isn’t open to change.

“I want to maintain what is right and improve what needs to be improved,” said Sprecker. “I want community engagement and am looking to bring new events

to Downtown Sault Ste. Marie.”

Or wording it another way.

“Bringing the fun,” she said of her vision for upcoming activities she is hoping to promote in the coming months and years.

Sprecker, who earned her Master’s of Public Administration Degree from Northern Michigan University in May of this year, was born and raised in the Sault before leaving during her sophomore year of high school to play hockey and further her education in Maine. She is the daughter of Steven and Stephanie Agnes Sprecker of Brimley, Mich. and Debra Schell of Indian River, Mich.

She currently resides in the Sault with her two children, Lee Ann Sprecker, 11, and 5-year-old son, Bryson Michaels.

# Bouschor accepts position with Language and Culture Division

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Tyler Bouschor recently accepted the position of Sault Tribe cultural activates coordinator within the Language and Culture Division.

Bouschor graduated in 2018 from LSSU with a business degree. He had plans of pursuing a career in corporate America — then COVID-19 hit. Bouschor and his wife Laura (Ailing) Bouschor, decided to shelter in place with their toddler and newborn and remain in their hometown.

During the worst of the lockdowns and pandemic, Bouschor

said they realized how important their cultural heritage and Anishinaabeg traditions are to them as a family, and wanted to make sure they pass that on to their children. When the position became available with the tribe’s Language and Culture Division, he was happy to have the opportunity to apply and accept the position of activities coordinator.

Bouschor said he helps plan events such as powwows, cultural activities and camps on Sugar Island. He makes sure the appropriate elders, teachers, and infrastructure is in place for par-

ticipants to have the best possible experience they can.

Both Tyler and Laura grew up on the tribe’s reservation in Sault Ste. Marie and attended JKL Anishinaabe School, where Bouschor said he gave Laura her first kiss (in the first grade) and also proposed to her years later in that same spot. Together they have Myla, 4, and Wyatt, 2.

If you would like information about the Sault Tribe Language and Culture Division upcoming events or activities, call Tyler Bouschor at (906) 635-6050, ext. 26141.



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# Enji Bgosendaming Endaa'aad, "Their Home of Hope," sober living homes

BY SCOTT BRAND

With three homes currently in operation, Recovery House Manager John Mackey says there are openings available for those ready to take the next step in their healing.

"It's transitional housing," said Mackey, "mostly for those in post-rehabilitation or released from incarceration."

Each 3-bedroom house — two set up for male residents and the third for females — has a carrying capacity of three individuals, allowing for up to nine people to be enrolled at the same time.

"Right now, we have four residents," said Mackey. "Three males and a female."

Mackey brought three years of experience with the Great Lakes Recovery Center Men's New Hope House as a peer support counselor when he took over as recovery house manager in mid-July. His team consists of one full-time recovery coach and a second individual employed in the same capacity on a part-time basis. He is currently seeking to fill a vacancy for a second part-time recovery coach.

"It doesn't take long to get them in," said Mackey of those looking to enter the program. "We can get them in in as little as 24-hours."

But there are important boxes that must be checked for eligibility purposes.

"They need to be clean for at least 30 days," said Mackey, and submit to drug testing. Participants must either be a member of the Sault Tribe or other recognized tribe, or live in a household with a tribal member. "A lot of people are being referred from inpatient or outpatient agencies."

Those that are coming from local jails or state prisons are considered on a case-by-case basis, Mackey added, to ensure the safety of other housemates and staff.

There is no clock once admitted to the Recovery House, with Mackey citing research that

## Chugunov issues urgent rainbow fentanyl alert

Responding to recent reports of a candy-colored fentanyl in Ohio, via Indian Health Service in Bemidji, Minn., Dr. Leo Chugunov, Health Director of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Health Center wasted no time in issuing an urgent warning to the community.

"You have probably heard by now about rainbow fentanyl being marketed. These candy-colored fentanyl tablets could be very appealing to children," wrote Chugunov indicating these pills were packaged in boxes to look like Skittles and Nerds candies. "With Halloween just around the corner and lots of candy out there, it will be more important than ever to monitor what our children are consuming."

Chugunov added there will be additional information coming from IHS, but he did not wish to delay spreading this terrifying news to the public as quickly as possible.



John Mackie

shows it can take as long as two years for the brain to be fully healed.

"If it takes two months, awesome. If it takes a full year to get caught up on legal (troubles), debt and the healing process, that's fine, too," said Mackey, adding evaluations are conducted every six months. "I do like to see progress."

Part of that progress can be fueled by activities outside the Recovery House. Residents are encouraged to seek employment and can come and go as they please, throughout the day.

"It's a structured environment, but very loose," he said. "They can have visitors for up to two hours and we will give them assistance to get to all medical and mental health meetings. We can get you to court and get you to your lawyer."

The program, which is grant funded through the Sault Tribe has experienced successes in its first four years of operation.

"We have several graduates who have gone on to get their own residences, maintain jobs and reconnect with their families," said Mackey. "At least working on the healing process."

Another key aspect of recovery is the Wellbriety 12-step program.

"A lot of people are attracted

to the cultural way of healing," said Mackey. "It's an open healing group and we do ours as talking circles right now."

Mackey added he is hoping to bring tribal elders into the program to share spiritual and traditional knowledge.

"They can answer questions about clans and Native words," said Mackey. "Or interpret what a dream may have meant."

Wellbriety meetings are held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday

at the Sault Cultural Center. The St. Ignace Longhouse and Museum hosts a Wellbriety meeting at 7 p.m., on Wednesdays, while the Bay Mills Health Center holds a 7 p.m. Saturday session.

"It's nice to have the culturally-steered meetings weekly," concluded Mackey.

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# Anishinaabemowin 2022

When you walk to the edge of all the light you have, and take that first step into the darkness of the unknown, you must believe that one of two things will happen. There will be something solid for you to stand upon or you will be taught to fly.

— Patrick Overton

## Tasenhwang miinwaa! - Halloween again!

ta-se(nh)-wang miin-waa (All who have walked on)

## Gego wii gsaake nbwaakaawkwe-ook

ge-go wii ga-saa-ke ni-bwaa-kaa-o-kwe-ook

Don't be afraid of witches

## Gaawii gegoo gdaa-doodaagsiig

gaa-wii ge-goo ga-daa doo-daa-gi-siig

They won't do anything to you.



## G'zegis na?

ga-ze-gis na?

Are you afraid?

## Gego wii gsaaken jiibaayik

ge-go wii ga-saa-ken jii-baa-yik

Don't be afraid of ghosts.

## Gaawii gegoo gdaa doodaagsiig

gaa-wii ge-goo ga-daa doo-daa-gi-siig

They won't do anything to you.

**Gego gwiinwinendam-ke.** Don't worry. **Da ni-nnaawse kina gegoo.** Everything will be OK

ge-go ga-wiin-wi-nen-dam-ke

da ni-na-naaw-se ki-na ge-goo

## Minawaanzin pii tasenhwang.

mi-na-waan-zin pii ta-se(nh)-wang

Have fun at Halloween.

## Weweni mkwenmaa jii bayik

we-we-ni mi-kwen-maa jii-bay-ik

Remember spirits in a good way.

## Miijin kosmaan nboop.

mii-jin kos-maan ni-boop

Eat pumpkin soup



## Pumpkin Soup (makes 6 servings)

1/4 cup butter  
1 large onion chopped fine  
1 leek (white part only) chopped  
4 cups chicken broth  
1 can (29 oz) pumpkin puree  
1 tsp curry powder  
1 tsp salt  
1/4 tsp ground ginger  
1 bay leaf (remove before puree)  
1 cup half and half  
pumpkin seeds to garnish

Cook onion and leek in butter till soft, about 5 min. Then add everything else except the half and half. Cook on low for 15 min. then cool. Pour in blender till blender is half full. Puree till smooth. Puree the rest of the soup in batches. Return soup to the pot and bring to a boil. Gradually stir in half and half. Cook until heated through about 5-10 minutes.



## Gnawaabmaag kina binoojiinyik

gi-na-waab-maag ki-na bi-noo-jii-yik

Watch all the children.

## Miigwen waashkabang.

miig-wen waash-ka-bang

Give away sweets.



## Siniinhsan sin-ii(nh)san little stones



Find 16 small stones or sticks or something like that. Arrange them as above. Two people play. The first person *chooses a row* and removes as many pieces as they want. The other player does the same. They take turns. The person who has to pick up the last item loses. So the goal is to leave your opponent the single final object.



Only two things flat-earthers fear:

*Sphere itself, and being buried too deep*

I have a deep-seated fear of running water or any liquid with legs, really.

*A friend has a fear of pi. I keep telling him it's irrational.*

Psychiatrist: It seems you have a fear of getting married.

Do you know the symptoms? Patient: I can't say I do.

Psychiatrist: Exactly. That's one of them.

*I'll never understand people who fear change.*

*It's like they have no cents at all.*

I have a fear of elevators, but I'm taking steps to avoid it.

**Pronunciation??** Like last few months, you'll find these words pronounced at this FaceBook link:

[www.facebook.com/SaultTribeLanguageAndCulture](https://www.facebook.com/SaultTribeLanguageAndCulture).

The words in the calendar on the page facing this one are there too. Or you can use the guide below!

## Making our Sounds

Most letters sound like in English. Here are the exceptions.

<b>aa</b> sounds like the a in <i>awesome</i>	<b>a</b> sounds like the a in <i>about</i>
<b>ii</b> sounds like the e in <i>be</i>	<b>i</b> sounds like the i in <i>dip</i>
<b>oo</b> sounds like the o in <i>go</i>	<b>o</b> sounds like the oo's in <i>book</i>
<b>e</b> sounds like the e in <i>Ed</i>	<b>g</b> sounds only like it does in <i>go</i>

*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.*

## Sault Tribe Language & Culture Division Open House

Oct. 21, 2022, 3-7 p.m. at  
Chi Mukwa (Big Bear) Arena and the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building

- Ojibwe Learning Center and Library:
- Digitized elder interviews for viewing
- Anishinaabemowin translation booth
- Seed library & seed giveaway
- After-School Immersion Program classroom
- Traditional food sampling
- New art displays
- Anishinaabemowin Bingo
- Craft exhibits & demonstrations
- Raffles and giveaway

# Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program's Women's Full Moon Ceremony Tuesday November 8th Social Hour 6:00 to 7:00 Ceremony starts at 7:00

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

Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program  
**Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Welcomes Our New Healer George Goggleye**

### 2022 October Healer Clinic Hours

October 19th, 20th, 21st, 27th, 28th  
Sault Ste. Marie Health Center  
(906)-632-0236 Lori Gambardella

October 26th  
St. Ignace Health Center  
(906)643-8689 or (877)256-0135

Any Questions, Or To Book An Appointment, Please Call  
Traditional Medicine Program  
At (906)632-0236 Or (906)632-5268

Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program  
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### 2022 October Healer Clinic Hours

October 12,17,19,24,26,31  
Sault Ste. Marie Health Center  
(906)632-0236 Lori Gambardella

Tuesday, October 11th  
Manistique Health Center  
(906)341-8469 or (866) 401-0043

Tuesday, October 18th  
St. Ignace Health Center  
(906)643-8689 or (877)256-0135

Tuesday, October 25th  
Munising Health Center  
(906)387-4721 or (800)236-4705

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## MSHKA'ODIN GIIZIS - FROZEN MOON - NOVEMBER 2022

NIIZHWAASO GIIZHIGAT	NTAM GIIZHIGAT	NIIZHO GIIZHIGAT	NSWO GIIZHIGAT	NIIWO GIIZHIGAT	NAANO GIIZHIGAT	NGODWAASWO GIIZHIGAT
		1 mshkiigomitig tamarack	2 ntam goon (first snow)	3 N'giisaadendam. (I am sorry.)	4 Zhiitaa. (S/he is getting ready.)	5 ezhi-dgongeng gegoo (recipe)
6 Gibeyiing giizhigat. (Daylight savings time ends.)	7 Oodetoo. (S/he is going to town/window shopping.)	8 Mooshkaneshin Dibiki Giizis (It is a full moon.)	9 N'segaajige. (I am decorating.)	10 Biiskan g'bootsinan. (I am putting on my boots.)	11 Zhimaaganish Giizhigat (Veterans Day)	12 Nwebi. (S/he is resting/napping.)
13 gzhaabkizigan (stove/heater)	14 Mishkepo. (It is wet snow.)	15 Waawaashkesh'ke. (S/he is hunting deer.)	16 Gsinaa. (It is cold outside.)	17 nangoonhsag (stars)	18 giizhigong (in the sky)	19 waaboowaan (blanket)
20 pkweshmowin (pillow)	21 baashkaminsigan (preserves/jam)	22 Niiskaadat. (It is nasty weather.)	23 mizise (turkey)	24 Miigwechiwe Giizhigat (Giving Thanks Day)	25 manoomin (wild rice)	26 washkobang (dessert)
27 mkoomiins (icicle; ice cube)	28 Mkoomi giigoonh'ke. (S/he is ice fishing.)	29 goonens (snowflake)	30 aanakwat (cloud)			

# BMCC offering new educational opportunity

BAY MILLS — It's a hat trick for Bay Mills Community College. On Oct. 3 the Higher Learning Commission formally approved BMCC's application to offer a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, making it the third bachelor's degree offered at the school.

Coursework for the new program will give students a strong foundation in grants, management, marketing, and finance, with a focus on working in tribal communities. Students who are in BMCC's associate degree in business administration major can seamlessly transition into the bachelor's degree program as they move forward.

"This bachelors' degree is

something we have wanted to offer for quite some time. Each term we have students seeking to further their education at BMCC, but they have run out of options in the business program," said Business Dept. Chair Shannon Jones. "This was a team effort. I worked closely with colleagues Kendra Voris (director of online learning) and Samantha Cameron (VP of academics) for months on this project, but the hard work has paid off. This will benefit our students and community going forward."

BMCC currently has 46 students in the business administration associate degree program. These students will be able to continue their studies

without having to change schools.

The bachelor's program will be offered completely online, giving students across the U.S. the opportunity to earn their degree from home. Courses will be offered starting in the spring term, with a formal launch in Fall 2023.

"With the increased demand for online learning, BMCC has worked diligently to expand academic programming in that area. Our new Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration is really the culmination of the college's 20 years of work in online education and 36 years of providing college access to tribal communities," said Samantha

Cameron, vice president of academics. "We are very excited to be able to offer accessible, accredited, and diverse education opportunities to our students."

Overall employment in business and financial occupations is projected to grow 7 percent from 2021 to 2031, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This increase is expected to result in about 715,100 new jobs over the next decade.

In addition to new jobs from growth, opportunities arise from the need to replace workers who leave their occupations permanently. About 980,200 openings each year, on average, are projected to come from

growth and replacement needs.

"Our team did a great job meeting with key stakeholders in our community to develop a business program to train students to fill management positions in our tribal and surrounding communities," said BMCC President Duane Bedell. "This degree is just another example of us taking our student feedback and turning their needs into reality."

Anyone interested in the new business program can reach out to Jones for more information by emailing [sjones@bmcc.edu](mailto:sjones@bmcc.edu).

The full program requirements can be found online at [www.bmcc.edu](http://www.bmcc.edu).

## Disagree with your disability decision? We will take another look

BY VONDA VAN TIL

Social Security is here to help millions of people secure their today and tomorrow by providing benefits and financial protection. We continue to protect the integrity of our disability programs by ensuring we make the correct decision on each claim. However, if you disagree with the decision on your claim, you can ask for your case to be reviewed by filing an appeal.

How can I appeal Social Security's decision on my claim?

Generally, there are four appeal levels. If you are not satisfied with the decision at one level, you may appeal to the next.

The appeal levels are:

1. Reconsideration: A reconsideration is a complete review of your claim by someone who did not take part in the first decision. We look at all the evidence submitted in the original determination, and any new evidence.

2. Hearing: If you disagree

with the decision at the reconsideration level, you may ask for a hearing. An administrative law judge, who had no part in the original decision or the reconsideration of your case, conducts the hearing.

3. Appeals Council Review: If you disagree with the hearing decision, you can request a review by Social Security's Appeals Council. The Appeals Council looks at all requests for review. They will decide whether or not there is a reason to return your case to the judge for further review.

4. Federal Court Review: If you disagree with the Appeals Council's decision, you can file a lawsuit in a federal district court as the last level in the appeals process.

Please visit our Appeal A Decision webpage for more information at: [www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/appeal.html](http://www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/appeal.html).

When should I file my appeal?

If we denied your claim, you have 60 days from the date of the notice to file an appeal. The easiest and quickest way is to file your appeal request online at [www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/appeal.html](http://www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/appeal.html). This is where you can submit associated documents electronically. You can also call your local Social Security office or (800) 772-1213 to obtain the forms. You can find your local office at [www.ssa.gov/locator](http://www.ssa.gov/locator).

Do I need a representative to file an appeal?

A representative or attorney is not required to file an appeal. Whether you choose to appoint an attorney or authorized representative is completely up to you. You may choose to have someone help you with your appeal or represent you. Your representative may be a lawyer or other qualified person familiar with you and the Social Security program. We will work with your representative just as we would work with you. They can act for you in most Social Security matters, and they will receive a copy of any decisions we make about your claim.

If you need us to review your



case, please go online at [www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/appeal.html](http://www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/appeal.html) or call (800) 772-1213.

Vonda Van Til is the public affairs specialist for West

Michigan.

You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 or via email at [vontil@ssa.gov](mailto:vontil@ssa.gov).

## Anishnaabek Community and Family Services Low Income Energy Assistance Program

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program opens Nov. 1, 2022, to eligible households residing in the tribe's seven-county service area. If you are in need of heating assistance, please visit an ACFS office in your area to complete an application.

Applications can also be found at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com). The program will remain open until funding has been exhausted.

If assistance is needed with the application process, please contact ACFS at (906) 632-5250.

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### 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.



# Walking on...

## STEPHANIE R. GILES

Stephanie R. Giles, 80, of Sault Ste Marie, Mich., passed away Sept. 15, 2022, at MyMichigan Medical Center in Sault Ste. Marie. She was born Sept. 16, 1941, in St. Paul, Minn., to Raymond and Stephanie (Lucky) Kustelski.



She was an Elementary Education Teacher, retiring at the Soo after 45 years. Active as a Eucharistic Minister and Lector at her Church, she enjoyed People to People International, the Japanese City and School Exchange programs, and volunteering at Habitat for Humanity and its' Gala. She loved to bake, play piano, garden, and especially enjoyed decorating for the Christmas Holiday Season.

Survived by her loving family: Husband, David; children, Steven (Crissy Dansak), Gregory (Vanessa), Celeste (Dwyatt Gregory), Susan Giles; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; siblings, Gregory (Judith) Kustelski, Cynthia (Tom) Klecatsky, Monica (David) Record, Celeste (Patrick) Murphy, Jeanette (Kevin) Ward; nieces, nephews and the Lucky and Kustelski cousins.

She was preceded in death by Baby Boy Giles, Raymond and Stephanie, Mary Theresa and Raymond Kustelski Jr.

Visitation was held Sept. 22 at Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Mich. Mass of Christian Burial was held Sept. 23 at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral in Sault Ste Marie with Father Nicholas Thompson officiating. Final resting place is Riverside Cemetery.

Online condolences may be left at [www.galerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.galerfuneralhomes.com).

## NATHAN KYLE FECTEAU

Nathan Kyle Fecteau, 16, of Richmond, Mich. passed away Monday, Sept. 19, 2022, with his family by his side in the comfort of their home.



He was born Oct. 14, 2005, in Detroit, Mich. the son of Kyle and Heather (Soleau) Fecteau.

Nathan attended Richmond High School. He loved playing video games with gamers all over the country.

Surviving are his parents, Kyle and Heather Fecteau of Richmond; sister, Addison Elizabeth Fecteau; grandparents, Brent and Connie Fecteau and Gary and Linda Soleau; great-grandmother, Georgia Schultz; aunts and uncle, Lori Hampton, Ashley Soleau, and Bryan Soleau; and cousins, Liam and Olivia Jearls.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, James Soleau, Bill Schultz, Rose and Gaetano Galli, Ted and Adelaide Okon, and Evelyn and Joseph

Fecteau.

Kaatz Funeral Directors of Richmond handled arrangements for the family.

## DONALD J. GOUDREAU, SR.

Donald J. Goudreau, Sr., 95, passed away peacefully on Oct. 4, 2022, at his home in Trout Lake, Mich. He was born August 15, 1927, in Manistique, Mich., to Alvin and Della Goudreau.



Donald grew up in Rexton, Mich. After high school, he left home to serve in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Upon completing his tour of duty, he returned home to marry his high school sweetheart Dana Clark on Sept. 30, 1947. He and Dana were married 73 years and raised eleven children. For several years, he worked with his dad as a beer distributor. He went on to purchase and operate the Town House Restaurant in St. Ignace, Mich. After 4 years, he sold the restaurant and began employment with Mackinac County Equalization Department. His career progressed and he had the opportunity to work for the State of Michigan in the Treasury Department as a State Assessor. During that period, he attained a Level IV certification, the highest available, from the International Association of Assessing Officers. He retired from the State of Michigan Treasury Department in 1990. A short time later, he and his sons, D.J. and Gary established Goudreau and Associates Appraisals. Twenty years later, all three of them retired for the second time.

In addition to working and being a father to eleven children, he and Dana enjoyed traveling and visiting their children throughout the United States. He loved to travel by train and had extensive knowledge of the various rail systems in the United States as well as Canada. He was also very passionate about the Great Lakes Shipping Industry, having spent a season as a deck hand aboard the steamer Watson. He enjoyed talking about trains and the boats with anyone who showed interest.

Don was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Moran, Mich., the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the American Legion Post #0393, and a lifetime member of the Elks.

Don is survived by ten of his children, Donald J. Goudreau, Jr. (Patty), Gary Goudreau (Gwen), Michele Paquin, Susan Vich (Skip), Sandra Thornton, Andrea Tamlyn (Ted), David Goudreau (Cathy), Mary Morairty (Kelly), Aimee Swanson (Dave) and Laura Flatt (Wayne), twelve grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren; and cousin, Betty Smith of Rexton.

Don was preceded in death by his wife Dana (73 years) and his son, Bernard J. Goudreau.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church in Saint Ignace on Oct. 20, 2022. Following

the funeral, the family and guests traveled to the Epoufette Cemetery for burial.

Memorial contributions can be submitted to: Mackinac Straits Health Systems 1140 N. State St. St. Ignace, MI 49781.

Galer Funeral Home & Cremation in Pickford, Michigan, is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.galerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.galerfuneralhomes.com).

## M. GRACE JOHNSON

M. Grace Johnson, 96, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. passed away Sept. 27, 2022, in Sault Ste. Marie. She was born Feb. 24, 1926, in Sault Ste. Marie to John and Verna (Jones) Gore.



*Rest in peace Gramma J! You're finally free of your earthly body that no longer suited that adventurous soul of yours.*

*I have no doubt she's smiling ear to ear, socializing with old friends and hubbies, saying exactly what she's thinking without skipping a beat, snowmobiling, watching hockey, tearing up the dance floor, flirting with all the handsome men, and living in a house just like hers that she loved so much on the St. Mary's River.*

*Death is always sad, but it's a blessing knowing she's no longer in pain and free to be herself again....Written By Kaitlin Joy Fortin, Granddaughter*

Grace is survived by her children, James and John Ermatinger, Susan Henderlite, Gayle Fortin, and Karen Duprey; grandchildren, Joseph Atkinson, Lori St. Peter, Airon Ermatinger, Andrew and Katie Fortin, Lauren Andrews, Sarah Toms, Laura Porterfield, Rachael Alexanian, Allison Sandt, and Tiffany Henderlite-Ramsey; 15 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Grace is predeceased by her parents; daughter, Lynne Ermatinger-Weaver; and grandchildren, Mandy Ermatinger and Ray Henderlite.

Visitation was held Oct. 3, 2022, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie, with Father Nicholas Thompson officiating. Final resting place is Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

Clark Hovie Galer Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be left at [www.galerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.galerfuneralhomes.com).

## RONALD "ERNIE" MATSON

Ronald "Ernie" Matson, Jr., 61, of Munising, Mich. died following a lengthy illness late Thursday evening, Sept. 22, 2022, at UP Health System in Marquette.



He was born in Munising to the late Ronald "Blackie" and Darlene (Magnusson) Matson, Sr. on

April 19, 1961. Ernie grew up in Munising and Marquette.

It was in his younger years he developed a love of sports that carried with him throughout his life. Ernie was a gifted athlete and growing up he played football, baseball, and hockey.

He was a member of the Wm. G. Mather High School Class of 1979. Ernie married Kristen Machleit on Sept. 6, 1986, and together raised their children. Ernie was a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He was a fifth-generation commercial fisherman on the Great Lakes and was able to fish with his grandfather, father, brother, uncle, cousins, and children. Ernie fished. Ernie loved to fish. He fished gill nets and trap net boats on Lake Superior and Lake Michigan. Ernie fished out of Fairport, Naubinway, Beaver Island, Whitefish Point, Grand Marais, Little Lake, and mostly Munising. He had great knowledge and respect for the Lake. He enjoyed his title of Captain Ron and loved smoking fish and establishing Cap'n Ron's fish truck. Family and friends always gathered around the fish house. That was Ernie's homebase, and after a long day of work, he enjoyed sitting in his chair by the dock visiting with friends.

As mentioned above, Ernie loved sports and excelled at everything he did. He enjoyed downhill skiing, cross country skiing, golfing on men's league, bowling on men's and mixed leagues, playing hockey on a league in Marquette, but will be remembered most athletically for his abilities on the fastpitch softball field. Ernie could pitch a ball! He collected many trophies, tournament team, and MVP accolades. His love and talents of hockey and softball were passed on as he coached his children in those sports.

Ernie enjoyed being outdoors and camping. He had a gift for talking and never met anyone he couldn't talk to. He loved to make people laugh. Ernie loved his family and his dogs....golden retrievers – the only real dog. They were his fish house dogs. Ernie was recently highlighted on the National Geographic show Uncharted when Gordon Ramsay traveled across Michigan's Upper Peninsula and highlighted Captain Ron and his smoked fish sausage. It is fair to say that Ernie stole the show. Stealing a line from the movie Tin Cup, Ernie was a keeper. He loved dogs, kids, and old people. He was a true icon of Munising and will be missed.

He is survived by his wife of over 36 years – Kris Matson of Munising; children – Derrick (Jessica) Corp of Ishpeming, Mich., Ronald Matson III of Arizona, Katy Matson of Munising, Rick Matson of Denver, Colo., and Molly (Zachary) Pavlat of Escanaba, Mich.; grandchildren – Ozzie, Olivia, Bella, Ethan, Oliver, Gerard, Cecelia, and Lillian; siblings – Donna "Dodie" (Jim) Gauthier of Howards Grove, Wisc., Tim Matson of Grand Marais, and Julie Matson of Munising; and numerous nieces

and nephews. Ernie was preceded in death by his parents, brother Larry "Bubie" Mrowka, and parents-in-law – James and Geraldine Machleit.

Services were held at the Bowerman Funeral Home in Munising on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022. Deacon Tom Moseley conducted Ernie's funeral service. Ernie's obituary and tribute wall may be found at [bowermanfuneralhome.net](http://bowermanfuneralhome.net).

## DOROTHY ANN POWERS

Dorothy Ann Powers, 84, of St. Ignace Mich., died on Sept. 13, 2022, after a brief illness. She was born with her twin sister on Aug. 19, 1938, in St. Ignace, to Emmet Joshua and Eva (Wabaganese) Powers.



Dorothy grew up in St. Ignace and graduated from LaSalle High School, with the class of 1956. After graduation she worked for the Pet Gas company. In 1962, she moved to Marshall, Mich., and started with Michigan Bell Company. She worked for Michigan Bell and ATT for 42 years. Dorothy lived in Marshall with her twin sister at their home on Lyon Lake for 50 years. Dorothy retired in 2001 and returned to the St. Ignace area in 2013.

Dorothy was a member of the United Methodist Church in St. Ignace and Lyon Lake United Methodist Church in Marshall. She was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She was an active contributor to the Charitable Union for over 20 years where she knitted hats, mittens, scarves, and sweaters for donation.

Dorothy loved traveling, camping, gardens, knitting and sewing. She enjoyed going on car rides especially the 2 tracks and back roads. She was an avid reader and liked board games and puzzles.

Dorothy is survived by her brother, Dell Powers; many nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews; and great-great nieces and nephews.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her parents; twin sister, Doris; sister, Pauline McNeely; infant brother, Gary Leroy Powers; and sister-in-law, Pamela Powers. Visitation was held on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022, at the St. Ignace United Methodist Church, with funeral services following. Burial took place at Lakeside Cemetery in St. Ignace.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Mackinac County Animal Shelter, 980 Cheeseman Rd., St. Ignace, MI, or the building fund for the St. Ignace United Methodist Church, 615 US-2 W, St. Ignace, MI 49781.

Galer Dodson Funeral Homes & Cremation in St. Ignace served the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.galerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.galerfuneralhomes.com).

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# ACFS programs help children and families heal

## FROM ACFS

Orange Shirt Day, also called National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, is observed yearly on Sept. 30. It is a day to honor and respect the Indigenous children that were taken away from their families and forced into boarding schools. Starting in the late 19th Century, the United States government and various church groups established residential

boarding schools. Children were forcibly removed from their families, communities, and cultures, where they were expected to assimilate into Western culture. The children were expected to cut their hair, abandon traditional clothing, give up their names and take on English names. They endured physical, sexual, and emotional abuse. The recent discovery of mass graves of children

found in Canada and in the United States shows the real devastation of boarding schools.

Today, the trauma that boarding schools caused can still be felt throughout our communities. The breaking of attachments with one's family are just as wounding today as they were in the past. Boarding school trauma that happened decades ago is still evident today in broken families, drug

and alcohol abuse, and mental illness. It is a ripple effect of a wound that lingers in the memory, culture, and history of Native American's.

There are a number of family support programs offered through Anishnaabek Community and Family Services that are in place to assist children and families within the tribe's seven-county service area. The primary goal of

these programs is to help parents of tribal children with a variety of resources and support to ensure that their children are safe, protected, and cared for. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about family support programs or requesting services offered through ACFS, please call (800) 726-0093 or (906) 632-5250. Together, we can help heal our communities.



Native Youth Council



Amy McCoy and daughter Drew



Caitlin Synett



Christina and Shaylnn Menard



Greg Gierke and Gail Sulander



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## Orange Shirt Gallery from the Membership



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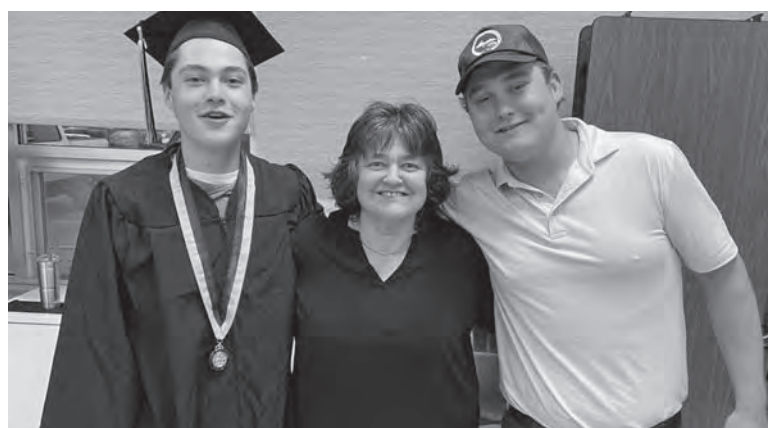
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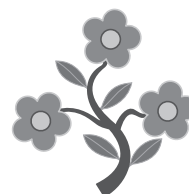
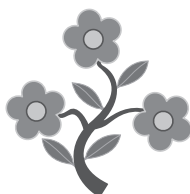
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# Domestic Violence Awareness Month movement

The Domestic Violence Awareness Month movement was initiated in October 1987 as a way to connect and unite individuals and organizations handling domestic violence issues while raising awareness for those issues.

A monumental decision was made on Sept. 27, 2022 as the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors passed a resolution authorizing criminal code revisions necessary to expand tribal jurisdiction over non-Natives committing crimes against Native citizens involving child violence, sexual violence, sex trafficking, stalking, and assault against justice personnel that occur on tribal land. The resolution is effective as of Oct. 1, 2022. Special thanks to our board for making this decision as it will restore Tribal jurisdiction that was stripped from Tribal Nations in the 1978 Supreme Court Oliphant decision.

Domestic violence or “intimate partner violence,” can be defined as a pattern of behavior in any relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner. Abuse can be physical, sexual, emotional, economic or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person. This includes any behaviors that frighten, intimidate, terrorize, manipulate, hurt, humiliate, blame, injure, or wound someone. Domestic abuse can happen to anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion, or gender. Domestic violence can occur within a range of relationships including; gay or straight couples, couples who are married, living together, or dating. Domestic violence affects people of all socioeconomic status and education levels.

Not only are intimate partners victims of domestic violence, children and other household family members, even family pets can be victims of domestic violence. Domestic violence is based on power and control over the victim. Many times, victims are unaware they are even in an abusive relationship. There are many indicators of domestic violence and it is important to evaluate your relationship if you feel your partner matches the criteria of an abuser.

**The following are signs that your partner exhibits intimidation or bullies, threatens, or controls you:**

- Accuses you of having an affair
- Blames you for the abuse
- Criticizes you
- Tells you what to wear and how to look
- Threatens to kill you or someone close to you
- Throws things or punches walls when angry
- Yells at you and makes you feel inferior

**Your partner may control you financially by:**

- Keeping cash and credit cards from you
- Giving you an allowance and making you explain every dollar you spend
- Preventing you from working at all or at specific places
- Steals money from you or your friends or family

— Will not allow you to have money for basic necessities like food and clothing

**Your partner may control you by:**

- Cutting you off from family and friends
- Makes you ask permission to see friends and family
- Embarrasses you in front of others causing you to want to avoid others
- Your partner physically abuses you:
  - Abandons you in places you don't know
  - Attacks you with weapons or objects
  - Keeps you from eating, sleeping, or getting medical care
  - Locks you in or out of your house
  - Punches, pushes, kicks, bites, pulls hair

**Your partner sexually abuses you by:**

- Forces you to have sex
- Makes you dress in a sexual way
- Makes you feel like you owe them sex
- Tries to give you an STD
- Refuses to use condoms or birth control
- Withholds sex and affection as a punishment

**Here are some signs to look for if you feel someone you know is being abused:**

- Has excuses for injuries
- Personality changes, exhibiting low self-esteem
- Constantly checking in with partner, asking for permission, or seeming anxious while away from partner
- Never having money on hand
- Overly worried about pleasing their partner
- Skipping work, school, or social settings for no clear reason
- Wearing clothes that don't match the season, such as long sleeves in the summer to cover bruises

Both women and men can be victims of domestic or intimate partner violence. The signs and actions can be the same whether the abuser is a male or female.

In the LGBTQ community some of the signs may differ.

**Abusers may:**

- Make excuses for abuse, for example saying, “That’s just how men are,” or “You know you wanted it to happen.”
- Telling you that police or others won't help because of gender or orientation
- Threatening to “out” you to family, friends, and others
- Extreme jealousy of friends of the same sex

Stalking is also a form of domestic abuse. “Stalking is a pattern of repeated and unwanted attention, harassment, contact, or any other course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear,” according to the Department of Justice. Similar to crimes of sexual violence, stalking is about power and control. Stalking laws and definitions differ from state to state.

**Stalking behaviors can take many forms, including:**

- Making threats against

someone, or that person’s family or friends

— Non-consensual communication, such as repeated phone calls, emails, text messages, and unwanted gifts

— Repeated physical or visual closeness, like waiting for someone to arrive at certain locations, following someone, or watching someone from a distance.

— Online stalking uses technology to stalk their victim.

Cyberstalking can include sending unwanted communication such as spamming someone’s email or social media

— Posting threatening or personal information about someone on public Internet forums

— Video voyeurism, or installing cameras that give the stalker access to victim’s personal life

— Using GPS or other tracking

software systems to monitor someone without knowledge or consent

— Using someone’s computer or spyware to track their computer activity.

Identifying stalking behaviors before they escalate and can help one take the necessary steps to protect themselves. If you learn you are being stalked either online or in-person it can be unsettling and even dangerous. Consider taking steps to protect yourself or involve an authority figure who can help you.

**Are YOU an Abuser?**

If you recognize that you are abusing your partner with any of the above-mentioned behaviors, there may be resources available in your community to assist you to end the abusive behaviors. Contact Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Court at (906) 635-4963 for assistance.

Domestic abuse can result in criminal prosecution.

The Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) has been instrumental in serving survivors since 1989. ARC is available for support and advocacy for crisis intervention and emotional support. The ARC can assist with safety planning and follow up.

The Lodge of Bravery is open 24/7 and can provide immediate safety to survivors and their children seeking safety from intimate partner violence. You do not have to be a tribal member to seek ARC services. Contact the Advocacy Resource Center at (906) 632-1808. You are not alone. Abuse is never your fault.

You may also find us at [www.facebook.com/saulttribeARC](http://www.facebook.com/saulttribeARC) and at our website [www.arcsaulttribe.com](http://www.arcsaulttribe.com) for more information.

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# 21st Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic held

Golfers from across the state competed in the 21st Annual Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic held at the Wild Bluff Golf Course in Brimley, Mich., on Friday, Sept. 23, 2022. The annual event generated over \$74,000 for the tribe's scholarship fund.

The two-day event began Thursday evening with registration held at Kewadin Casino and Convention Center. The registration event, sponsored by PNC Bank, gave golfers the chance to pre-register for the Classic, place bids at our silent auction and enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

The Classic, the main event, began with a shotgun start at 11 a.m. on Friday

morning. The PNC Bank team won the Mixed Division with a 68, followed by Team U. P. Engineers & Architects with a 74 and in third place was the Hosel Rocketts with a 78. In the Men's Division, Rodenroth Motors took first place with a 57, followed by Sault Printing with a 62 and in third place was Martin Waymire/Khoury, Johnson Leavitt also with a 62, following a scorecard playoff. Kewadin Casino team #2 also finished with a score of 62, but placed fourth after the scorecard playoff.

During the Classic, golfers had the chance to win cash prizes up to \$25,000 and one of two vehicles sponsored by Rodenroth Motors and Soo Motors

during our hole-in-one contests. Golfers also had the opportunity to test their skills for a chance to win \$10,000 prior to the Classic at the Putting Contest sponsored by Automated Comfort Controls. While on the course, golfers were treated to a delicious lunch with all the fixings sponsored by Sault Printing Company.

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

prizes donated by local vendors. Closing out the night, prizes were awarded to the top teams in each division, mixed and men's.

Funds generated by the Classic are placed in an educational fund which provides Sault Tribe members with scholarships to further their education. To date, over 370 scholarships have been awarded.

The 2022 Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic was organized by Bill Connolly, Jessica Dumback, Katelynn Griffin and Bob Schulte and was hosted by Kewadin Casinos and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Next year's event is being planned for July 29, 2023.



Men's Division Winners – Rodenroth Motors, L-R, Sean Raynard, Chris Rodenroth, Steve Rodenroth, and Keith Wallace.



Mixed Division Winners – PNC Bank, L-R, Alex Schulte, Bobby Schulte, Suzanne Schulte, and Bob Schulte.

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### VICKY JANE ROY

Vicky Jane Roy (Spiegel), 61, passed on Aug. 24, 2022, at her residence in Sacramento, Calif.



Vicky was the daughter of Elsie and Norman Spiegel and was born in Detroit, Mich.,

on Aug. 17, 1961. Vicky was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

As a young woman Vicky moved away to California. After living in Crescent City, Calif., she raised her two daughters, April

and Michelle in Hayward, Calif.

Vicky worked as a hairstylist. She ran and operated her own hair salon, Vickalinas.

Vicky was a loving and caring mother and grandmother. She enjoyed walks on the beach, dining with friends and raising her grandson Joshua in San Leandro, Calif.

Vicky is survived by her two daughters, April Roy and Michelle Quady, and four grandchildren, Joshua Diaz, Kane Henry, James Quady and Callie Quady.

Vicky's remains were cremated and her ashes will be spread by family and friends at a private ceremony.

## Thank you sponsors, volunteers and committee!

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians would like to thank our generous sponsors, many volunteers and dedicated committee members who helped make the 21st Annual Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic a tremendous success!



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# Orange Shirt Day events hosted throughout tribe

The Advocacy Resource Center hosted an Orange Shirt Day event titled "Speak Your Truth." Survivors of Holy Childhood Boarding School of Harbor Springs attended the event and spoke of their experiences at the school. Orange T-shirts were provided along with a light meal to participants.

The Community Quilt Project that had been announced in April 2022 had finally commenced and the final product was revealed at the event. Quilt squares that were supplied by various members of communities far and wide were given to the ARC to show love and homage to all victims and survivors of residential boarding

schools. In fact, so many squares were provided that not all squares could fit into the allotted space and plans for a second quilt are in the making.

Miigwech to all those who participated in the quilt-your work was absolutely beautiful and ARC appreciates your thoughtfulness and creativity. An extra special thanks to quilters Sue Garrett and Mary Ann Hussey for their hard work in assembling the gorgeous finished product. The quilt is an absolute masterpiece. Survivors in attendance were in complete awe of the quilt and were ever so thankful.

Holy Childhood of Jesus

of Harbor Springs Survivors included Kim Fyke, Mary Cope, Sharon Skutt, Marilyn Wakefield, Debra Delk, and Karen Wasageshik-Case. It was an emotional and heartfelt event. Miigwech to those who attended. Community Educator Jess Gillotte-King would like to give a special thanks to everyone that helped make this event come to life.

Kim Fyke spoke about her experiences on Oct. 1 at Sault Area High School to freshman and senior classes. The students were respectful and responded with questions and support for Kim. Thanks to the Sault High's Native Youth Council for inviting the ARC and Kim to Sault High.

## Proclamation by the Governor — September 30, 2022: Orange Shirt Day

**WHEREAS**, the movement known as "Orange Shirt Day," also known as the National Day of Remembrance, was started by Phyllis Webstad of the Stsweccem'c Xgat'tem First Nation; and,

**WHEREAS**, Phyllis, like Indigenous children throughout the United States, attended an Indian residential school whose purpose it was to strip her of her language and culture; and,

**WHEREAS**, children in these boarding schools were subjected to a range of sexual, physical, spiritual, and emotional abuse, and many lost their lives; and,

**WHEREAS**, Native children were not allowed to speak their Native language, wear their traditional clothing, or practice their cultural tradition, and were forced to have their hair cut by school officials; and,

**WHEREAS**, Michigan was home to several Indian boarding schools whose purpose it was to forcibly assimilate Native children; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent upon us all to acknowledge the legacy of legalized injustice and brutality toward Native children and their families; and,

**WHEREAS**, we must do more than just remember the children whose lives were taken, the countless families torn apart, and the communities ravaged by these cruel, government-sanctioned practices – we must acknowledge the generational trauma that exists and continues to impact Native people and their communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, after years of avoiding the color orange, which the Indian boarding school forbade her to wear, Phyllis created Orange Shirt Day to remember the children who lost their lives at the hands of the boarding school system and to honor the survivors;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2022, as Orange Shirt Day in Michigan.



Photos by Jessica Gillotte-King

Front (left) and back sides of the community quilt for Orange Shirt Day.



Quilt squares (left) and attendees at the Orange Shirt Day ceremony.



Survivors (left) stand in front of the community quilt, and quilters Mary Anne Hussey and Sue Garrett.



Sharon Skutt



Kim Fyke and Mary Cope



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Orange Shirt Day displays at the tribe's Cultural Center near Big Bear.

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# Tribe's new Gladstone Tribal Health Center holds Open House ceremony September 30



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Photos by Doug Goudreau  
A crowd gathers during the open house event for the tribe's newest health center in Gladstone.



Sault Tribe Health Division Director Leo Chugunov (left), Bernard Biron (center) and Community Health Program Manager Marlene Glaesmann during the open house ceremony.



Photos by Doug Goudreau

Jeremy Sitkoski, maintenance technician for the Manistique Health Center, was gifted dreamcatchers to thank him for his help with the new Gladstone facility.



Community Health Program Manager Marlene Glaesmann speaks during the open house for the new Gladstone Tribal Health Center.



Safety Officer Dale Joseph takes a tour of the facility during the open house held Sept. 30.



Photo by Valerie Ford

Taking a tour of the new facility.

# Tribe celebrated completion of Crane Industrial Suites, an industrial/manufacturing warehouse

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The Sault Tribe celebrated the completion of Crane Industrial Suites, a multi-unit light industrial/manufacturing warehouse, with an open house on Oct. 4. The 20,000 square-foot warehouse is a U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) and Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) grant-funded project of the Sault Tribe, located on the tribe's Odenaang housing site.

The tribe's EDC is currently reviewing proposals with prospective tenants. There are three heated suites, two with 5,000 square feet each and one with 10,000 square feet. Features include a 42-foot clear height to ridge, 20-foot clear side wall height, 6-inch concrete floor, single phase electric, natural gas, water, and sewer. Each unit has a finished restroom.

Moore Trosper Construction Company was the general contractor for the \$4 million warehouse, and the engineering firm Seven Generations provided architectural and engineering expertise.

Sault Tribe Inc. CEO Joel Schultz said the tribe was awarded the grant almost two years ago, just at the onset of COVID. "What we could buy for a dollar pre-COVID changed once COVID hit. We went to bid out the project and the prices came in double what our budget

was," he said. "We had to value engineer and strip some of the 'Cadillac' features out of it, and put it back out to bid, and it still came in over budget. The EDA, MEDC and Sault Tribe board all worked with us to get the project funded."

Schultz said they have had a lot of interest in the light industrial/manufacturing warehouse, with leases available for \$5.50 a square foot, triple net. Commonly found in commercial real estate, a triple net lease is an arrangement where the lessee agrees to pay all of the expenses on the property, including building insurance and common area maintenance (CAM), among others.

Schultz said the warehouse, with its ceiling peaking at 46-feet, is the only kind of space like it available in the area.

Scott Grove, senior business development coordinator for the engineering architectural firm Seven Generations, said, "We were super excited to be a part of this project. It has been a challenging project from the very beginning. Working through COVID has been unprecedented, and is still unprecedented — we are still trying to recover. Being able to get his done is extremely rewarding and exciting and we are thrilled for the tribe and what it means moving forward for everybody."

Sault Tribe member and

President of Moore Trosper Construction Co., Ted Moore, said, "We embarked on this process two years ago. We bid it multiple times and worked with Joel Schultz and the tribe's EDC to bring it within budget, meet grant obligations, and work with Seven Generations to value engineer the project. What made this an exceptional project was the group effort. We are very appreciative and humbled to have been a part of this project and look forward to future endeavors."

Sault Tribe board member Lana Causley-Smith said, "It's very exciting to celebrate this project and its completion. We appreciate all our staff and Sault Tribe Inc., Seven Generations, and Moore Trosper that got involved and worked together to make it happen."

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

The warehouse qualifies as a Foreign-Trade Zone and HUBZone. Sault Tribe Inc. is the independent business arm of the Sault Tribe, serving as a holding company for both wholly-owned tribal businesses and joint ventures.



Those involved in the planning and construction, and others there to help them celebrate, all gathered for a group shot at the official opening of Crane Industrial Suites.



L-R: Sault Tribe Board of Directors Unit II Representative Lana Causley-Smith, Moore Trosper Construction Company President Ted Moore, Sault Tribe Inc. CEO Joel Schultz, Seven Generations Senior Business Development Coordinator Scott Grove and Sault Tribe Board of Directors Unit III Representative Bridgett Sorenson.



The front of the building off of Seymour Street on the Odenaang Housing site.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Interior of one of the three suites available for lease.



Back side of Crane Industrial Suites.

# Annual Recovery Walk held on tribe's reservation



The annual walk for recovery got underway at Big Bear Arena on Sept. 22, as participants were escorted by Sault Tribe Law Enforcement on the tribe's reservation.



Traditional Medicine Practitioner Gerard Sagassige (right) gave a blessing before the walk got underway.

Photos by Brenda Austin

The annual Sault Tribe Recovery Walk was held on the tribe's reservation Sept. 22. Participants gathered at Big Bear Arena and were escorted on the walk by Sault Tribe Law Enforcement. Traditional Medicine Practitioner Gerard Sagassige gave a blessing before the walk got underway. Afterwards there were motivational recovery speakers, informational booths, gifts and food. The event was supported by the Sault Tribe, Behavioral Health, Tribal Court and Housing.



Walkers leaving Big Bear Arena.



Soo Eagles Junior A Hockey Club participated in the walk. Below: Walkers being escorted on the tribe's reservation on the way back to Big Bear Arena.



Participants headed back to Big Bear Arena for snacks and other events, including motivational speakers.



# Traditional techniques on display at 2022 ArtPrize

BY SCOTT BRAND

Incorporating traditional indigenous building practices and colorful parachutes, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians delivered one of the largest works to be displayed at the 2022 ArtPrize competition in Grand Rapids, Mich.

“This idea came from the experience of my children loving parachutes in gym class, which reminded me of my own love of that same childhood memory,” wrote Jamie Shackleton of her entry into the event. “The idea also parallels my current exploration of my Native American heritage and culture. A dome structure is used in a sweat lodge I attend for a monthly spiritual practice every full moon and the dome dwelling structures of wigwams.”

Shackleton is a 2002 graduate of Newberry High School and continued her education at Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids earning her degree from that institution in 2008.

“ArtPrize is the largest art contest in the United States with 500,000 visitors a year,” said



**Above: The 13-moon parachute display proved to be a powerful draw at the 2022 ArtPrize in Grand Rapids. Right: While many of the exhibits this year had time limitations, Shackleton's creation could be enjoyed at all hours of the day.**

Shackleton of the countless individuals who have explored her latest creation.

All four domed structures have specific meanings representing the four seasons, directions and sacred medicines with signage — in both Anishinaabemowin and English — explaining those concepts and identifying the 13 moon phases along the way.

“Participants can crawl in and emerge anew, changed from having experienced the connection to the earth that is provided by the womb-like structures and their experience within,” wrote Shackleton.

Shackleton calculated that more than 200 community volunteer hours were required to bring this project to life.

“All involved will carry with them the passed down knowledge of traditional indigenous building practices orally shared through



generations, such as starting in the eastern door like the sun and bending toward the west just as the sun passes for your first connection,” observed Shackleton. “These are not built alone and a

lot of people in the community have come together.”

ArtPrize, billed as “An Urban Art Adventure,” was held Sept. 15 through Oct. 2 in Grand Rapids.

Shackleton, who still has family here in the Eastern Upper Peninsula, resides in the Grand Rapids area with her two children, Kaya, 11, and 8-year-old Luca Van Dunk.



Jamie Shackleton

## October is National Dental Hygiene Month

BY JESSICA A. RICKERT, DDS, ANISHINAABE DENTAL OUTREACH

Beauty. Confidence. Conversations. Enjoyable Meals. Excellent dental health makes every aspect of our lives better. The dental hygienist helps us achieve superior dental health.

Registered Dental Hygienists (RDH) teach us the “Daily 4.” This daily oral health regimen includes:

- Brushing teeth twice and flossing
- Vigorous rinsing with water after eating
- Chewing xylitol sugar-free gum after eating, when possible
- Rinsing with an anticavity rinse before bed

With tooth decay currently affecting 60-90 percent of school-children, hygienists encourage parents to be outstanding oral care role models for their kids.

A Registered Dental Hygienist is a highly skilled professional who is integral to our oral health. Hygienists treat patients from age 6 months to over 100 years old. The duties of an RDH include x-rays and diagnostic tests; preventative procedures include teeth cleaning, polishing, fluoride application and sealants; cleaning

dental devices; mouth impressions; teeth whitening; treating gum disease; nutritional counseling, and patient education. Often, the hygienist performs dental assisting duties for the dentist.

The education of an RDH requires 3-4 years of college. All states require RDH licenses.

An RDH can practice in clinics, federally qualified health centers, private dental offices, school-based programs, mobile vans, military, nursing home centers, teaching, and administrative positions. To be a successful RDH, continuing education and continuous improvement are required.

Oct. 14 is World Cavity Free day. A healthy mouth is a very important contributor to overall health. If we follow the RDH's advice, our bodies have a better chance to be strong, resilient, and healthy. We can achieve excellent dental health. Why not take control of your healthy mouth?

Don't wait until you have an oral problem to make an appointment.

Your dental team is here to help you stay healthy, so call and thank your RDH. Stay strong and keep smiling!

## Sault Tribe Anishinaabemowin Classes

Every Wednesday at 6pm - 8pm EST with Susan Askwith and Paul Blondeau

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Pre-recorded Anishinaabemowin lessons posted each week and available anytime on Facebook and YouTube. Search for 'Sault Tribe Language and Culture.'

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# Native mussels at risk in Michigan lakes and rivers

Mention “mussels” to a Michigander, and they’ll likely think of troublesome invasive zebra mussels - or a delicious seafood dinner! However, the word “mussel” (as well as “clam” and “bivalve”) describes a wide variety of native, two-shelled creatures.

Native mussels live their lives quietly and mostly unnoticed in the bottom sediments of lakes and streams throughout Michigan. While the troublesome invasive zebra mussels and their relatives, quagga mussels (family Dreissenidae), grab most of the headlines due to their environmental, recreational, and economic impacts, there are three other families of mussels in Michigan. Asian clams (Corbiculidae) are small, thick-shelled non-native mussels that have invaded many river systems in Michigan. The native pea or fingernail clams (Sphaeriidae) are common, relatively tiny, thin-shelled clams about which little is known. The most diverse and well-understood group of Michigan mussels are the unionid mussels (Unionidae). Around 45 native species of unionid mussels are found in Michigan – and that’s the group we’re focusing on here.

We’re most likely to notice native mussels when the pearly interior of an empty shell, lying below the water, glints in the sun and catches our eye. The exterior of a live mussel, by contrast, is typically well-camouflaged in shades of brown or green. They spend most of their time partly buried in the lake bottom or riverbed, filter-feeding on bits of suspended food, like algae and bacteria. Many mussels live for 20-30 years, with some living longer than 50 years. Mussels seem to prefer sand and gravel habitat and are most frequently found in shallow water (less than two feet deep). Far more Michigan species are found in streams and rivers than in lakes. However, impoundments, which are sections of rivers that have been slowed and enlarged behind dams, typically host an intermediate number of species.

The reproductive cycle of unionid mussels is fascinating and highly specialized. Male mussels broadcast sperm into the water, where it can be taken up by females. Females then grow embryonic young on specialized portions of their gills until they become larval mussels, known as glochidia. This is where things get weird. Unionid mussels require a fish host to

continue their life cycle. Female mussels lure fish by presenting a specialized structure that looks like a wiggling worm, small fish, insect, or even a crayfish. Her goal is to trick a fish looking for its next meal to come close enough for her to deliver the glochidia to the gills, fins or skin of the fish. If a fish attempts to eat the lure, the female mussel releases her glochidia into the water, facilitating their attachment to the fish. Some other unionids that live in lakes broadcast their glochidia into the water in webs of tangled mucous. The glochidia then attaches to fish that become entangled in these nets. In the case of the endangered snuffbox mussel, the female mussel will snap her shell closed onto the snout of the fish to hold it captive until the glochidia can be released. After attaching to a fish, the glochidia then ride for several weeks as they develop into juveniles and then fall off into a stream or lakebed where they mature into adults.

While some of our mussel species can reproduce with the aid of a broad range of fish host species, some are very specific. For example, the widespread giant floater can use almost any fish as its host, while the snuffbox, mentioned above, can only use logperch. One mussel species, the salamander mussel, uses an aquatic salamander, the mudpuppy, as its host.

Unfortunately, many of our native mussel species are in peril. Remarkably, the United States is home to more species of mussels than any other country. Nearly 300 species of unionid mussels can be found in eastern North America, and about 45 in Michigan. However, of those in Michigan, 32 are considered at risk – classified as endangered, threatened, or special concern. Some of the threats to our native mussels are probably easy to guess – dams, erosion, channelization, and stormwater pollution. Mussels need good water quality and high-quality sediment conditions and are unable to easily move to better habitat if their current home becomes degraded. As we just learned, they also need host fish, so if the host fish species disappears, the mussels will be unable to reproduce. Non-native mussels may outcompete native species for food and habitat. What’s more, zebra mussels, which require a solid surface for attachment, are regularly seen encrusting native mussels,



Federally endangered mussels. Photo courtesy of Ryan Hagerty, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

often to the point that the native mussel cannot successfully feed or reproduce, and eventually dies. Our management activities can also directly harm native mussels. For example, drawing down water levels in impoundments or lakes can leave mussels stranded because they cannot move fast enough with the receding water. Nearshore construction (such as seawall installation and shoreline stabilization) and dredging and fill projects can also destroy mussels and their habitat.

Support projects that protect high-quality lake and river habitats.

Minimize polluted runoff from your activities and property.

Clean, drain, and dry your boat or other recreational equipment before moving from one waterbody to the next to avoid spreading invasive species.

Learn about mussels present in the lakes or rivers that you visit.

If you own or manage waterfront property, avoid harming them or their habitat with your activities.

Michigan State University (MSU) Extension and our partners offer excellent resources for anyone who wants to learn more about our Michigan’s freshwater mussels and their habitat. The Michigan Natural Features Inventory, a program of MSU Extension, recently updated their full-color poster and detailed brochure featuring Freshwater Mussels of Michigan. You can access these resources and detailed information about Michigan’s threatened and endangered native mussels on their Michigan Mussels page at <https://mnfi.anr.msu.edu/>



Plain pocketbook, a freshwater mussel, displaying a lure. Photo courtesy of Ryan Hagerty, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



Native mussel coated with invasive zebra mussels. Photo courtesy of Jo Latimore, MSU Extension.

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Visit the MSU Extension website ([extension.msu.edu](https://extension.msu.edu)) to explore our natural resources programming and sign up for electronic newsletters on the topics of your choice.

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## Term “Squaw” removed from federal use in Michigan

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The Department of the Interior has announced that the Board on Geographic Names has voted on replacement names for nearly 650 geographic features using the word ‘squaw,’ including 32 in Michigan.

The vote completed the last step in removing the term from federal use that been used as an offensive ethnic, racial and sexist slur, particularly for Indigenous

women.

In a recent press release, Secretary Deb Haaland said, “I feel a deep obligation to use my platform to ensure that our public lands and waters are accessible and welcoming. That starts with removing racist and derogatory names that have graced federal locations for far too long.”

The effort to remove the term squaw reflects a months-long effort by the Derogatory

Geographic Names Task Force, which included representatives from the Department’s Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, National Park Service, Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Civil Rights, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, and the U.S. Geological Survey and the Department of Agriculture’s United States Forest

Service.

The Task Force received more than 1,000 recommendations for name changes during the public comment period. Nearly 70 tribal governments participated in consultations, which added another several hundred recommendations for the name changes.

The renaming effort included the evaluation of multiple public or tribal recommendations;

features that cross tribal, federal and state jurisdictions; inconsistent spelling of certain Native language names; and reconciling diverse opinions.

According to the press release, the Task Force carefully evaluated every comment and proposal.

For more information, visit The United States Geological Survey website at: <https://www.usgs.gov>.

# Manoomin (wild rice) seeding on Munuscong Bay

BY SCOTT BRAND

**EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA** — With approximately 1,000 pounds of manoomin (wild rice) seed at their disposal the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Wildlife Program recently launched its most ambitious research project on the St. Mary's River in September.

“We got 1,000 pounds this year, ten times more than we have ever got,” said Assistant Biologist Colton Hudak as a large portion of the rice seed was carried down to the waiting canoes and kayaks at a specific location inside the Munuscong Bay Wildlife Management Area.

“We are hoping to see if it is feasible to re-establish wild rice beds,” said Assessment Biologist Danielle (Dani) Fegan adding

the 2021 effort showed real promise. That clearly was evident during this year's seeding as the canoes and kayaks made their way past the most recent crop.

More than half of the rice seed was strewn into the waterway in grids near the 2021 planting. While it is hoped that some of those areas would be naturally re-seeded from last year's crop,

those involved were tossing hundreds of pounds in carefully marked areas seeking to expand the established bed.

“Our long-term hope is to have beds (of wild rice) that the community can harvest from,” said Fegan.

While the bulk of the new seed was dispersed at this location, the program did not put all of its proverbial eggs in one

basket. The remaining 300, or so pounds were cast in other shallow spots along the St. Mary's River System that seemingly fulfilled the requirements for productive growth.

The seed was freshly trucked in from areas to the west (Wisconsin, Minnesota) and was kept damp to insure viability up until the time of its September dispersal.



Colton Hudak battled a stiff breeze to keep the canoe in the predetermined one-acre target zone, as Katie Schultz dispersed seed. The shorter, green growth in the immediate background reveals the productivity of last year's efforts.



Assistant Biologist Mike Castigne launches his kayak paddling out into a small section of the bay.



Dozens of buckets were filled to near capacity on the shore before being shuffled into waiting canoes to ferry them out to pre-marked locations for seeding on Munuscong Bay.



Assistant Biologist Colton Hudak loads a bucket as Reporting and Permitting Specialist Becca Lathrop waits in the background.



Katie Schultz and Colton Hudak carry a half-dozen or so buckets of wild rice seed in their canoe.



Assessment Biologist Danielle Fegan and Assistant Biologist Katie Schultz smudge the manoomin (wild rice) before seeding took place in Munuscong Bay on Sept. 16.



Photos by Scott Brand (Above) Danielle Fegan follows in her own kayak. (Bottom right) Becca Lathrop utilized a two-ended kayak paddle to return this Sportspal canoe to the launch site to pick up another load of wild rice seed from the staging area on shore.



# 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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Farming/Fishing

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# Hampton updates the Unit IV membership



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Aniin kina waya. This past month has been a busy one but also a productive one.

— Sept. 12, met with U.P. Engineers and Architects to discuss details on the Manistique fitness center and the Escanaba community center. There will be additional meetings as interior designs are explored. These projects are scheduled to start in spring 2023.

— Sept. 12 and Sept. 26, I attended Powwow Committee

meetings to plan a 2023 Powwow for Manistique. The next meeting is Oct. 20 at 6 p.m., Manistique Tribal Health Center.

— Sept. 14, I attended the Manistique Elder meeting and the Escanaba Elder meeting.

— Sept. 30 was the Grand Opening for the Gladstone Health Center located at 2002 Minneapolis Ave., Gladstone, MI 49837. There are plans to have a physician to see patients as well as plans to make part of the center into a fitness center.

— A resolution was passed to make Indigenous People's Day, the second Monday of the month, a paid tribal holiday.

— A resolution was passed to amend tribal criminal codes to expand the tribe's jurisdiction to include non-Natives on tribal land and to include protection for tribal social services staff and tribal court staff.

— A resolution was passed to encourage the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service to allow for the development of a museum and cultural

center on Alcatraz.

— A resolution was passed to purchase property in Sault Ste. Marie to become the first tribally-owned homeless shelter in the state of Michigan.

— The resolution to end board members' pensions moving forward is still being reviewed by legal counsel.

— Oct. 10-14, I attend a Gaming Conference in Las Vegas, where I am currently at while

writing this report. I have been attending educational sessions regarding online gaming and gaming in Indian Country in general. I was also able to meet with the Wynnbet representative who Sault Tribe partners with for our online gaming.

There are multiple projects and initiatives that I am currently working on to improve services and programs for Indian Country. I look forward to being able to

share information regarding these projects and initiatives in the near future.

Chi miigwech for allowing me to serve and represent you all. I look forward to the continued changes and progress occurring. As always, feel free to call or text at (906) 440-8138. I kindly ask for a 48-hour response time, or email at khampton@saulttribe.net.

Kimberly Hampton  
Unit 4 Board Representative

# On Indigenous People's Day



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

I'm writing this report on Indigenous People's Day (we recognized and affirmed this back in 2016). I'm in our homeland and I just plan to reflect and be grateful for all the past leaders and families, dedicated staff and community, that worked

selflessly to help make us a nation.

We have many opportunities for members to gain employment, housing, medical, service programs and gather and take part in our traditional culture and teaching. So many in the past had to struggle to get us to the point to govern ourselves and protect our lands and rights. It pains me to see the hostile and hateful things that are said and done to threaten us as a tribe today. There are many issues at the moment that will and are weakening us. I've said in the past that lack of knowledge or history as a people is a dangerous situation and this the case now.

I do not write on social media about our internal business or problems and I'm not one to take part in the hatefulness BUT I do understand where to be effective and communicate respectfully to

always keep us moving and to remember why we are a nation within a nation. In the past four months I feel we are struggling with many items that are being interpreted by a majority and we are the will of that to see how it goes. I feel it's a crossroads on what will happen next per the actions taken. I can assure you I will be here — I am counted on by my unit and by my people and families that hold trust in me...

That's all I can report at this time and feel determined to try and keep steady for us.

Baamaa pii — If you would like to meet or discuss any issues or need my help, please contact me at (906) 323-3818, cell (906) 484-2955 home or my email, lcausley@saulttribe.net.

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

# Bill allows airports increased access to testing to limit PFAS exposure

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Bipartisan legislation authored by U.S. Senator Gary Peters (MI) that aims to reduce the spread of toxic per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at commercial airports was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Act — titled Preventing PFAS Runoff at Airports — would provide more existing Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding for commercial airports to purchase devices necessary to test firefighting equipment without discharging toxic PFAS chemicals. PFAS are known as “forever chemicals” because they do not naturally break down. In a recent press release, Senator Peters, a member of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, said, “As PFAS contamination continues to pose serious risks, there are commonsense, fiscally responsible ways that we can prevent and mitigate its spread. My bipartisan Preventing PFAS Runoff at Airports Act will make testing equipment that prevents the spread of PFAS contamination more affordable for airports, while protecting our first responders, families, and Great Lakes. Now that the House has passed this bill, I'll keep working to see it signed into law.”

For years airports were required to discharge firefighting foam containing toxic PFAS chemicals as part of routine, federally-mandated testing of their firefighting equipment.

Peters has made it a priority to address PFAS contamination, introducing bipartisan legislation in July to help advance the federal government's understanding of toxic per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances

(PFAS) to better inform plans to effectively address PFAS contamination. As Chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, he held a field hearing in East Lansing to examine federal efforts and coordination with state and local governments to clean up and prevent PFAS contamination. He also introduced bipartisan legislation to improve communication and coordination efforts across every level of government to ensure there is a more comprehensive approach to cleaning up existing sites and preventing future contamination. And, he convened a hearing in December examining Department of Defense failures to protect servicemembers, military families and Michigan communities from PFAS exposure. Peters' bill to help protect firefighters and emergency responders from PFAS exposure also passed the Senate. “We applaud Senator Peters for finding creative solutions to limit the use of PFAS containing fire-fighting foam at airports here in the Great Lakes region through more affordable access to emergency testing equipment,” said Jennifer Hill, Associate Director of the Great Lakes Regional Center of National Wildlife Federation. “The use of AFFF here in Michigan has resulted in PFAS contamination consumption advisories for deer, fish, and wildlife, both in local communities and the Great Lakes. PFAS contamination is impacting the water resources, fish and wildlife we value as Michiganders — and has real consequences for the Great Lakes outdoor economy if we don't work together, alongside impacted communities, to address its sources.”

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# VAWA testimony in Anchorage heartbreaking



**KIMBERLY LEE,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

I hope this unit report finds you healthy and enjoying this season's changes. It has been a month of progress and transition, which I believe to be crucial for the evolution of our tribe. We have a Special Advisory Election to decide on the elected chairperson that will carry us through to 2024. The ballots will be mailed on Nov. 7, with General Election Day being Dec. 8. This has been a heavy topic within our tribe in the last few months. Your worries

and discussion are practical, so I wholeheartedly support your right to vote for our chairperson. May all candidates run a clean campaign; our ancestors would be proud of. In the meantime, Vice Chairman Austin Lowes has stepped into the chairman role and is doing remarkable. When this election is finished, may the will of the membership be the deciding factor on who they would like to see leading as chairperson.

Myself, Director McRorie, and Court Administrator/Magistrate Traci Swan traveled to Anchorage, Alaska, to give testimony on behalf of our tribe at the Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation at the end of September. We also were able to connect with a few other members. It was compelling listening to testimony given by tribal leadership across Indian country. The heartbreak in the room was profound. There is still so much work to be done addressing this. The testimony from tribal leaders was very redundant. We need funding



**At the VAWA Government-to-Government Consultation, Kim Lee, middle, Robert McRorie, right.**

to provide ways to protect our people and the legal barriers put in place that stop us from being able to accomplish that. The team at the Advocacy Resource Center works tirelessly on so many issues. The demand to protect our women in Indian country weighs heavy on that load. I truly believe together; our voices were heard. During our first meeting back, it was remarkable to see the board vote on implementing VAWAs

updated current policies and changes to the tribal code. This implements our criminal justice system with the right to prosecute to the full extent of the law for more crimes on trust land against non-Natives.

The board has been in an in-depth discussion recently about the retirement plan that has been in place for several years for the board of directors. General counsel is going to have more

information in the next workshop about the best way to move forward with this. If passed as is, it is looking to eliminate the current pension plan. To not take away from what has been accrued, but stop there, and allow for no more to be added. I believe that we are at a time that it is crucial to make necessary changes for the future of our tribe as a whole.

It appears as the vote for the much-needed homeless shelter, after review from general counsel, has passed. The need that members have for a warm shower, hot food, and a safe place to lay their head is growing. For our tribe to be able to offer a hand up, when members are down and out, is something our ancestors would never have turned their back on. Cold weather is coming quickly. The support that this will provide, will help families in their time of hardship.

Miigwech! May we look out for one another and prioritize and value what is significant.

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## Director Freiheit updates Unit 1 membership



**BETTY FREIHEIT,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Hello, Tribal Members:

Let me begin by calling your attention to the new board member unit reports, which focus on positive reforms to better our future. Contrast this with nega-

tive bemoaning of the old guard who just cannot accept the Sault Tribe voters voted for change. Two years ago, both Austin and I earned the largest number of votes (64 percent or 1802 votes or 1956 votes respectively) for Unit 1. Incumbent Michael McKerchie's votes drop by 8 percent from 2016 to 2020. Kim Gravelle's votes dropped by 13 percent from 2018 to 2022 when she was not re-elected.

All six of the Incumbents in 2022 were not re-elected. It is so shocking that the outgoing board voted through political entrenchment to saddle our future with Hoffman who failed to even clear his primary. In addition to punishing the voters, the four remaining incumbents Causley, McKerchie, Morrow, and Sorenson participated in the now infamous secret workshop.

They discussed: 1) not picking up the ballots, 2) not certifying the election, 3) rewarding Jennifer McLeod for "all the dirty work she's done for us," and 4) sneaking in an appointment of DJ Hoffman as chairperson. I expect the remaining four incumbents will fail to be re-elected in 2024.

Next, I'd like to address the complete disrespect of Hoffman to our tribal laws and our tribe's sovereignty, by having his attorney send a letter, threatening the board for voting to conduct an investigation. Long-standing items deserve an investigation, like Hoffman's alleged employment relationship with developer Jerry Campbell (who is suing us for over \$100 million). Hoffman has also filed a lawsuit in tribal court to undo the board's vote to declare the chair's seat vacant, even though the same board

members met on video to never have declared the seat vacant. Our tribal Constitution requires the seat to be declared vacant. The board had no choice but to be guided by the tribe's general legal counsel and the Sault Tribe's Constitution and schedule a special advisory election to fill the vacancy. Who can argue against letting the voters decide who their chairperson should be?

I also want to make a clear distinction between the harassment of the old board against former chairman Dr. Aaron A. Payment. None of the allegations of the 10 board members rose to the level of criminal or even civil offenses in city, state, federal or tribal jurisdiction. This investigation was concluded five months ago, yet no civil or criminal charges have been filed against Dr. Payment. The investigation

into Hoffman, however, includes specific allegations of crimes.

DJ has filed a lawsuit in tribal court to sue the board. As it stands, Sault Tribe members do not have standing in tribal court to bring an action against our government. Like city, county, state and federal government, you cannot sue the tribe unless a tribe consents to a waiver of sovereign immunity to be sued. Hoffman's willingness to put his selfish interest ahead of our tribal sovereignty is a disgusting display of personal gain.

In closing, and as always, take care of yourself and your family. Help your neighbors anytime you can and please take care of our Elders.

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## McKechnie gives JKL Bahweting School overview



**ISAAC MCKECHNIE  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

First, I have decided to take a break from social media. Let us face it, it is hard to go online without the saturation of the worst examples of our people. If you would like clarification on any issue, please feel free to contact me at your earliest con-

venience.

I am writing to you, this month, to give you a brief overview of Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting School and some of the challenges that we are facing. The school offers grades K through eight, with the average annual attendance around 600 students per year. The school is composed of two entities, the Public-School Academy (PSA), and the Sault Tribe Fiduciary Committee (STFC). These entities oversee the operations of the school. The PSA oversees the state portion of the school operations with the STFC overseeing the federal portion of the school operations. The school receives funding both from the state and federal agencies.

The school has experienced multiple facility upgrades over the years including, but not limited to, additional classrooms,

a larger gymnasium and most recently a new administration facility.

I have been fortunate enough to have served as both the PSA president and now the STFC chairperson. This gives me insight to both sides of the school's operations. Over the years, we have had our challenges. Putting education at the forefront guided us through the issues.

For example, the "previous" fiduciary committee approved employee bonuses for just a handful of the JKL staff. This was a great gesture; however, it was troublesome from an administrative standpoint. The bonuses offered did not comply with the fund rules. Also, there are tax implications that the committee was unaware of. The fact that the bonuses were handed out during an election cycle

cast a shadow over the committee. There are state and federal provisions implementing compensation packages for teachers based on performance, accomplishment, and achievement of specific advanced degrees.

The "previous" committee was not in compliance when it chose to use CRRSAA funds, believing that it fell under that program. However, under Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance for state, territorial, local, and tribal governments (non-exclusive examples of ineligible expenditures), the following is included in a list of examples of costs that would not be eligible expenditures of payments: payroll or benefits expenses for employees whose work duties are not dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and workforce bonuses other than

hazard pay or overtime. Under 31 C.F.R. Part 35 § 35.6, there is no eligible use described that would include these kinds of payments.

Therefore, this committee action was not an eligible use of the COVID-19 Relief Funds. Given all the information that we have reviewed, the use of CRRSAA funds does not allow for these types of payments. To address this concern, we are collaborating with our general counsel for clarification. We are committed to lawfully fulfill any obligations previously made by the Fiduciary Committee.

If you have any further questions, regarding this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,  
Isaac McKechnie, Director  
Unit I

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# McRorie testifies at VAWA Consultation Sept. 23



**ROBERT MCRORIE**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Dear fellow members,

I hope you and your families are well and in good health and spirit. I am honored to report to you several major advancements of our tribe. The direction of our tribe is moving forward in a more positive way. I have spent much of the month meeting with members in person, through messaging, and over the phone. I am always available to discuss the direction of our tribe with our members, hear any of your concerns, and help get you the answers you need. As an elected leader of our sovereign nation, I believe it is imperative to be transparent and open and available to the membership.

When elected, I stated that I would do whatever is within my

power, as your representative, to give you, the members, the right to VOTE to decide our next chairperson. On Sept. 13, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors, including myself and six other representatives, voted to declare the chairperson seat vacant. This decision was made after extensive reviews of our governing Constitution and codes. The Constitution is very clear in stating that the board “shall” declare the seat vacancy when there is a death, resignation, or removal of an elected official. To declare the seat vacant would take affirmative action by the board, and, the board cannot take action without a vote via resolution or by motion. Since this did not occur in a procedurally correct manner, the board fulfilled its constitutional obligations by voting to declare the seat vacant. Notice of this vacancy was given to the Election Committee and the process to ELECT our next tribal chairperson is under way.

I find it very fitting to have spent my birthday, Sept. 23, representing our Sault Tribe nation and specifically our women and children at the 2022 Office of Violence Against Women’s 17th Annual Government-to-Government Consultation in Alaska. As many of you already know, my loving mother was taken from us too soon in the fall of 2007.

In her honor, and as my duty to protect the members of our sovereign nation, I volunteered to represent our people to advocate for more resources to be allocated to tribal nations regarding the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). We are not asking for anything that is not rightfully owed to us through our treaties, but we are demanding that the federal and state governments treaty obligations are fulfilled and no longer ignored.

I would like to thank Director Lee for her inspirational testimony on behalf of our women and children. I would also like to give a huge shoutout to our amazing Advocacy Resource Center staff and judicial system officials that accompanied us to this consultation. These amazing women truly are the ones who deserve the credit, as they have dedicated much of their time and effort to keeping our people safe. As a representative of our sovereign nation it is my duty to advocate for them to have the resources that are necessary for them to protect our people.

The week after returning from the Violence Against Woman Act Government-to-Government Consultation, I was honored to support a revision to our tribal judicial code regarding our VAWA law. This revision gives our courts the jurisdiction author-

ity they need to seek justice for victims of violent crimes committed against our people by non-Natives on our sovereign soil. Our lands will no longer be a safe haven for these crimes. As a sovereign nation, I believe it is imperative to send a very clear message that if our people are victimized, our tribe will spare no expense to bring the perpetrator to justice.

Again, I would like to use this opportunity to extend a Chi Miigwech to our Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center for their amazing work on Orange Shirt Day. This is a day dedicated to remembrance of the survivors of boarding schools, their families, and those who never made it home. I believe it is crucial that we never stop telling the truth about what happened to our people at the hands of the federal government. Through truth and gatherings, we can comfort all who have been affected by these actions and bring healing to our sovereign nation. We are a strong people that can overcome all obstacles, but we will never forget the sacrifices made by our ancestors to give us the opportunities we have today. They endured hell to make sure our culture and values survived, and for that we are forever thankful.

I am pleased to announce

that a resolution to eliminate the board of directors’ pension plan was placed on the agenda. This was removed from the agenda twice for further review; however, the review process is near completion and each of the board members should have all of their answers needed to cast a vote on this. I stand firm in my opinion that an elected position on our board of directors should not have a retirement plan. None of our employees receive a pension, so the board does not deserve one either. True leadership is making sure those you serve are taken care of before the leadership is. Top-down leadership tends to only serve those at the top. This is something I specifically ran for office to change. I have done all the necessary research and am confident in casting a vote in favor of eliminating the board pension.

Like always, I hope you all stay well and safe. I encourage all members to take time to spend with your families and loved ones. It is very easy for us to get extremely busy with work and other obligations, so I encourage all of our members to take a little time for you and the ones who matter most to you. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time, I am here to work for you. Chi Miigwech!

## Our tribal Constitution doesn’t define “vacancy”



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III

On Sept. 13, another special meeting was called with two agenda items: Plan to insulate the tribe’s assets and chairman’s appointment procedure. They

followed exactly what Aaron and Nancy had planned and that was to say the appointment was illegal. Prior to the vote, I asked the tribe’s general counsel if we did anything illegal and his response was “NO.” They said we never declared the seat vacant, even though the topic was on a couple of workshop agendas, we accepted Aaron resignation and there was a press release of DJ’s appointment.

The Constitution does not define how to declare a seat vacant but wouldn’t accepting Aaron’s resignation be your first clue? The constitution does however state the board shall appoint. So, who really violated the constitution? So, they then voted to declare the Chair’s seat vacant and call for a special elec-

tion.

Now we are in a lawsuit that these guys walked us into. I’m not even sure some of them see what is happening or maybe they are so intertwined in the conspiracy that they are obligated. It is blatantly obvious this is all retaliation for Aaron’s censure and his resignation. Aaron is still calling the shots, as you can see the pattern.

Austin has since chaired two meetings and cannot control Aunt Betty. She has lashed out at many of our staff lately and continues to yell, “objection” to hear her self-talk. She objected to us trying to approve meeting minutes (second time on the agenda) and Austin then takes votes on them individually. How crazy is that? She can vote “no.” Another

crazy thing, vote “no” to say the actions didn’t happen as recorded by our staff. Just because you don’t like the actions is no reason to vote to say things didn’t happen. Bottom line is nobody can control Betty’s outburst to our staff or other board members.

At the Sept. 20 board meeting I introduced a resolution to amend the previous adopted Indigenous People’s Day resolution that was approved in 2019 to make it a paid holiday for casino, EDC and governmental team members. I also sponsored a resolution to support making Alcatraz a Native American Museum and Cultural Center.

Last week, I attended the open house for Crane Industrial Suites. Sault Tribe Inc. built this

at our property in Odenaang to lease space to clients. This project struggled during COVID with escalating construction costs but with some adjustments, they got it done.

I am excited for our local Wellbriety group that came together and built a sweat lodge by the Grime’s property in Hessel. They will be doing their first sweat as I write this report. I am excited to see the finished product.

On Oct. 7 the Shores Casino hosted a Jeep event that I coordinate. Big shout out to the Soo Banquet staff as well as the Shores staff for a job well done!

Any comments or questions, please contact me at bsorenson@saulttribe.net, bridgett91@yahoo.com or (906) 430-0536.

## Board was required to declare chair’s seat vacant



**AUSTIN LOWES**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Aaniin,  
Much has happened since my last unit report. The most nota-

ble event was obviously when the new board invalidated DJ Hoffman’s appointment to the chair position due to constitutional errors made during the appointment process.

I am pleased that the new board recognized a key element, which is this: the seat was never declared vacant. This is evidenced by statements made by DJ Hoffman and other board members during the June 20 workshop, which has been published to the membership. To quote them exactly, they, “didn’t even declare the damn seat vacant.”

How can someone be appointed to a seat that hasn’t been declared vacant? The answer is

simple: they cannot. The new board is obligated to follow the tribe’s Constitution. This document REQUIRES the board to declare a seat vacant when it is vacated by death, resignation, or removal. Since the new board is obligated to follow the Constitution, the chair seat was declared vacant. Due to the new board recently amending Tribal Code, there will be a special advisory election where the top vote getter will be seated to the position.

What the membership doesn’t know is that DJ Hoffman is suing the tribe to halt this election. What does he have against democracy? He is clearly against

the membership deciding who will represent the tribe in elected positions. These are decisions that should be made by the membership, not tribal politicians in back door deals.

It is refreshing to work with a board that is committed towards working together for the betterment of our tribe. Director LaPlaunt and I recently invited our Traditional Medicine Department to begin meetings with prayer and invocation. This was long overdue and a small step towards integrating our traditional values to help guide our leaders in governing our tribe.

Miigwech!  
Austin

### Moving ?



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# Tribe in the process of special advisory election



**TYLER LAPLAUNT**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT V

It's been quite a month since my last unit report, a lot has taken place. Shortly after I submitted my last report, we held a board meeting on Sept. 13 and as a board, presented various pieces of evidence and information related to the chairperson seat never being properly declared vacant. When it relates to the code and Constitution, the board of directors can only make a decision as a governing body in an open meeting through a motion or resolution. Neither of those things occurred with the previous vacancy, therefore, Betty motioned to invalidate the appointment of DJ Hoffman due improper procedure and declare the chair seat vacant. I seconded that motion and the motion carried.

Due to our motion passing and the seat being declared vacant, our tribe is currently in the process of a special election for the chair position. I would like to assure you that your voices were heard and will continue to be heard. The person who wins the election with the most votes will be appointed to the chair position. We cannot allow the board to interfere in our democratic process ever again. Our people have the right to choose our leaders, not the board. We must always remember that we were elected to serve at the will of the people, not ourselves or our own best interest, but the interest of our people and our tribe. We have made changes to the special election process and we are having legal continue the review process of our election code and Constitution to ensure democracy rules our tribe.

I would like to wish the best of luck to everyone in this special election and remind everyone to vote. Your voice and vote matters. The changes you demanded in the past election are currently underway and this only proves that together we can make change. Each and every one of you are our tribe and your voice does matter. I cannot say this enough.

I am still working in both Munising and Marquette areas to utilize the Unit 5 ARPA funds in the best way possible. We have until 2026 to spend them. That being said, I still want to begin these projects in a timely manner. We also have to make sure to use these one-time funds in the best way possible to make sustainable purchases for future generations to enjoy as well.

In Munising, originally, we were searching for some parcels of land that could be used for cultural purposes. I viewed several parcels, but nothing really fit the bill and everything was overpriced,

especially near water. The impact of tourism and the pandemic has been proving problematic for purchases of any type. After speaking with several people from the community and the Elders at their bi-monthly meals, it appears we may take a different approach and put the funds directly towards mixed housing. I will work with Housing and STI to come up with the best plan possible for this community. There may be an opportunity to apply for a grant, which, if awarded, would allow us to scale the project slightly larger. This is why partnerships and outreach are important, to increase opportunities for the tribe.

In Marquette, we have exhausted our search of commercial spaces for a community center. Everything is far too overpriced or doesn't fit our need with space and parking. We are currently looking at a few vacant lots and build to suit options. This would allow us to not only a community center, but a space for healthcare to grow into and other tribal ancillary services as well. This would create sustainability for the space. I have my eye on a property in Marquette Township. I'm just waiting for the selling agent and developer to answer a few more questions and see if they will work with us to meet our needs. We have one shot to do this and I want to do everything possible to do it right.

ELDERS, your Thanksgiving meal dates are set. Marquette is Nov. 3 at the Holiday Inn with the regular Elder meeting going from 6 to 7 p.m. and the Thanksgiving meal going from 7 to 8 p.m. Your spouses are welcome to attend as guests. You must RSVP so that enough food can be prepared. Munising is Nov. 17 from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Munising Tribal Health Center community room. Your spouses are welcome. You must RSVP to attend so that enough food can be prepared. If you RSVP please do your best to show as we pay in advance.

In the Sept. 20 meeting, we voted to make Indigenous Peoples Day an official holiday for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. This holiday was approved for all staff in every division as a paid holiday. This is a good step forward to remove the colonial mindset of Columbus Day. Columbus was not a hero and it's important to recognize that you cannot discover something that already exists. Our people have been here since time immemorial and cared for this land and lived in harmony with nature. This happened long before "discovery." Be proud of who you are. Genocide is real and it has affected our people immensely. One of my favorite quotes to live by is, "If you have one drop of Indian blood, then you are Indian" — Chief Black Elk, Oglala Lakota. Blood quantification is the last stage of genocide, please don't fall for it. Nothing makes us more Indian than anyone else. We are all the same. We are all brothers and sisters. Stand up for each other and lift each other up.

On Sept. 25, I attended an orange flag installation at NMU to recognize and honor the memory of U.S. Indian residential children and survivors and then again for an orange shirt event on Sept. 30



**From left to right: Mariah Dunham, Sault Tribe citizen and PE/health teacher and athletic director at Baraga Area Schools, Tyler Migizii Migwan LaPlaut, Unit 5 director/treasurer, and Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO of Keweenaw Bay Indian Community at the Orange Flag event at NMU.**

put on by the Native American Student Association. Some folks at NMU had reached out to me respectfully and it was a great event. Over a hundred people attended this event and planted 5,000 orange flags in remembrance and honor of our lost children. Whether you know it or not, we are all impacted by boarding schools. There are still survivors to this day, as the first, second or third generation survivors. This generational trauma still lives in us deeply today.

When the federal government removed our children from our homes, they did exactly what they wanted to do. "Kill the Indian, save the man." They beat our language, our culture, and our ceremony out of us. They made it illegal for us to be who we are and assimilated us into their own colonial mindset. They killed and jailed those of us who resisted. The culture that does remain is due to our deep resilience and the hidden practices that our ancestors carried on for us. Even if you only know one word or one cultural practice, do it as much as you can. Our culture is rising again and the more we empower ourselves to practice, the easier we make it for the next generation to build from. Again, none of us are more Indian than anyone else. We all have a duty to move our tribe and

our culture forward into the future, together. A puzzle cannot be complete without every piece.

As for the health center, I recently connected them with Western Michigan University School of Medicine. They have also agreed to allow our recruiter to present to their students and begin the recruitment process there as well. I will continue to use my professional connections to try to benefit our tribe and our people. WMU is also interested in partnering further and is setting up a meeting with Dr. Chugunov and the Health Division. I look forward to hearing updates and to see if anything comes out of it.

I also had a meeting with the CEO of UHPS Marquette. He is also interested in partnering with our tribe in some capacity. We had a very good meeting and the next step is to bring the Health Division into the conversation to see if there is an opportunity here. More to come and I hope to be able to report on this next month with more updates.

The Health Division has been diligent on working to expand telemedicine. I am pleased to see they are moving forward with it and making sure that each clinic is set up for success. While it may not be optimal, it's something and will help our elders and all of our people who currently have to drive

an hour or more for a 15-minute medicine review. It's 2022 in a post-pandemic world, let's act like it. We should strive for cutting edge practices across the tribe.

On Sept. 27, we called a special meeting to pass new Violence Against Women Act criminal code changes. With federal law changes taking effect Oct. 1, 2022, this gives our law enforcement and justice system the ability to further monitor and enforce laws on our own lands "to exercise special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction over certain defendants, regardless of their Indian or non-Indian status, who commit acts of domestic violence or dating violence or violate certain protection orders in Indian country. This provision enabled tribes to exercise criminal jurisdiction over non-Indian offenders for the first time since the Supreme Court's 1978 decision in *Oliphant v. Suquamish Indian Tribe*, which held that, absent express Congressional authorization, tribes lack jurisdiction over all crimes committed by non-Indians. The Act also specified the rights that a participating tribe must provide to defendants in SDVCJ cases." While the sentencing enforcement isn't optimal, it is a big step in the right direction for tribes exercising sovereignty and further protecting our own people. Chi Miigwech to Judge Fabry and Jami Moran and all of the staff involved for bringing this forward and their dedication to getting this passed.

I will be heading to Las Vegas for the G2E Summit from October 10 through the 13th. In a previous life, I spent 11 years in gaming and have spent the last 11 years in healthcare and health policy work. I'm interested in learning how far gaming has come so that I can be more supportive of our Kewadin enterprises and understand what we need to do to stay competitive. We also have a meeting set with our partners at Wynn. I'll provide any important updates next month. Chi Miigwech!

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## Borowicz reviews the issues



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Tribal Citizens,  
This past month has been very challenging with the ongoing consent decree negotiations, budget workshops, hotel and casino renovations, new property purchases, and the ongoing Unit 3 housing development, which is progressing along. The

biggest news was the removal of the illegally appointed chairman by the old board and the reason I say this is the Election Committee attorney stated the old board never notified the Election Committee of the vacancy, which should have been the first action they should have taken. You will hear that the general counsel attorney feels that the Election Committee was notified correctly through word of mouth or social media, but that is not the correct way! The old board that did the appointment had other options which they choose not to do; it's almost like they want to keep the infighting going instead of working together for the benefit of all tribal members' best interest. Whoever files to run for the vacant chairperson seat, I wish you the best and once sworn in and seated we can move the tribe forward. The process for vacated seats will no longer be appointed. It will come down to an election,

so all the members can have a say in who represents them, the way it should have always been.

The resolution to do away with the board's retirement is still active — it is just tabled until the attorneys can look into it further so as to seek the best possible results to end this benefit.

The Unit 3 elders complex will finally see its sidewalks being installed as bids went out for this long overdue project.

Did attend the Line 5 tunnel discussion, which was hosted by the Army Corp of Engineers and EGLE at Lil Bear Arena with a big turnout. Listened to most all of the presenters for and against the tunnel construction. I still believe the project is bad for the Straits and is a disaster waiting to happen and I hope big money does not outweigh the benefits of our beautiful waterways. Until next time! sborowicz@saulttribe.net, (906) 379-8511.

# Chair appointment was legal; election is wrong



**MICHAEL MCKERCHIE,**  
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Well, here we are several months after our previous chair resigned, thrusting our tribe into chaos. The censure of our former chair should have resulted in a new era of accountability and that no one person, board member or not, was above our laws. Sadly, that did not happen. The result was quite the opposite. A huge smear campaign effort, with several incidents of our tribal laws being violated, and potentially other charges, have resulted in a new board.

Since their swearing-in, no less than five special meetings have been called making changes to election laws, key employees (including removing the prosecutor). Denying the prosecutor's request for a special prosecutor, tabling the resolution to look into accusations of current board members harassment, and vacating the appointment of DJ Hoffman. In all those meetings, the use of "call the question" was used for every discussion to eliminate any debate.

Many of the newly elected had run on platforms that included transparency and wanted to unite our tribe. What I can tell you is this: there is less transparency when you eliminate debate, less transparency when you won't hold each other accountable, less decisions are being made together and/or without staff input, general counsel (legal) input, committee input; most decisions seem to have been previously made behind closed doors with only certain board members attending. The membership is not included in those discussions nor can they give input.

Many team members are concerned as well, micro-managing at the board level is at an all-time high. Many members also feel they did whatever it took to get on the board and many have expressed concerns on what they might do to maintain that. We should be concerned for additional changes to our laws like the Election Code, Removal Code, and changes to Tribal Court so

they can maintain power and control.

I realize many don't follow our government's day-to-day operations and only get information from social media sites but there are always two-sides of a story. And, what is happening with the special advisory election is wrong. No one is against hearing from the membership, the membership was misled as there was a lawful appointment. The super-majority acknowledged this, appointed Chairman Hoffman as lead negotiator, put him on our bank account as a signatory, etc., and are now ignoring the last few months simply because they can. Our general counsel stated it was lawful and they ignored it. Several members even claimed in an open meeting that they would have been okay

with anyone other than Hoffman being appointed, thus acknowledging they knew it was lawful — just not who they wanted.

You can be both hopeful for the new board and still demand accountability for our tribal laws — they are not separate. If the new board refuses to hold each other accountable to our laws then they are no better than what they claimed they were trying to get rid of. If they don't increase transparency, increase accountability, and let our managers and directors do their job without influence, then the membership didn't get a new board with new ideas, they just got new members playing games.

As always, any questions or concerns, please contact me at (906) 440-7768.

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