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Anishinaabekwe host rally to protect Great Lakes

Sault Tribe sponsors Nokomis Ogitchida Line 5 information rally

Anishinaabe mothers and grandmothers — Nokomis Ogitchida — call to action to “protect our sacred waters” led to a grassroots effort to rally community members calling for protecting the Great Lakes by shutting down Line 5. The continued operation of Enbridge’s unsafe pipelines endangers tribal lands and resources. Line 5 travels underwater through the Straits of Mackinac where the waters of Lake Michigan meet Lake Huron, and are spanned by the mighty Mackinac Bridge.

A peaceful gathering at the east end of the Michigan Welcome Center in St. Ignace, adjacent to I-75 and at the northern end of the Mackinac Bridge was held Sept. 26. About 200 people both native and non-Native attended throughout the day, some coming from as far as 10 hours away.

The event started with a water ceremony conducted by tribal women. “We as Anishinaabekwe are protectors of our sacred water,” Sault Tribe Unit II Director Lana Causley-Smith said. “We as grandmothers and mothers have a responsibility to our children to do everything we can for the future of our resources and life-blood. This is a grassroots effort led by women to protect and educate about the dangers we face when our water is threatened — we will gather humbly, yet assertively, and commit ourselves to that protection that is needed today and always.”

Enbridge’s Line 5 is a 63-year-old twin oil pipeline that has outlived its intended lifespan and pumps more than 500,000 barrels of oil a day under the Straits of Mackinac — three times as much

as it was originally called upon to pump. A rupture in the pipeline would be a disaster that would not only be impossible to contain, but would harm our economy, ecology and health. It would be a major environmental disaster with unprecedented local, national and international impacts. The Great Lakes holds 20 percent of the world’s fresh water.

Sault Tribe staff made signs for participants to hold up and even designed a pin commemorating the event.

Kewadin Casino shuttles picked up those from outlying areas who needed transportation to the site and the tribe furnished water, coffee and fresh fruit for attendees.

A week later, on Oct. 3, the Michigan Department of Environmental quality announced



it approved a permit to add four helical supports to Enbridge Line 5 to “maintain the integrity and safety of the existing pipeline,” according to a release, but not an additional request to install 18 other supports. “Due to significant public comment, and after consultation with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the MDEQ has decided to defer a permitting decision on the additional 18 supports,” read a press release by the MDEQ. (Read more about the rally on p. 26 in Director Lana Causley-Smith’s report.)



Photo by Bucko Teeple

On a rainy, blustery day at the Mackinac Bridge, Sault Tribe hosted a rally that brought all kinds of people together to help make the public aware of Line 5 under the Mackinac Straits and what it will do to our land and waters if not decommissioned. Above, Sault Tribe Unit II Director Lana Causley backed by supporters talks to a television reporter. At left, Unit II Director Catherine Hollowell prepares to hang a banner.

Abramson receives lifetime achievement award

The National Indian Health Board has the honor of working with some of the best and brightest advocates for American Indian and Alaska Native health. Every year, NIHB takes pride in highlighting, on a national platform, some of the great work occurring throughout Indian Country. NIHB’s Jake White Crow Award recognizes an individual with outstanding lifetime achievements in elevating health care advocacy, raising awareness, or affecting change for American Indian and Alaska Native Health care.

NIHB announced this year’s Jake White Crow Award winner as Cathy Abramson of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Abramson was chosen for her extensive advocacy and service over the last three decades. Abramson represented the Bemidji area tribes (Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota) on the National Indian Health Board and served as the board chairperson for several years.

Abramson, who retired earlier this year, also served on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC) as the first female chairperson, where she was able to advance tribal priorities directly with the Secretary of the HHS. In 2010, she received the IHS Director’s Special Recognition Award in Tribal Leadership and Partnership.



Retired board member Cathy Abramson was this year’s recipient of the NIHB Jake White Crow Award for her outstanding achievements in tribal health. Above, she holds her award wearing the blanket she was honored with during the award ceremony.

After serving on the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors for the past 20 years, she chose not to run again.

Health Director Bonnie Culfa garnered the Local Impact Award, which acknowledges work that affected change or impacted health care on the local and or

tribal level.

Abramson and Culfa were recognized, along with other award winners, on Sept. 21 in Scottsdale, Ariz., during the Heroes in Native Health Awards Gala at NIHB’s National Tribal Nations Annual Health Conference.

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Art competition invites youth to reach "Beyond the Stars"

The International Aviation Art Contest is open to children aged 6-17. Entries must be postmarked and received by Jan. 20, 2017. The top three winners will compete in the national contest in Washington, D.C. This year's contest theme is "Beyond the Clouds."

Calling all young aviators! Do you have a passion for airplanes, hot air balloons, gliders or simply like to fly as a passenger? Do you like to draw, paint or color? If so, here's a fun opportunity for children between the ages of 6 and 17 to combine art and aviation in the International Aviation Art

Contest sponsored by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI).

Entries are judged in three classes, according to age and at least in part for its creative use of the theme "Beyond the Clouds" in relation to the aviation world. Winners will receive recognition from their state. The top three entries in each age group will be forwarded to Washington, D.C., to be judged in the national competition. All Michigan entries must be submitted and postmarked by Jan. 20, 2017, to Leanne Hengesbach, Office of Aeronautics, 2700 Port Lansing Road, Lansing, MI

48906, hengesbachl@michigan.gov, (517) 335-9756.

Since 1989, the FAI has sponsored the International Aviation Art Contest to challenge young people to illustrate the importance of aviation through art. Demonstrating the impact of aeronautics through an interactive, fun medium such as art motivates youth of all ages to become more familiar with aeronautics, engineering and science.

The U.S. portion of the contest is sanctioned by the National Aeronautic Association, managed by the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO)

Center for Aviation Research and Education and sponsored by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Prescott, Ken Cook Co., the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Coalition

for Aviation and Space Education with additional support from NASAO members.

For more information and contest rules, please visit <http://bit.ly/2cRqqBK>.

Tribal Action Plan presentations coming in November

WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentations coming in November in Hessel, St. Ignace, Sault Ste. Marie, Munising and Manistique to inform members of the findings of the Tribal Action Plan (TAP) surveys, focus groups, interviews and the subsequent Tribal Action Plan.

If you did not take part in the information gathering process you might be wondering, "What is TAP?" TAP is our tribe's strategic plan to combat substance abuse. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Tribal Court, under a grant from the Department of Justice, Bureau

of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs (award no. 2011-IC-BX-0008), sought to discover the scope of substance abuse issues as well as needs for services for tribal members in the seven-county service area in the Upper Peninsula. With the information that was gathered and analyzed, a Tribal Action Plan was developed to meet the needs of members in the service area.

The dates and times for the TAP community presentations will be posted very soon, watch the tribal intranet, website and Facebook for further details.

LIHEAP opens Nov. 1 for help with heat

Sault Tribe Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) 2016-17 Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) opens on Nov. 1, 2016. LIHEAP provides assistance to lower the burden of high energy bills and to increase energy efficiency of eligible Sault Tribe households in the tribe's seven-county service area. Members who received heating assistance during the program year from the Department of Human Services will not be eligible for benefits.

LIHEAP is designed to assist low-income tribal households to meet their home heating energy burden.

LIHEAP-Heating Assistance



is available this year from Nov. 1, 2016, through Sept. 20, 2017, as permitted by available funding on a first come, first served basis. Heating Assistance offers financial assistance to tribal members who are in need of energy fuels. Disconnect notices are not

required. Applications approved for funding will be provided with credits on their accounts with their energy providers.

Applications available at the following places:

ACFS Sault office, 2218 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, (800) 726-0093 or 632-5250.

ACFS St. Ignace office, 1140 N. State Street, Suite 2805, St. Ignace, MI 49781, 643-8689.

ACFS Manistique office, 5698 W. Highway US 2, Manistique, MI 49783, 341-6993.

ACFS Munising office, 622 W. Superior Street, Munising, MI 49862, 387-390.

Ref: Notice of Public Hearing/2016-17 LIHEAP Plan.



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- time/regular – open until filled
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- Physician – full time/regular – open until filled
- Concessions worker I – part time/seasonal – open until filled
- Community educator – full time/regular – open until filled
- Events worker – part time/regular – open until filled
- H.R. Coordinator – full time/regular – open until filled
- Division Director (Health) – full time/regular – open until filled

- Hessel, St. Ignace, Escanaba, Manistique, Marquette, Munising, Newberry**
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- CASINO OPENINGS**
Sault Ste. Marie
Guest room attendant – part time/regular – open until filled
- St. Ignace**
Restaurant cashier - full time/regular – open until filled
- Deli cooks – (2) full time/regular

- open until filled
- Prep cook – part time/regular – open until filled
- Casino porter – part time/regular – open until filled
- Guest room attendant – part time/regular – open until filled
- Bar server – full time/temporary – open until filled
- Christmas**
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- open until filled
- Lead cook – full time/regular – open until filled
- Bar server – full time/regular – open until filled
- Restaurant server – full time/regular – open until filled
- Casino porter – part time/regular – open until filled
- Casino porter – full time/regular – open until filled

Sault Tribe Committee vacancies

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

- Anishinaabe Cultural Committee - Two vacancies (men, four-year term)
- Cultural Screening Committee - Two vacancies (four-year term)
- Health Board - Two vacancies (four-year term)

- Higher Education Committee - One vacancy (four-year term)
- Election Committee - Six vacancies (four-year term)
- Special Needs/Enrollment Committee - Six vacancies (two-year term)
- Child Welfare Committee - Five vacancies (four-year term)
- Unit I Sault Elders Subcommittee - One alternate (four-year term)
- Unit II Newberry Elders Subcommittee - One regular seat vacancy, one alternate (four-year term)
- Unit IV Manistique Elders

- Subcommittee - One regular seat vacancy, one alternate (four-year term)
- Unit II Hessel Elders Subcommittee - Two regular seat vacancies, two alternates (four-year term)
- Unit V Munising Elders Subcommittee - One vacancy, two alternates (four-year term)
- Unit V Marquette Elders Subcommittee - One regular vacancy, one alternate (four-year term)
- Unit II Naubinway Elders Subcommittee - One alternate (four-year term)

Session at LSSU on addiction births

In conjunction with the U.P. Fall Substance Use Disorder Summit, this free community event takes place on Thursday, Oct. 27, 6-8 p.m., in the Arts Center on the campus of LSSU. The topic covers steps taken when a child is born to a mother with an addiction problem. The speaker is Angela Fortney-Ross, a nurse who has worked in the neo-natal intensive care unit at Munson Medical Center for many years.

Registration is encouraged: go to www.chippewahd.com to register. No cost to attend. Refreshments provided. Who should attend: parents, grandparents, professionals and community members. For more information, contact Tonya Joss at 635-3647 or tjoss@chippewahd.com. Session sponsored by Families Against Narcotics of Chippewa County.

Kowalke gets first buck!

Tribal member Carlie Jo Kowalke, 12, took her first buck in the youth hunt on Sunday, Sept. 18, a three-point buck. The proud parents are Gorden and Judi Kowalke of Lynn, Mich. Carlie Jo is the granddaughter of Susan Kowalke of Plymouth and the great granddaughter of the late Jeanette Belonga Richards.



Culture camp open house set for Oct. 29

Everyone is invited to the Mary Murray Culture Camp open house on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come see our new improvements and have a fun family fall day at the camp on Sugar Island. Anishinaabe elder George Martin gives lessons about traditional corn hominy. Enjoy some corn soup, apple crisp and fun games. For more information, contact Jackie Minton at 635-6050, jminton@saulttribe.net or Samuel Gardner at 635-6050, sgardner2@saulttribe.net.

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Project to transform Indian Country image

BY RICK SMITH

The First Nations Development Institute and Echo Hawk Consulting recently announced a two-year project to transform the image of American Indians as perceived by the general public. The project is funded through a \$2.5 million grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and is called *Reclaiming Native Truth: A Project to Dispel America's Myths and Misconceptions*.

"Over the next two years," said Echo Hawk Consulting president and CEO, Crystal Echo Hawk in a prepared statement, "this project is focused on understanding the true extent of society's negative and inaccurate perceptions of Native Americans and finding the best means of overcoming them. Only then will we have the knowledge we need to

design a broad campaign to solve this problem." Speaking by phone she explained the first phase of the project is research involving Indians and others delving into how stereotypes, misperceptions and invisibility in the national mainstream consciousness affects daily lives. Some of the techniques planned for conducting research include extensive focus groups, polls and interviews.

Said the president and CEO of First Nations Development Institute, Michael E. Roberts, "Native Americans and their communities are blocked from reaching their full potential by harmful stereotypes, misperceptions and lack of awareness. This cultural indifference and injustice pervades our entire country, from the media and entertainment industry to thought leaders and pop culture

overall." Reached by phone, he added that for a very long time others, such as Afro-Americans, Latinos and the LGTBI (lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual and intersex) communities, have all had differing degrees of success in creating public awareness and acceptance from the larger whole population. "Indian Country hasn't had it's moment in the sun, baseline research is a start to changing that situation," Roberts said.

Echo Hawk hails from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and Roberts is from the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

An advisory committee of 20 influential Indian Country leaders and experts will guide the project. Membership on the committee is by invitation, sent earlier this year. At the time of the inter-

views, not all of the invitations were answered. So far, these people are on the committee:

- Cheryl CrazyBull, Sicangu Lakota, president, American Indian College Fund;

- Ray Halbritter, Oneida, Oneida Indian Nation representative and CEO of Oneida Nation Enterprises;

- Jacqueline Pata, Tlingit, executive director, National Congress of American Indians;

- Sara Kastelic, Alutiiq, executive director, National Indian Child Welfare Association;

- Dr. Adrienne Keene, Cherokee, scholar, writer, blogger and activist;

- Judith LeBlanc, Caddo, director, Native Organizers Alliance;

- Denisa Livingston, Navajo, community health advocate, Diné

Community Advocacy Alliance;

- Nichole Maher, Tlingit, board chair, National Urban Indian Family Coalition and president of Northwest Health Foundation;

- Erik Stegman, Assiniboine, executive director, Center for Native American Youth;

- Mark Trahan, Shoshone-Bannock, editor of *TrahanReports*

The aim of the project is for Indian Country leaders to develop a national campaign to improve awareness, mutual respect and equality for American Indians, acquire more involvement in government decisions, address grant disparities, improve accuracy of American Indian portrayals in the public eye, include accurate American Indian history in schools and other measures.

Feds exceed goal to restore tribal homelands

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Lawrence S. Roberts recently announced the Obama administration exceeded its goal of placing 500,000 acres of tribal homelands into trust for federally recognized tribes.

"Restoring tribal homelands has been a pillar of President Obama's commitment to support tribal self-determination and self-governance, empowering tribal leaders to build stronger,

more resilient communities," Jewell said. "The administration broke the logjam on trust land applications in 2009 and has worked steadily, collaboratively and effectively to restore Native lands that will help strengthen tribal economies and make their nations whole again.

The 500,000 acre goal was surpassed Friday when President Obama signed into law the bipartisan Nevada Native Nations Lands Act, which conveys more than 71,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management and U.S.

Forest Service lands to the U.S. Department of the Interior to place into federal trust status for six Nevada tribes. The tribes will use their newly acquired lands to expand housing, provide economic development opportunities and promote cultural activities for and by their members.

Restoring tribal homelands has been a key part of the Obama administration's Indian Country priorities, representing a shift from historic federal policy that previously resulted in tribes losing millions of acres of land

across the U.S. over several hundred years. Since 2009, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has processed 2,265 individual trust applications and restored more than 542,000 acres of land into trust. And in partnership with tribes and agency staff at all levels, Indian Affairs continues to process additional applications for land into trust.

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized by the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 to acquire land into trust for federally recognized tribes. Lands

held in federal Indian trust status, which cannot be sold, alienated, or transferred to non-Indians or non-Natives, benefit their American Indian and Alaska Native tribal owners through federal programs for business development, housing, and environmental and cultural protection. Typical uses of trust land include governmental operations, cultural activities, agricultural/forestry activities, housing, economic development, social and community services, and health care and educational facilities.



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President Obama signs NATIVE Act into law

Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience (NATIVE) Act mandates federal help in building tribal tourism enterprises, jobs, revenue

BY RICK SMITH
President Barack Obama signed the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience (NATIVE) Act into law on Sept. 23. Tracked in the October 2015 and June 2016 editions of *Win Awenen Nisitotung*, The NATIVE Act could be critical in developing an economic boon for Sault Tribe and its members. The measure is seen as both a way to more fully convey the histories of the United States and Indian Country as well as to jump-start tribal commerce.

The new law essentially mandates departments of the federal government to put their resources and expertise to work with

Indian Country communities to build and integrate historical and cultural tourism ventures. The NATIVE Act could function as a vehicle to spur significant gains in Indian Country employment and many other economic and social benefits for tribes across the country through revenue generated from tourism focused on tribal cultures and histories.

According to a Senate summary of the NATIVE Act, the departments of Commerce and the Interior along with other federal agencies having recreational or travel functions are required to update management plans and tourism initiatives to integrate American Indian tribes and organizations. Plans must spec-

ify proposals to improve travel and tourism data collection and analysis, increase usefulness of public information and federal websites, support national tourism goals, identify programs to help build tourism infrastructure in American Indian communities, develop elements to showcase and respect the diversity of American Indians, share languages through bilingual signs and improve access to transportation programs to build capacity for tourism trade.

The departments of the Interior and Commerce are mandated to provide technical assistance for American Indian tribes and organizations entering the tourism industry. The

departments would be required to submit progress reports to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. Further, the Smithsonian Institution is required to cooperate with American Indian entities in sharing collections and conduct joint research and other projects with museums as well as educational and cultural organizations.

The NATIVE Act also authorizes grant funding for American Indian tribes or organizations to support programs to present their stories and cultures, revitalize communities through the arts and humanities and other efforts.

Senator John Barrasso, chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, previously

praised the measure when passed by the Senate. "Expanding local tourism to include tribes is a great way for Americans to learn about Native culture, history and traditions," he remarked, adding that the legislation will boost local tribal economies."

Now that the NATIVE Act is law, Sault Tribe could not only capitalize on the existing tourist trade in the region, the tribe could develop its own unique niche or engage in joint ventures with other tribes in Michigan or Canada as well.

American Indian tourism associations are already promoting existing Indian Country attractions and courting national and international trade.

Eighth, possibly last, White House Tribal Nations Conference convened in Washington

BY RICK SMITH
What could possibly be the final White House Tribal Nations Conference in Washington, D.C., took place on Sept. 26. The eighth annual interface between Indian Country and U.S. government officials could be the last, depending upon results of the coming presidential election; while it seems likely Hillary Clinton would continue to convene the conferences, it equally seems unlikely Donald Trump would keep the momentum going.

As is the custom of the conferences, the 2016 affair featured speeches from the Obama administration as well as a speech from the president himself. Conference attendees also received the 2015 White House Tribal Nations Conference progress report titled *Building Prosperous and Resilient Tribal Nations* from the executive office of the president. Anyone who would like to peruse the 52-page summary report can view or download a copy at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/images/2015%20Tribal%20Nations%20Conference%20Report.pdf>. It covers a wide variety of subjects and initiatives aimed at building health, safety and prosperity in Indian Country.

As his first order of business in making his speech, according to a White House transcript of his remarks to Indian Country representatives and others, Obama expressed gratitude when he said, "So today, the most important thing I want to say is thank you. After almost eight years as your president, I have been privileged to learn from you and spend time with many of you while visiting more tribal communities than any other president." He recounted moments of warmth and humor he shared with certain individuals he came to know and in communities he toured.

As part of his initial presidential campaign, Obama pledged to partner with Indian Country to develop a true nation-to-nation

relationship. He started "by elevating Native American affairs within the White House and across the federal government." He listed American Indian White House staffers and federal officials who served as advisors in his administration's endeavors to bond with Indian Country.

Obama listed a number of accomplishments resulting from collaborations between the U.S. and Indian Country over the last eight years. He cited permanent protection of sacred lands, restoration of more than 428,000 acres of tribal homelands to the original owners, the Cobell settlement, strengthening sovereign-

ty, reauthorization and amending the Violence Against Women Act so tribes can prosecute all perpetrators of domestic violence on reservations, created jobs and expanded opportunities through clean energy projects and high-speed broadband installations, improved access to medical care through the Affordable Care Act and the permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, education investments, promoting networking among young people in Indian Country through the Generation Indigenous initiative and other measures.

"And I'm optimistic that you

will continue on the path forward that we've set," said Obama. "I'm optimistic that our progress will continue."

Obama told the story of a young Comanche woman named Lindsay Early who wrote to him about her excitement about his 2008 pledge to that he'd do his best for Indian Country. He said eight years later Early has gone on to "accomplish some pretty remarkable things" coming from disadvantage to becoming educated and helping to develop a new assisted-living facility for the Comanche Nation, a kindergarten teacher by day and a tribal college instructor in Native

American history by night. He said Early was an example of people "going off," then returning to make Indian Country better and convey to show her students they are in control of their own destinies.

In conclusion, Obama said, "I hope I set a direction that others then follow, and I hope I've given more of our young people, like Lindsay and her students, that sense of hope and that sense of what an incredible gift they are to this country, and that they're in control of their own destinies, and that they're going to help shape the future of the United States of America."

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Tribal Court receives \$311,483 CTAS grant

GRANT TO FUND ALCOHOL MONITORING DEVICES, TRAINING, PERSONNEL AND DRUG COURT

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The Department of Justice recently announced more than \$107 million in grants to American Indian and Alaska Native communities to improve public safety, help victims, and strengthen tribal institutions.

This amount includes 236 grants under the department's Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS), totaling more than \$102 million that went to 131 American Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages, tribal consortia and tribal designees.

Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch, said, "These vital grants support everything from hiring law enforcement officers to empowering native youth, giving tribes the resources they need to meet the particular challenges facing their communities."

Sault Tribe Chief Judge Jocelyn Fabry was excited and grateful to hear that tribal court was a CTAS grant recipient in the amount of \$311,483. Fabry said tribal court has received funding each year that they applied, except one, since 2010 when CTAS was initiated, and to date has received \$1.3 million in funding.

Fabry said that each year Tribal Law Enforcement, Victim Services, and sometimes ACFS, all apply together for the CTAS solicitation, with each department or program writing for specific purpose areas depending on what



their needs are.

The purpose of the grants is to enhance law enforcement practices and sustain crime prevention and intervention efforts in nine areas, including public safety and community policing; justice systems planning; alcohol and substance abuse; corrections and correctional alternatives; violence against women; juvenile justice; and tribal youth programs.

The courts CTAS grant this year is through the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance and is the justice systems planning and alcoholic substance abuse focus areas.

"We got funded for the continuation of alternatives to incarceration for people on probation – specifically those that have substance abuse issues," Fabry said. "For instance, we can use Soberlink and SCRAM devices, which are electronic monitoring devices allowing people to be in their home on probation - but we

can still continuously monitor their alcohol use. There is a daily fee that has to be paid to use those devices, and this grant will provide for that."

The Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor (SCRAM) ankle bracelet is permanently affixed to a person's lower leg against their skin and just above their ankle, like a traditional tether. It detects alcohol consumption on a continuous basis, 24 hours a day by regularly taking a sample of a person's sweat and measuring the gas alcohol concentration on the skin. Data is stored in the device until it is downloaded. Fabry said probationers wearing a SCRAM device have to download it every 48 hours.

Soberlink Cellular Devices use facial recognition technology to confirm identity during each breath test. Results are wirelessly transmitted in real time to Soberlink's cloud-based recovery management software. "Soberlink is a portable PBT (Preliminary Breath Test) that probation staff can designate what times the person is to submit to a PBT, and it notifies that person by text or phone call. We instantly receive the results and the device takes their picture as they blow into it so we can verify its them. If it's a positive screen the person has to submit to a second screen, and if that is also positive probation staff gets texted immediately."

Fabry said they have been using both devices at tribal court for the past three or four years.

Fabry said the grant funds would also be used to train Drug Court team members and court staff. Drug Court team members will be attending national and state drug court trainings to improve client services. "One of the key components of drug courts is that you receive continuous education about treatment for substance abuse and new methods for dealing with people with substance abuse issues," she said.

Additionally, the grant will

also allow the court to maintain their part time field surveillance worker position that compliments probation staff.

"Most of the funding from this grant goes directly to client services for people on probation or who are involved in family drug court," Fabry said. "Another big component of it is that it funds our family preservation court, which is our family drug court, for another three years – which will allow us to continue that program for people who have had their children removed because of substance abuse issues."

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DeTour gets new farmers' market pavilion

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Local residents and dignitaries gathered Sept. 17 in DeTour Village for the grand opening of the farmer's market pavilion.

The \$140,000 facility was paid for by Sault Tribe 2 percent monies, a USDA Rural Business Development grant, Village of DeTour individual and corporate donations and in-kind labor and supplies donations.

Rob Block, president of the DeTour area economic development commission (EDC), said, "Today was the culmination of efforts by our team with the EDC, the cooperation and endorsements from both our Village and our Township to provide a permanent pavilion for our vendors to be able to serve fresh food, fish and other food related items to our residents and visitors.

"We noticed that the market has been around but never in one consistent place. We got the idea that if we could get enough funds we could put up a permanent pavilion and also offer some modern amenities we never had before, like a public restroom, and we decided with the help of the community and the support of the Village and Township and government officials that we would go out and investigate on how to fund it," he said. "So we wrote for a USDA grant and received \$50,000, and that was our catalyst. Once people saw we were for real, we then went to other entities including the tribe who has been very generous, and put this all together.

"You can see by the crowd here today that this is a community effort and it's the first new building on Main Street in DeTour for 50 years. There is another building that is newer that was built about 10 years ago, but not on Main Street. This is quite an accomplishment. The Village, Township and residents are in tremendous support of our efforts."

USDA Rural Development State Director for Michigan

James J. Turner joined local officials and said, "Farmers markets play a key role in developing local and regional food systems that support farmers and help grow rural economies. Local foods are a huge initiative at USDA. People want to buy local and want fresher more wholesome foods - and the opportunity to have a farmers market is a conduit to do that. It makes the community stronger; it makes the agricultural community stronger and keeps the dollars local. Everybody wants to know where his or her food comes from, and this is a means to make that happen."

According to DeTour vendors, the farmer's market never had an official home before this project was initiated. The location changed, sometimes weekly, depending on which vacant lot owners in the community would allow access for the market.

DeTour Village President and the unofficial mayor of DeTour, Murray Fountain, said, "We had some really good people involved in this project. Rob Black has been very instrumental in getting funds for this project. Marilyn McGuire is our clerk, and she has been very supportive and worked hard to get money for the project as well. My wife Berma Fountain is a vendor, and since she has been coming here to the pavilion her sales have doubled," he said. Fountain said she sells pasties and other products.

Another local vendor, Meta Geyes, said she couldn't give away the produce from her small garden, so she started selling it. She then donates the proceeds from her sales to fund a scholarship in honor of her uncle, Mynor Seaman Jr., who taught school in DeTour for over 30 years.

Vendors, including a fresh fish supplier, will be selling their goods at the farm market every Saturday from May through October. The market is located at 178 S. Ontario Street in downtown DeTour Village.



Above, Rob Block, president of the DeTour area economic development commission; Murray Fountain, DeTour Village president; James J. Turner, USDA Rural Development state director for Michigan; Dan Doyle, Sault Tribe senior marketing analyst; and Lee Chatfield, state representative. Below, the farmer's market pavilion.



Bonnie Freeborn and her son George, sell produce including potatoes, squash, onions and pumpkins.

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Authorization to construct Dakota Access Pipeline on Corps' land again denied

Filed on Oct. 9, the D.C. Circuit Court denied Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's injunction of building the pipeline pending appeal. On Oct. 10, the DOJ, DOI, and Army Corps issued another joint statement that the Army will not authorize constructing the Dakota Access Pipeline on Corps land bordering or under Lake Oahe, adding, "We repeat our request that the pipeline company voluntarily pause all construction activity within 20 miles east or west of Lake Oahe."

On July 27, the Standing Rock filed a lawsuit against the Corps in D.C. district court because the Corps did not sufficiently consult with the tribe, disregarding its obligations under the National

Historic Preservation Act to protect cultural and burial sites.

Denying Standing Rock's injunction of building the pipeline pending appeal, the D.C. Circuit wrote: "Although the Tribe has not met the narrow and stringent standard governing this extraordinary form of relief, we recognize Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act was intended to mediate precisely the disparate perspectives involved in a case such as this one. Its consultative process — designed to be inclusive and facilitate consensus — ensures competing interests are appropriately considered and adequately addressed. But ours is not the final word. A necessary easement

still awaits government approval—a decision Corps' counsel predicts is likely weeks away; meanwhile, Intervenor DAPL has rights of access to the limited portion of pipeline corridor not yet cleared — where the tribe alleges additional historic sites are at risk. We can only hope the spirit of Section 106 may yet prevail."

The second joint statement from DOJ, DOI, and Army Corps regarding the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals' decision in Standing Rock Sioux Tribe v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, issued Oct. 10, reads: "We appreciate the D.C. Circuit's opinion. We continue to respect the right to peaceful protest and expect peo-

ple to obey the law. The Army continues to review issues raised by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and other Tribal nations and their members and hopes to conclude its ongoing review soon. In the interim, the Army will not authorize constructing the Dakota Access Pipeline on Corps land bordering or under Lake Oahe. We repeat our request that the pipeline company voluntarily pause all construction activity within 20 miles east or west of Lake Oahe. We also look forward to a serious discussion during a series of consultations, starting with a listening session in Phoenix on Tuesday, on whether there should be nationwide reform on the Tribal consultation

process for these types of infrastructure projects."

Seven consultation sessions have been scheduled, beginning Oct. 11 through Nov. 21 in Phoenix, Ariz., Seattle, Wash., Albuquerque, N.M., Billings, Mont., Minneapolis, Minn., Rapid City, S.D. and by teleconference. At the heart of these discussions are two questions: how can federal agencies better ensure meaningful tribal input into infrastructure-related reviews and decisions, to protect tribal lands, resources, and treaty rights within the existing statutory framework? And, should the federal agencies propose new legislation altering the statutory framework to promote these goals?

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cent tried to meet a stranger, 11 percent met a stranger either in their own home, the stranger's home, a park, mall or restaurant and six percent revealed their home address to a stranger. View the complete summary by visiting: https://safeandsecureonline.org/wpcontent/uploads/2016/04/internet_usage_summary.pdf.

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Karen Schaedig takes tutor role with Unit II YEA

Karen Schaedig was recently hired as a tutor for the Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities Program in the Unit II area.

She has a degree in elementary education and experience working with children from preschool to grade 12. In her spare time, she enjoys working in her garden, kayaking and spending time with her family and lives in Cedarville with her husband, Randy, and their two dogs, Gus and Jasper. They have two adult children and one grandchild on the way.

Schaedig joins Charice Graham and Lisa Burnside providing tutoring, after school and classroom functions in Cedarville, Hessel and at the Luce County Community Recreation and Resource Center.

A tribal youth council convenes during the lunch hour at Les Cheneaux Community School.



Karen Schaedig

Les Cheneaux Community School is the site of tribal youth council meetings during certain lunch hours.

For more information on activities and Unit II YEA activities, please call the YEA office at 484-2298 or email lburnside@saulttribe.net.

Names and numbers

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Have questions about the tribe's USDA Food Distribution Program? Call (906) 635-6076.

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Need more help? Call the tribe's administration office at 635-6050.

Matchinski accepts Chi Mukwa events manager post

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Rex Matchinski will celebrate a decade of employment with Chi Mukwa (Big Bear) Arena this February. He began working as an events coordinator in 2007, and a year later became the assistant events manager. So when the events manager position became available it was a natural progression for him to apply for and accept it.

As the events manager, Matchinski supervises Chi Mukwa's Concessions, the Pro Shop, Reception Department, and Events Department. When those departments are fully staffed, he



Rex Matchinski

supervises 15 team members. "I really like working here,

because it's always changing and you meet new people all the time. I always have different situations to deal with every day – I don't ever have the same day twice," he said.

Matchinski is a cum laude graduate of LSSU with a bachelor degree in psychology and a minor in sociology. He is also a veteran of the U.S. Army, where he served from 1992-2002 and was deployed on several missions – including Operation Iraqi Freedom and Peace Keeping in Kosovo.

This year has seen a few changes at Chi Mukwa, including

a signed contract with the Sault Area High School Blue Devils hockey team, whose home is now at Chi Mukwa. "It will change the dynamics of this place having a home team like that. I think we will have great attendance at their games."

In anticipation of that, Matchinski said they are going to start using the second window at the concessions area. Each window will have its own cash register and offer all menu items to make servicing clients as quick as possible.

Also new this year is Chi Mukwa's Zamboni. The machines

it replaced were about 20 years old and hard to maintain, Matchinski said.

Some of the bigger customers who call Chi Mukwa home or use their services, include the Sault Michigan Hockey Association, Sault High Blue Devils, The Academy of Performing Arts, Soo Women's, International and Soo Co-ed Volleyball leagues, and AJ's Driving School.

Matchinski is married to Christal Matchinski, and his children include: Marrisona Clement, 17, Kurt Riley Clement, 14, Lexie Matchinski, 14, and Aple-Gene Matchinski, 9.

Collins-Downwind is new environmental research associate

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Laura Collins-Downwind recently accepted the environmental research associate position with the Sault Tribe Environmental Department.

The grant funded position through the EPA focuses on targeting five high priority invasive plant species for removal on tribal properties. The invasive plants she is working with are: purple loosestrife, Himalayan balsam, glossy buckthorn, Japanese knotweed and European frog bit.

Downwind said she has been mapping on tribal owned property where she finds the invasive plants and follows the proper procedures for their removal. For purple loosestrife, which she said is found in front of the tribal

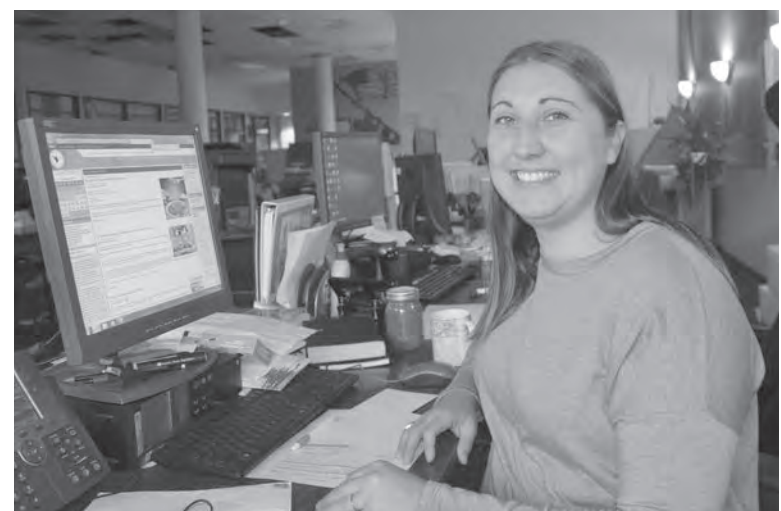
health center in the Sault, at Chi Chuck Construction, and at the old hoop house on Seymour St., the removal method she is currently using is to hand pull the plants. Biological controls such as introducing beetles can also work to control the plants population, which if needed will be another option used within Sault Tribe and surrounding areas.

Collins-Downwind is also working to replant and reestablish culturally significant plants into those areas where she is removing the invasive species. Having worked for the tribe's Traditional Medicine program for 11 years as an assistant to the traditional medicine practitioner, a traditional medicine picker and finally as the supervisor of the program, she

knows all the medicinal plants used in traditional medicine, and now as part of the grant will be planting some of them. Joe Pye Weed is an important medicine and will be introduced where she is pulling up the purple loosestrife. She will also be planting serviceberry and high bush cranberries where she is taking out the glossy buckthorn on the property where the old hoop house is.

This winter she will be focusing on research and data collection and will collaborate with other agencies on workshops to help tribal members ID invasive plant species in the local area in the "See Something, Say Something" campaign.

In addition to her expertise in traditional medicines, Collins-



Laura Collins-Downwind

Downwind holds a Fisheries and wildlife management degree, and a degree in biology.

She is married to Harlan Downwind and their children are,

Eva, 12, Anna, 10, and Skye, who will be three in November.

The Sault Tribe Environmental Program can be contacted by calling (906) 632-5575.

Eitrem hired as tribe's telecommunications manager

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Long-time Sault Tribe employee Nick Eitrem was recently hired as the telecommunications manager for the tribe's Telecom Department.

As the telecommunications manager, Eitrem manages the phone, LAN (local area network) and WAN (wide area network) networks for the Sault Tribe.

He previously worked for the MIS Department as the gaming systems administrator for Kewadin Casinos, which he will continue to oversee until they fill that vacancy.

He was originally hired by MIS in March 2012 as a PC tech. A few months later he moved up to a network technician position, then becoming the interim gaming system administrator when that position became vacant before permanently assuming that roll for the past 18 months until accepting his current position.

Eitrem said, "I like the people I get to work with and the challenge this position provides on a daily basis." He supervises four telecom staff members – Dave Calder, Bob Flowers, Jordan Barbeaux and an open position and reports to COO Christine McPherson.

Eitrem was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie and is a



Nick Eitrem

tribal member. He earned a bachelor degree in computer networking from LSSU, graduating in Dec. 2011, and while he was attending school he worked for the tribe as a janitor in the administration building for several years.

His son Tristan was five when he graduated from LSSU.

"He was a big factor in me going back to school. I didn't go back to school right away after high school - I worked and lived. It wasn't long after I met Krissy that we had him, and I wanted to set a good example for him," he said.

Eitrem lives with his fiancé Krissy Harris and their now 10-year old son, Tristan Eitrem.

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Sault Tribe community members walking on

JEFFREY D. KELLER

Jeffrey D. Keller, 62, of Gould City, Mich., died on Sept. 30, 2016, at the Medical City Dallas Hospital in Dallas, Texas following a brief illness.

He was born on July 23, 1954, in Manistique, Mich., the son of Frank and Phyllis (nee Irwin) Keller and attended school in Engadine. He moved to lower Michigan with his family and was a graduate of Linden High School with the Class of 1972.

On May 17, 1975, he married the former Carole A. Hoeksema in Lansing, Mich. They lived in Gould City for three years before moving to San Jose, Calif., where they spent 15 years. They then moved back to Gould City where they made their home and raised their family.

Jeff took pleasure in building an ice rink on the front yard every winter, coaching baseball, teaching his children how to change tractor tires and to build stump fires.

He was a crane operator for over 20 years with Operating Engineers Local 3. For the past two years, he was working on the Margaret McDermott Bridge in Dallas, Texas. Prior to that, he worked on the Oakland Bay Bridge in California. Jeff also owned and operated Keller



Excavating of Gould City. Like his father, Jeff also worked for Bay Shippers, transporting locally caught fish to lower Michigan and Canada.

Jeff was a member and past elder of the Gould City Community Church, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a member of the Sons of the American Legion. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping, and being involved in his community, especially helping others.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Carole A. Keller of Gould City; children, Andrea M. Keller of Brightwood, Ore., and Christopher W. Keller of Marquette; father, Frank A. Keller of Gould City; sisters, Vickie (Dan) Griggs of Livingston, Texas, and Tammy (Bill) Johnson of Middleville, Mich.; along with nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Phyllis; and his grandparents, Floyd and Rose Irwin and William and Bethel Keller.

Visitation and services took place on Oct. 8 at the Messier-Broullire Funeral Home in Manistique with Reverend Janice Reed officiating. A traditional and Indian ceremonial burial service followed in the Newton Township Cemetery at Gould City followed by a luncheon at the Newton Township Hall.

Flowers provided by Alan Vogl, Jeff's cousin, of Al-Lins Floral and Gifts in Okemos, Mich. Memorial donations can be

made to Gould City Community Church.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.mbfuneral.com.

STEVEN L. LAPLAUNT

Steven Leo LaPlaut, 57, of Bay City, our positive and hard-working dad, son, brother, uncle and friend was relieved of his suffering on the evening of July 26, 2016, after a courageous battle with cancer.



Leo was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on Feb. 1, 1959, the son of Robert James and Freda Helen (nee Stephens) LaPlaut I. He attended Garber High School and proudly served in the U.S. Army as a diesel mechanic. Most recently, Leo was employed with Michigan Sugar. He had a true passion for drag racing, working on cars, spending time outdoors and being with friends and family. Leo was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and will be deeply missed, but lovingly remembered by all who were fortunate to know him.

Leo leaves to cherish his memory, his son, Chad Taylor Mitchell and grandchildren, Cohen and McKenna Mitchell. He was the most loving son of Robert and Freda LaPlaut and will forever be missed by his siblings, Robert

"Buck" (Melody) LaPlaut II, Gordon "Proff" (Cheryl) LaPlaut, and Michael "Sarge" LaPlaut, along with many nieces, nephews; best friend, Joe (Terri) Wiedyk, and countless other friends.

Leo's family was present to receive visitors on Aug. 1 at Skorupski Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Hampton Township. Cremation followed. Memorial contributions may be directed to the wishes of the family.

The entire family wishes to extend a heartfelt thanks to his niece, Lona Smith, along with the staff of McLaren Hospice for their compassionate care.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family online at www.skorupskis.com.

LEO J. LAPLAUNT III

Leo, beloved brother of Sandra Harrington, Mary Miller and David LaPlaut, began his spirt journey on Sept. 6, 2016 in Bay City, Mich. Leo (Butchie)



was born to the late Leo J. LaPlaut, Jr. and the late Grace (nee Colbath) LaPlaut on Oct. 26, 1960.

Butchie loved fishing, baseball and motorcycles. He attended North Bay Activity Center and had many friends who loved him. Leo always had a smile for everyone he met, not matter how much pain he endured. He resided at Whaley's Assisted Living – Jefferson North Home, where he will be very much missed.

Bamapii, my sweet brother.

ALFRED L. THIBODEAU

Alfred Leo Thibodeau of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., died at War Memorial Hospital on Sept. 26,

2016. He was born in New Baltimore, Mich., on Feb. 16, 1940.

Al was a great son, brother, father, uncle and godfather. His great spirit, love of nature, adventure and family was truly special. He was a motorcycle enthusiast and mechanic. Being a long haul truck driver for many years, he loved to travel, meet new friends and he loved music and dancing, too.

A tribal elder, Al lived in Sault Ste. Marie his last 12 or so years in tribal elder housing. He was grateful for many services he received as his elder years needs increased. He had roots in Sugar Island and Grand Island and was Crane Clan.

Al is survived by a daughter, Celeste Adrian; sisters, Loree St. Amour, Phyllis Rickert, LuElla Spang and Marilyn Thibodeau, who loved him dearly, and many nieces and nephews who loved and admired him. He will be greatly missed by family, friends and long time caregivers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Philip and Adelaide (nee Leask) Thibodeau; brothers, Nelson and Richard; and a sister, Delores Syrjala.

A traditional memorial service of honor and gratitude with fire, spirit songs and drum took place on Oct. 8 at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building. Cremation and arrangements made by Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Traditional Medicine Dept.

Chi miigwech to all who showed him humane respect and love.

~ From Al's family

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NMU project to increase Indian women in STEM

BY RICK SMITH

The National Science Foundation recently awarded a \$300,000 grant to Northern Michigan University for a two-year pilot project to increase the number of American Indian female college graduates, especially in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, the so called STEM fields. NMU is one of 37 recipients of the foundation's awards to begin programs in building higher numbers of women and others in fields with historically few numbers of women. The funding is going to support the pilot program conducted by the NMU Center for Native American Studies Office of Diversity and Inclusion. The name of the program is Indigenous Women Working within the Sciences, according to NMU.

The program is designed to provide education for STEM

teachers in all levels from kindergarten to fourth-year college about American Indian cultures and inclusive methods, expand STEM experiences as part of college preparation for high school students and provide mentors from STEM fields as American Indian students shift from high school to college.

April Lindala, director of the NMU Center for Native American Studies, said the project would allow instructors to teach outside conventional boundaries and help foster deeper appreciation for American Indian cultures in addition to the positive impact on participating students.

According to a press release, the National Science Foundation aims to expand the program over the next 10 years with the aim of developing a scientific community that more accurately reflects society in the United States.

November candidates on Sault Tribe issues

For the benefit of tribal voters, questionnaires about Sault Tribe issues were sent to candidates in the presidential, 1st congressional district and 107th, 108th and 109th state districts. Win Awenen Nisitotung received two responses, from Lon Johnson and Phil Bellfy. Other candidates either did not respond at all, or responded that they would submit the questionnaire but did not. One candidate who did not respond instead put the paper on his email donation solicitation list.

Lon Johnson, candidate for 1st District representative in Congress, Democratic Party



1. Do you support the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver?

I am committed to making college affordable. Too many people in Michigan and in our country are saddled with staggering debt simply because they wanted a fair shot to go to college. As a member of Congress, I would fight to create strong new partnerships among the federal government, states, and Indian tribes to help waive resident tuition in universities, community and technical college programs for eligible students.

2. Do you support tribal treaty rights?

I support tribal treaty rights. With their unique history of tribal sovereignty, Native Americans should not be subjected to arbitrary tax enforcement. Tribes are in the best position to provide for the general welfare of their tribal citizens and communities. I will fight for legislation that respects tribal sovereignty and provides durable, lasting protections for Indian self-determination and self-government.

3. Do you support Medicaid expansion?

Health care must be continually reformed to deliver better quality, at a lower cost. The Medicaid program plays a critical role for Native Americans given the limitations of services available through IHS. I would support Medicaid Expansion as a means to enhance the role Medicaid plays by increasing coverage among Native Americans and providing additional revenue to IHS- and tribally-operated facilities.

4. Do you support the Michigan Indian and Family Preservation Act of 2013?

I support protecting Indian children and preserving Indian families in the state of Michigan.

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

Tribal economic development and tourism can flourish with the help of an active member of Congress who is committed to investing in and protecting our greatest assets: our people, land and Great Lakes. Collaboration between our tribes, community groups and governments can lead to effective coordinated promotion of tourism and vacation activities to attract families and visitors to stay at campgrounds, hotels and motels and enjoy outdoor activities and recreation. I will be an advocate for grant opportunities to support machinery and equipment purchases, workforce training, and infrastructure development while providing institutional support to support feasibility studies.

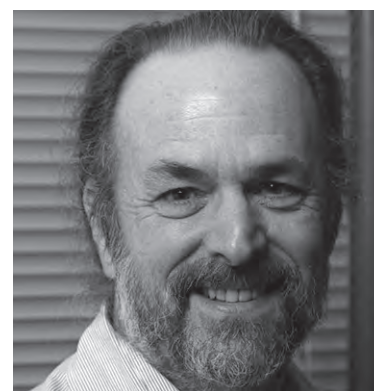
6. Optional election statement:

Work hard. Play by the rules. Never give up. These are the values I learned growing up in a family with five generations of Northern Michigan history. They guided me as I became one of the first in my family to graduate from college, during my civilian service in Iraq in 2005, and throughout my work investing in, and growing, U.S. manufacturing businesses. I am running for Congress because I believe that by investing in and protecting our greatest assets — our people, land

and Great Lakes — we can create a U.P. and Northern Michigan where our families can stay and succeed.

Phil Bellfy, candidate for 107th District Representative in state legislature, Democratic Party

1. Do you support the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver?



As professor emeritus of American Indian Studies, Michigan State University, I have a long-standing, deep and abiding interest in the MITW. While at MSU, I saw first-hand the great benefit of the tuition waiver for Native students. I also am painfully aware of the illegal and immoral violations of the tuition waiver perpetuated by MSU, and other institutions, and how these reprehensible “policies” continue to harm great numbers of Native students. As a state rep I will work tirelessly to see that the MITW agreement is fully implemented (like eliminating the racist “blood-quantum” requirements), and each college and university is fully reimbursed by the state for every dollar of tuition that is waived by each college and university in full compliance with the MITW legislation.

2. Do you support tribal treaty rights?

As a citizen of the White Earth Nation, I whole-heartedly support the full recognition of tribal treaty rights. I’m afraid that many non-Native people (and almost all legislators and other “public officials”) feel that the treaties are “outdated,” which is certainly not the case. We must constantly remind them that, without the “land-cession treaties” of the 19th century, there would be no

“state of Michigan.” If you don’t support tribal treaty rights, you simply cannot support the existence of Michigan as a sovereign “political entity.” Treaties are “two-way streets,” recognizing the sovereign political rights of both “parties” to the treaties (“Indians” and the U.S.).

3. Do you support Medicaid expansion?

While fully recognizing and in full support of the treaty right to health care, typified by the Indian Health Service (which I use whenever needed), I would welcome, and fight for, the expansion of Medicare/Medicaid in Michigan — for Natives and non-Natives (IHS facilities are not available to all tribal people, depending on where they live). The U.S. is the only modern industrialized country that refuses to provide its citizens with universal health care as a right of citizenship. One of the “public options” talked about during the debate over the Affordable Care Act was “Medicare for all.” As a state legislator, I would support expanding Medicaid, and any other options, that would bring us closer to universal health care.

4. Do you support the Michigan Indian and Family Preservation Act of 2013?

Yes, without reservation (no pun intended). I have seen first-hand the devastation to Native families when state courts ignore that mandate — devastation the legislation is designed to mitigate, if not eliminate. As a member of the state legislature, I would work to establish criminal sanctions against any state employee, lawyer, prosecutor, or court that refuses to recognize the rights of Native people and families under the Michigan Indian and Family Preservation Act.

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

By “joint efforts,” I assume that you mean “cooperation” between the state and tribal governments. Well, cooperative joint efforts should be pursued and

promoted only when such efforts don’t infringe on tribal sovereignty. Generally, I oppose all efforts by the State of Michigan to reduce tribal governments to something akin to a “municipality,” with tribes being forced to get “permission” from the state to do anything on the tourism and economic development fronts (which they demand on nearly everything, it seems). At the same time, tribes are sovereign and they should act like it. Having said that, as a member of the state legislature, I might support a “compromise cooperative” position — if the state wants to engage in “tourism and economic development efforts,” especially here in the 1836 Ceded Territory, they should be required to get “permission” from the tribes. “If it’s good for the goose, it’s good for the gander.” Why should “permission” for “joint-efforts” be only one-way?

6. Optional election statement:

The 107th State House District is the only district (out of 110) that has Line 5 running right through the middle of it — we can never forget that it is our responsibility (as tribal people and as voters) to preserve the purity of one fifth of the world’s fresh water for the next seven generations. I have been at the forefront of the opposition to Line 5 since day one (and opposed to Graymont and fracking, as well). I’ve been fighting for the environment and tribal rights for over 40 years at the local, state, national, international and tribal levels. If that commitment and experience isn’t enough to get you to the polls to vote for me, then I don’t know what else I can do, or say. Tribal members comprise about 10 percent of the 107th District’s voters — probably the largest “voting bloc” out there. Obviously, I hope to win this election, but, I can do so only if I get every tribal member’s vote — it is no secret that my “path to victory” runs straight through Indian Country. Chi miigwech for your interest and support.

October Word Search



Circle the words in the puzzle as you find them. they may be forward, backward and diagonal. Good luck!

- APPLE
- AUTUMN
- BONFIRE
- BROWN
- CANDY
- CHILLY
- CIDER
- COLORFUL
- COLOR TOUR
- COSTUMES
- FALL
- FISHING
- GLOVES
- GROUSE
- HALLOWEEN
- HARVEST
- HUNTING
- JACKETS
- JACK O LANTERN
- LEAF PILE
- LIBRA
- MANOOMIN
- OCTOBER
- ORANGE
- PERCH
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- RED
- RICE
- SALMON
- SCARY
- SCORPIO
- SEARCH
- SWEATERS
- WILD
- WORD
- YELLOW

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Chi Mukwa celebrates 20 years as community asset

By Rick Smith

Management, staff and patrons of the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie recently enjoyed a week of celebrating the 20th anniversary of the facility's grand opening, which took place way back on Sept. 27, 1996.

The celebration ran from Sept. 26 to Oct. 1 and featured an assortment of promotional giveaways, daily prize drawings, free admission to numerous in-house events and activities, Pro Shop and Fitness Center discounts, a special offer at the concession stand along with a cake cutting commemorating the date and hour of the original opening.

The 150,000-square-foot facility features two side-by-side ice rinks, one meeting National Hockey League (NHL) size specifications of 85 feet by 200 feet, and the other has traditional Olympic dimensions of 100 feet by 200 feet. Many community activities and organized sports functions associated with the ice rinks get support from in-house training programs, skate sharpening and rentals, Pro Shop, concession stand and coordinating staff.

Other features on the main floor include a basketball court, volleyball court, dance and aerobics room, locker rooms, sauna, arcade games and team locker rooms. The mezzanine holds a physical fitness center, now operated by the Sault Tribe Health Center, a walking track, hospitality room, office space The



Photo by Rick Smith

Entrance to the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie. More photos on page 13.

facility hosts a variety of activities including birthday parties, baseball clinics, lacrosse camps, volleyball leagues, dance classes, cheerleading sessions and fitness classes to name a few.

Chi Mukwa staff along with staff from tribal tenant departments offer a variety of services and programs supporting socialization, education, fitness and health. Current tenant departments are Youth Education and Activities, Health Center, Community Health and Physical Therapy.

Current Chi Mukwa management staff has served the facility for a long time, a couple of them since the start. Tammy Graham

started 20 years ago as a part-time events coordinator eventually becoming the facility manager earlier this year. Rod Hutte, Chi Mukwa operations manager, also came on board 20 years ago. Receptionist Jan Rhodes has been with the team for 18 years and Rex Matchinkski, events manager, started working at Chi Mukwa 10 years ago.

"It has been a pleasure working at the Big Bear for the past 20 years," said Graham. "Being able to increase and provide the variety of activities at the facility has made it an enjoyable place to work. It is definitely a unique experience when you have the opportunity to meet custom-

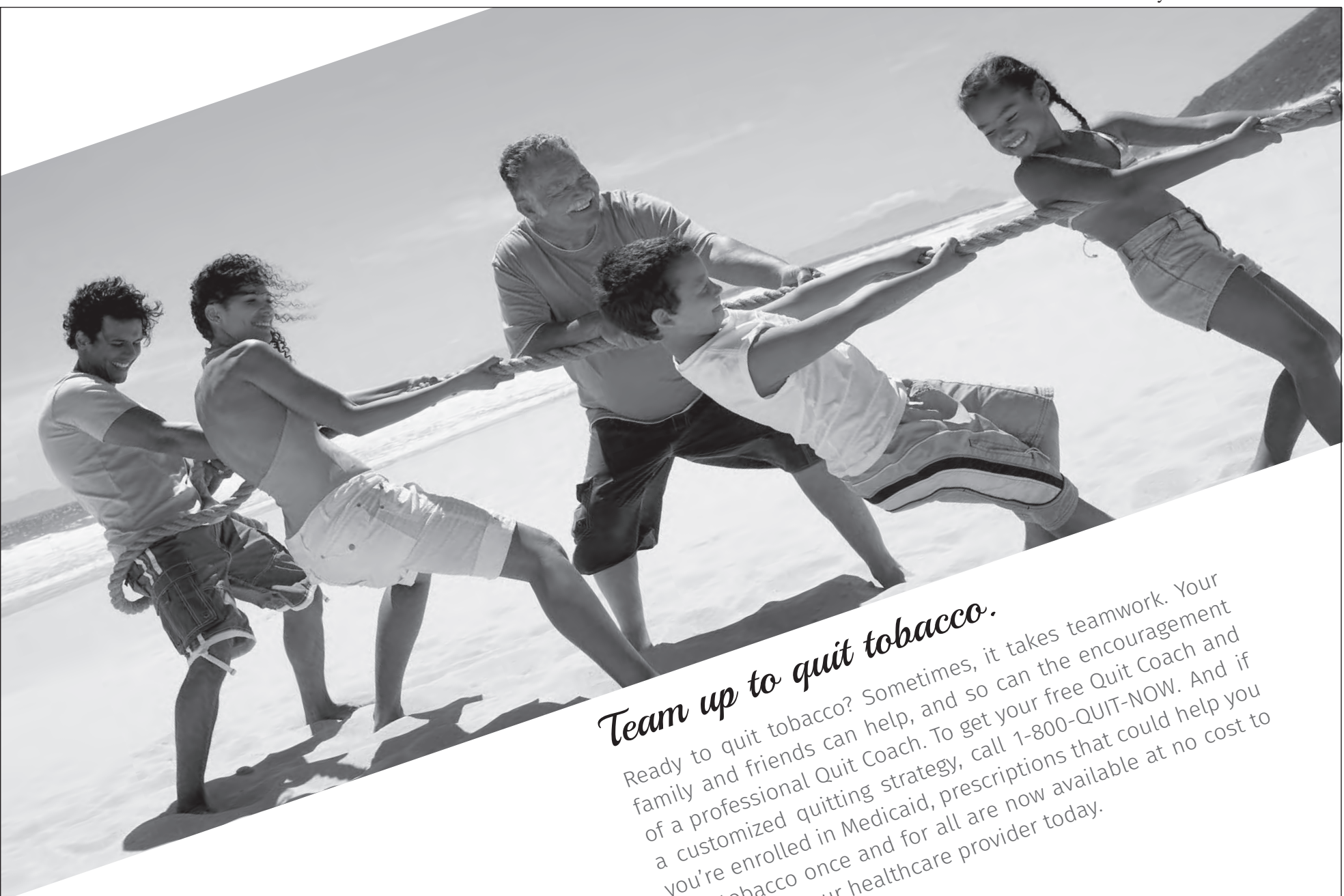
ers at the age of 3, when they first learn to skate and then see them later in their hockey careers playing high school, junior or college hockey. I am looking forward to continuing to provide a recreational facility that meets the needs and offers opportunities to our community." Furthermore, she said, "I would like to commend the staff for their efforts in delivering outstanding customer service to our community members. With having such a very dynamic environment, our staff is always dedicated to meeting all of our customers' needs."

Through the years, the staff of Chi Mukwa has received numerous certificates of appreciation

and other recognition from various agencies and organizations for their help.

Taken from a special newspaper insert published at the time of the grand opening, here is a list of some facts and figures surrounding the construction of Chi Mukwa:

- It takes 10,000 gallons of water to make a one-inch sheet of ice on the NHL rink.
- The NHL rink requires 15 miles of refrigeration tubing and the Olympic rink takes 20 miles of the same.
- The building has 69,000 concrete blocks and 150,000 lineal feet of drywall.
- Over 10,000 yards of concrete went into its construction.
- The parking lot has a capacity of 430 vehicles.
- The mezzanine has 118 glass panels for viewing activities.
- Between the mezzanine viewing areas and the rinks, about 3,000 spectators could be accommodated.
- The parking lot required 14,000 tons of road gravel.
- A total of 750 tons of structural steel from Portland, Tenn., went into the building.
- The foundation reaches its deepest point at 88 feet.
- Painters used 3,372 gallons of paint for the interior.
- The building occupies a 340-foot by 340-foot spot on a 100-acre parcel of land.
- The name for the building was the idea of Isaac McKechnie and Ricky Corbiere.



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Moments in a week of the Chi Mukwa celebration



Photo courtesy of Tammy Graham
Unit III Director Bridgett Sorenson presents Jeri Eby with a drawing prize valued at \$240 as the first drawing winner of the week.



Photo by Rick Smith
Operations Manager Rex Matchinski presents Haylie Escherich with a prize of free admission to the Chi Mukwa Summer Recreation Program valued at \$1,000.




Photo by Rick Smith
From left, receptionist Destiny McKechnie, events coordinator Daisy McKechnie, Sault Tribe Assistant Executive Director Jessica Dumback (facility manager from 2004 to 2016), Operations Manager Rodney Hutte, events coordinator Taryn MacInnis, receptionist Jan Rhodes, Facility Manager Tammy Graham and Events Manager Rex Matchinski just before cutting the commemorative cake to share with patrons at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center at the hour and on the date the facility opened 20 years ago. Folks in the Sault area enjoyed a week of special promotional functions in celebrating the anniversary of the opening. The celebration included daily drawings for great prizes, Pro Shop and Fitness Center discounts, giveaways, along with free admission to Chi Mukwa sponsored events and activities. Drawing prizes included an annual Fitness Club membership, enrollment in the Summer Recreation Program, birthday party package, an hour of ice time, ice skates and a hockey stick.



Photo above courtesy of Tammy Graham, photo below by Rick Smith
Above, Al MacArthur won a free hour of ice time in one of the drawing. Here, events coordinator Daisy MKechnie presents the prize to MacArthur. Below, a pile of key rings with commemorative fobs marking the anniversary.






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Recovery Walk 2016 — showing support, recognizing positive outcomes for those in recovery



The annual Recovery Walk was held on the Sault Tribe reservation Sept. 22 from 4 to 7 p.m. After the walk, participants met at Chi Mukwa Arena for food, fun, and games.



Photos by Brenda Austin Families Against Narcotics of Chippewa County volunteers carry a banner in the Recovery Walk on Marquette Street in the Sault.



Phil (back), Niki (right), Paityn, 12, and Colton McKechnie, 7, volunteering at the registration table.



Amanda Carrick, Tammy Shannon, Kaleb Shannon, Tadd Shannon, and Chris Shannon getting ready to participate in the walk.



Elizabeth and Ethan Eggert, 11.



Sandy Reining and her grandson, Keaton Sauro, 7



Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Officer George Parish, Chippewa County Attorney Magistrate Eric Blubaugh, Officer Mike Povey and Officer Travis MacArthur inside Chi Mukwa Arena after the Recovery Walk.



This little man was enjoying a coloring break.



Madelyn Houghton-Howland, 7



Gabby Monck, 1, going for a ride in her wagon.



Kids win tickets from playing games and turn them in for small and large prizes.



Francis Knauf, 4, in the inflatable bounce house



Emma Davidson, 8, getting a bite to eat.



Emeree Fabry, 6



A volunteer helping participants with their food choices.



Volunteers Dan Liedel and Lara Cook-Paquin



Robert Cook manning the grill and keeping an eye on the burgers



Sault Tribe Police officers lead and follow the walkers for safety purposes.

Breaking the silence on human trafficking



Grandmothers and others from Canada and the United States gathered in the Norris Center parking lot at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., prior to a walk under a gray sky to draw attention to the crime of human trafficking. The band of walkers crossed the International Bridge for a rally at the Indian Friendship Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

“Victims may come from within the United States or from almost any region of the world. American Indians are among the country’s most vulnerable segments of the population along with children in welfare and justice systems, runaway and homeless youth, migrant laborers, people with limited proficiency in English and some other groups.”

— According to information published by the U.S. Department of State in the agency’s 2016 Trafficking in Persons Report

See story on page 17



One of the walkers with a clear message.

Photos by Rick Smith



From left, Keina Masta looks on as Cathy DeVoy sings with drum accompaniment before the walkers step off.



City auxiliary police officers block traffic to allow the walkers safe crossing across Easterday Avenue to take the exit to the International Bridge.



With hoisted staffs and signs, the walk begins, heading west on Easterday Avenue from the campus of Lake Superior State University bound for the International Bridge.



The band heading for the border under escort as they approach the southern arch of the International Bridge.

Grandmothers and others draw attention to elusive crimes in Great Lakes region

BY RICK SMITH

A band of American Indian grandmothers and others from the United States and Canada recently conducted a walk across the International Bridge between the twin cities of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., to protest and draw attention to the crime of human trafficking around the world in general and in the Great Lakes region in particular, especially as it involves American Indian youth and women. Raising awareness is one of the key actions recommended by both the federal government and the State of Michigan to counter human trafficking.

Walkers stepped off on the dark-gray morning of Oct. 1 from the Norris Center parking lot at Lake Superior State University, crossed the bridge under escort into Ontario before reaching their destination at the Indian Friendship Center in downtown Sault Ste. Marie.

According to one Sault Tribe elder, Keina Masta of Sault Ste. Marie, the walk served to bring in the open a little known peril for young Indian boys, girls and women of the area — human trafficking in the Great Lakes region where they can be inducted as fodder for marketing in sex and forced labor trades in known hubs such as Duluth, Minn., and Thunder Bay, Ont.

Persons Against the Crime of Trafficking (PACT) based in Ottawa, Ont., Canada, collaborated with PACT Grandmothers in organizing the walk. PACT-Ottawa was established in 2004 with the mission to prevent human trafficking and to increase

protection for victims through education, advocacy, networking and support services. PACT Grandmothers formed last January and currently has about a dozen members, the walk on Oct. 1 was their first event to advance their cause.

PACT-Ottawa co-founder Dr. Sheila Smith, RSCJ, and Alison Recollet-Simon of the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve on Manitoulin Island, Ont., spoke at a rally at the Indian Friendship Center following the walk. Kathleen Eshkibok of PACT Grandmothers said, “We’re just grandmothers who want this [human trafficking] to stop. When something like this happens, we are united.”

Said Smith, “Everyone needs to be involved in helping to end this horrific reality. The PACT Grandmothers brought together police and border services on both sides of the border as well as indigenous and non-indigenous service groups and individuals of all ages. Grandmothers Marlene Day-Bateman, Kathleen Eshkibok, Alison Recollet, Donna Pangowish, Isabelle Meawasige and Keinna Masta organized a phenomenal awareness raising event about a worldwide reality that disproportionately effects indigenous women and girls.”

Smith further explained the idea for PACT Grandmothers and the walk was born at the 2014 Women’s Worlds Congress in Hyderabad, India, where she met Meawasige, the pair talked and eventually started planning outreach work for the Manitoulin and north shore region. Smith said Meawasige told her at the

time, “We don’t want to lose another one of our girls.”

While there is nothing new about human trafficking, in a 422-page U.S. Department of State report issued last June, Secretary of State John Kerry wrote, “If there is a single theme to this year’s *Trafficking in Persons Report*, it is the conviction that there is nothing inevitable about trafficking in human beings. That conviction is where the process of change really begins — with the realization that just because a certain abuse has taken place in the past doesn’t mean that we have to tolerate that abuse in the future or that we can afford to avert our eyes. Instead, we should be asking ourselves — what if that victim of trafficking was my daughter, son, sister or brother?”

The global anti-traffic effort, according to the report, is only about 20 years old and has the most success using what is called a “3P paradigm” of prosecution, protection and prevention against a shadowy business of essentially inducing or abducting people into either slavery, prostitution, pornography or other purposes.

The report details the United States as “a source, transit and destination country for men, women, transgender individuals and children — both U.S. citizens and foreign nationals — subjected to sex trafficking and forced labor. Trafficking occurs in both legal and illicit industries, including commercial sex, hospitality, sales crews, agriculture, fishing, manufacturing, janitorial services, fairs and carnivals, peddling and begging, and domestic service.” Victims may come from

within the United States or from almost any region of the world. American Indians are among the country’s most vulnerable segments of the population along with children in welfare and justice systems, runaway and homeless youth, migrant laborers, people with limited proficiency in English and some other groups.

In 2015, the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) unveiled the Native American Human Trafficking Task Force “to conduct training and public awareness among tribal leaders and gaming institutions.” The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the DOI collaborated in developing training on human trafficking for tribal communities and law enforcement agencies. The report indicates the training is slow in getting around as it was presented to only 20 tribes and 249 individuals in fiscal year 2015.

Last December, President Barack Obama announced the historic appointment of 11 members to the U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking. All of the council members are survivors of human trafficking and represent a variety of backgrounds and experiences.

A 2013 report from the Michigan Commission on Human Trafficking acknowledged “a serious and growing problem with human trafficking” exists in the state as evidenced by periodic enforcement sweeps by the Federal Bureau of Investigation catching perpetrators and liberating victims in a variety of situations such as private homes in Romulus and Flint along

with hotels in Madison Heights, Farmington Hills, Southfield and Detroit.

The report also detailed how human trafficking adversely impacts victims, society and the state’s economic stability, security and law. It describes human trafficking as both a national and state problem that leaves victims suffering from physical and psychological damage.

Key findings in the Michigan report:

- Quality data is lacking on human trafficking specific to Michigan, but surveys and interviews show hundreds or maybe thousands of victims are trafficked in the state.

- Significant gaps exist in services for victims of human trafficking and obstacles, such as insufficient funding, blocks lawmakers from closing those gaps.

- Many professionals fail to recognize indications of human trafficking and need better training on the issue.

- Many citizens are unaware human trafficking happens in Michigan and public awareness efforts are needed to educate residents and help them learn it happens in local businesses, communities and homes.

- Michigan’s anti-trafficking laws must be strengthened.

While the federal and state bureaucracies grapple with the issue of human trafficking, Masta suggested folks take more immediate measures, such as enveloping their families and friends with love, care and protection.

See photos on page 16.

MIEA 2016-17 scholarship winners announced

Michigan Indian Elders Association 2016-17 scholarship winners were recently announced.

Ashley Gervais, a student at Central Michigan University, and Natasha Stewart, a student at Grand Valley State University, were each awarded \$500 scholarships.

“I would like to thank the elders for this opportunity,” said Gervais. “It has been an honor to receive this scholarship and it’s going to help tremendously with the cost of books next semester. I’m currently attending school at Central Michigan University and I plan on majoring in accounting with a minor in legal studies or man-

agement.”

Natasha Stewart graduated from Sault Area High School with the Class of 2016.

She is currently enrolled as a film major at Grand Valley State University. At GVSU, she participates in Spotlight Productions, Alternative Breaks and the Native American Student Association.

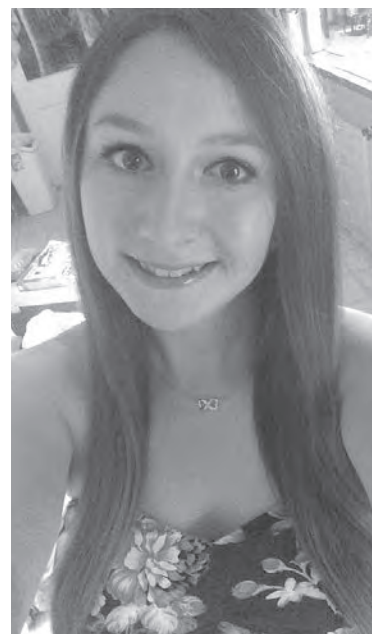
Autumn Tallman won a \$1,000 scholarship, Eric Kememy and Jonathan Eno each won a \$500 scholarship.

Two students from the Pokagon Band and one student from Hannahville won \$1,000 scholarships and other students from the Nottawaseppi Huron, Keeweenaw Bay Indian

Community, Saginaw Chippewa and the Little River Band garnered \$500 scholarships.

The MIEA also reports 85 Sault Tribe members won incentive awards in 2015, 36 high school students and 49 elementary and middle school students.

Keeweenaw Bay Indian Community students won eight incentive awards, Little River Band pupils took nine, Pokagon Band youngsters garnered three, Hannahville Band children received six, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe students got 34, Nottawaseppi Huron kids logged six and the Match-E-Ben-Nash-Wish Band elementary students were awarded five.



Ashley Gervais



Natasha Stewart

Elder holiday meal dates

Save the date! Please mark your calendars for the coming elders’ holiday meals

Units I, II and III – Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace and Hessel, Thursday, Dec. 8, 11 a.m. – meal at noon, DreamMakers Theater, Kewadin Casino and Convention Center.

Unit IV – Manistique, Thursday, Dec. 8, 6 p.m., Manistique Tribal Center.

Unit IV – Escanaba, (date, time and place to be determined), please RSVP to Viola Nedeaw at 341-8469.

Unit V – Munising, Thursday, Dec. 8, 4 p.m., 387 Restaurant, please RSVP to Kim Swanberg at 387-4795.

Unit V – Marquette, Thursday, Nov. 10, 6 p.m., Holiday Inn, please RSVP to Boyd Snyder at 360-9572.

MSU offers webinars on owning homes

EAST LANSING, Mich. – Michigan State University Extension Financial and Homeownership Education team will offer live webinars during the months of October, November and December.

These programs will be accessible to anyone with a computer and Internet access.

Topics the webinars cover include holiday budgeting, health insurance, buying a home, rental education, bud-

geting and passing on personal possessions.

Michigan State University Extension’s goal is to help people improve their lives by bringing the vast knowledge resources of the university directly to individuals, communities and businesses. Michigan State University Extension wanted to make it easier for people to obtain these resources, even from their own home.

Extension educators will be

instructing from different locations across the state. Instructors will use video meeting technology called Zoom. All you need to do is download an app. For more information you can visit msu.zoom.us.

For more information on the list of programs and events near you visit msue.anr.msu.edu/ events. Or call Beth Waitrovich at the MSU Extension Dickinson County, 906 774-0363 or email waitrovi@anr.msu.edu.

Sugar Island powwow marked 20th anniversary

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The Sugar Island powwow started with a few friends and family members of Cecil Pavlat, who passed away Oct. 5, 1995. A year after his traditional funeral was held, a gathering and feast took place on Sugar Island to celebrate the passage of the yearlong grieving process.

His son, also named Cecil Pavlat, said, "We invited Bahweting Drum and had a feast and it was a good time and feeling. We were talking and someone said it felt like a small powwow, and that's where the idea came from. That was in 1996."

So Pavlat said a small group of people started discussing the idea, including Mick Frechette, Pat McCoy, Cub McKerchie and a few others. "The powwow came more out of ceremony with the idea of going back to the place where a lot of us had roots and singing and dancing with our ancestors," he said. "That hadn't happened for a long time. Back in the 50s it is believed there used to be small powwows held on the island. We believe when we gather to sing and dance our ancestors come and participate."

After almost a year of planning, the first powwow took place on Sugar Island on the third weekend in July 1997.

Pavlat said the first powwow was very humble. They had a table and a small PA system with a microphone. Ambrose Recollet from Canada gave them spiritual guidance and they had a sacred fire but no arbor and three drums and about 15 dancers.

Pavlat said he has been to every powwow since that first one. "It's still not a big powwow, but a comfortable size," he said. "Everything is offered free of charge, but we do accept donations for the electric bill. Over the years we have added different things and the tribe has been a big part of that. They have used 2 percent funds to pay for the electricity to be put in at the property. We still don't have water out there, and hopefully that will be our next project," he said.

The first year the powwow was held, Cub McKerchie brought his tractor with a brush hog and cut a spot in the shoulder high grasses - and every year that patch grown bigger and bigger.

Pavlat said it's a good feeling to be a part of it.

The Marquette Diocese is the owner of the property where the powwow is held. A tribal member donated it to the church a long time ago, but everyone thought it was tribal property for the first half dozen years the powwow was held there. "In recent years there has been talk that maybe we should approach the church to see if they would donate the property back or give us a lifetime lease," Pavlat said.

An arbor was eventually built in the fourth or fifth year and then Mary Murray donated a big Army tent that became part of the ritual of getting ready each year. "We had a storage building on the Shannon's property on the main road, and we used to go there every year and get our cooking stove and tent out," Pavlat said. "Then when the powwow was over, it had to all be taken back down and returned to storage."

A more recent addition to the

In its second or third year, the powwow began receiving annual donations of \$1,200 from the tribe to help offset costs. In later years that amount increased to \$4,500. Pavlat says the powwow costs about \$10,000 annually, with most of that going to pay for the host drum, co-host drum, head dancers, head vet, arena director, and emcee.

Those funds also pay for a Friday night feast during the spiritual gathering, a breakfast and dinner feast on Saturday and breakfast again on Sunday morning - all free to participants.

Pavlat said most of the people and vendors at the powwow are locals who go every year and that it has become somewhat of a family reunion for many in the area.

"It's been an awesome journey. We started with a humble beginning and now we have a kitchen area, shade structures, our own outhouses instead of the Port-A-Johns, emcee stand, and a permanent drum arbor that went up last year. We also have bleachers that were donated by the tribe. People have pulled together over the years to make it what it is. Now we need a well so we can have outdoor showers and water for campers. To have a tap in the kitchen instead of hauling water would be nice," Pavlat said.

Long-time members of the powwow committee - Cecil Pavlat and Micky Frechette - have both recently retired from the Sugar Island Powwow Committee. Colleen Medicine is now the chairperson, and said, "The powwow is like a family, and we all work together to make it happen. We have some younger men helping out and I am hopeful they will take over different duties in the future as others retire. Over the past few years I have seen children of committee members also volunteer to help."

Next years powwow will be held July 14-16, 2017.

To view pictures of this summers powwow, visit their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/sugarislandpowwow2/photos> or <http://www.for-sugarisland.com> (put your mouse over "Events" and you will see the word "powwow" - click there to view photos of the 2016 powwow.)



Photos by Sherrie Lucas

1998 SUGAR ISLAND POWWOW — Above left, Darryl Brown and George Snider (L-R). Above right, a young shawl dancer and a woman's traditional dancer taking part in the festivities. Below, afternoon grand entry.



A young shawl dancer from 1998.

powwow grounds is a kitchen area. "Everything other than the financial donations from the tribe has all been done by community volunteers. That is something we are real proud about," Pavlat said. "We don't charge vendors set up fees or those attending admittance fees. It costs money to put on a powwow, and we are grateful the tribe has supported us financially but it doesn't pay for the whole thing. We do fundraisers to fill in the gaps."



Barb Nolan (left) and Chris Gordon (center) from 1998.



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Sault dental services offering silver nitrate treatment for children's cavities

The tribe's dental team in Sault Ste. Marie is starting an alternative treatment for children who develop tooth cavities.

Beginning this year, parents will have the option for children's cavities to be treated initially with a medication called silver nitrate instead of having them filled.

This product is highly effective in treating the germs that cause tooth cavities.

Silver nitrate has been used for over 100 years in the U.S. This

was the main way to treat cavities until the 1950s when dentists developed local anesthesia injections into the gums to numb part of the mouth while they drilled and filled the tooth cavity. Silver nitrate is now used again as the initial treatment—especially for young children so that they do not have to experience the pain of getting tooth fillings. Many dentists treating children in other parts of the country are already using this silver nitrate medica-

tion.

The initial focus of this new program is to offer this medical treatment for children less than six years of age. Silver nitrate can be used for almost any tooth that has a cavity, though it works best when the tooth decay is not too deep. When applied early in the decay process, this can completely stop the decay in that cavity so it will not get deeper. Usually it takes several applications of the medication to eliminate the infec-

tion in the tooth that is causing the decay. However, it takes only about five minutes for each application, and the child does not get any shots.

Dr. David Drockton, who has been with the Sault Tribe Dental Program for 21 years, was able to visit a dental clinic in Oregon this spring that has been using this treatment for over two years. This clinic has greatly reduced the amount of treatment for children, that includes traditional fillings

and hospital visits. He learned the techniques and will be introducing it to our tribal dental program.

Initially Dr. Drockton, will be providing all of the treatments, working with dental assistant Angel Eggert to coordinate the care.

Call the dental department at the Sault Tribal Health Center if you have questions at (906) 632-5260. More information will come in future editions of the *Win Awenen Nisitotung*.

Domestic violence can lead to death, learn warning signs

FROM ARC STAFF

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) wants everyone to know that DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CAN BE DEADLY. How do you know if you or someone you love is in a potentially deadly relationship? Domestic violence expert Lundy Bancroft developed the danger assessment questionnaire below, each section represents a single risk factor. The more single risk factors identified in a relationship, the higher the risk of death at the hands of a past or current partner.

DANGER ASSESSMENT

• The woman has a strong "gut" sense that the man could kill her or her children, or could

carry out a serious and dangerous assault against any of them or against himself.

• He is extremely jealous and possessive. This characteristic becomes even more worrisome when he appears to be obsessive, constantly keeping her at the center of his thoughts and appearing to be unable to conceive of life without her. He has, for example, made statements such as, "If I can't have you, nobody will."

• He has a history of severe or very frequent violence toward her or toward other individuals such as past partners.

• He follows her, monitors her whereabouts, uses high-tech means to keep tabs on her or stalks her in other ways. He knows where she lives and

works, knows names and addresses of her friends or relatives or very familiar with her daily routines.

• She is taking steps to end the relationship or has already done so.

• He was violent to her during a pregnancy.

• There are step-children involved.

• He has threatened to kill or hurt her severely, has strangled her or has threatened her with a weapon (including making verbal reference to using a weapon, even if he did not actually brandish it).

• He has threatened to kill the children or the whole family.

• He has access to weapons or he is familiar with their use.

• He is depressed, suicidal or

shows signs of not caring what happens to him. He has, for example, threatened to kill himself if she leaves him.

• He is unemployed.

• He isn't close to anyone, and no current relationships with friends or relatives are important to him.

• He has a significant criminal history or has a history of using violence or threatening violence against other people.

• He abuses alcohol or drugs heavily, especially if his habits involve daily or nearly daily intoxication.

• He has been violent to children.

• He has killed or in other ways been violent to pets or has used other terror tactics.

• He uses pornography heavily or has a history or perpetrating sexual violence or degradation against his partner or others.

• He has exhibited extreme behaviors when his current partner or past partners have made attempts to leave him.

If you, or someone you know, identifies with one or more of the risk factors above, help is available! Call the ARC at (906) 632-1808 serving Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac counties, or (906) 341-6993 serving Alger, Schoolcraft, Marquette and Delta counties.

For more information about danger assessment, please visit <http://lundybancroft.com/articles/assessing-dangerousness-in-men-who-abuse-women/>.

National Adoption Month celebrated in November

For over two decades, National Adoption Month has been celebrated across the country. The goal of National Adoption Month is to raise awareness for children and youth in foster care who are waiting for permanent families.

Sault Tribe has made a commitment to ensuring the safety, permanency and well-being of all tribal children. Sault Tribe actively participates in cases involving tribal children across the country. The priority of placement for the tribe is to maintain tribal children

"Adopting one child won't change the world; but for that one child, the world will change." — Unknown

with their families whenever possible. Situations may arise where children cannot remain with their families; in those cases, the tribe works actively to match tribal children with tribal families to preserve the child's tribal connections.

ACFS is able to provide adop-

tion services to tribal families and children free of charge in the seven-county service areas and work with members who live outside of the service area to identify them as tribal resources.

The AdoptUS Kids media campaign theme, "You don't have to be perfect to be a perfect parent" holds true for tribal children in foster care awaiting adoption. The more tribal resource homes available for children, the better chance of ensuring children are matched with families and successful outcomes achieved.

Tribal children are currently in foster care not matched with families and need a committed family to help them find their forever homes. The shortage of tribal placement resources is consistent across the state, country and other tribes.

In order to be an adoptive resource, you must complete a home study that includes a background investigation, medical clearance, reference checks and a home safety review. Throughout the process, you will be able to identify what child would work

best for you, your circumstances and your family. The tribe is able to use its own standards for approving an adoptive resource. Upon completion of the home study, the Sault Tribe Child Welfare Committee will review your home as an adoptive resource for approval.

The process to becoming an adoptive parent begins with a phone call.

If you are able to open your home and your hearts to a child in need, please contact ACFS at 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093.

Donations provide computer tablets for better hospice care

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Charitable contributions used to purchase computer tablets are making it possible for Hospice of the EUP and EUP Home Health and Hospice nurses to provide better care for their patients and improve communication between physicians and caregivers.

A \$2,034 grant from the Superior Health Foundation, combined with \$4,746 from other sources, allowed Hospice of the EUP to purchase 10 tablets for EUP Home Health and Hospice staff. Nurses and care-givers were trained to use the devices recently

by David Pietrangelo, chief information officer with Chippewa County Health Dept. Home Health and Hospice.

"Using a tablet in a patient's home to obtain and exchange health information will enable our hospice nurses to provide safer and the highest quality of care as documentation is done at the point of patient care," said Tracey Holt, executive director of Hospice of the EUP. "The tablets will provide more accurate and complete information about each patient, allow staff to obtain and exchange health information safely, and can provide

instant access to patients' records for more coordinated and efficient care. They'll allow information to be shared with other health care providers securely and accurately." Staff have been using the tablets since Oct. 1.

"The tablets will allow our caregivers to access real-time data on patient visits, doctor's orders, insurance information, medications, and care plans from the system's HealthcareFirst electronic health record software," said Pietrangelo. "Tablets as a point of care technology are on the rise and are proving the case that the use of these devices

should improve the quality and timeliness of health care delivery to our patients."

Holt said the tablets have cues in the software that help make sure essential information is recorded. They will also eliminate the difficulties of trying to decipher another person's handwriting, and will allow information to be electronically stored.

"These days, more than one health care provider is involved with a patient, so good communication is essential," she said.

Hospice of the EUP and EUP Home Health and Hospice provide services to community members and families who have been touched by life-threatening illnesses, grief and loss by tending to their physical, social, mental, and spiri-

tual needs through home care, and grief counseling.

And the Robert and Helen Ball Hospice House provides a home-like atmosphere at no cost to the family, for individuals who are unable to be cared for in their own home.

For more information, call 906-259-0222 or write hospice@hospiceoftheup.com.



Computer tablets are making it possible for Hospice of the EUP and EUP Home Health and Hospice nurses to provide better care for their patients and improve communication between physicians and caregivers.

Manistique Health Enrichment Gathering scheduled

The Manistique Tribal Clinic set a Health Enrichment Gathering for Dec. 7, 4-7 p.m., at the Manistique Tribal Community Center at 5698 W. U.S. Hwy 2. This is an opportunity to share and learn about some traditional Anishinaabe ways for a healthful life. All community members are welcome to attend.

Topics include drum group and traditional dance for exercise, sacred uses of semma (tobacco) vs commercial tobacco, making leather personal pouches, introductions and blessings in Anishinaabe language, feasting your clan, traditional Anishinaabe and Great Lakes foods and use of the Native Plate and Decolonizing Diet recipes.

Potluck feast planned, please bring Anishinaabe or local foods if you can. Beverages provided.

For more information, contact Gail or Jaime at (906) 341-8469 to sign up.

Preventative medicine for plants before they “get sick”

By SARAH RAUTIO

Michigan State University Extension receives many inquiries through its MSU Extension Lawn and Garden Hotline about how home gardeners should deal with diseases, pests and weather conditions that negatively affect their lawns, plants, shrubs and trees.

Plants can “get sick” from viruses, bacteria, fungi, insects and environmental stressors, such as prolonged heat. When this happens, home gardeners seek a “plant prescription” to help heal the plant, such as “remove the pest or diseased parts” and “water during drought conditions.”

When a person gets sick, their prescription may include similar recommendations, such as surgery and increased liquid consumption. Both these approaches are examples of trying to mitigate the damage that has already been done but there is another approach.

By practicing “preventative medicine” sometimes the damage can be avoided entirely.

The American College of



Photo by Sarah Rautio

Preventative Medicine defines preventative human medicine as a means “to protect, promote, and maintain health and well-being and to prevent disease, disability, and death.” In other words, the healthier a person is in the first place, the more likely it is that they can prevent and combat disease. MSU Extension helps people stay healthy and reduce their risk of disease by providing free and low-cost health programs throughout Michigan.

Interestingly, this same con-

cept can be applied to plants: the healthier the plant is in the first place, the more likely it is that it can prevent and combat disease.

In fact, the actual steps to prevent and combat disease in humans are remarkably similar to those that work for plants, too, as described below:

- Ensure plants receive adequate nutrients from the soil by building smart soils.
- Ensure plants receive adequate moisture by supplementing during dry conditions, adding compost to hold mois-

ture around roots, or mulching at the surface to conserve soil moisture. If your soil is naturally dry or sandy, opt for more drought-tolerant plants.

- Place plants in the environment best suited to their temperature, light and soil needs. Seek smart plants or native selections that are better suited to the local environment.

- Properly space plants. Many diseases easily spread when plants are too close to one another. Crowding traps moisture, promoting disease-causing fungi.

- Keep a plant’s environment clean by removing fallen plant debris that can harbor disease agents (e.g. fungal spores, overwintering insect eggs), especially if plants were recently diseased. Throw away or burn diseased debris.

- Remove diseased portions of plants, shrubs and trees as soon as possible to prevent the spread of disease. Throw away or burn diseased pieces.

- Increase diversity: strive to have a variety of plants, shrubs and trees. A pest/disease often

focuses on one single plant species. With many of the same plant species, a pest will become more numerous and can cause greater overall damage to a landscape.

- Increase the numbers of “beneficial” insects that feed on pests in your landscape. Try planting a smart flower border to attract beneficial insects. Reduce the use of pesticides and practice targeted forms of pest management to minimize loss to beneficial insects.

- Practice smart lawn care to create a healthier lawn that reduces the risk of pests.

Sarah Rautio, Michigan State University Extension, to contact an expert in your area, call (888) MSUE4MI (888-678-3464).

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Immediate icing improves quality of sport-caught fish

By RON KINNUNEN

A combination of proper icing, handling, and sanitation greatly delays spoilage of sport-caught fish. Icing fish immediately when caught makes conditions unfavorable for bacterial growth. It is important to eliminate unnecessary sources of contamination, such as unclean coolers, to decrease initial numbers of bacteria. For instance, before each fishing trip fish storage coolers should have been thoroughly cleaned with a detergent, rinsed, and then sanitized. A suitable sanitizer can be made by mixing 4 ounces of unscented household bleach into approximately 3 gallons of water.

Fish are easily damaged when improperly handled after landing them in the net. It is important to be lifted on deck and stowed in the cooler. Bumping and bruising the fish may release enzymes which softens the flesh and makes nutrients available for bacterial growth. Bruises and cuts on the fish are unsightly and provide bacteria access to an otherwise



Photo courtesy of Ron Kinnunen, Michigan Sea Grant

Icing fish immediately will help slow the growth of bacteria.

sterile tissue. Research has shown that even unbruised fish flesh taken from bruised fish contain ten times more bacteria than did flesh from unbruised fish resulting in reduced quality and shortened shelf life.

Temperature is the single most important factor affecting the quality of fish as the rate of bacterial growth and spoilage are dependent on it. These processes

occur slower as the temperature is lowered. Although it is not possible to completely stop bacterial growth by chilling fish, the rate of bacterial growth and spoilage can be significantly reduced by keeping fish chilled as close to freezing as possible.

Rapid onboard icing is the most effective means of controlling bacteria as it quickly brings the temperature of the fish

down to below 40F. The benefits of icing include rapid cooling of the fish, slows bacterial and enzymatic activity, flushes away bacteria as it melts, prevents drying, delays rigor mortis for improved texture, and resists freezing in cold weather for improved texture. Ice is convenient and inexpensive and its use should not be postponed until arrival at dockside.

Michigan State University in a past study related to the Great Lakes commercial fishing industry demonstrated the importance on onboard icing of fish. Although air and water temperatures were lower in one trial with no ice on board, bacteria and hypozanthine (a product of degradation) increased more rapidly during storage than in another trial when fish were iced on board at higher temperatures. This study supports the recommendation that fish be iced regardless of weather conditions. The study also showed the need for the use of ice even when fish are held at 30F as the flushing action of melting ice extended

shelf life.

When ice is used for cooling and storage it should be placed with the fish to ensure the greatest contact with the fish surfaces. Enough ice should be used so that fish contact only ice as they should not be in contact with each other or the bottom or sides of the cooler. Fish contacting each other or the cooler may promote spoilage by anaerobic bacteria. Flake ice is the best to use as it will not cause bruising of the fish and it provides a better contact area with the surface of the fish.

Michigan Sea Grant helps to foster economic growth and protect Michigan’s coastal, Great Lakes resources through education, research and outreach. A collaborative effort of the University of Michigan and Michigan State University and its MSU Extension, Michigan Sea Grant is part of the NOAA-National Sea Grant network of 33 university-based programs. Ronald Kinnunen is associated with Michigan State University Extension, Michigan Sea Grant.

HACCP training course coming in December

ALL COMMERCIAL FISH PROCESSORS, STAFF, REQUIRED TO TAKE COURSE IF NOT CURRENTLY CERTIFIED

A seafood Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) training course coordinated by Michigan Sea Grant, Michigan State University Extension and the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) is scheduled for Dec. 13-15, 2016, at Bay Mills Resort and Casino in Brimley, Mich. All fish processors are required to take this training if they are not currently certified.

Instructors for the course are MSU Extension Sea Grant educator Ron Kinnunen, GLIFWC’s Jim Thannum and Michigan State University Extension health and nutrition educator Beth Waitrovich.

HACCP consists of identifying safety hazards, determining where they occur, monitoring these points and recording the results. HACCP involves day-to-day monitoring of critical control points by production employees. The Seafood HACCP regulation that is enforced by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is based on the belief that commercial fish processors can understand the food safety hazards of their products and take reasonable steps to control them. Commercial fish processors are required either to obtain formal training for one or more of their employees or to hire trained independent con-

tractors to perform the HACCP functions.

The HACCP regulation requires processors to keep extensive records of processing and sanitation at their facilities.

Since implementation of Seafood HACCP in the U.S., seafood has become the safest and healthiest form of muscle protein consumed in the world. Fish-attributed illness outbreaks have continued to drop by year. For instance, from 1998 to 2004, an average of 65 illnesses were recorded per year according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. From 2005 to 2012, the average was 32 illnesses per year.

At times, questions arise as to whether someone needs training in Seafood HACCP. The Seafood HACCP regulation defines processing as handling, storing, preparing, heading, eviscerating, shucking, freezing, changing into different market forms, manufacturing, preserving, packing, labeling, dockside unloading, or holding fish or fishery products. The regulation does not apply to the harvest or transport of fishery products. It also does not apply to practices such as heading, eviscerating or freezing intended solely to prepare fish for holding on a harvest vessel. Retail establishments are also exempt from the Seafood

HACCP regulation.

Fish processors who complete the course put themselves at a competitive advantage as they can then produce value-added products such as smoked fish and caviar. Those completing the course will receive a Seafood Alliance HACCP Certificate issued through the Association of Food and Drug Officials that is recognized by agencies regulating fish processors.

The workshop agenda and registration information can be found by visiting the Michigan Sea Grant website (<http://www.miseagrant.umich.edu/news/2016/09/28/afdoseafood-alliance-haccp-training-course-3/>).

Old local knowledge may help Brownfields Program

SUBMITTED BY JORDON JOHNSTON

Communities across the United States have old abandoned buildings and properties with a unique history. Some of those properties come with a history that makes them difficult to maintain and even more difficult to sell to developers. Places such as old dry cleaning stores, gas stations, industrial areas and much more have a history that makes them possible brownfields. Brownfields are by definition properties in which the expansion, redevelopment or reuse of may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant.

Under federal law, anyone who purchases a property is liable for the contamination on the property. That means, historically, properties considered brownfields have spent large periods of time unused. In order to determine if a site is contaminated, an environment site assessment would have to be performed by an environmental

professional. Yet, in the early stages when it comes to locating potential sites, the surrounding community can be the most helpful tool.

Due to the fact that these locations all have a history, it is the elders in the community who can often lead discovery, assessment and revitalization of these properties. By making the Brownfield Program aware of sites with a possible history of contamination, you're taking the first step in allowing that land to get a second chance. Thinking about buildings or properties in our community that remain unoccupied or unused and then thinking about what they have been in the past can often lead to a realization of a potential brownfield.

Sometimes brownfields are easy to identify because of obvious debris and dilapidation of the building or property. Other times it is not as obvious. If a property has been given enough time for a second growth to start, the real contamination could be hidden. This is where

your knowledge of the area and of the property's history can be helpful. For instance, an old dumping ground where as a child you witnessed dumping of items ranging from household garbage to tires to metal barrels to anything in between. If dumping eventually stopped there and nature took over it could be difficult to notice the debris of dumping and could be easily forgotten by later generations that never saw or used the dump when it was active.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, there are over half a million brownfield sites in the U.S. and those are just the ones that have been investigated and reported. The Brownfields Program of the Environmental Department currently assists on the monitoring of Sault Tribe owned properties across the seven counties. Of these properties, not a single Brownfield is currently being worked on. However, that doesn't mean there aren't any out there.

The whole goal of the

Brownfield Program is to reuse and revitalize these contaminated and left to crumble areas. Not only does this improve the property itself, but also aids the community and other properties around it. Depending on the repurpose of the property it can and will do several things. It can create jobs, use existing structures instead of creating new ones therefore taking pressure off undeveloped green land, and expand the tax base of an area.

In the case of R&B Electronics here in the Sault, a process of decontaminating the soil and groundwater around an existing building and property through grants and help from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment allowed the company to stay in the Sault instead of relocating to another state which kept 38 full time jobs local and created an additional 10 jobs.

In Traverse City, an historical building was cleared of contaminants such as lead paint, asbestos and old mechanical equipment. The building went

from being vacant for 14 years to becoming a multi-use development with condominiums, offices and specialty shops. Some 75 commercial units and 54 residential units have been developed.

Turning brownfields into important parts of the community is vastly important not only on tribal lands, but across the United States as a whole. Beyond the positive economic impacts, the positive environmental impacts are innumerable. If you have knowledge of a potential brownfield in the seven-county service area, please don't hesitate to contact our Brownfield Program coordinator at 632-5575 or visit the "Report a Site" section under "Identifying a Brownfield" on the Sault Tribe Brownfield Program website at www.SaultTribeBrownfields.weebly.com. Your knowledge of the history of our lands could potentially shape the future of it.

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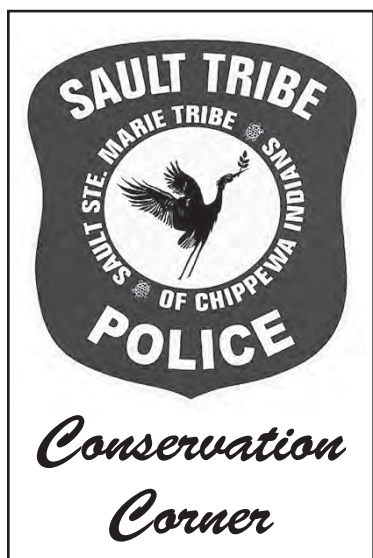
About inland hunting, fishing, gathering licenses

BY ROBERT MARCHAND, CHIEF OF POLICE

As the Sault Tribe department that issues all treaty licenses to tribal members, Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE) receives many questions regarding the various, sometimes complicated, rules and regulations that govern them. We encourage members to contact our office to speak with an officer who will be able to answer questions regarding allowable and unallowable activities and we are committed to providing clarification in Sault Tribe's newspaper through Conservation Corner. Unless otherwise noted, Tribal Code references are directly quoted from Chapter 21, Hunting and Inland Fishing. (See Chapter 21 of the Tribal Code at www.saulttribe.com/images/stories/government/tribalcode/Chapter-021.pdf.)

In last month's article, STLE explained the two inland harvest cards it issues: hunting and non-hunting. Both allow fishing and gathering in Sault Tribe's 1836 Treaty boundaries. The Hunting harvest card allows members to hunt large game, small game, waterfowl, migratory birds and general furbearers as well as trap, fish and gather in the treaty area. Tribal members MUST have their harvest license and appropriate harvest tag(s) on their person when engaging in the authorized activities.

We previously clarified that with the hunting harvest card, certain animals require harvest tags: deer, fall and spring turkey, pine marten, bobcat, river otter and fisher. When you harvest any of these animals requiring a harvest tag, the tag MUST BE IMMEDIATELY affixed to the animal upon kill. TIP: you may want to carry zip ties or some other material to ensure the harvest tag stays affixed during transport of the animal.



Seasons and bag limits for deer, fall and spring turkey, pine marten, bobcat, river otter and fishers are as follows:

Deer early firearm season begins the day after Labor Day each year through Oct. 31. During early firearm season, members may take two of the five deer, one of which may be antlered with one antler measuring at least 3 inches. From Nov. 1-14, Sault Tribe observes quiet time (no firearms) during which members may use bow and arrow and/or crossbow. Bow and arrow and/or crossbow season begins the day after Labor Day and goes through the first full weekend in January. Late firearm season for deer is Nov. 15 through the first full weekend in January. Of the total five deer members are allowed to harvest, only two total may be antlered.

Fall Turkey season is Sept. 15 through Nov. 14, with a bag limit of two of either sex combined. Spring Turkey season is April 15 through June 15, with a bag limit of two bearded-birds only.

Bobcat season is Oct. 1 through March 31, with a bag limit of two, one of which must be harvested in Lower Michigan.

Pine Marten and Fisher season are Oct. 1 through March 15; the bag limit for pine marten is

two per season and fisher, three per season only in the Upper Peninsula.

Otter season is Oct. 1 through May 15 in the Upper Peninsula, and Oct. 1 through April 15 in the Lower Peninsula. Bag limit for otter is three per season in the Upper Peninsula and one per season in the lower peninsula.

At minimum, the skulls of ALL bobcats, fishers, martens or otters harvested must be presented to biological staff of the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department for inspection and registration within two weeks of the close of the season in which the animal was harvested. Once the inspection and registration is complete, the animals will have an official seal affixed to the pelt (21.601).

Please contact this department with questions at (906) 632-6132.

The hunting harvest card allows members to engage in fishing inland lakes and streams – subject to regulations and any restrictions, as well as general gathering. Chapter 21.913, Specially Regulated Methods of Harvest, states that tribal members must obtain and submit complete harvest reports for the harvest of trout, salmon, walleye, northern pike or muskellunge when fishing with a spear, bow, crossbow, impoundment net, seine, hands, trotline or dip net. These specially regulated methods of harvest reports must be returned to the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department within seven days of harvest.

STLE issues federal and state firewood permits. State firewood permits are valid only in the designated area stated on the permit issued, for five cords maximum of dead and down trees, must not be sold and only one permit per household is allowed. State firewood permits are subject to additional regulations found in

21.1106.

Federal firewood permits are issued pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 23: National Forest Gathering Code. Members must contact the local U.S. Forest Service to determine any areas that wood gathering may not be allowed. Trees can be dead and down, OR dead or down, with no maximum amount taken as long as it is being used to heat your home.

Members are allowed to gather conifer boughs using just their Harvest License IF the boughs are for non-commercial, personal use only (not being sold). To obtain a "commercial" conifer bough permit, please contact our office for more information.

Bear and elk lottery applications are typically available in the April edition of Sault Tribe newspaper, Win Awenen Nisitotung, at times earlier. The application period is May 1-31 each year, with the lottery drawing being conducted at the first Inland Conservation Committee meeting in June. If the May 31 application deadline falls on a Saturday or Sunday, applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. on that Monday. There is a \$4 application processing fee required to participate; elders 60 and over and youth 16 and under are not required to pay this fee. If members are drawn for bear or elk, they are required to have a hunting harvest card and must also, per Section 21.104 (2) and (3), follow "any conditions or requirements of a permit let under this chapter shall have the same force and effect as if they were part of this chapter;" "Any administrative regulations made pursuant to this chapter shall have the same force and effect as if they were part of this chapter."

The season for bear hunting (Section 21.705 (1)) "shall commence on the same day as the

State of Michigan's first bear season and shall end no later than the last day of the State of Michigan's last bear season. Bear may be harvested (21.705) with a bow and arrow, cross bow, rifle, shotgun or muzzleloader subject to the following," which is section 21.705 in its entirety.

Section 21.105 (38) states "small game shall mean ruffed grouse (partridge), ring-neck pheasant, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, gray squirrel, black squirrel, fox squirrel, red squirrel, quail, woodchuck, porcupine, sharp-tail grouse and crow." Small game season (21.701), except for sharp-tail grouse, is Sept. 1 through March 31, with a limit of 10 of each species per day and a possession and transport limit of no more than two days' limit.

Sharp-tail grouse season is Oct. 1 through Nov. 30, with a limit of four per day and 12 per season, with a possession and transport limit of no more than two days' limit.

Migratory bird regulations, including seasons, bag limits, and any other restrictions, are determined on an annual basis, and STLE typically has the information in or around August each year and publishes it on Sault Tribe's website where applications, harvest reports, and other information can be found: go to www.saulttribe.com, select Membership Services, then Natural Resources. On that page, you may either select downloads on the left, or in big red letters at the bottom of the page, "For Applications, Please Click Here" (See www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/natural-resources).

Members may always contact STLE's office at (906) 635-6065 with questions or concerns. Licensing staff are available Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and officers are available 24/7.

RESPECTING OUR SOVEREIGNTY



Aaron A. Payment, MPA, M.Ed.
Tribal Chairperson

Our vision and mission:

Vision

A Healthy Anishinaabe Nation

Mission

Through education, collaborations, and comprehensive services, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and community partners will restore balance to our families by combating substance abuse.

An important part of developing our plan was data collection. What we found from this was, we need...

- To continue to collect, analyze, and utilize data
- To use existing data and decide how it informs us
- More specific data to substance abuse addiction, and wellness from both primary and secondary, internal and external sources
- To recognize that we have a systemic challenge
- Have a pervasive need across disciplines
- Transcend the silo approach
- A much greater commitment of resources and family and community responsibility

Immediately following the presentation, Tribal Board Members and I discussed the need to hire a Tribal Action Plan administrator to continue to coordinate our efforts to ensure the results to sit on a shelf are not fully implemented. While the process took us quite some time, we made changes though out through the following:

- Recovery Walk every September
- Collaboration with federal court & Gwaiak Miicon
- Family Preservation Court
- Changes to Criminal Code
- Narcan units for STLE
- Public Service Announcements (radio, TV)
- Prescription drug drop boxes

Representing All Members Everywhere

Ahneen, Boozho:

I recently returned from Washington DC after two trips one week apart to attend several national meetings and participate in the final White House Tribal Leaders Conference.

During the first trip, I went mainly to attend the HHS Secretary's Tribal Advisory Council for which I serve as Vice-Chair. During this trip, our Tribal Action Plan team presented our Tribal Action plan to higher ups in HHS. While it has taken us quite a time to write our Tribal Action Plan (TAP), the result was a comprehensive multidisciplinary system to dealing with challenges in our community. Some of the specific items we are intending to combat include suicide, accidental overdoses, opiate and other prescription drug abuse, and the underlying factors that lead to these adverse outcomes. Several years ago, we came together as a Tribal Administration and Legislature to deal with this challenge.

TRIBAL ACTION PLAN

Our Tribal Action Plan is formally described as:

“Our Tribe’s long-term strategic plan to combat substance abuse, particularly where it intersects with the Tribal justice system.”

To See President Obama’s Accomplishments in Indian Country, go to the Following:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j4b3q0Bo5xM>



Honored in 2008, by the great Crow Nation with an Indian name ~ *Awe Kooda Bilaxpak Kuxshish* (meaning *One Who Helps People Throughout the Land*) and an honorary membership, President Obama was honored with a Pendleton blanket and Northwest traditional Cedar hat during the final White House Tribal Leaders’ Summit under the Obama Administration. Hillary Clinton has pledged to continue and expand upon this tradition if elected. Donald Trump has refused to respond.

- Handing out magnets w/ important phone #s, bracelets “Sault Tribe Strong”
- Continued staff training, i.e. Drug Identification & Recognition training
- Exploring use of Vivitrol through IHS
- Extended hours at Health Center
- Sobriety Powwows

Finally, our goals include:

- Goal 1:** Prevention education & activities are available throughout the 7-county service area.
- Goal 2:** Substance abuse data collection methodology & plan is implemented and sustainable.
- Goal 3:** Treatment is accessible for all Tribal members seeking

treatment services.

Goal 4: Healing-to-Wellness Courts are implemented throughout the 7-county service area.

Goal 5: Culture & traditional medicine are integrated within the Tribal justice system.

Goal 6: Transportation is accessible for Tribal members seeking prevention & treatment services.

Goal 7: The Tribe will continue to commit resources to our Tribal Action Plan.

Stay tuned for further updates on our Tribal TAP.

I also attended my second meeting of the National Advisory Council of Indian Education (NACIE) to advocate Indian Education issues like improving the Native graduate rate; increased

funding for Title VI Indian Education, Johnson O’Malley, and for Tribal Education grants. I love this national level work to benefit our people back home.

I rounded out my week with a visit with Senator Stabenow regarding the Employer Exemption in the Affordable Care Act and Line 5; testifying at the VA on behalf of our Veterans to increase opportunities for care at our facilities; participation in a listening session for the Every Student Succeeds Act; moderating a session on Indian Health during the White House Tribal Leaders Summit and a session at the HHS Tribal Youth Summit.

Chi McGwitch, Negee!

Chi McGwitch



Above are photos from the White House Tribal Leader Summit. To the left are our Native Women Veterans who proudly practice our traditions. To the right are tribal youth leaders who spoke movingly about issue affecting our people. The young man waving is Anishinaabe.

Begin consultation PRIOR to development



CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II

I want to apologize for the shortness of this unit report. There is so much to share but currently I am at the National Congress of American Indians annual conference (NCAI) where we are scheduled to give testimony on issues and recommendations for pipeline infrastructure reform to the Department of Justice, the Department of the Interior, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal agencies who play a role in pipeline permitting and processes.

I will share at this time that the tribes of the Great Lakes region are well represented here as we get deep into the details of regulatory reform. If I can report out anything at this time it is a unified demand for: free, prior and informed CONSENT.

It is the position of all sovereign tribal nations that bottom up participation and consultation with sovereign tribes PRIOR to the beginning of a development on ancestral land or using resources in Indian territory — including ceded territories where treaty-protected rights exist — must be implemented and honored in order for the federal government to fulfill its constitutional trust obligation to the sovereign nations. There is much more to share but, for now, we can all remember that our primary focus is on the water, that water is sacred and that we have an obligation to our grandparents and to our grandchildren yet unborn to protect the water.

A quick word of thanks to everyone who gave so willingly of their time and labor to make both the Hessel powwow and the

Newberry powwow a success. It's so awesome when everyone comes together and contributes their special talents with love, laughter and goodwill. Just want to extend a humble chi miigwech to everyone!

Also, I want to extend a welcome to our newest Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities staff member Karen Shaedig. Karen will be the tutor at Les Cheneaux Schools. Welcome, Karen.

Before I conclude, I want to share a story about something that happened recently that shines a harsh light on this moment in history. Everyone knows how toxic and divided this country has become leading up to the November elections. It is really quite sad. However, it makes me quite grateful for the solidarity that has emerged between tribal nations across the country and, yes, even in your own tribal government. We see the very real threat to all that we are charged with protecting and it has made our voices stronger:

For a brief period, my husband, Richard, and I lived in the

Phoenix metro area — in 2003 when the Iraq War began. One of the first casualties of that war was a young U.S. Army Corps soldier Lori Piestewa—a Hopi tribal member from Tuba City, Ariz. In recognition for her service and sacrifice, then-Governor Janet Napolitano renamed the very prominent and iconic mountain located in the Phoenix valley, from “Squaw Peak” to “Piestewa Peak.” That was a moment of sheer pride in the region for all the tribal people who live here and had endured for so many years such a derogatory label for Indian women. And, then, to be here in Phoenix again on Oct. 11 and see the mayor of Phoenix address the NCAI general assembly to announce the City of Phoenix has formally changed Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day is really heartwarming. It is encouraging to see these social actions that give recognition to the first people of this great land.

Unfortunately, there still remains a social element in this country who are opposed to Native people. I'm convinced

the tone and tenor of national politics have emboldened and encouraged acts of hate and violence.

The National Indian Education Association (NIEA) was holding its annual convention in Reno, Nev., and many of the leaders and teachers who advocate on behalf of Indian education participated in a peaceful rally in support of Indigenous Peoples Day in downtown Reno. An individual who opposed the rally drove his vehicle into a crowd of tribal people including elders, children and NIEA members, severely injuring many.

NIEA was scheduled at our conference today and this is the sad news their representative shared with us at the podium. No one died but many are still in the hospital. So, please keep these individuals in your thoughts and prayers. The driver of the vehicle was not charged, by the way. Please keep the injured in your thoughts and prayers. And, please continue to pray for peace in this great land we have always called home.

Tribe needs detailed planning going forward



DJ HOFFMAN
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

This month, October (2016), marks off the beginning of the tribe officially recognizing the change of Columbus Day (second Monday of October) to a legal holiday known as Indigenous Peoples Day. I am grateful for the entire board supporting this resolution.

This year is nearing its end and yet we have many challenges remaining. I am hopeful we can accomplish much more before 2016 has concluded.

CASINOS

The casino budgets have not been seen at the time this article was drafted (Oct. 5, 2016). While we have witnessed an increase in “profitability” in our financial statements, much of this can be attributed to the re-financing of the casino's debt load as monthly debt service payments have been cut in half from prior obligations. I am hopeful that new management will develop detailed plans to move our casino operations progressively forward and increase revenues and actual net profit for the tribe as a whole.

BUDGETS

Over the past few months, the tribal board should have been meeting in budget workshops to review the various new fiscal governmental budgets — they have not.

It is not responsible to simply

hurry up and adopt annual budgets without detailed plans and goals. Our tribe needs to develop, and adopt, both short-term and long-term plans within our governmental structure, as well as our enterprise structure. Without proper planning, there is no reasonable manner with which to gauge our tribe's needs, successes, failures, goals and objectives. This is the entire problem with how the tribe operates. As a tribe, we do not plan ahead nor change direction to adjust to the changing winds. We plow forward until forced to make decisions or have them made for us. I am extremely concerned with our operations and the planning (both short and long-term) necessary for their continued stability.

We need detailed written plans and roadmaps for the current and future operations of the casinos, as well as our tribe as a whole. I will continue to propose that no annual budget be approved for any area (tribal or enterprise) lacking a DETAILED WRITTEN plan.

HR AUDIT

The tribal board of directors approved a resolution to audit the performance of the tribe's Human Resource Department in the fall of 2015.

Human Resources is the central hub for all employment related actions: pre-employment, hiring, discipline, retention and termination. As a tribe, we need to ensure these areas are performing in an optimal manner, and in accordance with adopted policy to ensure all employees are treated in an equitable manner. The audit will address the strengths and weaknesses in the department so they may be assessed and addressed. A firm has been selected and the audit will commence in November.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

In the past, I have mentioned one of the more serious areas the tribe needs to address. As I have stated, the threat of substan-

**RESOLUTION NO 2016-160
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY**

WHEREAS, a true and accurate account of the residence and occupation of the Americas by indigenous people since time immemorial, and long before Christopher Columbus sailed, is necessary to set the historical record straight and to respect the culture, language and traditional life ways of our indigenous ancestors; and

WHEREAS, the indigenous people of the lands which would later be known as the Americas were not discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1492; and

WHEREAS, several major cities in America have been successful in changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day to celebrate and recognize indigenous people and to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of indigenous people on this land, and to celebrate the thriving cultures and value that indigenous nations add to cities; and

WHEREAS, having the citizens of the United States of America recognize and celebrate the heritage of indigenous peoples is necessary to respect their history and unite all peoples together.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians does hereby support the change of Columbus Day (second Monday of October) to a legal holiday to be known in the future as Indigenous Peoples Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians officially recognizes Indigenous Peoples Day on the second Monday of October and “urges the City of Sault Ste. Marie to officially recognize it as well, along with celebrating the thriving culture of indigenous peoples and to encourage other businesses, organizations and public entities and support celebration among the broader community.”

ceiabus has been historically prevalent in Indian Country. As a tribe, we need to do more and focus more upon prevention and treatment of this affliction. Often times substance abuse issues result in criminal prosecution and incarceration. While this is one option, it does not provide treatment or prevention from this affliction.

I am pleased to report the tribal board has taken steps to approve a budget modification in the health budget to commence a study for a treatment center.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In each and every report I write, I will continue to list as a major emphasis. I have and will continue to stress the need to diversify economically.

To ensure we are able to diversify, we must adopt plans and embrace opportunities outside of

the realm of casinos.

In addition, the tribe needs to ensure its business approaches are separated from its tribal politics.

The tribal board will be addressing this position at the Oct. 18 meeting in St. Ignace. I am hopeful we will move forward on this matter.

An economic development director would be able to move our businesses in a more profitable manner, as well as lead the charge towards new business development and diversification.

I am also hopeful our corporate charter, approved by the BIA, will one day be utilized. This would afford our tribe with the opportunity to develop and maintain businesses free from the meddling of politics. Thus ensuring they have a chance to be successful and provide revenues to tribal services.

The most successful tribes in America run their businesses

through their corporate charter. Examples include Seminoles Inc., Ho Chunk Inc., and hopefully one day Sault Tribe will share in this success.

One thing is perfectly clear, the need for diversification is essential to our tribe's long-term economic survival.

In the following months, I will be asking for board support for the following:

Revisiting the processes and procedures for the issuance of tribal license plates.

Commence working on the provisions for a “right of recall.”

Working towards the enactment of the adopted tribal corporate charter, this can afford our tribe the ability to incorporate businesses and effectively separate governance from business operations.

Pushing for legislation to ensure equality in the treatment of our respective membership in rights under tribal law.

Amending the Election Code to reflect the membership's CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS (which are hindered by the current version).

Push forward with a code of ethics.

Work on legislation to allow the tribal membership to challenge the constitutionality of actions taken by the tribal board.

I will continue to push forward with members of the board who wish to be progressive.

I will also continue to work with members of the board to ensure we become innovative in our approach to economic diversification, membership services and stepping out of the non-progressive box we appear to be confined to.

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Make eliminating invasive lamprey a priority



**DARCY MORROW,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

I am starting out this month with an article from the *Manistique Pioneer Tribune* about the slaughter of Lake Michigan's fish by sea lamprey infestation (See article below).

Invasive species will continue to do great damage to our lakes. Key points from the article, per Jessica Barber: "They think it has

been leaking sea lamprey since the 1990s — they were finding cracks and holes and were able to make their way through the structure and infest the upper watershed" ... "A single lamprey will consume 40 pounds of fish annually out in the lake" ... "Basically, it comes out to 1.6 MILLION POUNDS of fish, annually, that sea lamprey are consuming."

Since 1997, they have found sea lamprey larvae upstream. Why hasn't this been a priority for us? This article is a wake up call — 1.6 MILLION POUNDS annually of fish gone from Lake Michigan — that is astounding and will continue to increase if these lampreys are not stopped! All our Great Lakes are connected, this not only affects Lake Michigan, this will continue to spread at an alarming rate. Last year, some of our fishermen were closed out of their waters because they met the trout quota. Our tribe needs to ensure this dam

project gets expedited immediately and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sea Lamprey Control Program does whatever it takes to kill the larvae and adults to ensure the safety of our traditions and way of life. We need to push for the federal government to stop permitting saltwater vessels into our waters. Otherwise, in the future we won't have an issue with meeting quotas. We will be facing a dead tradition, an extinction of our way of life.

On Oct. 19 and 20, we will start the interview process to hire a law firm for our 2020 Consent Decree negotiations. We have narrowed it down to four firms. I hope we get an aggressive firm with a history of treaty court wins that will fight for our treaty rights. Let's face it — the state and fed government have not upheld their part of our treaties and/or negotiations, ever.

At the Oct. 3 board meeting, *Amending Tribal Code Chapter 23: National Forest Gathering*

Code Blinds came in front of us from the Inland Committee. It read, "Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that Chapter 23 is amended by adding to Section 23.407 a new subsection (8) which shall read: (8) A member shall be limited to one permit at a time." At the workshop many questions were asked — one was what the reason was for adding the language, did we have an issue with people abusing the permit code at this time? No proof could be brought forward where law enforcement was involved because an individual had two permits and they were abusing it.

Myself and Director Chase amended the original resolution to add elders and handicapped to have unlimited permits if it did pass. A board member motioned to sever, which separates each group of individuals for an independent vote. The handicap group was passed. The elder group was a tie — six voting

for the elders and six voting against, which meant Chairman Payment had to break the tie. He voted 'no' for the elders to have more than one permit for ground blinds. Director Chase and I voted 'yes' to allow the handicapped and elders to have unlimited permits for hunting blinds; unfortunately, we lost that vote. Director Chase and myself voted 'no' on the final resolution we did not support making any changes to this code. They currently have no proof of someone misusing their permits, if they do have more than one. Why does the board keep putting limits on our members when there is currently no proof of any wrong? All members want to do is exercise their treaty rights!

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

Thank you,
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USFWS eyes dam replacement MANISTIQUE DAM FAILING TO CONTROL SEA LAMPREY INFESTATION OF LAKE MICHIGAN

BY ASHLEY HOHOLIK

MANISTIQUE — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is looking to partner with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to construct a replacement structure for the Manistique Dam. The project was discussed during a recent meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners.

The Manistique Dam is currently located on the Manistique River, north of the historic water tower. Jessica Barber, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sea Lamprey Control Program and project manager for the Manistique project, explained that Manistique Papers, Inc. constructed the dam in 1920 in order to generate power for the paper plant.

"They started the decommissioning process for that structure in 1991 because FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) came in ... and basically laid out all the regulations," she said.

"There were safety issues with it, and MPI basically went back and did a cost benefit analysis on completing the upgrades and safety requirements from FERC, and what they got out of it for generating power, and decided at that point that they didn't want to use the structure anymore to generate power."

Since its decommissioning, pieces of the barrier have been removed — leading to complications for the USFWS. "Not only did it provide power generation for Manistique Papers, it was also a critical sea lamprey barrier for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service until the mid-1990s," Barber explained. "We think the dam started leaking sea lampreys in the early 1990s — they were finding cracks and holes and were able to make their way through the structure and infest the upper watershed."

Barber pointed out that the number of adult sea lamprey in

the Manistique River have grown significantly over time, since the deterioration of the dam, and that the adults travel down the river and into Lake Michigan to feed on fish.

"A single lamprey will consume 40 pounds of fish annually out in the lake," she said. "They basically just swim up to a fish, attach to the side of it, and cut a hole in the side of the fish with their rasping tongue and suck out their body fluids."

By 1997, the USFWS began finding sea lamprey larvae upstream.

"From that point forward ... the adult abundance has continued to climb, wounding rates have continued to climb in Lake Michigan," she said. "So we embarked on intensive treatment of the Manistique watershed ... we are (currently) here treating forth ninth time since 2003."

Prior to the deterioration of the dam, the structure was successful

in preventing the movement of the sea lamprey; and chemicals were not needed upstream.

"We trap adults annually, just below the structure — we've done the since the mid-1980s," she said, noting that residents likely observe the lamprey trap each spring.

Barber also detailed her first encounter with the trap, when USFWS found nearly 5,000 lampreys trapped inside — not atypical.

"They are there, and they there in big numbers," she said. "Based on the larvae assessment that we do in the systems and the adult trapping, and the control program, we estimate about 42,000 will become metamorphosing sea lampreys migrating out to the lake annually."

Barber explained that the larvae live in the sediment of the river for four to seven years, developing their characteristic "sucker mouth" and eyes, then swim out to Lake Michigan to feed.

Basically, it comes to 1.6 million pounds of fish, annually, that sea lamprey are consuming," she said.

As for the existing dam and adjacent property, it remains in "holding," following the 2011 Declaration of Bankruptcy by MPI. According to Steve Sutton, manager of real estate services for the DNR, land transactions are a small part of the lamprey weir project.

"The land transaction is not really a big deal, in this case," he said. "We've been working for the last six to eight months, going through our due diligence to acquire the land. At the most recent Natural Resources Commission meeting, the director authorized staff to finish the acquisition ... and that will give them the real estate (U.S) Fish and Wildlife Service needs."

He noted that the new, current owners of the paper mill are being cooperative and offering assistance in the project. Barber pointed out this cooperation has been important in maintaining

operation of the current structure. "The gate operations right now are being facilitated by the Fish and Wildlife Service.... to accommodate sea lamprey trapping only," she said. "We typically close all of those gates down in the spring ... we'll open those back up once the spawning season is complete."

Barber explained that the gate operations had previously been handled by the paper mill, but that the bankruptcy proceeding had left the task in the hands of the USFWS. Since taking over the operations, she said that the dam's high level of deterioration has become apparent.

"We need a new barrier to protect the upper Manistique watershed and the Lake Michigan fishery," she said. "The one that's there is not going to last much longer and is not really doing what it's supposed to."

According to Barber, the USFS would like to construct a new steel barrier downstream from the current structure. A levy would also be constructed over an existing wall along the west side of the river.

"The west wall is in even worse shape than the barrier itself, so we are going to build a levy that will go over the top of that area," she explained. "It can't be certified for flood protection, but it will be a substantial structure to help hold water within the banks."

The USFWS will remove 1,060 feet of the flume wall as part of the project.

"We're going to do that to ... encourage lampreys to swim up to the traps," Barber said.

The new barrier will be a "fixed crest barrier with stop block sections."

"It basically means that the elevation will be the same across the entire structure," Barber said. "We'll have stop blocks in several places across the top of the dam so we can manipulate flow for trapping efficiency and future fish passage in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources See, "New Dam," page 27

The kerfuffles are plentiful



**ANITA NELSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT V**

This month's meetings and workshop had plenty of these — kerfuffles. Sometimes interesting, sometimes confusing or disappointing.

My report will be short, as the projects I have been working on are either waiting for more information or have not yet reached the board level for decisions. Some good news is that

the "rally" at the bridge was a success. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians have joined a lawsuit against the federal agency in charge of oil pipeline safety. Enbridge Line 5 Shut Down. It was also to support "Standing Rock" in North Dakota. The Standing Rock Sioux and other tribes' battle against the pipeline project is far from over, according to an attorney for the Sioux Tribe.

The rally at the bridge brought people from all around. A young lady concerned about our environment traveled by herself from Negaunee as there was no bus scheduled for Marquette. Young and old gathered taking turns holding signs and sharing concerns. We had a picnic like atmosphere. I had to drive myself due to having a meeting the next day in the Sault. I was anxiously waiting for the bus scheduled to come from Munising to the

bridge so I could meet up with my local people and no one came. This was just one of my disappointments.

I have to report that I'm finally getting more interested tribal members to attend the Great Lakes fishing meetings. The next one will be held at the Grand Island Center at 5 p.m. on Oct. 17, 2016. This is important, this is our treaty rights so please make an effort to attend.

In closing, I would like to inform the Munising elders that the next elders' meeting and dinner is scheduled for Nov. 2, 2016, due to a conflict in scheduling. Thanksgiving dinner for Marquette elders Unit V is Nov. 10, 2016.

Our tribal children's Christmas party will be Dec. 10, 2016. Please contact me if you are interested in helping.

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Working through the issues at the board table



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,
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At the Sept. 20 meeting in Munising the board passed a resolution to allow municipal employees' retirement system to conservation and public safety team members. This has been brought forward many times by the chief of police because many of our law enforcement officers have received training and stayed with the tribe for a few years and left to other agencies that offered retirement.

This was a sensitive issue because our 401k program for employer contributions and matching has been suspended since 2008. Many felt that law enforcement is a different career due to the nature of the position and most officers retire after 20 years. The board is well aware of the need to retain all of our valuable team members and that we need to find a way to fund the 401k program again. We will be looking at ways to sustain the program so as not to bring back now and have to later suspend again.

At the Sept. 27 meeting the board voted on a resolution brought forward by the Inland Conservation Committee to amend *Tribal Code Chapter 21: Hunting and Fishing, Section 21.1602 (1)* allowing any other person to make use of the

license, permit or tag, regardless of whether or not such person would qualify to receive such a license, permit or tag. A violation of this section shall be punishable by loss of ability to receive any license or permit under this chapter for one calendar year for a first offense and three years for any subsequent offense.

Board concerns were as to whether we have had issues with non-members using someone's license in the past. There haven't been many issues with these violations previously but hopefully this does prevent members from letting others use their licenses, permits or tags with the thought of repercussions.

There was a resolution brought forward to permit members living on tribal land to have poultry. This was debated by the board the week prior at the workshop and was recommended to be discussed by the Housing Commission for input. Even though the only ones who can change the code is the board, we wanted input from Housing. The Housing director had also discussed the possibility of having a certain area for raising livestock and other animals or gardens that could be used by the community such as what Bay Mills has for its members. It was still added to the agenda because a person was facing possible eviction as a homeowner if they did not get rid of their chickens since it was currently a code violation.

There was much discussion during the meeting about the issue. The board does agree that raising your own chickens is a health benefit and could be cost effective for the family. The other issues are the possible mess, odor, noise, etc. for others living nearby, the cleanliness of our lands and ordinances in townships. There was also discussion that Odenaang is a different atmosphere than reservations where these are homeowners that have

larger lots. After much debate the board voted to not change the code to accommodate poultry.

Also on the meeting agenda was a strategic plan for health for 2016-2020. There was no motion or second to put the item on the floor so it died for lack of support. The Health Division came to the workshop the week before and handed us a 35-page document and we were told it was the third or fourth time we had been given the information. Neither myself nor Director Causley-Smith had remembered that and I rarely ever miss a workshop. We were asked if we had any questions and the staff was dismissed. I stated my opinion to the board that when we are going to be discussing things like this, it would be appreciated if we could get the information in advance because there is no way I could read a 35-page document while they were presenting and have questions.

We also did not have time the day of the meeting to discuss any of it. I have some concerns with the plan such as that it seems the Health Division's number one priority is hiring a marketing director or specialist to bring more members to the clinic. At this point, at least for the St. Ignace clinic, we can't accommodate more patients and get effective patient care. Our clinic takes upwards of six weeks to get an appointment as I called the very next day to make an appointment with my provider. At this time with the staff we have, I do not know how we can accommodate more patients. Many of the members below the bridge visit this clinic as opposed to driving to the Sault or other clinics, which increases the patient load.

Some of the other priorities are employee retention, training staff on new policies and procedures, accreditation, conducting an adult health survey, increasing youth participation in community

groups, increasing health food options at meetings or events, employee wellness and increasing the percentage of tribal leaders who feel well informed of priority community health issues.

I personally feel I am well informed of health concerns in my area. The board fields many concerns on a daily basis from members. For instance, we know that cancer is the number one illness affecting our families. I did not read one objective based on that concern. There are issues with getting timely appointments, having to call on certain days to get appointments for optical and dental, accessibility to care (transportation), length of time to get bills paid, phone line issues, etc. I am in no way attacking our Health Division team members but feel that management is not on the same page of many of us. Hopefully there will be time dedicated to address everyone's concerns. Our Health Division director will be retiring and the position is currently posted.

The board and conservation committees will be meeting with some law firms soon to

prepare a selection for our 2020 Consent Decree. This will be a very important task for our treaty rights in the next few years.

The board has not scheduled dates to review schedule C budgets or casino budgets at this time. It seems that we have so much work to do but the chair has been gone lately for weeks at a time. When he is gone we are only allowed to have workshops as our financial reviews were canceled this month also. This is very frustrating to me. For the 100th time I do value his work at the federal level but our work at home MUST GO ON!!

We have lost many elders and family members as we prepare to change seasons. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

It is that time of year when our heating assistance program will be accepting applications. Please see your direct care worker for applications beginning Nov. 1.

Any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at bsorenson@saulttribe.net, bridgett91@yahoo.com, (906) 430-0536 or (906) 984-2052.

Schedule budget meetings earlier



**KEITH MASSAWAY,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

It seems the tribal board and the chairman have been traveling a lot lately. That is not a condemnation of those who are traveling but an observation. The tribe needs to have the board and chair attend many of the meetings and gatherings that go on constantly all around Indian Country, but sometimes we forget about all the necessary items we have to work on at home.

I know I always harp on this, but we have not seen the budgets for schedule C yet and we have to have them in place by the end of December. We need weeks to review and discuss what the priorities of our tribe should be and to allocate the funding in the best possible ways to ensure our people and programs get the most benefit. I dislike the fact that we seldom have enough time to make inquires and analyze potential changes that board members put forward. We seem to always be under the gun to get it passed and to pass it like it is written or fall back on a continuing resolution to keep the government open. I rarely support a continuing resolution because it misplaces new funding and other funds because departments change.

I will continue to ask for our budget meetings to be scheduled as soon as possible and to have the proposed schedule C budgets released to the board now.

We are in the processes of interviewing potential legal firms for our coming 2020 Great Lakes Consent Decree. This is a very important selection and the entire tribe is involved at some level. We need to be vigilant and work to maintain and expand our treaty rights.

The elder multi-unit housing project in St. Ignace is coming along quickly. It is taking shape and will be a great asset to our elder community when it is completed next year.

If you are eligible for heating assistance, please contact the tribe's ACFS and sign up. This program serves many of our neediest tribal members and many would go without if it was not available. Call Anishnaabek Community and Family Services at (906) 632-5250 if you have any questions and need help in any way. They have a large list of services, some of which I will list here: Direct Assistance, Native Employment Works, Emergency Assistance, Child Care and Development Fund, USDA Food and Distribution, Funeral Assistance, Low Income Home Energy Assistance, Heating, Cooling, Weatherization and more. Most of these programs are income based but please call if you need help and inquire.

Thank you for all the phone calls and messages. I know the need is great in all our communities and we all are working hard to help as much as we can.

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Taking TAP to Washington



**KIMBERLE GRAVELLE
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aaniin, September was a busy month with a trip to Washington, D.C., to present our Tribal Action Plan to Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy (OTAP). During this presentation, I was able to speak about the substance abuse problem in our community with OTAP Director Mirtha Beadle MPA. OTAP serves as Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's primary point of contact for tribal nations, tribal organizations, federal departments and agen-

cies, and other governments and agencies on behavioral health issues facing American Indians and Alaska Natives in today's world. She showed a sincere interest about coming to our community to meet with the different departments that deal with the effects of substance abuse. We have statistics that show 80 percent of court cases are a result of substance abuse and 73 percent of ACFS cases are also a result of substance abuse. I was able to bring this same subject up at the tribal-state summit with Governor Snyder in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., later in September.

While in Washington, D.C., Lana Causley-Smith and I participated in a rally to support the Standing Rock Indian Nation to shut down the Dakota Access Pipeline that wants to cut across the Missouri River and their tribal land. On Sept. 26, Lana spearheaded a rally to protect the Great Lakes from Enbridge's Line 5. Line 5 consists of two pipelines that lay at the bottom of the Straits of Mackinac with almost 23 million gallons of oil

flowing through them daily. It was a rainy, cold, windy day but we had a good turnout and the public got our message — WATER IS LIFE. Someday it'll be worth more than gold.

I would also like to report that we are on the last leg of interviewing and hopefully hiring our first choice for the economic development director (EDC) position. With the hiring of an EDC we will be able to focus on new ways to create income through economic development and work on developing revenue generating businesses in our tribal structure. Reliance on our current revenue is not an option for the long-term survival of our tribal services and programs.

Further, let's not forget to honor and thank our veterans. The courage and self-sacrifice a veteran gives is often forgotten when we take our freedom and everyday life for granted.

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

Thank you,
Kim Gravelle

Line 5 rally at Mackinac Bridge a success



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

In my last report I spoke about the Line 5 pipeline under the Straits of Mackinac. This last month, a group of Anishinaabe grandmas/women planned and held an information rally at the Mackinac Bridge. We held a traditional water ceremony down at the water and gathered all day to educate people about the dangers and our concerns as keepers of the water. With help from our chairperson, Sault Tribe team members and community members, this was a great success and the outcome was more than I expected. Over 150 people attended, with our other tribes' leaders in Michigan and across the river attending and we also had the Wiki Water walkers travel 10 hours to be with us. We had success in local papers and TV media interviewing us, as we wanted the rally to inform and educate.

After the rally, input from tribal consultation, people writing, and becoming informed, I'm happy to report that we have all made some headway. Michigan

regulators have stalled the request to simply install supports for maintenance, citing that some can be placed but all the supports need better plans in installing. The message that has been sent by us, other tribes and citizens of Michigan said the only solution is to decommission the line. We have a great concern and it's the regulators' responsibility now to protect these great waters. I'm confident we have made some steps toward that and will continue to do so. I would like thank all the team members, board, community members and our chair for making this possible and assisting in every way to educate and assist.

Also this past month, Director Gravelle and I attended a state-tribal consultation with the governor. We explained face to face with him the concerns we had with Line 5 and also many issues we are having at the state level with our Michigan Indian Child Welfare Act and our role in information needed for children and at-risk adults. The state has a difficult time educating the legal system on the Act and we have a difficult time getting information or assistance from them when we have Indian children in the system. We submitted formal letters of explanation and will continue to do everything we can to make sure they adhere to the laws of ICWA. Many tribal leaders were present for this consultation and all gave input on their concerns at the state level. I was humbled to be in attendance with all of them advocating for our individual nations.

It was a busy month and, also stated in my last report, Director

Gravelle and I attended a protest in Washington, D.C., to show our support for the Standing Rock pipeline issues. We traveled there to present our Tribal Action Plan with the chair and exec staff to Heath and Human Services, the creation of the plan and the goals and objectives were taken with interest and input from them. We are excited to get the plan approved and moving throughout our tribe. When the approval is done, we plan to send a full, descriptive educational pamphlet to our households in the tribe so that the resources and plans can be communicated throughout our communities. Once again, the dedication from our team members in assisting with this is appreciated and I look forward to moving forward on this.

As everyone knows one of my priorities has been the coming 2020 treaty negotiations. At a past meeting this month, Director Hollowell and I motioned to set a secure date to start this process of hiring a firm. We will be meeting on Oct. 19 and 20 to start the discussions and process on securing a firm. This came with much confusion and time stalling so I'm happy that this will get the attention it needs to be ahead of the legal strategies we need to have in place along with all the concerns that we have now.

I was out traveling when the Newberry community held its 10th annual powwow in September, but I've been told it was another good gathering. When we first started that in the community it was much needed and over time it has grown to be a community event that everyone is proud of. Sally Burke was



Middle, left to right, Sault Tribe directors Kim Gravelle and Lana Causley-Smith join a Standing Rock Dakota Access Pipeline Protest while testifying in Washington, D.C.

instrumental in starting that and she would be very happy that it's ongoing. Thank you to all the committee members in that area who plan and make that happen. I also want to remind that community that Lisa Burnside has started holding youth events at the center up there again. Since the school year started there are many youth programs starting up for all our communities, so please look for information on our website and you may also contact her directly as she is always recruiting our youth for these programs and it will benefit your children greatly to participate. (906) 484-2298 for information on all our activities in Unit II.

Well, above are some of the areas I have worked on throughout the last month. In the meantime, another area I want to prioritize is our concerns on our own healthcare delivery system. We have been presented a strategic plan to approve and we are in discussions on this now. As always, there are many concerns on our access and quality of care we as members receive. Just know that all those concerns will be voiced and a better system is my goal.

As always, if you would like to meet or talk, please contact me at lcausley@saulttribe.net, (906) 484-2954 or (906) 322-3818.

Baamaapii,
Lana Causley-Smith

Native people everywhere are speaking out



**JENNIFER MCLEOD,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aaniin Anishnaabek, we are living in historic times, not just in the United States, but in all of Indian Country. Native people everywhere are speaking out against violence inflicted on Native women by non-Native men, as well as the growing numbers of missing and exploited Native women and children. Native people everywhere are speaking out against what is being called the "black snake" (also known as oil pipelines) as it weaves its insidious path of destruction through sacred tribal lands, and threatens the very life blood of tribal people — clean water. Our tribe has already begun work on the negotiation of our tribe's 2020 Consent Decree, yet we are faced with the

results of a state government that has failed to protect the natural resources of our ancestors. We are living in historic times and there is no way to predict how the national elections will affect us, but what we do NOW will affect our children and Mother Earth forever.

Protecting our women and children

In our Anishnaabe way, we regard women as sacred. Women are the life givers of our people. We had prophecies that told us that in the future, some of our women's partners would not be of the Anishnaabe people. That prophecy has come to pass. For several hundred years now, our women have married non-tribal men, my father was a Scot, and we enjoyed a loving family life. However, such has not been the case for all Anishnaabekwe. "Westernized" thinking worked its way among our people and somehow, some way, the sacredness of our women became overshadowed by a society's behavior that saw women as property and made them subservient to men. Please note that I am NOT claiming that such is the case with all non-Native men, because it is not true. However, the federal government of the United States has done precious little to help tribes protect their women against violence inflicted upon them at the

hands of non-Natives.

It has only been recently that tribes had any authority to prosecute under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and even that isn't enough. It does not address the sovereign rights of tribes to hold non-Indians responsible for ANY acts of violence inflicted on tribal people, on tribal land. VAWA does NOT protect our children who are harmed by non-Natives. A non-Indian can beat or sexually harm a child and if the federal prosecutor doesn't accept the case, the criminal goes free and there is no justice for the child. It does not protect our girls from "date" violence and rape. VAWA is very specific, and does not protect everyone. A citizen of the state of Michigan who hurts a child in Ohio will be held responsible by Ohio. But in Indian Country, a non-Native who hurts a child on tribal land will find that the tribes have no jurisdiction over them. How is that sovereignty? Federally recognized tribes are NATIONS, and yet we don't have the federally recognized sovereignty that is given to a state. Unacceptable.

I believe our tribe must step up and fully implement VAWA. Prosecute those who believe they can come on our land and hurt our women. I believe we must also rigorously pursue FULL SOVEREIGNTY over our terri-

tory and demand, at a minimum, full STATE LEVEL funding in all federal programs. We must maintain a nation-to-nation relationship with the federal government.

Protecting Mother Earth

Where do I begin to address the atrocities that have been heaped upon our Earth Mother? Greed and lack of respect for her as a living being has seen unbelievable devastation. Past foolishness of the dominant society has made forests disappear, holes suddenly appear in the ground, water no longer able to sustain native species of fish and other aquatic life, air unfit to breathe, mountains of waste that will last for centuries and earthquakes in areas where they were almost unknown. Fracking has made our Mother Earth tremble as she collapses from the damage, all for oil and gas. The black snake (oil pipeline) has sprawled across all of Turtle Island and threatens to destroy all that is sacred and good. The black snake known as Line 5 threatens all Great Lakes life as we know it. It lies in wait, beneath the Mackinac Bridge. It is not a matter of "if" it will leak, but "when."

Indian Nations throughout the United States, Canada and worldwide have assembled in North Dakota in a peaceful protest of a "black snake" that has already destroyed the Lakota, Dakota sacred burial grounds

and threatens to destroy the only fresh water supply for many thousands of people. Our tribe and many others are standing up for the Standing Rock Tribe and are helping them fight the greed that breeds these snakes.

Protecting our future

I am on my way to Phoenix as I write this article to participate in the National Congress of the American Indians. This large assembly of Native nations will engage in dialog about needed infrastructure reform, federally mandated legal obligations for meaningful consultation with all federal departments and agencies (including the Department of Justice, Department of the Interior, and the United States Army Corp of Engineers) and, most importantly, will create a singular voice for Indian Country that demands to be heard.

Prayers for the peaceful warriors of Standing Rock, the protesters and protectors for Mother Earth everywhere. We must speak out, we must not remain idle, we must find a way to be listened to, the future of us all depends on it.

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(Anishnaabe for always),

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Fancy dancer Xavier Schansema at this year's Newberry powwow.



Amazing hoop dancer Brianna Malinowksi at this year's Newberry powwow.

Photos by Stephen King



Mukkwa Giighik gives a Native blessing as part of the blessing of the fleet in Naubinway during its Fourth of July celebration. This year's blessing was in memory of Don Frazier, a Sault Tribe fisher who walked on this spring. At the blessing, an eagle flew in just as Mukkwa Giighik began the honor song in his memory.



Above, Sugarbush Drum at the Newberry powwow.

New dam to feature lamprey traps

From, "New Dam," page 24 wishes to do so."

The new structure will be the same width as the current structure, this time boasting sea lamprey traps on each corner — two on the flume side and two on the river side.

Barber outlined potential impacts of the project, which include potential "inundation of 466 acres of wetland area upstream."

"That area is within the footprint of when the MPI dam was actually being used for power generation," she said. "It's the Jamestown and Island sloughs area that will be wet, and it's my understanding that the biggest impact will be on the vegetation side where, currently emergent vegetation will be submergent. It's an area that's already wet, we're just going to get it a little more."

As for potential property impact, Barber explained there may be some — particularly

along the Indian River.

"We are looking into that further — U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is a project partner on this," she said. "They will be the ones constructing the project."

The next steps in the project include continued public outreach, said Barber, as well as working with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to acquire a joint permit with the DNR for the project. She noted that construction may commence as soon as June 2017, "If everything falls into place."

"Between the joint permit and construction, we would still have to go through EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) approval," Barber explained. "There's a lot of things that need to fall into place... lots of moving parts."

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