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Hartwig produces film, premieres at UN

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe member Calvin Hartwig and Manuel Ibanez, a Quechua Indian from Peru, began developing an idea for a short film in the winter of 2013, and after countless hours of fundraising, scriptwriting, finding volunteers, staffing, filming, editing and event planning, the 12-minute short film made its world premiere at the United Nations on May 1, at a conference called the U.N. Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII). Hartwig said the conference is the second largest held at the U.N. every year.

“This Is Who I Am” is an inspirational Global Indigenous Youth Caucus film about a young Anishinaabe woman overcoming the complexities of being Indigenous in an urban environment. The film script has been translated into over 20 languages, with more in the works.

Hartwig is the film’s producer and Ibanez the director. The lead creative team for the film is



Calvin Hartwig

made up of all Indigenous peoples: protagonist Marie-Celine Einish is Naskapi from Canada, writer Andrea Landry is Pays Plat First Nation (Anishinaabe), writer Janene Yazzie is Navajo, director of photography Yanis Ait Mohamed is Amazigh, and songwriter/musician Ryan Gleason is a Sault Tribe member.

There were over 60 volunteers who all worked on the project, and all of them were also Indigenous,

or supporters of Indigenous rights.

Marie-Celine Einish does an outstanding portrayal of a young Ojibwe woman who is seeking to reconnect to her language and culture while living in a big city. Hartwig said, “At first she feels sad, lonely and overwhelmed by all the concrete and people, and is struggling with her identity. But after a short series of events she finds she can be Native in the city, and that in fact it’s even her responsibility to herself, her ancestors and Creation — and she takes a lot of strength from that understanding.”

Hartwig added, “We hope our film will inspire more Indigenous youth to be proud of their heritage and to take responsibility for their languages, cultures, land and rights. The world is a better place with rich linguistic and cultural diversity, and a strengthened identity can help Indigenous youth overcome barriers.”

Most of the film was shot in New York City, with a few scenes filmed in Montreal, where

Hartwig was attending Concordia University at the time earning his second masters-level degree, this one in communications and film production. While in Montreal, he joined Concordia University Television and found resources and volunteers for the film.

“The timing really worked out well,” he said, “and we did the shoot in the spring of 2016. We started in New York and whatever scenes we didn’t finish there we were able to finish in Montreal.”

They completed the filming in October 2016.

The premiere of the film at the U.N. was viewed by over 100 people, including diplomats from foreign countries and was co-sponsored by The Permanent Missions to the United Nations of Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland and New Zealand in collaboration with the Secretariat of UNPFII.

The film was made possible with donations and support from the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Kewadin Casinos,

Endangered Language Alliance, CUTV, Hey Mister, Be:More, Habitat Pro Association, the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Pottawatomi, Bay Mills Indian Community and many others.

Hartwig said he is proud that the movie was introduced by Canadian Ambassador Michael Grant and moderated by Professor Elsa Stamatopoulou of the Columbia Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race, who has devoted 23 years in the United Nations working on human rights.

Hartwig said he is thankful for all the volunteers and donors, and would like to thank Kewadin Casinos for their recent donation, which helped meet the last of the production and post-production costs. The donation also helped make attending the U.N. event possible.

The production team is applying to film festivals throughout the world and reaching out to schools and communities in Michigan and throughout the U.S.

See “Film Premiere” page 14

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS Sault Tribe community meeting notice

The Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians is conducting a series of public meetings to gather membership input on the coming negotiation with the state and federal governments of the tribe’s Great Lakes commercial, subsistence and recreational treaty fishing activities. The 2000 Consent Decree, which controls the tribe’s treaty fishing activity on the Great Lakes, is set to expire and before negotiations begin the tribe wants to know what is important to you.

All meetings begin at 6 p.m. Other community meetings will be added at a later date.

June 26: Sault Ste. Marie, Kewadin Casino

June 27: St. Ignace, Kewadin Shores Casino

June 28: Munising, tribal center

June 29: Manistique, tribal center

June 30: Newberry, tribal center

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I am mindful of the responsibilities it imposes, but I pledge my commitment to legal excellence and impartial justice, working every day to serve honorably. I will discharge the duties of the office with skill, integrity, and humanity.

I am grateful beyond words for the trust that has been bestowed upon me.



Eric G. Blubaugh
Chippewa County
91st District Court Judge
Probate Court Judge

Congratulations , Sault Tribe graduates



Jeremy McCoy graduated from Michigan State University with a Master's in social work on May 5. He also received an associates degree in mental health from Oakland Community College in 2012 and a bachelor's in social work with a concentration in addictive studies from Oakland University in 2016. McCoy currently works for Abaris Great Lakes Counseling as a sober living director and lead recovery mentor in Shelby Township, Mich. He is also a military veteran, retired from the USMC.

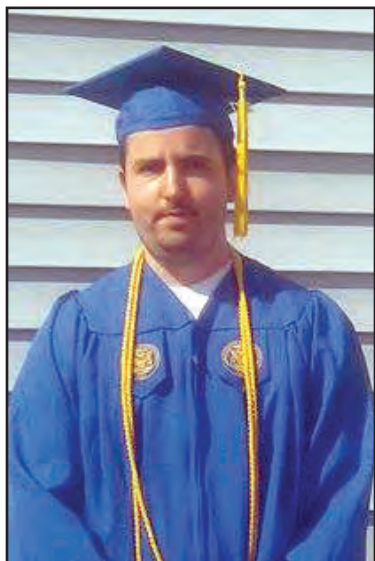
His parents are Sault Tribe member James McCoy and Brenda McCoy. Jeremy is shown in the photo with his girlfriend, Krystal Stone.



David Conway, son of Rose (Herbert Conway) and Larry Thorsted, is completing his education as of May 2017, and is a member of the Sault Tribe. Conway has a certificate in business management from University Utah, a Bachelor of Science in business management from the University of Phoenix, Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in business information systems from the University of Phoenix and a Master of Business Administration from Independence University. He is pursuing a doctorate degree in education with and emphasis in leadership.

Conway is associate dean of Stevens Henager College. Conway lives in Draper, Utah, and is the father of two boys and a daughter. He enjoys teaching, golfing and coached little league football for the past 26 years. Conway has been the president of little league in Salt Lake City, Utah, many times.

Conway says you are never too old to learn.



Adam J. Povey graduated magna cum laude and Outstanding Mathematics Graduate from Lake Superior State University April 29, 2017, with a Bachelor of Science in mathematics.

He is married to Alyssa Povey and his parents are Lisa Moran and Robert and Valerie Povey. His grandparents are Thomas and Christine Moran, Josephine and the late Glenn Povey and Ronald and Dianna Morgan.

An open house at the Knights of Columbus followed the graduation.

Awesome job, Adam! We are very proud of you!



Kate Bentgen graduated from LaSalle High School with a grade point average of 3.633.

Her schedule this year included honors English, anatomy, environmental science, calculus, mentoring, physics and world history — with anatomy as her favorite subject.

Bentgen says all of her teachers have been very influential. They all have individually prepared her for the future and have made learning fun and entertaining.

While in school, she played basketball for three years and volleyball for four. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has participated in the Just Desserts program for being on the honor roll.

Bentgen enjoys spending time with her friends, as well as her dog, Daisy.

LaSalle High School in St. Ignace, Mich., held commencement ceremonies for the class of 2017 on May 26 at 8 p.m.

She plans to attend Northern Michigan University to major in biology and minor in wildlife and fisheries.

Bentgen is the daughter of John and Linda Bentgen and has one brother, Billy.



Native American seniors graduating from Munising High School were honored at a dinner on May 17 held by Title VI Coordinator Jennifer Meyer. Pictured above are Alyssia Potter, Alex Johnson, Unit V Director Anita Nelson, Andrew Johnson and Talon Steinhoff. Not pictured: Dylan Matson and Sydney McInnis.



Sault Tribe member Austin Madagame graduated with honors from Michigan State University on May 6, 2017.

He is the son of Sault Tribe member Elisabeth "Lisa" Madagame and Grand Traverse Band member Jimmy Madagame.

He received a hospitality business Bachelor of Arts degree with a minor in Spanish. He has been accepted into the Management Associate Program with Vail Resorts.

We are very proud of his accomplishment!



Sault Tribe member Alyssa Porter graduated from Cheboygan High School with honors. She plans to attend North Central Michigan College in the fall. After two years at NCMC, she plans to attend Lake Sumter Community College to finish her education in nursing.



Meghanlata A. Gupta will graduate from Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor, Mich., on June 8, 2017, with a 4.0 GPA and top of her class. She is a member of National Honors Society and a Junior Rotarian. She is an officer for Pioneer Student Council. Meghan has been a competitive figure skater since the age of 4 and during her high school years has coached therapeutic figure skating at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube. She is an active volunteer with the Michigan Special Olympics Winter Games.

Meghan is a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Her parents are Samar and Toni Gupta. Her paternal grandparents were Naresh and Pushaplata of New Delhi, India. Her maternal grandparents are James and Theresa Johnson from Detroit, Mich. (formerly of St. Ignace). Theresa (White) Johnson is a Sault Tribe elder. Theresa's sister, Meghan's aunt, Ardith Pope, formerly of St. Ignace, was a Sault Tribe elder. Meghan has two sisters, Madeline and Mariel, both tribal members.

After being accepted to four Ivy League schools, Meghan will attend Yale University in New Haven, Conn., in the fall.

ATTENTION GRADUATES!

Graduates (and their parents) are welcome to submit their graduation announcement for publication in our July issue!



Noelle Mongene of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., graduated from Lake Superior State University in May 2017 with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology.

Mongene first attended Bay Mills Community College, where she earned an associate's degree in health and fitness before transferring to LSSU.

In the fall of 2017, Mongene will be attending Oakland University in Rochester, Mich., to pursue a master's degree in experimental psychology.

AARP "Smart Driver" Course



Date: June 28, 2017
Time: 12:30 pm
Where: Sault Tribe Elder Service
2076 Shunk Road
Sault, Mich.
Call: (906) 635-4971
Registration Charge:
\$15 AARP Member
\$20 Non-Member
Trainer: Jack Olson

Photos are welcome and encouraged.

The deadline to submit for the June issue is June 30.

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

May 1, 2017
 Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
 206 Greenough St.
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 (906) 632-5575

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Housing Authority.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 24, 2017, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians will authorize the Sault Tribe Housing Authority to submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of funds under the 2016 Indian Community Development Block Grant, to undertake a project known as **Sault Tribe Housing Authority Unit Restoration Project for the purpose of correcting inadequate site drainage, repairing substandard housing units, and improving energy efficiency for the twenty (20) Units located on JK Lumsden Way section of the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Site.**

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Sault Tribe has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at 206 Greenough Street in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In addition, a public meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 12, at the above offices, at which time Environmental and Sault Tribe Housing staff will be on hand to answer questions about the project and the ERR.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Sault Tribe Environmental Department, 206 Greenough Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. All comments received by June 12, 2017, will be considered by Sault Tribe prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Sault Tribe certifies to HUD that Aaron A. Payment, in his capacity as Tribal Chairperson, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Sault Tribe Housing Authority to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Sault Tribe certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Sault Tribe (b) the Sault Tribe has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD administration office at 77 West Jackson Blvd. Room 2400 Chicago, IL 60604. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Kathleen Brosemer
 Sault Tribe Environmental Program Manager
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Win Awenen Nisitotung welcomes submissions of news articles, feature stories, photographs, columns and announcements of American Indian or non-profit events. All submissions are printed at the discretion of the editor, subject to editing and are not to exceed 400 words. Unsigned submissions are not accepted.

Please note the distribution date when submitting event information for our community calendar. Submissions can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed. The distribution date is the earliest the newspaper can arrive in the seven-county service area.

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Aspen Dental offers veterans free dental care on June 24

Nearly 450 Aspen Dental practices in 35 states offer veterans free dental care on June 24 as part of the company's Healthy Mouth Movement.

Visit www.healthymouth-movement.com to find the Aspen Dental office in or nearest to your zip code.

If you find access to an Aspen Dental office, call (844) ASPEN-HMM to make an

For appointment, call (844) ASPEN-HMM

appointment.

In Sault Ste. Marie, according to the Healthy Mouth Movement website, the nearest Aspen Dental office is in Gaylord, Mich.

The movement is an Aspen

Dental initiative launched in 2014 to deliver free dental care and oral health education to people in need across the United States.

Last year, Aspen Dental dentists and teams from across the country volunteered time and services and donated more than \$2.1 million worth of dentistry to over 4,000 veterans.

4-H Camp for kids

Registration is now open for the Upper Peninsula 4-H Camp. The camp runs from July 11 to July 13 at the Clear Lake Education Center in Schoolcraft County.

Youths aged 9-13 are encouraged to register as campers and youths 14 and older can attend as junior counselors.

The cost for campers is \$55 for current 4-H members and \$65 for non-members. Both prices increase by \$20 on June 1 and the deadline is June 23.

To register and view more information about the camp program, please visit events.anr.msu.edu/2017UP4HCAMP or contact your local MSU Extension 4-H program coordinator.

The Upper Peninsula 4-H Camp takes place July 11-13, 2017, in Shingleton, Mich. It's for all youths aged 9-13 (as of Jan. 1, 2017). All activities are geared

toward interests of children in this age range.

REGISTRATION — All registrations must be completed at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2017UP4HCAMP/>. More details, including the drop-off and pick-up times will be sent after registration is complete.

If you are unable to access the registration site, please contact Liana Graves at (906) 475-5731 or Liz Wiener at (906) 387-2530.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting Liana Graves at 475-5731 by June 30 to make arrangements. Requests received after this date will be fulfilled when possible.

CONTACT US — If you have further questions, please contact your local 4-H program coordinator (see msue.anr.msu.edu/ county).

Hessel elders rummage sale June 24

Elders' rummage sale is set for the Hessel Tribal Center on Saturday, June 24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Chili and fry bread on Saturday only, bake sale Saturday and Sunday.

Traditional healer hours scheduled

Sault Ste. Marie: June 14, 15, 19, 26, 28. Call Peggy Holappa, 632-0220, Kim Vallier, 632-0236 or reception at 632-5210.

Munising: June 13. Call 387-2636.

Escanaba: June 20. Call 786-2636.

Manistique: June 27. Call 341-8469.

The Manistique Tribal Health Center introduces Dr. Gloria Van Klompenberg

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- Certified MDOT Medical Examiner

To schedule a medical appointment with Dr. Van Klompenberg, eligible patients may call (906) 341-8469. Also call 341-8469 for questions concerning eligibility.

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Sault Tribe hosts United Tribes of Michigan meeting

By RICK SMITH

The United Tribes of Michigan were guests of Sault Tribe for a meeting over May 10-11 at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. United Tribes of Michigan is an alliance of all 12 federally recognized American Indian tribes in the state committed to protecting and enhancing the tribes' mutual interests, treaty rights, sovereignty and culture.

Among discussions on a number of issues relating to education, law, child welfare, health and human services, economic development and other matters, a resolution passed unanimously condemning the use of the term "redskins" by any Michigan institution of education or sports team. The resolution expresses support for the Michigan State Board of Education to impose disciplinary measures against any educational institution using "sports team names, mascots, images, logos, antics, song lyrics or other displays" based on American Indians and found to be offensive by American Indians.

Prior to the vote on the resolution, meetings participants engaged in a lengthy exchange on views and experiences concerning sports characterizations based on American Indians. Further, three representatives from the Michigan Coalition Against Racism in Sports and Media conducted a powerful presentation on the counter-productive effects of mimicry on young American Indians in schools with Indian mascots and associated erroneous images, gestures and stereotypes.

According to a schedule, Jack Trope, senior policy advisor for the Casey Family Programs, conducted training during the afternoon of May 10 on Indian child welfare. While primarily for staff and officials concerned with tribal child welfare functions, anyone interested was welcomed.

Later in the evening, U.S. House representative for Michigan's First District, Jack Bergman, was to meet with Sault Tribe board members and later, according to the schedule, spoke to attendees at the organization's dinner meeting. Following Bergman, Michigan

Department of Civil Rights Director Agustin V. Arbulu also

addressed the group.

An array of issues highlight-

ed the agenda for a full day of discussions on May 11.



Photos by Rick Smith

From left, Julie Dye, Linda L. Cypret-Kilbourne and Monica Padula of the Michigan Coalition Against Racism in Sports and Media each gave powerful presentations at the May 11 meeting of the United Tribes of Michigan on the ill effects school mascots and associated misguided imagery based on American Indians can have on students with American Indian ancestry. Before and after the coalition's presentations, attendees at the meeting considered and exchanged views about a resolution condemning such mascots. After a couple of modifications, the resolution passed unanimously.



Above left, various representatives from tribes, state agencies, law firms, the Michigan Coalition Against Racism in Sports and Media and the Public Museum of Grand Rapids gathered at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to discuss several matters of interest to the United Tribes of Michigan. Among the issues discussed were the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, legal matters, Norton Mounds Project, Indian child welfare regulations, health and human services and economic development. Above right, most of the Sault Tribe contingent is seen toward the left of the photo while the United Tribes of Michigan executive director, Frank Ettawageshik, and president, Aaron Payment, are on the right.

When you should notify tribal tax office and enrollment

Doesn't matter if you move next door or across the country, if you move from your residence to a new address without notifying the Tribal Tax Office and the tribe's Enrollment Department, you lose important benefits, such as possible tax benefits, tribal election ballots, elders' dividends, important notices sent by mail and newspaper delivery.

State Tribal Tax Agreement Resident Tribal Member (RTM) Status

A resident tribal member (RTM) is the term used for a tribal member whose principal place of residence is in an tax agreement area. The term RTM is not based upon members being enrolled members of the tribe, it is merely to designate between members living in the agreement areas and members who do not live in agreement areas.

The procedure for tribal members to receive their RTM status is only through the submission (to the Tribal Tax Office) of an

address verification card along with the required supporting documentation verifying their address is within the boundaries of the agreement areas. It is the responsibility of the members to submit this information to the Tribal Tax Office.

A member living in an agreement area is **not automatically registered**. Though a member may have lived in the agreement area prior to registering with the Tribal Tax Office, their RTM status will not begin until the Michigan Department of Treasury has been notified that the member has proven through documentation their principal place of residence is within the boundaries of the tax agreement areas. The Michigan Department of Treasury will then recognize their RTM status (exempt from state income and sales tax) on the first of the following month.

Once a member is registered and given RTM status, it is imperative that any changes to the member's address is report-

ed to the Tribal Tax Office. Per Tribal Code 43: Tribal Tax Code Section 43.1103,

Resident tribal members shall notify the Tribal Tax Office in writing prior to moving their principal place of residence.

— **Tribal members must fill out an "Address Verification Card," and provide two proofs of the address stated on the card.** A valid Michigan driver's license or Michigan state identification card must be one of the proofs of address. The address on the identification card must have member's current address. The Tribal Tax Office will not process/register members without an identification card.

— **Tribal members who are minors.** If the minor has a Michigan driver's license or Michigan state identification card, a copy must accompany the "Address Verification Card." If they do not have state identification cards, then two utility bills with their parent's

name and address (matching the minors stated address) are required. The Tribal Tax Office will not process/register without this information.

— **Tribal member parents are responsible to request their minor children (under 14 years of age) be registered for sales tax exemptions on motor fuel purchases.** This does not require proof of address if only for motor fuel purchases.

For all Tribal Tax Office business, call Candace Blocher

at 635-6050 or toll free at (800) 793-0660 and ask for ext. 26310. Members may also send email to her via cblocher@saulttribe.net.

Also be sure to call the tribe's Enrollment Department to ensure your address is current in order to continue receiving important official tribal notices, election ballots, elders' dividends, newspapers sent via the U.S. mail.

Call the Enrollment Department at 632-8552 or toll free at (800) 251-6597.

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Goudreau accepts insurance director position

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Doug Goudreau, a St. Ignace resident and tribal member, has been hired as insurance director for the Sault Tribe.

Goudreau has two degrees from Ferris State College (now Ferris State University), graduating in 1980 with an associate's degree in applied science in ophthalmic dispensing and again in 1982 with a bachelor degree in business management.

After graduation in 1982, at the age of 22, he moved to Iowa where he was hired to manage a few optical offices. A year later he moved back to Michigan to be closer to his family, some of who were having medical issues. "When you grow up in



the Great Lakes, it's the best place in the world to live," he said.

Not long after returning to Michigan he married his college

sweetheart, Paula, who by that time had graduated college as a pharmacist. Deciding they wanted to open their own pharmacy, they began a business in downtown St. Ignace in 1983. During that time Goudreau was working in Cheboygan for an optometrist, and today has over 30 years in the industry.

Twelve years ago Goudreau switched careers and began working in the insurance business. After receiving his licenses to sell property, casualty, health and life insurance in 2006, he opened an office of the Coldbrook Insurance Group in St. Ignace. Last year he also accepted a new challenge, and began substitute teaching in

the eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

He has since retired from his business and his business partner and long-time friend has taken it over.

Goudreau began his new career with the tribe in April, and said, "I have a great staff and we are going to do great things. I enjoy a challenge. My staff is accessible for questions; they are excellent at customer service. Can we improve on efficiency? I think any department can probably improve. Right now I am getting familiar with different department heads, and I have been out west to other units – Christmas, Hessel, Newberry, Munising,

Manistique and St. Ignace."

Those visits he said were mainly to inspect the buildings and meet facility and casino managers with his safety team. "We have to abide by OSHA, and I have three very competent safety guys."

In addition to managing health insurance and benefits for team members, the Insurance Department also handles insuring tribal properties and vehicles.

Goudreau and his wife have two sons, Jack, 27, and James, 22. Jack is a CPA living in Mt. Pleasant and James is attending Central Michigan University's business school for a logistics degree.

USDA seeking grant applications

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The USDA is seeking applications for technical assistance and training grants in the Community Facilities program.

The grants are being provided through the Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant Program. Congress authorized this new program in the 2014 Farm Bill to help rural communities develop their applications for Community Facilities loans and grants.

Communities can use the grants to hire specialized personnel, pay for feasibility studies, retain consultants to prepare financial assistance applications and identify and plan for long-

term community facilities needs.

Providing technical assistance will help more rural communities qualify for loans and grants. Many often lack access to specialized personnel who complete financial and environmental analyses, for example. These analyses often must be included in applications for USDA loans and grants.

Public bodies, non-profit organizations and federally-recognized tribes are eligible to apply for this funding. The maximum grant is \$150,000.

Interested applicants may find more information about this program on page 23525 of the May 23, 2017, Federal Register.

Boulley reads for Superior Poetry Café

Al Boulley, a Sault Tribe member and the tribe's website administrator recently appeared as the featured poet for the Superior Poetry Café program sponsored by the Bayliss Public Library in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. He performed readings of original poetry and prose on May 2.

A self-described writer and layman philosopher who started writing in junior high school, not only does he write strong imagery inducing poetry based on real-life experiences, he also ventures into prose telling fantastic stories about seemingly mundane subjects.

He met his wife, Anne, while serving in the U.S. Navy and

they have three children. Boulley attended Central Michigan University and accepted a position with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe before he graduated. He moved on to the southern coast of Oregon to take a post with the Elk Valley Rancheria where he worked until June of 2016 to pursue the website administrator position serving Sault Tribe and Kewadin Casinos.

Currently, Boulley is working on making arrangements to conduct readings at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building and the Bawating Art Gallery in the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center.



Al Boulley in front of the Bayliss audience.

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This is my tribe. These are my people. This is my language. I belong.

*De'min Giizis
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by Susan Askwith



Health Comments of the Month

Aangwaamizin. Be careful.

Shkenaa menaa. Take it easy. (Don't go too crazy!)

Weather Comments of the Month

N'gwaankwat It is cloudy.

Wan It is foggy.

Gojing! Outside!

1. **Nda nendam** ji biimskowebshkage aamba *jiigbiik* nikeyaa.
I think I will ride my bike to the *beach*.

2. **N'peksegoonhs** nii moomaa . . .
I will carry **my pack-sack**

3. . . . miinwaa **noopwaan** n'ga biidoon.
and I'll bring a **picnic lunch**.

4. Kwii bi wiigiw na?
Do you want to come with me?

5. **N'booksendam** *zigimewok* jigwaa baatiinw.....
I hope there aren't many *mosquitos*.

6. D'baatiinook **giuwenh** ezgaak nangwa *niibing*.
They say there will be a lot of ticks this *summer*.

7. **N'bishigenmaak** *bneshiinsak* waamagwa bambizwat.
I like to watch *birds* fly around.

8. N'bishigendaan pii ngamowaad.
I like it when they sing.

9. **Endigwenh** zaswaanhsan ji zhitoo'aat.
I wonder if they made a nest.

10. Pane bineshiinsak **mijim** ndawaabndaan'aa'aa.
Birds are always looking for **food**.

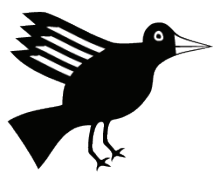
11. Pane **gyaashkak** wiiyaanaa'aa mijimim.
Gulls always want to eat my food!

12. Mina ezhiwebzin! Gegoo wiikaa **shamaake**
bkwezhigan bneshiinsak.
Be nice! Never **feed** birds *bread*.

(This gives poor nutrition, spreads disease, contributes to overcrowding, delayed migration, un-natural behavior and pollution (in ponds).)

ZAAM NIIBINA MAAMPII TE! THERE IS TOO MUCH HERE!

Have you memorized everything from all these language pages? If you have, would you please come to classes! There is way too much in each month's lesson for hardly any of us to absorb and make our own. What we're trying to do is offer our people a sort of word feast every month. **Pick and choose what interests you from the offerings.** Sometimes you might like a sentence like "Shkenaa menaa" (see Health above), or maybe just one word tickles your fancy, like "bkwezhigan" in #12. Say the word all day long till it rolls off your tongue. Say it all week. If you did that, you'd have learned 4 ideas that fit your life, in a month. That's darn good. Own your language!! Yay!!



Going Further

A number of us are on **Facebook**, and it's been fun to learn a bit of Anishinaabemowin every day from **James Vukelich**. He does an Ojibway Word of the Day. One of his latest was "nimkiikaa" which says "there is thunder." But our language is rich so James gives great background for each day's word!! What a way to learn new words and some of our culture! Ask to be his friend!!

Pronunciation Guide; How to Sound Really Good:

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

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

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

Strawberry Pie

Crust (bkwezhigan; same word as bread)

Put 1 cup of flour and 1/2 cup potato **flakes** (not beads), half a teaspoon salt and 1/4 cup canola oil in a bowl and crumble everything together well. Using your fingers works well. Add 1/2 cup warm water. Knead together into a warm, smooth, soft ball. Roll out and put in a pie pan. Bake at 400 for 10 minutes. Let cool.

Filling

Get about 6 cups of fresh strawberries. Crush enough of them to make a cup. Add 2/3 cup white sugar, 4 tablespoons strawberry jello powder, 4 tablespoons cornstarch and 1/4 cup water. Cook that mixture in a saucepan till it boils and is clear. Then remove from heat and add 1 tablespoon butter and 2 teaspoons lemon juice. Stir that up and let it cool a little.

Put some of the filling on the bottom of the cooked, cooled pie crust. Arrange the rest of the strawberries on top of that to look pretty. Pour the rest of the filling over and around all those delicious berries. Chill the pie then eat it!! Mii wi! (That's it!)

Biitoojiishkweginagan Kidwinan (Pie Words)

(Pie! a seven-syllable word to amaze and amuse your friend — and yourself!)

Bashdaawngaak bkwezhigan - dust for bread = flour

Ziisbaakwat - sugar

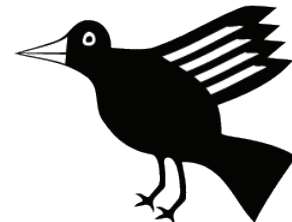
Bookdemin aaboo - lemon juice

Zaaw mide - butter

Nibiish - water

Shki de'minan - fresh strawberries

Tkaagamisidoon - cool it down



Food for thought: Which of these ingredients were available for our earliest ancestors? How about for your grandparents? Can we still feel "traditional" and use the good things and ideas available in the world we find ourselves part of now? Notice that our language grounds us in tradition while works for us in 2017.

Say it in Indian! Find the words you need in this lesson. *If a word ends in "ak" or "wok," drop those endings. They are for "more than one."*

Strawberry _____

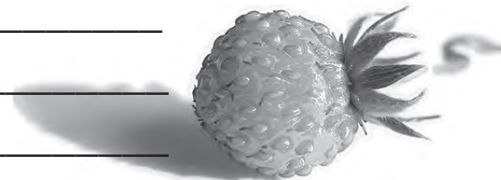
Bread _____

Pack-sack _____

Pie _____

Mosquito _____

Bird* _____



*sort of a general bird since there are specific words for some birds.

Please save this page! Each month this year we will have another. Bit by bit we will learn together.

Sure sign of warmer weather



Photo by Rick Smith
GOSLINGS! — Some of the youngsters of a brood under the attentive eyes of their Canada geese parents. The youngsters enjoyed snacks and swimming at Rotary Park in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Sault Tribe Members!

Newspaper submissions of births, obituaries, marriages, graduations, and other tribal community announcements are FREE OF CHARGE. Please email to jdale-burton@saulttribe.net or call (906) 632-6398.

Pickford museum displays over 60 Native portraits

Over 60 original paintings by Judith Bancroft depicting Native American chiefs will be on display at the Pickford Area Museum from June to September.

Admission is free. Hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through September; Fridays and Saturdays in October; or by appointment by calling (906) 297-3013. The museum is at 175 Main Street in Pickford.

Onaway-native Judith Bancroft hand painted 100 of the 3.25-inch Christmas ornaments with portraits of Native American chiefs from across the nation. They are painted from historical photographs, in addition to Native Americans living today, with permission. Each piece comes with an identifying plate that includes a biography. Pickford Historical Museum borrowed over 60 to exhibit for the season.

“We are thrilled to have the opportunity to showcase this exquisite exhibit honoring our Native American heritage and will happily make



Original Paintings By Judith Bancroft

arrangements for guests to visit during times outside of regular hours,” Pickford Historical Society President Dianne Schmitigal said.

Museum exhibits change every year and a few of the current displays include vintage wedding dresses, Loyal Orange Lodge and a military collection with special emphasis on living WW II veterans.

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Fitness challenge winners announced

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Chi Mukwa All-In-One Fitness Center recently announced the top four winners of the 2017 Spring Fling Fitness Challenge, the first physical fitness competition of its kind at the fitness center. The 12-week competition presents an opportunity for people to push themselves to improve their physical conditions. The top four who have shown the most improvement in their physical fitness receive prizes.

The fitness center supervisor, Josh Firack, said the competitors are evaluated prior to the start of the competition through testing their flexibility, strength, body fat percentage, body weight,

measurements and cardiovascular fitness. “When they take the challenge,” he explained, “it’s not just to lose weight, but to get in the best physical condition they can.”

Joyce Corbiere took top honors this year showing the greatest improvements in conditioning in tests conducted before and after the challenge. Corbiere won an overnight stay and dinner for two at any of the Kewadin Casinos accommodations.

Kalvin Hartwig claimed second place winning three free one-hour sessions with a personal trainer.

Dawna LaLonde won third place taking two free one-hour massage sessions.

Melissa Killips placed fourth receiving a free fitness class punch card.

The awards were presented on May 8 at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center.

Firack and his aides Bret Weber, Dillon Mayer and Matthew Sirk conducted the evaluations. All of the aides are exercise science students at Lake Superior State University.

While the 2017 competition was the first Spring Fling Fitness Challenge conducted by the All-In-One Fitness Center, Firack said the annual competition may become a biannual affair in the future with challenges in the spring and fall.



Fitness challenge group: Front from left, Joyce Corbiere and Calvin Hartwig. Back from left, Dawna LaLonde and Melissa Killips.



Joyce Corbiere receives first place prize from Josh Firack.

Photos by Rick Smith



Kalvin Hartwig receives second place prize.



Dawna LaLonde receives third place prize.



Melissa Killips receives fourth place prize.

Bill would help veterans exposed to toxic burn pits

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Gary Peters (D-Mich.), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and former Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve, recently announced he is cosponsoring the bipartisan *Helping Veterans Exposed to Burn Pits Act*, which will help veterans suffering from respiratory ailments as a result of exposure to open burn pits during their military service in Iraq and Afghanistan. Burn pits were frequently used on military bases in Iraq and Afghanistan to burn waste, including toxic items such as plastics, electronics, batteries and human waste.

“When veterans are exposed to harmful substances in service to our nation, we must ensure they can receive the necessary medical care and treatments they need when they return home,”

said Senator Peters.

The bill would establish a center of excellence in the VA for the treatment of health conditions related to burn pit exposure. Chemicals found in burn pits have been linked to a number of adverse health effects including cancer, neurological and reproductive disorders, and respiratory and cardiovascular toxicity. The center of excellence would provide guidance for U.S. Department of Defense health systems, conduct research on health conditions related to exposure, and train health professionals in treatment and rehabilitation for affected service members. In 2012, the *Veterans’ Benefits Improvement Act of 2012* created a burn pit registry to track veterans’ exposure and monitor potential medical care needs, but adequate treatment is

still widely unavailable.

Peters, a member of the post 9-11 Veterans Caucus, has long been an advocate for Michigan veterans. Last year, President Obama signed into law Peters’ bipartisan Fairness for Veterans amendment that helps veterans with a bad paper discharge resulting from behavior caused by PTSD to petition for an upgrade in their discharge status. An upgrade to an honorable discharge would help certain veterans access benefits earned through their service like VA home loans and educational benefits provided by the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill. Peters has also cosponsored legislation to provide care for Vietnam veterans and their descendants who are suffering from health complications related to exposure to Agent Orange.

Sault elders have new exercise option

BY SHARON HOVIE, ELDERS SERVICES

In an effort to promote exercise into our elders’ daily lives, Elders Services is introducing a workout area in its dining room at Nokomis-Mishomis Building in Sault Ste. Marie. This was made possible through a grant from the Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress because the program had seven elders who completed the Matter of Balance class last spring.

Exercise equipment consists of a television/DVD combination set, treadmill, small hand weights and a few DVDs specifically tailored for senior workouts.

Those who would like to

use the equipment must have a doctor’s release stating they are healthy enough to do so. Elders Services has tentatively scheduled Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2 to 3 p.m. for those who would like to participate.

Sharon Hovie will be there to help with instructions for treadmill use and any of the other equipment.



Board passes resolutions at April, May meetings

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors convened meetings on April 25, May 2 and May 22. Directors Jennifer McLeod and Anita Nelson were absent from the April 25 special meeting and all were present with the exception of Anita Nelson at the meeting on May 2 and Jennifer McLeod on May 22.

April 25

One resolution was presented and passed at a special meeting held in Sault Ste. Marie on April 25 titled CORA Biological Services Division Funding (2017-72). The tribe committed to provide support to the Biological Services Division through CORA, along with the other four member tribes, at \$46,400 annually.

May 2

At the May 2 regular meeting held in Sault Ste. Marie, 12 resolutions were presented to the board, with 10 of those passing unanimously.

Resolution 2017-73: Farm to School Grant, Establishment of 2017 Budget – A FY 2017 budget was established with Other Revenue monies of \$326.15.

Res. 2017-74: Education – Youth Education & Activities FY 2017 Budget Modification – A budget modification was approved for a decrease in tribal support monies of \$787.55.

Res. 2017-75: Inland Fish & Wildlife FY 2017 Budget for Secretive Marsh Birds – A budget was approved with Other Revenue monies of \$25,350.44.

Res. 2017-76: Michigan Indian Elders Association Delegate Appointment – Brenda Garries of St. Ignace was reappointed for a two-year period, expiring May 2019, as the MIEA Delegate representing the elders of the Sault Tribe.

Res. 2017-77: Michigan Indian Elders Association Alternate Delegate Appointment – Anita Nelson of Munising was reappointed for a two-year period, expiring May 2019, as the MIEA Alternate Delegate.

Res. 2017-78: Trust Land Status, Lot 21, Block B, Everett and Eveland's Subdivision, Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County,

Michigan – The tribe requested the Secretary of the Interior to accept title to a parcel of land held in trust for the benefit of and on behalf of the tribe and to declare the parcel to be part of the tribe's reservation. The parcel is to be used to accommodate school ground expansion and is not intended for gaming purposes.

Res. 2017-79: Trust Land Status, Township of Sugar Island, Chippewa County, Michigan – The tribe requested the Secretary of the Interior to accept title to a parcel of land held in trust for the benefit of and on behalf of the tribe and to declare the parcel to be part of the tribe's reservation. The parcel is to be used to increase land base and is not intended for gaming purposes.

Res. 2017-80: Authorization to Apply for Eastern Upper Peninsula 2017 Community Development Mini-Grants Program – The chairperson or his designee, were authorized to execute all documents relating to the grant application and subsequent award.

Res. 2017-81: Accepting a Donation of Land from Denise Jones – The board accepted a donated parcel of land located in the city of Sault Ste. Marie from private owner Denise Jones.

Res. 2017-82: Authorization to Purchase Real Estate Parcels from Chippewa County Treasurer, One Lot – The purchase of a parcel of land adjacent to tribal trust land was approved.

Res. 2017-83: Authorization to Purchase Real Estate Parcels Adjacent to Trust Land, Three Lots – The board approved the purchase of three city lots located adjacent to tribal trust land.

Res. 2017-84: Two-Percent Long Term Agreement, St. Ignace Fire State, Unit III – The board allocated \$50,000 of Long Term 2 Percent to the city of St. Ignace in Unit III for the St. Ignace Fire Station beginning in the Fall of 2017 and ending after five years.

May 22

At a regular meeting held in Newberry on May 22, 17 resolutions were approved, 13 by unanimous vote.

Resolution 2017-87: ACFS

Child Care Development Fund (CC#2801) FY 2017 Budget Modification and Native Employment Works FY 2018 Budget Modification – Both budget modifications were approved with no effect on Tribal Support.

Res. 2017-88: Eldercare Transportation and Elder Health Fund FY 2017 Budget Modifications – Both budget modifications were approved with no effect on Tribal Support.

Res. 2017-89: Higher Education, Education Administration, and Indirect FY 2017 Budget Modifications and Request to Establish FY 2017 Budget Administration – Executive Office – All budget modifications were approved.

Res. 2017-90: WIA Special Funding Establishment of 2017 Budget – Approved

Res. 2017-91: St. Ignace Clinic 2017 Budget Modification – Approved with no effect on Tribal Support.

Res. 2017-92: PHN Case Management 2017 Budget Modification – Approved with no effect on Tribal Support.

Res. 2017-93: Escanaba Community Health FY 2017 Budget Modification – Approved with no effect on Tribal Support.

Res. 2017-94: Approving Lease Amendment for the Escanaba Tribal Community Health Center – The lease was approved and expires on Aug. 31, 2018.

Res. 2017-95: MEDC Epoufette Harbor 2018 Budget Modification – Approved with no effect on Tribal Support.

Res. 2017-96: MEDC

Electrical Utility Implementation Plan Acceptance of Grant and Establishment of a FY 2018 Budget – A budget was established with Michigan Economic Development Corporation monies of \$40,000 with no effect on Tribal Support.

Res. 2017-97: Amending Unit 5 Marquette Area Elders Advisory Subcommittee Bylaws – Section 5.3: Appointment, was amended to read, "Any Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians elder, or the spouse of a tribal elder, who resides in the Marquette area, may be appointed to the Subcommittee by the Board of Directors..."

The name of the group was also amended to be Marquette Area Elders Advisory Subcommittee.

Res. 2107-98: VOCA Underserved 2108 Grant Program Victim of Crime Act – Approval was granted to apply to the Crime Victim Services Commission for funding of VOCA Underserved 2018 Grant Program for FY 2017-2018.

Res. 2017-99: Family Violence Prevention and Services Program – Approval was given for the grant application.

Res. 2017-100: VOCA Grant Program Victim of Crime Act – Approval was given to apply for the above mentioned grant program.

Res. 2017-101: Authorization of Settlement Contract Support Costs Claims Sault Tribe VS. Indian Health Service – The board approved settlement on the terms described in this resolution and authorized the Chairperson

to conclude and implement the settlement, including for the Chairperson and the Tribe's attorneys to execute a settlement agreement and associated pleadings and other papers necessary to carry out the settlement and this resolution. Any settlement agreement will include terms releasing the parties for claims related to contract support costs for years 2012 and 2013.

Res. 2017-102: Approving Contract Ogitchiida Qwe & Associates – This contract was approved for the purpose of providing federal liaison services for the tribe in the Washington, D.C. area.

Res. 2017-103: Tribal Transportation Program Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity Contract (IDIQ) Award and Contract with AECOM – The board has identified priority projects and initiatives for the Tribal Transportation Program; and the Tribal Transportation Program has determined that entering into an Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity – Task Order Contract for Professional Engineering and Consulting Services ("IDIQ") will ensure continued successful completion of transportation projects; deeming AECOM the most qualified firm to perform services on an "as needed" basis. The contract is for one year with the possibility of extensions for an additional year not to exceed three years.

Resolutions and voting rosters can be seen in their entirety at saulttribe.com.



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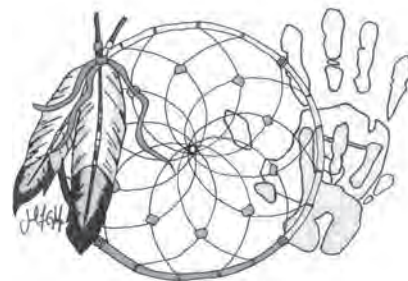
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Welcome to Sault Ste. Marie's 2017 powwow

The 36th Annual Sault Tribe Traditional Powwow and Summer Gathering in Sault Ste. Marie will take place July 7-9 at the Sault Tribe Powwow grounds. The blessing of the powwow grounds July 5. Summer gathering July 6. Friday festivities begin at 4:30 with a kid's carnival and Grand Entry at 7 p.m. On Saturday, Grand Entry is at 1 p.m. with a feast at 5 p.m., a hand drum contest at 6 p.m. and another Grand Entry at 7 p.m. On Sunday after Mass the powwow will wrap up with a 1 p.m. Grand Entry. For more information contact Jackie Minton at (906) 635-6050 or (906) 203-4977.

First-time powwow visitors are often unsure how to participate in a powwow respectfully.

In general, feel free to be yourself, except when the emcee requests certain things.

Pay attention to what the emcee directs people to do and you'll be all right.

And, remember, there are no drugs, alcohol, politics or dogs allowed at the powwow.

Below are answers to some of the most common questions:

How do I know when to stand or sit?

Always stand respectfully during special songs. These include the grand entry, flag songs, veterans songs or any other song the emcee designates. During these songs, men should remove their hats. (Please bring your own lawn chairs.)

Can anyone approach the drum or join in the singing?

Anyone can approach the drum in the arbor and talk to the drummers when they are between songs.

It would not be possible to sit near the drummers while they are drumming due to limited space.

Spectators are usually allowed to record and photograph the drumming unless the emcee specifically asks them not to.

Also, some drums have made recordings of their drumming and would prefer that listeners purchase them rather than record their own version.

Can spectators join in the dancing?

The emcee will announce when a dance is an "inter-tribal" dance in which anyone can participate.

When can cameras be used?

Since the powwow is a public event, take pictures any time except when requested not to.

At certain times, the emcee will announce that people cannot take photos — when someone is retrieving an eagle feather, for example.

When taking photos of individuals, please ask their permission.

Are there any special rules for any attendees?

Women who are experiencing their period (their moon time) should not be around sacred objects. This includes the drum, so women on their moon time should not dance or enter the arbor. A woman's time is a very powerful time for her; she attracts spirits and her presence may be disruptive.

What is the etiquette on pets? I've heard that dogs are not allowed.

Attendees should not bring

their pets to the powwow.

However, they may stay in the campground area. Do not bring your dog to the powwow and then leave them in the car. Please call (906) 635-6050 and ask about service dogs.

Powwow terminology

The following are some common words you will hear during a powwow.

Arbor — central area of the powwow grounds where the drums and singers are situated.

Giveaway — a universal custom among the peoples of Turtle Island. Turtle Island societies believed a person who was being honored should provide gifts to other members of the society.

Grand entry — the parade of dancers that opens each powwow session. The eagle staffs are carried first into the circle, followed by the national flag and any other flags. The head dancers and invited dignitaries are next in order. The male dancers follow next, then the female dancers, then junior boys and junior girls with little boys and girls last. After the grand entry, there is a flag song and then a prayer by an elder. The eagle staffs and the flags are then placed by the arbor.

Honor songs — requested to honor a person for almost any reason, including a deceased person. People are requested to stand during honor songs.

Inter-tribals — songs which belong to no particular nation. Most inter-tribals are sung with vocables instead of words.

Round dance — usually done at the beginning of a powwow session. The dancers form a large circle in the dance area, with each dance style remaining together. A song is sung with a heavy 1-2-1 pattern and the dancers move laterally around the dance arbor, and the slower styles dance farther away.

Two-step — the head male and head female dancers dance together and lead a long string of paired dancers. The women usually ask the men to dance and the men must dance when asked. The two-step can become very intricate with the pairs splitting apart for a time and then rejoining later. People usually end up laughing.

Head staff

Arena director — in charge of the dance arena during the powwow. The arena director makes sure dancers are dancing during the powwow and the drum groups know what type of songs to sing. The arena director is also responsible for organizing any ceremonies that may be required during powwows. One of the main duties of arena directors is to ensure the dance arena is treated with the proper respect from visitors to the powwow.

Master of ceremonies — the voice of the powwow. It is his job to keep the singers, dancers and general public informed as to what is happening. The MC sets the schedule of events, maintains the drum rotation, fills any dead air, often with jokes. The MC often runs any raffles or other contests that may happen during the powwow.

Host drum — the drum group primarily responsible for providing dance music for the dancers. Some powwows have guest drums

as well. Host drums are responsible for singing the songs at the beginning and end of a powwow session, generally a starting song, the grand entry song, a flag song and a veterans song to start the powwow, and a flag song, retreat song and closing song to end the powwow.

Head people — powwows have a head veteran, a head male dancer, head female dancer and, sometimes, head youth dancers. The head dancers lead the other dancers in the grand entries or parades of dancers who opening the powwows. Grand entry is at the beginning of each powwow

session. Dancers line up behind the head veterans, flag carriers, head dancers. The head veterans carry the eagle staffs and are responsible for retreating the colors at the end of each session. The

head dancers lead the dancers into nearly every dance.

Stay up to date on Sault Tribe's powwows at www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/culture/sault-tribe-powwows

Project powwow cleanup day June 22 at 9 a.m.

All volunteers are welcome to take part in project powwow clean up day at the Sault Tribe powwow grounds. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Jackie Minton, 635-6050, ext. 26144.

Four sacred medicines

BY CH'GIJIGOOKQU

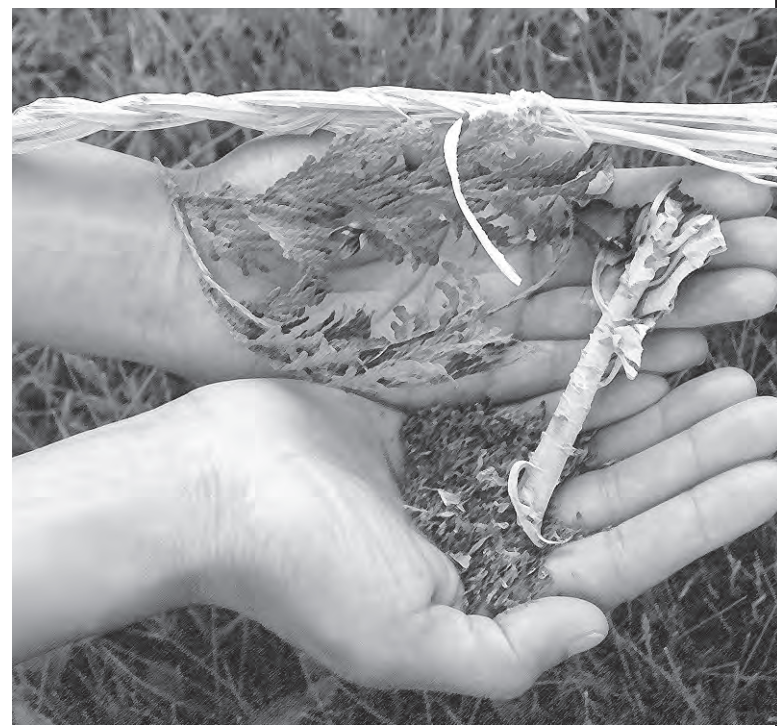
Anishinaabe biimadziwinn, the Anishinaabe way of life, is all about honoring one's culture and traditions and staying in balance with nature. To live the Anishinaabe way of life is to be respectful to the earth and all her children. The four sacred medicines are used in everyday life and ceremonies. Each plant represents a direction of the medicine wheel. When taking any plant from the earth, we explain why we need it and offer some tobacco in return for its generosity and help of the plant that shared itself so freely. And we say, "miigwech."

Saama — or tobacco, represents the Eastern direction. Saama is used in the offering of prayer to the G'tchi Manidoo (Great Spirit, the Creator), acting as a medium for communication. Tobacco can be made into prayer offerings. It may be kept in a wooden bowl or placed in a cloth or buckskin bag made for that purpose. Tobacco can also be made into a tobacco tie for giving: cut cotton cloth into a two-inch square of any color, place tobacco in the center of the cloth and tie the ends with a ribbon or yarn. Your prayer is put into your tobacco tie. Tobacco use varies with your need. It can be sprinkled on the ground as you say your daily prayers; it can be smoked in a sacred pipe. It can be sprinkled on the waters with your prayers.

Elders say to hold the saama in your left hand, the one closest to your heart.

Geezhik — or cedar, represents the southern direction. The leaves are cleaned from the stems and separated into small pieces that are then used in many ways. A tobacco offering is made before picking the cedar. Take cedar from the largest tree and offer your prayers explaining how you will use the cedar and identify who you are. Doing this ensures you will get the full spiritual and medicinal use of the cedar. Cedar use varies according to the tribe or people who use cedar.

Cedar is a medicine known for its purification properties and is often used as a smudge when dried. Cedar is a protection medicine as well. Many dancers place fresh cedar in their mocassins or shoes when they travel to a powwow or ceremony. This is believed to keep their energy



THE FOUR SACRED MEDICINES — Saama, Geezhik, Mashkodewashk and Weengush. (WAN Archive photo.)

pure.

Cedar is used for sweat lodge ceremonies. Small pieces of cedar are cleaned from the branches. The cedar is placed dark side down on the crescent mound located behind the fire area. Cedar is used to make the spirit path from the fire pit to the sweat lodge center. It is also placed on the hot rocks as they are placed in the sweat lodge. The story of cedar is told during the teaching of the sweat lodge.

When a person has been in great stress or trauma, a cedar bath is sometimes made for comfort and healing to the body by adding cedar from the branches, cooked to an amber color and added to the bath water.

A cedar bath is sometimes used in funeral ceremonies. This purifies the body for the spirit ceremony that is to take place. It is a great honor to do this.

Elders say to put some in your shoes and only goodness will come your way.

Mashkodewashk — or sage, represents the Western direction. It is also used for purification. Its smoke is used for releasing what is troubling the mind and for removing negative energy and to prepare a person for ceremonies and teachings. If you have experienced an abusive situation, the burning of sage in your home would bring you a sense of peace from the negative emotions. It is also used to cleanse the home and sacred items such as an eagle feathers. Sage has other medicinal uses

depending on the instructions from your tribe or elder.

Weengush — or sweetgrass, represents the northern direction. It is known for its sweet aromatic scent. Weengush is a powerful purifier and protector. It is said that when we burn sweetgrass, the grandfathers and grandmothers in the spirit world are as stars, and they see us and come close to hear our prayers. It has a sweet aroma that reminds people of their gentleness, love and kindness. Our prayers are carried in the smoke by the grandmothers and grandfathers to the Creator. When we smudge, we cleanse ourselves by wafting the smoke with our hands over parts of our body. The prayer is that our minds have clarity of thought, that our hands do good work, and that from our mouth comes the truth. When a woman or man experiences a negative situation, the burning of sweetgrass brings calmness to the room and everyone around the room. When used in a healing circle or talking circle it brings positive energy. Many traditional people place a braid of sweetgrass in their cars for the pleasant aroma and for the medicine prayer for travel.

For any questions about these sacred medicines, offer tobacco to your tribal elder, traditional healer or spiritual leader.

Ed. note: Originally by Ch'gijigookqua, with subsequent changes over the years. Any errors can be attributed to the editor.

Water Walk 2017 trickles through Sault Tribe territory

By Rick Smith

Modest in appearance but long in ambition, a core group of folks taking part in a traveling Anishinaabe ceremony departed Duluth, Minn., on April 20, headed east on a nearly 1,500-mile walking journey to Mantane, Quebec — from the western-most shore of Lake Superior to a site on the southeast bank near the mouth of the St. Lawrence River. It was the start of *For the Earth and Water: Water Walk 2017*.

The water walks were initiated in 2003 by Josephine Mandamin, an Anishinaabekwe of the Wikwemikong First Nation on Manitoulin Island in northern Ontario. Since then, she has remained a driving force in con-



Josephine Mandamin

ducting the walks each year.

The walks are not any kind of protests or performances. They are long ceremonies moving across

the realm of the honored waters on land and water. The walkers take turns carrying eagle staffs and a copper bucket containing water. The ceremony begins from the moment the bucket is lifted to commence a segment of the walks and continues until the bucket is set down for stops after reaching specific destinations.

Some of the local folks along the way who are acquainted with the water walks sometimes join the walk as the group passes through their areas.

After entering the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, the group eventually entered the Sault Tribe service area upon crossing into Marquette County. The water walkers arrived in Sault Ste. Marie

on May 6 where they enjoyed the hospitality of the tribe with two dinners at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building. The walkers crossed the border into Canada in the wee hours of the morning on May 8, keeping in time with their schedule. They also enjoyed the hospitality of the Garden River First Nation while in the band's area.

Another group simultaneously traveled on the water across the expanse of the trek as the walkers proceeded ashore. Those in the canoes were part of the Picking Up the Bundles Canoe Journey. More about the canoe journey is on the web site www.pickingupthebundles.com.

Most of the core group of

walkers in the 2017 trek were Canadian, except four walkers from the United States, including Sault Tribe member Jennifer Raspor and her husband, Chuck.

Those interested in learning more about the annual Water Walks can log on to www.motherearthwaterwalk.com or visit Facebook/For the Earth and Water Walk 2017. Those interested in lending support may make donations by checks or money orders sent to Mother Earth Water Walk c/o Joanne Robertson, 724 Queen Street East, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario Canada P6A-2A9, by direct deposit through Northern Credit Union 14492 828 000601311046 or by e-transfer at: waterwalk2017@gmail.com.



Photos by Rick Smith

Above, the walkers pause for photos after a ceremonial touch down of the water bucket at the exit ramp of the International Bridge in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The walkers take turns in rotation walking the staffs and water bucket along their way. Josephine Mandamin, the originator and driving force behind the walk, is seen standing front and center holding the walking staff and bucket. Below, from left, Warren Sturgeon and Tasha Beeds lead a small contingent of water walkers along West Easterday Avenue in Sault Ste. Marie on May 7. Sturgeon is Turtle Clan from the Chippewas of the Thames near London in southwestern Ontario. Not only was he participating in the walk, he was also one of the canoe paddlers for Picking Up the Bundles, a canoe journey shadowing the walk by water. More about the canoe journey is online at www.pickingupthebundles.com. Beeds is Turtle Clan from the Nehiyaw Nation (Plains Cree) of the Treaty 6 and Metis territories of Saskatchewan. She is also a first degree midewiwin of the Minweyweywigaan Lodge of Roseau River, Manitoba, and a doctoral candidate. She carries the ceremonial copper bucket of water. Attached to the bucket handle is a GPS tracking device so folks can follow the progress of the walk in real time on the organization's web site at www.motherearthwalk.com.



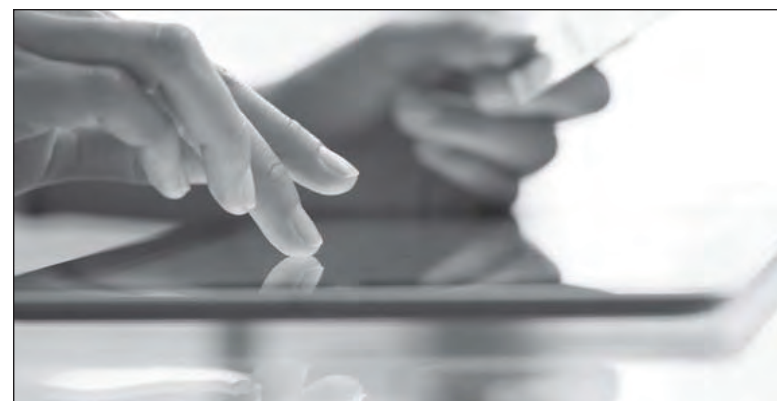
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Seventh annual Native American Festival held in St. Ignace at the Museum of Ojibwa Culture



Volunteer Lisa Walker with Jolene Clearwater and her son Jacob Clearwater, 7.



Above: Sally Paquin (right) teaches a group of festival goers how to make porcupine quill birch bark boxes.



Above: Lisa Burnside gives 9-year old Emmalee Alexander teachings on traditional medicines.



Dancers gather after grand entry for some traditional drumming and dancing around the arena.



Above: Head veteran Butch Van Ellen and Jen Devos, museum volunteer.



The Croad family making fry bread and other powwow fare.



Above: Firekeeper Andrew Causley, John Causley and Linda Jones. Below: Lisa Burnside carrying the Sault Tribe flag during grand entry.



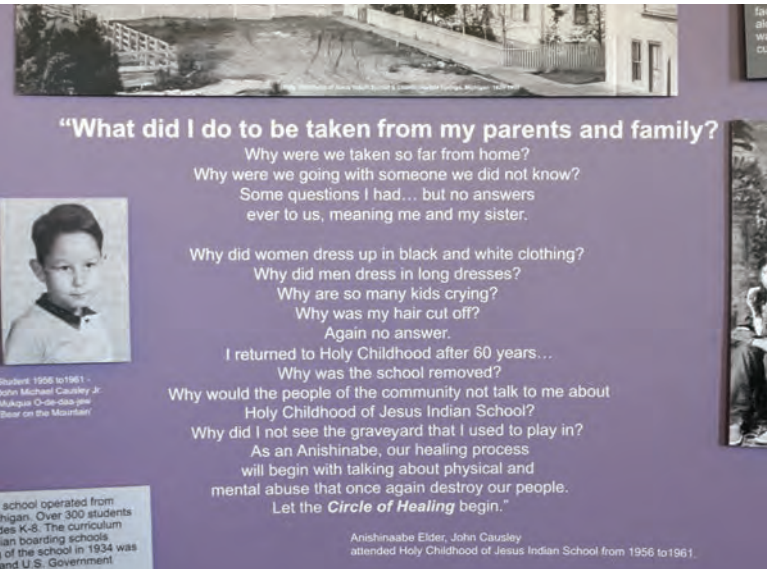
Meghan Miller and Kia Miller, 4, making a leather pouch.



Above: Cameron Miller, 7, making a beaded leather pouch. Below: Little hand drum player.



Graham Poupard from Hessel, Mich.



Above: One of the displays inside the Museum of Ojibwa Culture. Stephanie Krebs, Brian Begay, from Chinle Arizona, and Richard Lewis.



Above: Grandmother Moon Drum Circle sings while using their hand drums. Below: Mukkwa Giizhik Drum provided festival participants with traditional Anishinaabe songs and drumming. The 7th annual Native American Festival was held in St. Ignace, Michigan on May 27 & 28 at the Museum of Ojibwa Culture.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Above: Delbert Jarvie from Rudyard. Below: Felicity Paul, 6, from Grand Gaylord. Below: A participant in the Rapids.



Basketry weavers invite others to learn the craft

By Rick Smith

Josh Homminga of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Sarah Bedell of the Bay Mills Indian Community have a standing invitation to folks interested in learning black ash basketry — get in touch with them to see what can be arranged. Their Bay Mills based company, From Log to Basket, is open to a variety of teaching structures such as introductory lessons, internships, tutoring and

classes. “We’re willing to help anyone learn,” they said.

Homminga and Bedell gather and prepare all the supplies used to make baskets from the woods around Bay Mills and use their home as their studio.

Homminga learned the craft from his great-aunt, Bernadette Bouschor-Azevedo, who learned black ash basketry from her grandmother. Once his great-aunt and an uncle expressed fears the craft would be lost if not perpet-

uated, Homminga took the torch to relay knowledge of the craft to others and keep the craft going.

Over the years, Homminga passed the knowledge on to Bedell and the duo essentially began building From Log to Basket from nothing. These days, they make baskets that can command prices anywhere from \$25 to \$600 depending on style and size. They’ve conducted classes for folks as far away as the Forest County Potawatomi

in Wisconsin. Their baskets have been sold to folks from all over Michigan and Wisconsin and to others as far away as Texas and Oregon.

Further, Homminga and Bedell have donated baskets for fundraisers and similar functions. Sometimes they’re asked to make baskets as presentation gifts. And the Dancing Crane Coffee House in Bay Mills offers From Log to Basket creations for sale to the general public.

Besides the basketry, Homminga frequently officiates in one capacity or another at powwows in the region. “We’re never caught up,” said Homminga. But still, he invites inquiries from those interested in learning the craft of black ash basketry. Those interested can find From Log to Basket on Facebook, contact them via email at josh@homminga.com or w2s2b@yahoo.com or call (906) 322-8478.



Above left, Josh Homminga and Sarah Bedell (Photo by Bucko Teeple). Above right, preparing a black ash log for processing (Photo courtesy of Josh Homminga). Below left, Homminga with the first basket he ever made and a more recent and elaborate basket (Photo by Rick Smith). Below right, one of Homminga’s larger baskets (Photo courtesy of Josh Homminga).



Cooking class rocks



Photo by Rick Smith

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVES UP HEALTH IN THE KITCHEN — Above, Gary and Carol Cairns enjoy a light moment while preparing a savory whitefish entry for the oven during a class at the Community Health training kitchen.

Sault Tribe Community Health continues to promote health in tasty ways through its training kitchen at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie and beyond.

The kitchen debuted in an open house in November 2016 and a series of classes featuring healthful shopping tips, food preparation and how to easily prepare several tasty dishes began a few months later. More classes

are on the way on canning and preserving food, making your own baby food and other subjects. Canning and preserving workshops are scheduled throughout the summer in the Sault, Cedarville and Newberry. The classes receive grant funding and are free to those interested. Call Heather Hemming at (906) 632-5210, extension 21372 or send email to hemming@saulttribe.net for more information.

Hartwig premieres film at United Nations

See “Film Premiere” page 1 and Canada for public screenings. Eventually, they are hoping the short film will make its permanent home on UNTV’s YouTube channel.

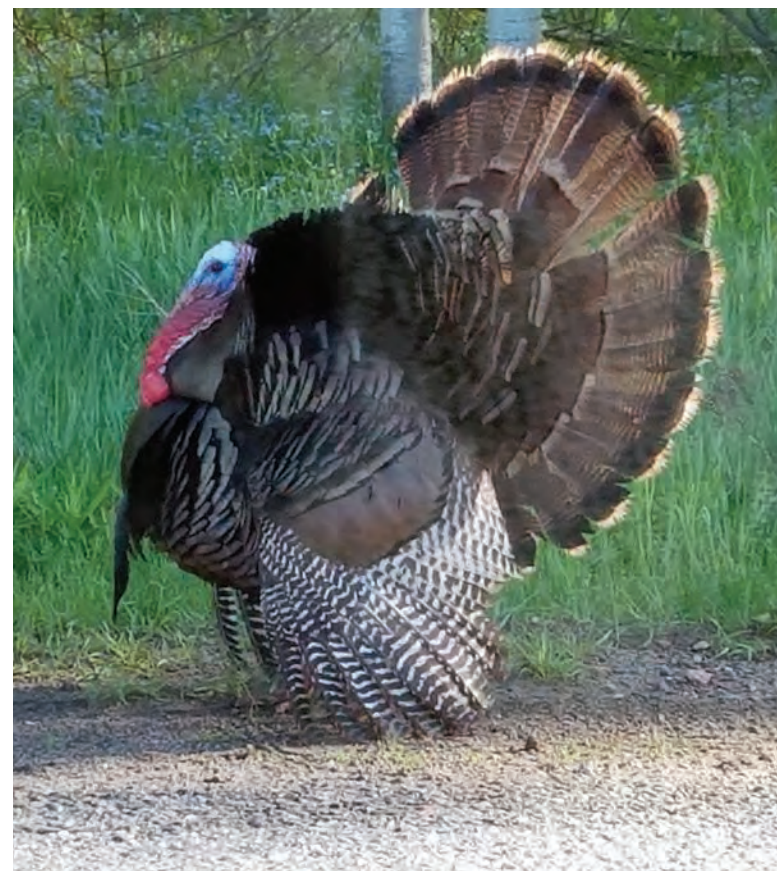
A screening of the film will be held in Sault Ste. Marie during the seventh annual Baawting Anishinaabemowin Conference on June 9, at the tribe’s Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building. Kewadin Casinos is also planning to host a screening of the short film in the coming months.

“An expected donation fell through at the last moment due to a technical issue on the donor’s end,” Hartwig said. “Some of our event and distribution costs still haven’t been met, and we are asking for donations to help with those costs.” If you would like to help sponsor “This Is Who I Am,” please review the information below.

People can donate to the project by check or PayPal. Checks should be made out to: Endangered Language Alliance with “Youth Film” on the memo

line. Send to: Endangered Language Alliance, 3 West 18th Street, New York, NY 10011; or to the film through PayPal. Remember to click “project specific donation” and write in “Youth Film.” The PayPal link and more information about the film project is here: <http://elalliance.org/2014/07/this-is-who-i-am/>.

Endangered Language Alliance is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization volunteering to process all the film costs and donations.



THIS IS MY BEST SIDE — Sherri Buckley was on her way to the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie on the morning of May 26 and saw a flock of turkeys walking about. A most handsome male turkey posed for this shot.

Kari O’Gorman Mrs. United States Tourism 2017

Kari O’Gorman (records technician for Sault Tribe Binogii Placement Agency Anishnaabek Community and Family Services) has been accepted as a competitor in the official International/America’s 2018 Miss Tourism Pageant to be held July 28-30, 2017, in Clarksville, Tenn. She will compete with women from all over the country for the title of World’s Mrs. Tourism and many other advantages. Kari has been an employee of the Sault Tribe since Nov. 2000.



The Tourism Pageant only selects those who exemplify the ideal for her peers. Those who enter the Tourism Pageants may not have ever been in a pageant before and that’s ok. It is substance, excellence, kindness, and desire to volunteer, to do community service and exemplify the ideal role model for her peer group. The pageant selects those who demonstrate these characteristics. Not everyone who enters is selected to represent. Kari has demonstrated the desire to achieve in her community and beyond.

The purpose of the World’s Miss Tourism Pageant is to recognize and promote the efforts of young women across the Nation who exemplify the ideal girl in her peer group.

The young women who want to make a difference in their communities, who want to promote the tourism industry, who truly wish to be your community’s role model for her age category. Kari would like to make volunteer appearances in the community, speak at local schools or read to children at local libraries. Please contact the Pageant office to book Kari O’Gorman, World’s Mrs. United States Tourism 2017.

As your representative, Kari O’Gorman may appear at community events cleared through the national office. If your club, company or organization is planning an event in your area and would like your titleholder to appear in her beautiful crown and sash, to speak about your platform, sign autographs or present awards or simply be there to represent you, contact our office immediately.

Kari is the current World’s Mrs. United States Tourism 2017, receiving that title in August 2016. Since that time, she has volunteered multiple times with the Diane Pepler Resource Center, purchased 15 cases of water and delivered it to Flint, volunteered for the Rotary Clubs Game Show fundraiser, volunteered at the Outhouse Races for the last two years, helped out with some United Way functions, volunteered with the Special Olympics Dinner Dance and Swim Meet and helped with the Community Easter Egg Hunt. She has also made guest appearances at Heavener Canoe Rental down in Milford, Mich.

Kari walked the Mackinac Bridge with Governor Snyder’s party and was part of the flash mob dance for Downtown Mainstreet. Kari has read during story time at Bayliss Public Library. She has participated in Walk for Warmth, Domestic Violence Awareness Walk and the Recovery Walk.

History contenders



HISTORY CONTENDERS — From left, fourth-graders Nick Wood, Treyce Moran and Drew Fabry from Soo Township Schools competed in state finals for Michigan History Day, “Taking a Stand in History.” Their exhibit was titled, “The 1980 Olympic Boycott.” The top three entries per age division at each regional event were selected as state finalists. The state final event was in Bay City, Mich., on April 29, 2017. Their social studies teacher is Christy Woodgate.

JKL School elementary and middle school Students of the Month



JKL SCHOOL ELEMENTARY APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — Back row from left, Orran Fazzari, Brooklyn Gehrke, Brock LeLievre, Jacob Gurnoe, and Aazhaaniise Keller. Front row from left, Ataya Klein, Payton Wooley, George Solomon, Tristan Ortiz, Emery McKelvie, Johanna Dickson and Dillon Berg. Missing from photo, Avery LaBonte, Nikolas Alshab, Maliyah Miller, Elizabeth Wilson and Steven Habusta.



JKL MIDDLE SCHOOL APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — Back row from left, Jackson Hogge, Wyatt Harstvedt, Liam Harstvedt, and Rachel Passage. Front row from left, Keenan Hoffman, Tabitha Beaudry and Anna Lawson. Missing from photo, Madaiisa Hefner.



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Olympian Billy Mills returns to Sault Ste. Marie



AND THEY'RE OFF — Youth gave it their all in the one mile youth race. Everyone in the race received a medal from Billy Mills.

Photos from Lisa Corbiere Moran and Carolyn Dale



On the beautiful Saturday morning of May 13, runners and walkers of all ages came to JKL Bahweting School for the 5k race/walk named in honor of Olympian Billy Mills, who graced the tribe with his presence again this year. The day before the race, Mills spoke at a school assembly hoping to motivate the school children. At the race, he presented awards and medals to every participant. The races began with a tot trot for toddlers followed by the youth one-mile run then the 5k walk and run. After the race, runners were treated to healthful snacks to replenish energy. Above, Unit I Director Michael McKerchie, Billy Mills, Unit I Director Jennifer McLeod and Mills' wife, Patricia Mills. Going clockwise, Patricia and Billy Mills pose with Sault Tribe education director and friend, Lisa Moran. Next, Mills stops for a shot with Unit I Director Kim Gravelle, and then with Derek Bouschor. At bottom, Mills talks with the Wise family after the school assembly on Friday, May 12. Lastly, at left, Mills poses with the JKL director of state and federal programs and curriculum director, Carolyn Dale.



Members of our community walking on . . .

JANICE M. BELLANT

Janice Marie Bellant, aged 58, of Lake Orion, died on May 10, 2017. Services to be held at a later date. Janice was born on Dec. 7, 1958, in Pontiac, the daughter of Clarence and Marie (nee Paquin) Bellant.



Surviving are her siblings, Charles (Rosanna) Bellant of Clarkston, John Bellant of Waterford, Sandra (Mark) Blakly of Newberry and Carol (Gordon) Elkins; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangement provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

CATHERINE E. BRADY

A beautiful woman began her journey home on May 15, 2017, surrounded by her family after 95 incredible years. Catherine Elizabeth "Katy" Brady was born on March 4, 1922, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to Albert and Matilda (nee Goetz) Tallion.



She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Durant Rolls. After working with the Michigan Bell Telephone company, Katy married William "Bill" Brady on Oct. 16, 1943. She devoted many years to caring for her family. Later, she and Bill owned and operated a motel in Grayling, Mich., for several years before retiring to Sault Ste. Marie. In 2000, they moved to Dansville, Mich., to be closer to family.

Katy enjoyed summers at Caribou Lake and winter months in Gulf Shores, Ala. Her crocheting, knitting and sewing skills were amazing. She will be remembered for more than 200 personalized doilies she hand-crafted for family, friends, clergy and members of St. James Church of Mason. Recently she enjoyed watching the Detroit Tigers and MSU basketball, playing Scrabble, card games and bingo.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Bill Brady; her parents; sister, Lillian Oswald; and sons-in-law, Irv Gossman and Tony McCafferty. She is lovingly remembered by children, Pat McCafferty of Dansville, Nancy (Ward) Staffeld of Dansville, Colleen Gossman of Mason, Janet (Jim) Mackie of Brimley and Dan (Karen) Brady of Sheboygan, Wisc. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren, Kara (Scott) Bryden of Lakewood, Ohio; Marty McCafferty of Cleveland, Ohio; Kristin (Doug) Flynn of Vicksburg; Mike Staffeld (fiancée Stephany Gauss) of Dansville; Jeff (Jamy) Staffeld of Dansville; Doug (Melissa) Staffeld of East Lansing; Lisa (Nick) Schmitt of Sammamish, Wash.; Carrie (Mike) Foster of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Loren (Joanna) Mouw of Hawthorne, Calif.; Angie (Kevin) Cook of Littleton, Colo.; Callie Mackie (Chris Anderson) of Rochester, Minn.; Will Brady

(Payton Saari) and Hannah Brady of Sheboygan, Wisc.

In addition, Katy leaves 21 great-grandchildren, Katie Payne, Sean and Molly McCafferty; Brady, Carson, and Mariah Flynn; Danielle, Amelie and Skye Staffeld; Landon LaForge; Kashell, Dylan and Sophia Staffeld; Chelsea Coleman (fiancé Jared Towns), Mariah Mackie and Reegan Staffeld; Anthony Schmitt; Mackenzie and Mason Foster; Ronan and Maebel Mouw; and two more great-grandchildren are expected in October; and one great-great-grandson, Kalin Towns.

Visitation and a memorial mass took place on June 2, 2017 at St. James Catholic Church in Mason with Fr. Kusi Cobona officiating. Contributions may be made in Katy's memory to St. James Catholic Church. The family was served by Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, Mason Chapel. Memories and on-line condolences may be shared with the family at www.grbdmason.com.

GARY L. CURRIE

Gary L. Currie, 72, of Oconto Falls, departed this life on May 10, 2017, in Green Bay. Gary was born on March 11, 1945, in St. Ignace, Mich., son of the late Roy and Rose (nee Cush) Currie.



He received his associate's degree from Marquette University, Mich. Gary met Nancy Seidel in 1965 and married her three months later. Together, Gary and Nancy shared 51 loving years of marriage and were blessed with four children. After he was married, Gary worked as a logger. He was later employed as a machinist at O&E Machine, where he retired from after 30 years.

An avid outdoorsman, Gary enjoyed hunting and fishing in his earlier years and later enjoyed watching wildlife. He was a passionate musician and loved to play his guitar outside by a bonfire. He also enjoyed trips to the casino, cheering on the Packers and relaxing with his two canine companions, Jack and Flash. He was a loving husband and proud dad, grandpa and great-grandpa and spending time with his family was most special to him.

Gary is survived by his wife, Nancy; four children, Sherry (Sam) Scimemi, Gary W. (Becky) Currie, Margsha (Rudy) Leroy and Jason (Peggy) Currie; 11 grandchildren, Sara, Eric, Samantha, Joey, Raeann, Alex, Zach, Brandon, Nick, Brandon, and Taylor; eight great-grandchildren; three sisters-in-law, Dorothy Currie, Stella Currie and Sally (Bob) Kulhanek; brother-in-law, Victor Seidel; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Leanne Leroy; two sisters, Barbara (Forest) Lee and Margaret Currie; eight brothers, Leroy, Robert, Walter, Charles, Ryan, Ronald, Donald and Raymond Currie, and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Victor and Doris Seidel.

Visitation and services took place at Newcomer Funeral Home in Green Bay, Wis., on May 15 and 16. Interment was in Stiles Town Cemetery.

To leave message of remembrance for the family, visit www.NewcomerGreenBay.com.

JENNIFER A. FOSTER

Jennifer Ann Foster, 39, passed away on April 12, 2017, due to a car accident. She was born in St. Ignace, Mich., to William and Deborah Foster on Oct. 15, 1976.



She worked as a front desk clerk on Mackinac Island, a waitress in St. Ignace, a dental assistant for Sault Tribe in St. Ignace and a nurse at a doctor's office in Standish, Mich. She graduated in 1994 from LaSalle High School in St. Ignace. She lived most of her life in St. Ignace.

She is survived by her daughters, Alexis Davis of Virginia Beach, Va., and Cecilia Tomas of St. Ignace; her mother and step-father, Deborah and Allen Campbell of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; her brother, William Foster of St. Ignace; and nephew, Vlad, and niece, Sophie Jonnett.

Jennifer was preceded in death by her grandparents, Francis (Pat) and Mary Andress of Mackinac Island, Drew Foster, and Jack Foster of St. Ignace; her father, William Foster Sr. of Sault Ste. Marie; her aunt, Rose Kerr, who lost her battle from cancer on March 20, 2017; her sister, Ruby C. Smith, also from a car accident downstate on April 10, 2016; and her great-grandparents, Frank and Ceelia Codotte and Joseph and Ruby Andress of Mackinac Island.

The June 11 burial was traditional in the Andress plot on Mackinac Island.

DONNA M. GILROY

Donna M. Gilroy, 77, of Kinross, Mich., passed away on May 15, 2017, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Donna was born on June 19, 1939, in Dafer, Mich., to the late Joseph Robert and Rachel Ann (nee Duke) Schwiderson. Donna loved her family and friends. She touched many lives and took care of others above herself. She enjoyed going to the casino, mainly to socialize.

Donna was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Brimley Post 9023 and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. For 27 years, Donna worked as a lunch cook for the Brimley Schools, giving a "little extra" to everyone. She was known for her cooking and baking, especially her cinnamon buns.

Donna is survived by her daughter, Kim (Christina) Gilroy of Dafer; siblings, Edward Schwiderson of Brimley, Robert Schwiderson of Dafer and Beverly (Gene) Black of Sault Ste. Marie; special friend Kazue Marshall of Kinross, Mich.; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Merlin

J. Gilroy; three sisters, Edna Schwiderson, Myrtle Schwiderson and Gloria LaJoie; and brother Al Schwiderson.

A memorial luncheon took place on June 3 at the Brimley VFW Hall.

The family was assisted by C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

DELORIS A. KARR

On May 7, 2017, Deloris Ann Karr passed away peacefully at her home from an extended illness. Deloris was born on June 29, 1939, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She was 77 years of age and was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Deloris loved to go for rides down the back roads, watch western movies and most of all, go to bingo.



Deloris is survived by her husband Archie Karr; her children, Debbie (George) Howell, Robert (Charlotte) Massie, Timothy Boatwright, Tammie (Mark) Massie-Sharpe, Manton (Ann-Marie) Karr, Krista (Chris) Karr-SanAngelo; grandchildren; Rick and Jennifer Rader, Heather and Samantha Massie, Brittany and Logan Boatwright, Mark Sharpe II and Mikaila Sharpe, Dallas Karr, Hunter SanAngelo and Teela Karr; five great grandchildren; a sister, Joyce Nielson; an uncle, Floyd (Kathlyn) Rabineau; and many nieces and nephews.

Deloris was preceded in death by a daughter, Rose-Marie Karr; parents, Arthur and Ethel Rabineau; three brothers, Richard, Junior and Ron Rabineau; and two sisters, Patricia Folsom and Gloria Steele.

Family and close friends gathered May 11 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home for a memorial service.

Condolences may be left at www.csmulder.com.

EUGENE P. KEYANDWY

Eugene P. Keyandwy, 82, of Dearborn Heights, Mich., passed away on April 2, 2017. He was born on June 13, 1934, in Cranbrook, British Columbia, Canada, to Charles A.



Keyandaway and Jessie Wilson. Eugene's grandfather was Peter Kewandaway and his grandmother was Winifred McLeod; great-grandfather, Joseph Kewandaway, great-grandmother, Josette B. Gourdreau; great-great grandfather, Pierre Kiwandaway and great-great grandmother, Margarette Abbott.

Eugene was extremely proud to be Native American and an elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Eugene served in the Korean War 1951-1954 with the military police. He was a Teamster for 42 years. He loved to hunt and fish. He was a runner and ran in 17 marathons. For many years, he was basketball and baseball coach

for his children's teams.

Eugene is survived by his wife of 46 years, Joann; children Sandra (Jeffrey) Regnier; grandchildren, Cecilie, Jeffrey and Justin; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Scott Keyandwy.

Services took place at St. Albert the Great Church on April 6, 2017. Burial followed at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn.

BENNY A. BENSON

Benny Arvid Benson, aged 72, passed away peacefully on May 5, 2017, with his loving family by his side. He was born to Arvid and Louise (nee LaJoice) Benson on Jan. 1, 1945, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

He served in the Army from Sept., 1965-67. Ben graduated from Lake Superior State University in 1971 and worked many years for Guardsman Chemical Products and retired as CFO from the AIS Construction Company in Grand Rapids, Mich., in 2009. Ben was married to Elaine (nee Rodiger) for 51 years.

He was extremely proud of his daughter, Leigh (and Ryan) Kennedy of Traverse City, Mich.; son, Ryan (and Carrie) of Woodbridge, Calif.; and beamed with pride at the mention of granddaughter, Hayden, and grandson, Gavin. Also surviving Ben are his sister, Bernadine "Bunny" Gustafson; sister-in-law, Lori (nee Rodiger) Graham and many nieces and nephews.

Ben had a deep passion for the outdoors and loved to fish, hunt and camp. For many Nov. 15ths, he looked forward to heading to deer camp off the Munuscong Bay in the U.P. A fish fry and campfire with friends and family was Ben's idea of a perfect evening.

Ben was a talented wood worker and gifted photographer, graciously providing 'from the heart gifts' to friends and family. Many of Ben's photos and prints of the out-of-doors accent homes of those he loved. Those wishing to offer expressions of sympathy are encouraged to make a memorial contribution to Mercy Health St. Mary's Hospitality House, Sophia's Place, 210 Lafayette Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

Ben was greatly loved and even though Ben's passing is a sad loss for his friends and family; every perch, blue gill, and crappie in Michigan breathed a sigh of relief of May 5, 2017. He will be dearly missed and as he often shared — keep "liv'n the dream."

BRANDON L. KINNEY

Brandon Lucas Kinney, aged 27, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away unexpectedly on May 4, 2017 at his home. He was born on Dec. 21, 1989, in Sault Ste. Marie, the son of Kirk Libby and Deborah Spoiala.

Brandon graduated with the Sault High Class of 2008 and was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He loved to play the guitar and music



3-on-3 hockey tournament champs



HOCKEY CHAMPIONS — From left, Cale Bell, Drew Fabry, Terek Sawyer, Evan Hoglund and Treyce Moran were the champions of the Squirt AA 3-on-3 hockey tournament at Ferris State Ice Arena in Big Rapids over April 21-23. They defeated TC North Stars, CCEM, Holland Ice Dogs and J-Crew. In the semi-finals they defeated J-Crew. In the finals they defeated Holland Ice Dogs with a score of 3-2 to go 6-0 on the weekend. Goalie Terek Sawyer played in the championship game. To get there he had to play goalie two periods for each team per game to compete against all other goalies to see who would play in the finals. In the skill competition, Terek Sawyer took first in the goalie Showdown for PeeWee B Division and second in the goalie Showdown for Squirt AA.

Spence-Waldie engagement



Katie Elizabeth Spence, a secretary at Sault Tribe Housing Authority, is to be married to Ethan Michael Waldie, a laborer at JAS Vaneer and Lumber.

Ms. Spence is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gale and Marcia Spence of Hessel, Mich. Mr. Waldie is the son of Richard Waldie and Kelly Wieschowski, both of Onaway, Mich.

A July wedding is planned for the happy couple. Their two children, Landon Rex, 6, and Nova Lee, 2, are extremely excited to welcome Ethan to the family.

Community members walking on . . .

From "obituaries," page 17 general. He also enjoyed reading, doing puzzles and spending time working out. He loved spending time with family and friends.

Brandon is survived by his mother, Deborah (step-father, George) Spoiala of Windsor, Ont.; father, Kirk Libby; siblings, Alicia Cairns of Sault Ste. Marie; Courtney Spoiala of Windsor, Nicholas Spoiala of Windsor, Jordan Pavlat of Sault Ste. Marie; grandparents, Michael and Susan Kinney of Sault Ste. Marie; Phyllis Libby of Sault Ste. Marie; and Nick and Carole Spoiala of Windsor, and a special friend, Gina Hoglund of Sault Ste. Marie; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Brandon was preceded in death by a sister, Danielle Nicole Spoiala; grandfather, Lloyd Libby; uncle, Lucas Kinney; and aunt, Lori Libby-Stabile.

Visitation and services took place on May 10 at the C.S. Mulder Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to help with funeral expenses.

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

JAMES N. MCLEOD

James "Norman" McLeod was the youngest of 10 children born in Bruce Mines, Ontario, on Oct. 21, 1932. Norman moved to Sault Ste. Marie when he was 9 years old and resided on Shunk Road with his mother and stepfather. Norman married Alice "Meme" on

July 6, 1959, in Brimley Mich.

Norman and Meme had a large family. Norman was a carpenter for the majority of his life and later in life he worked at the casino. He enjoyed working with the public and visiting family and friends. He loved to watch the Red Wings and Detroit Tigers. Later in life, his greatest joy was spending time with his family,



grandchildren and his dog, Buzzy.

In his death, as in his life, Norman showed the strength, love and humor for which he was well known. Norman's last struggle began at the Hospice House a week before his death. Norman was surrounded by his wife, Meme, his children and grandchildren, when he drew his last breath. If a death may be said to be beautiful, then Norman's was a beautiful peaceful death. Norman used all the strength he possessed to get back to his home and his family. He died in peace, surrounded by love, with his family.

Norman is survived by his wife, Alice "Meme" McLeod; his three sons, James "Sonny" McLeod (Kelly Nolan), Jim Burlew (Liz Burlew) and Mark McLeod; eight daughters, Myra "Dolly" Montague, Diane McLeod Maleport (David Maleport), Debra Macinnis (Daniel Macinnis), Beverly Marble, Kathleen Pianini (Giovanni Pianini), Linda Hammonds (Bobby Hammonds), Loretta McLeod (Michael Nolan), Tenniel McLeod (Francis Kuzmik); 25 grandchildren, June Ashley, Amy Ashley Gwillim, David Ashley, James Norman McLeod III, Michael McLeod, Damian McLeod, Dre McLeod, Daraka McLeod, Danielle McLeod, Quintin McLeod, Trevor Maleport, Trenton Maleport, Danny Macinnis, Jessica Macinnis, Mickey Marble, Dana Marble, Johnny Pianini, Cassandra Pianini, Travis McLeod, Mara McLeod, Rheanna McKechnie, Ronald McKechnie, Raven McKechnie, Lily Kuzmik and Frankie Kuzmik. Norman is also survived by 13 great-grandkids and six great-great-grandkids.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Susan McLeod; son, David McLeod; granddaughter, Jessica McLeod; son-in-law, Mick Marble; mother, Susan McLeod Tallion; stepfather, David Tallion; father, George Duncan McLeod; sisters, Agnes Burlew, Mary Frost, Kathleen Kay Connell (Colin Connell) and Raymond McLeod (Elvira McLeod); and his beloved dog, Buzzy.



ASA W. BUNKER

Asa Wayne Bunker was born at 12:34 p.m. on March 29, 2017, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to Ashley Marie (nee LaFaver) Bunker and Bryan Andrew Bunker, both from Sault Ste. Marie.

He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 19.25 inches in length.

Visitation took place on May 12 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and a funeral Mass was conducted on May 13 at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church with Brother John Hascall as celebrant. Burial at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Hospice of the EUP.

Condolences may be left at www.csmulder.com.

RONALD A. SYRJALA

Ronald Allen Syrjala, 64, passed away on Jan. 6, 2017, at his home in Clinton Township, Mich. He was born to Reino and Doloris (nee Thibodeau) Syrjala on June 18, 1952.

Ron grew up in Sault Ste. Marie attending Soo Township School and Sault High School. He lived at "the Farm" on 5½ Mile Road with his parents and siblings, Pamela (William) Moore, Gwenn (Dennis) Aho, Robert Syrjala, Reino Syrjala Jr. and Penny Syrjala.

He loved baseball and was a Detroit Tigers fan, as was his mother, and played many baseball games in the yard with siblings and neighborhood friends. He also played cribbage and liked to work crossword puzzles. Ron also ran track while in high school.

He served in the United States Air Force and was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the American Legion.

He is survived by his brothers and sisters; nephews, Robert Moore, James Moore, Timothy Aho, Justin Syrjala; and nieces, Kimberley (Todd) Pietrangelo and Tammy Selby.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law, William Moore; and niece, Jacqueline Wemigwans.

Family and friends attended a memorial service on May 20 in remembrance of Ron's life with interment immediately following at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens, in Sault Ste. Marie.

C.S. Mulder Funeral Home assisted the family. In lieu of flowers, please help Great Lakes Recovery Center, 97 South Forth St., Ishpeming, MI 49849.

Conservation Corner — Treaty licensing for inland and Great Lakes

BY ROBERT MARCHAND,
CHIEF OF SAULT TRIBE POLICE

Summer appears to finally be here! Sault Tribe Law Enforcement would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to exercise safe boating practices out on the waters and make sure you are licensed for the treaty rights activity you are engaging in!

Inland hunting, fishing, gathering licenses

May 1-31, 2017 was the application period for Bear and Elk hunting permits. The lottery drawing will occur in early June, and any members who applied for these permits can contact Sault Tribe Law Enforcement at (906) 635-6065 on or around June 12, 2017 to determine if you were selected through the drawing. Reminder to all who hold the spring turkey permits, this season ends June 15, 2017.

Inland hunting, fishing and gathering licenses are governed

by Tribal Code Chapters 21 and 23. When you receive your harvest license, it is classified as either a “harvest license” or a “non hunter harvest card.”

• With the hard card issued to members with the title of “Non Hunter Harvest Card,” you are only authorized to fish inland lakes and streams and gather located in the 1836 Treaty Area, per code.

• With the hard card titled “Harvest License,” you are authorized to fish and gather just like the Non Hunter Harvest Card holder can, but the Harvest License authorizes you to hunt small game, migratory birds, water fowl, and general furbearers. You may also select deer, spring and fall turkey, and trapping tags for animals such as river otter, bobcat, pine marten, and fisher.

Reminder: if you lose your harvest card and/or tags, there will be a \$10 replacement fee

to have new ones issued. This fee applies to any and all license holders, regardless of whether you had to pay to obtain the license in the first place. You must provide a copy of your tribal card with an explanation of why you need replacement license/tags, and sign and date the sheet.

Please remember: the Inland (called Harvest License or Non Hunter Harvest Card) license **does NOT allow** fishing on the Great Lakes; the Subsistence and Subsistence Gillnet license **does NOT allow** fishing on Inland lakes and streams. **Both types of licenses are effective only within** Sault Tribe’s 1836 Treaty Area. Your current, updated (not expired) Sault Tribe membership card **allows fishing only on the Great Lakes in the 1836 Treaty Area if you follow state of Michigan rules.**

Treaty hunting and fishing rules and regulations can seem very complex. 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.

SPECIES	SEASON	BAG LIMIT
Whitetail		5, 2 of which can be antlered
Early Firearm	Day after Labor Day — Oct. 31; and	Only 2 of the 5 may be taken in early firearm season; 1 may be antlered
Late Firearm	Nov. 15 — first full weekend of January	
Archery	Day after Labor Day — the first full weekend in January.	
Bear	TBD; Applications available May 1, due May 31	By lottery
Elk	TBD; Applications available May 1, due May 31	By lottery
Ruffed Grouse	Sept. 1 — March 31	10/day; 20 in possession
Sharp-Tailed Grouse	Oct. 1 — Nov. 30	4/day; 12 per season; 8 in possession
Snowshoe	Sept. 1 — March 31	10/day; 20 in possession
Wild Turkey		
Spring	April 15 — June	2; bearded only
Fall	Sept. 15 — Nov. 14	2
Squirrel	Sept. 1 — March 31	10/day; 20 in possession
Bobcat	Oct. 1 — March 31	2, one of which may be from LP
Badger	Oct. 1 — March 31	No bag limit
Grey Fox	Oct. 1 — March 31	No bag limit
Red Fox	Oct. 1 — March 31	No bag limit
Muskrat	Oct. 1 — March 31	No bag limit
Raccoon	Oct. 1 — March 31	No bag limit
Mink	Oct. 1 — March 31	No bag limit
Fisher	Oct. 1 — March 15	3, UP only
Marten	Oct. 1 — March 15	2, UP only
Otter		
UP	Oct. 1 — May 15	3
LP	Oct. 1 — April 15	1
Beaver		
UP	Oct. 1 — May 15	No bag limit
LP	Oct. 1 — April 15	No bag limit
Coyote	All Year	No bag limit

All Hands On Deck: Sault folks to join efforts to help protect the Great Lakes

The waterway connecting Lake Superior and Lake Huron has been vital to the peoples living along it for thousands of years, so when Great Lakes conservation events started springing up throughout the region, Sault Ste. Marie residents Annemarie Askwith and Adel Easterday knew the St. Mary’s River needed one on its shore.

The events are part of All Hands On Deck (AHOD) and are the brainchild of Kimberly Simon, a retired art teacher in Charlevoix.

Volunteers are now coordinating dozens of events on July 3, around the Great Lakes in the U.S. and Canada. The events are aimed at creating a water-focused conversation in every community on the Great Lakes shoreline and to bring attention and the financial support necessary to keep the lakes healthy.

All Hands On Deck in the Sault begins at 10 a.m. at Rotary Park. Participants of all ages – both on land and on the water – are welcome.

The day features information booths, special guest speakers including Sault Tribe Board Chairman Aaron Payment, drum circles from throughout the area, and a community handhold to symbolically join with thousands of other participants across the Great Lakes in a pledge to protect our water.

Participants in the Sault gathering will leave with tips and information on how every person can help in preserving the Great Lakes.

Another event is being held at the Dunes on M-134 between DeTour Village and Cedarville Big Dunes. Everyone is welcome and check in starts at 9:30 a.m.

Event organizers are honored to have a drum from the Sault Tribe. When events started popping up around the region, Easterday knew immediately Sault Ste. Marie needed to host one. She encouraged all lovers of water to attend – fishermen, boaters, paddlers, swimmers, conservationists, scientists – because protecting the water is important to everyone.

The retired teacher felt especially inspired by a sign she saw



at the Sault’s downtown solidarity event for Standing Rock that said, “When we go to another planet the first thing we look for is water.” “It was Silver Fox the flutist who carried that sign. It really clarifies the depth of the importance of water,” Easterday said.

“Water is life,” Askwith agreed. “The power of water influenced my whole life,” she said, recalling the impact of time spent with her mother at Pendills Creek on the shore of Lake Superior. Askwith is especially interested in preserving the Great Lakes for future generations, so they can enjoy the same profound experiences she had.

Sault Tribe member Megan Collier is helping to organize the Sault’s All Hands On Deck event. She noted, “Around here, water means different things to different people. For some, it’s their livelihood, for others, it’s their recreation, but for everyone, it’s vital. This event will be a chance for us to literally join up and make things happen.”

Boaters of all kinds are welcome to join, and marine flags are available for purchase from www.NorthStarFlags.com (search “AHOD”).

Paddlers can use the new launch dock at Rotary Park to join in the fun.

For the Sault’s AHOD information, visit www.AllHandsOnDeckSault.com or find it on Facebook by searching “All Hands on Deck Sault.” Send email to the event captains at AllHandsOnDeckSault@gmail.com.

For information on the international effort, visit www.AllHandsOnDeckGreatLakes.org.

Rain barrels systems are a win-win-win

Good for your wallet, good for your yard and good for your plants!

BY CRYSTAL FALK

The weather is finally warming up and it is almost time to get those gardens in. What can we do to get our beautiful yards and gardens the water they need without having a huge water bill? Rain barrels are a great way to use rainwater that comes naturally.

Rain barrels sit underneath the downspouts of your gutter and collect and store rainwater for your landscaping. They provide both environmental and money-saving benefits and adding one will make your home a greener space.

Rainwater stored in barrels is not safe for drinking or giving to your pets, because it isn’t treated to remove bacteria. However, water collected in a rain barrel can be used to wash cars, outdoor furniture or any other type of household cleaning as well as watering your plants. Because rain barrels cost nothing once purchased and installed, they can save on that pesky summer water bill. Even the smallest amount of rain can contribute a great deal of water to your barrel as it is coming of a surface area the size of your home, just a few hours of rain will fill your barrel. For many, one full barrel will last the whole summer.

Did you know that rainwater is healthier for your plants? There are many beneficial microorganisms in the soils that help your plants. These microorganisms improve the soils ability to support life and help your plants get the nutrients they need. Tap water contains chlorine that reduces the population of these helpful microbes, while using rainwater does not. This also points out the other way rain barrels save money. When we all use less treated water, the water systems can keep up with demand, so governments don’t have to invest in new water treatment plants as soon – they can stretch our tax dollars further.



The water collected in rain barrels also helps by collecting rain that would otherwise run off your roof and contribute to storm water run-off and erosion, both of which pollute waterways like rivers, streams and ponds. In addition, rain barrels are a way of being prepared in an emergency, providing a back-up source of water in the event of a drought, natural disaster or other emergency.

Rain barrels are available through many sources online with prices ranging from \$40 to \$350. Just type in rain barrels to your favorite search engine and search for what suits your needs, as they come in different sizes and colors and with different capabilities. You can have the typical barrel-looking type, but they also come in shapes of large rocks or woodpiles to disguise the barrel. There are even rain barrels with

planters on top! Most hardware stores and larger warehouse stores have them available. Once you have your rain barrel, you may want to elevate it on top of a stand or cinder blocks to create more pressure for a heavier flow.

The benefit and ease of having a rain barrel cannot be expressed enough. The Sault Tribe Environmental Department has rain barrels for sale, and some in operation we can show you. We can also provide the materials and directions for you to make one at home. Please feel free to call us or stop by on your summer errands. Please call (906) 632-5575 to make sure someone’s here (we are out in the field a lot in summer!). Sault Tribe Environmental Department is at 206 Greenough Street in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Crystal Falk works in the Sault Tribe Environmental Department.

NATIONAL THREAT TO OUR TREATY & TRUST FUNDS REQUIRE TRIBAL UNITY: STILL NO STAFF AT ALL!



Ahneen, Boozho, Negee,

As promised, I going about my work as Chair in the best way I can. Here are excerpts from my recent testimony in the U.S. Congress. While I hold no support or respect from some Members of our Tribal Board, I carry great weight on behalf of our Tribe at the State, Regional, Inter-Tribal and National levels and will continue to represent you the best I can.

Good afternoon, Chairman Calvert, Ranking Member McCollum, and members of the Subcommittee, on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), we thank you for holding this - Native Public Witness Hearing - specifically for tribal programs under the jurisdiction of this subcommittee. NCAI

would like to acknowledge the steadfast work undertaken and attention paid by the Members of this subcommittee to uphold the federal trust and treaty obligations funded in this appropriations bill.

This hearing is so important because the federal budget for Indian programs is one of the key measures of how - and whether -- the federal government is fulfilling its federal trust responsibilities towards tribal governments.

In the last few years, this subcommittee has supported Indian Country and tribal self-determination through appropriations. The FY 2017 Omnibus included hard-fought increases for BIA, Bureau of Indian Education, IHS, and other core tribal government programs. We are hopeful that the final FY 2018 Interior appropriations bill will build on

the investments made in Indian Country in the 2017 Omnibus.

The fulfillment of the federal trust responsibility and respect for tribal self-determination is essential for the ability of tribal governments to meet the basic service needs of tribal citizens. These programs are not based on race or ethnicity but rather on the centuries-long political relationship between tribes and the United States.

While the federal treaty and trust relationship calls for federal funding of health, education, social welfare and other government services, upholding these treaty obligations is a critical component of tribal and surrounding regional economies.

Economists have found that tribal economic growth leads to growth in surrounding regions. Tribal economic activity produces regional multiplier impacts for the off-reservation economy. Economic research on tribal colleges, timber, procurement, and other enterprises have shown direct, indirect, and induced impacts on gross regional product and employment.

Governments provide local and national public goods that the private sector would otherwise under provide, such as public safety and justice - which are essential for conducting business on reservations and tribal lands.

In addition, essential government funds public investments in core infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, and water and sanitation systems that provide high economic rates of return. Such core infrastructure in Indian Country has faced insufficient public investment for decades. Please recognize, that noncore public investments, such as early childhood education and childcare, health care, and a range of human services, provide at least as much of a near-term economic boost as core infrastructure.

Recent estimates show that Indian Affairs programs "contributed over \$14 billion to the GDP, \$18 billion in economic activity and supported nearly 93,000 jobs, many of them on Indian lands." These estimates did not include education and public safety, which also provide significant social and economic benefits that are difficult to measure. Justice Service Programs provide economic and social benefits of: support of health and safety, lower medical costs from crime, human capital development, and other positive spillover effects.

While the details of the President's budget are not available, many of the BIA program areas supported by this Subcommittee in previous years remain important. For instance, tribes from all of the

BIA regions identified Social Services and family support programs in need of increases in FY18 to address the interrelated needs of their children, families, and communities.

The broad outline proposed by the Administration would reduce the budget for the Department of the Interior by 11.7 percent. Hopefully, the department-wide reductions will not apply to BIA in the same proportion as we have just begun to reach parity across Interior divisions. Reductions would undercut the potential progress of Indian Country as well as undercut the ability of tribal nations to provide for our citizens. We urge this Subcommittee to continue its bipartisan effort to meet the federal obligations for Indian Country.

The President's Budget outline aimed to abolish many initiatives that serve tribes. Our written testimony also addresses several specific recommendations for public safety, roads, natural resources, BIE, IHS, and EPA.

NCAI looks forward to working with you on these important issues to up hold the treaty and trust obligations which again, are negotiated to last as long as the Rivers Flow, Grass Grows, and Wind Blows.

Chi McGwitch, I am happy to answer any questions.

To view my testimony in the U.S. Congress, please go to: <https://youtu.be/xuzcrWISwjQ>

The following is excerpted from Indianz.com:

President Donald Trump is confirming Indian Country's worst fears by seeking drastic cuts in education, health, housing and other key programs. As expected, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service are among the many losers in Trump's fiscal year 2018 budget. Details released on Tuesday show both agencies being reduced to levels not seen in nearly a decade.

But even though tribes and key lawmakers knew the cuts were coming, the new president still managed to pull out some surprises...He proposed the outright elimination of a grant program that tribes nationwide

have used to improve housing and economic development in their communities.

"President Trump's budget proposal for programs affecting Indian Country is extremely troubling because of its disregard for the federal government's responsibilities and its troubling lack of understanding of the challenges facing tribal communities," Sen. Tom Udall (D-New Mexico), the vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, said in a press release.

"I'm concerned that it would violate the federal government's trust and treaty obligations to provide even basic health, education, public safety and other core services to

American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians."

Even Republicans expressed concerns...They quickly pointed out that Congress -- not the president -- has the final say over funding levels for the BIA, the IHS and other federal agencies.

"As the appropriations process moves forward, I will work to provide our agencies with the resources necessary to fulfill their missions while also finding efficiencies to ensure taxpayer dollars are being used judiciously," Rep. Ken Calvert (R-California), a key member of the House Appropriations Committee, said in a statement.

Calvert chairs the House Appropriation Subcommittee

on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, which is responsible for writing the bill that funds the vast majority of tribal programs. Just last week, he presided over a series of sessions in Washington, D.C., where nearly 80 Indian Country leaders called on Congress to fulfill the federal government's trust and treaty responsibilities.

According to Trump's Cabinet, the 2018 request fulfills those kinds of responsibilities, just not at the levels tribes want. Secretary Ryan Zinke, the new leader of the Department of the Interior, was upbeat even as his agency took at 10.9 percent hit in the budget.

The Department of Health and Human Services is slated

for an even larger cut of 16.9 percent. Secretary Tom Price linked the reduction in funds to Republican efforts to overhaul the nation's health care system, which impacts revenues at the IHS.

"More money isn't the answer; replacing a broken system is," Price said in a statement.

Over at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the proposal calls for the complete elimination of \$60 million in funds for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program, which benefits a wide variety of projects. The much larger Community Development Block Grants also on the chopping block.

Now more than ever, we have to be unified in fighting to protect our rights. The president has proposed to zero out several of our trust responsibility and treaty rights as reflected in his budget. What we are seeing is historic. Not since Andrew Jackson have we faced such challenges with a president.

Andrew Jackson removed the Cherokee and decimated 2/3 of their population, yet he is Trump's role model. Much of the abrogation of the treaties are in Trump's budget.

Unfortunately, I have no staff to draw from to support me in my role in fighting to protect our treaty rights. As you recall, a majority of our

Board has ensured that no staff report to me at all. These are critical times. I am going to again request that the Board vote to assign legislative staff, my office staff, treaty staff, and the membership liaisons to once again report to me. If the Board is not sure if you support this, then I urged them to vote to

hold a referendum to invite all voting members to decide whether or not I should have at least a skeletal staff.

A year from now we will be in an election cycle with six board members up for reelection. I cannot imagine members voting to put any Board Members back in office, if they do not support

at least a minimal Chair's staff at such a critical point in our history. It is going to take everything I know, every skill, every relationship in Congress, to be able to fight to protect our treaty and trust responsibilities. I need to help in this effort.

Chi McGwitch,

Human Resource audit will be implemented



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

I would like to congratulate all the young men and women graduating high school and those recently graduating college. Each of these are stepping stones in your path of future successes. Cherish the time with your friends as "real life" sets in consisting of responsibilities and consequences. These will be the last gatherings as a group and life will take you your separate ways but you will always remember the bonds with your classmates and community.

I would like to thank Brenda and Jerry Garries, Ilene Moses, Francie Wyers, Aggie O'Brien, Del and Pam Powers, Phyllis Colegrove, Delores Calcaterra, Russell Rickley, Christine McPherson, Chip McArthur and Catherine Hollowell for participating in this year's Wequayoc Cemetery clean up. Flags were placed on all the veteran's graves, which were purchased by Ilene

Moses. We had a very beautiful day and a nice potluck. Thank you to Sault Tribe Construction for the new shed and facilities for maintaining the property.

At the May 2 meeting, the new St. Ignace Fire Department was on the agenda for a long term 2 percent agreement for \$25,000 for 10 years. Directors McKelvie and Hoffman motioned to amend for \$50,000 for five years and there were some disputes about the resolution to begin with and created more anger for increasing the yearly disbursement. It however did pass seven for and four against. Thank you to all the board members who did support our local fire department, which we heavily rely on to protect our buildings, property and community. It boils down to each unit contributing \$5000 each 2 percent cycle for five years.

I tried to get the HR audit added to the May 2 meeting agenda but needed nine votes and I didn't get the support. I was then planning to add it to the next meeting and was late as I forgot our deadline was a day early with changing the meeting date. So, Director Hoffman and myself tried to add it to the May 22 agenda and received the support to add it. After much debate, Director Hoffman and myself motioned to grant the executive director the authority to implement the findings and recommendations of RedW. The motion passed with nine for and two against.

The chairman was overheard telling the executive director that

the board did not direct her to do anything. This is one of the many reasons that the board voted to rescind his delegated authority. He was constantly undermining decisions and direction from the board with staff. He would stall bringing information forward as well as limited information.

A very contentious item has been the discussions of possibly combining the Inland Hunting and Fishing Committee with the Great Lakes Commercial Fishing Committee. This was one committee prior to 2010 when the board voted to separate them. The board has been meeting weekly for a few weeks trying to decide the best path forward.

At the May 22 meeting many members of both committees were presented and none of them seemed to support separating them. Nobody for the most part likes change and many did not want the groups to separate back in 2010. Some of the reasons for combining are to create balance with decision-making and diminish self-interest. Some of the concerns from committee members are the length of meetings, commercial fishing dominating the agenda, that members will leave after their area has been discussed, and that non-qualified people will be making decisions on their livelihood. The resolution failed six for and five against and to change code there must be at least seven in support.

I am sure this will show up again at the next meeting since one director was absent. Another

solution could be changing the composition of the separate committees. Either way none of the decisions are taken lightly and not everyone will always be happy but at the end of the day the treaty rights belong to the tribe and the 40,000-plus members.

The chair continues to cry about not having any staff. One of the liaisons after the Newberry meeting said to him, "Let me know if you need anything," and he said he has to ask for permission. Lie, lie, lie. None of the board members have staff reporting individually to them, but we at any time can ask staff to help us with things. His travel is still planned, his meeting binders are done and he has white papers when he needs them to testify or present so he clearly doesn't need to ask permission. He has for the last several meetings tried to push an organizational chart giving him staff. We have an executive director who is now responsible for government operations and she is the one who should be presenting her proposed organizational chart. I do support him having his executive assistant but at the same time he left his office and staff after we rescinded the delegated authority when we asked him not to.

The new VP of Marketing for the casinos just started this week. This individual has spent time at other casinos and will hopefully bring a new prospective and experience to make the much-needed changes in player retention, player development and promotions.

Soon the position of Food and Beverage director will be filled. Our food and beverage outlets have been neglected for too long. We have lost many local customers and need to be more competitive in our local markets. The St. Ignace casino hasn't had a chef in probably five or more years. Hopefully there will be new menus and cheaper buffet prices.

The chair's latest Facebook post: "Staff should be worried, ever since Bridgett's little tirade at the St. Ignace clinic, we have lost like 10 medical providers." Really? Let's investigate this and see what the truth is. We have exit interviews and letters proving what is really going on, but he and several others have turned their back on the staff for a few years now. On top of that, we are now having to pay more money to replace the ones that left. What is the cost of turnover to the tribe and the members having to go without services during these times?

Powwow season is upon us, please support those who work very hard to make these happen. It takes many volunteers and fundraising events to pull these off.

Hats off to all our team members who will bust their butt during the busy tourist season and more than likely short-staffed. We couldn't do it without your hard work and dedication!

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Updates on reorganization, kudos to our staff



**CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

I want to report on the status of our tribe's government reorganization that commenced earlier this year. We faced some unavoidable challenges during this transition period. Change is never easy; it always includes an element of stress. But all things considered, this is a good time to recognize our employees for their contribution and accomplishments. We do not give enough recognition for a job well done, especially during difficult times. There are still some key issues that need to be resolved and I'm confident that will happen in the next few weeks.

We are rebuilding our fishery operation from the ground up and I appreciate our natural resource staff going above and beyond to reestablish our data collection processes. Data quality will be very important moving forward in order to better manage the resource, inform policy decisions and strengthen our position as we

prepare for Consent Decree negotiations.

I also want to commend administration for significant improvement in communication:

— We've received comprehensive year-end reports for every governmental division and department (first compilation since I've served on the Board). Really appreciate the effort and quality of this work product. It will be an important product for decision and policy making and a great reference tool for evaluating and tracking our long term goals.

— Very impressed with the pro-active efforts of our division directors and managers as we prepare for the budgetary uncertainty at the federal level. The president's budget is very draconian when it comes to federal dollars across the board. Our position is that funding to Indian Country are "pre-paid" obligations in exchange for ceded territories and therefore, should be exempt from budget cuts. That being said, administration has prepared budget scenarios that anticipates 5 percent; 10 percent; and 15 percent budget cuts. I'm grateful for this pre-emptive response from staff so we that we can plan for and mitigate the impact on tribal operations and services.

These are two action examples that are critical for our ability to "get on the same page" and focus on long term direction for future sustainability, stability and ability to deliver improved and expanded service to our tribe. This may sound wonky and too much bureaucratic talk to some readers,

but it highlights our workforce's heavy lift to deliver a stronger foundation to build upon. So thank you to all of our governmental employees for a job well done. Now, if the board of directors can remain focused and disciplined and remember that we are NOT program managers or supervisors. It is outside our wheelhouse to interfere in management's chain of command.

Having said that, policy reform IS within our wheelhouse. It's going to take strong leadership by the board to bring about the change we need. For example, we recently took steps to improve the functionality, efficiency and culture in our Human Resource Department. This department is so critical because it touches every other area of tribal operations. We brought in outside professional consultants to conduct

a comprehensive assessment and recommendations to achieve the transformation we need. It's plain to see from these recommendations that what holds us back are the policies we've imposed throughout the years. They don't reflect industry standards; they burden the hiring process and employee access to resources. None of that is the fault of Human Resource employees. To borrow a phrase, "It's the policies, stupid." The board needs to step up and do the heavy lift if they are serious about reform. If we don't, we've put our staff in the impossible position of bringing about the change while still complying with an archaic and dysfunctional set of policies.

We held a spring clean-up of Wequayoc Cemetery last weekend. It is so pretty and peaceful out there. Thank you

to all the community and families and Wayquayoc Committee for making sure the cemetery and grounds are well cared for.

There is a new storage shed that looks great and new signage, too (thank you Sault Tribe Construction and Transportation).

We are evaluating some of our space needs throughout Unit II to better serve membership and I hope I will have more information to share about that next month.

Congratulations to all the graduates for your accomplishments! Nothing makes your family and community more proud than to see you achieve your goals. We had a banner year of graduates in our family this year. Feeling blessed with hope for the future.

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Community members gave Wequayoc Cemetery, near Cedarville, its annual spring cleaning on May 20.

Congratulations to our graduating students!



**JENNIFER MCLEOD,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aaniin Anishnaabek, this is a special time of year, graduations are happening everywhere! I was asked to speak at a local high school graduation ceremony and wanted to share my words to all of our tribe's graduates, high school through college:

Graduation is a great accomplishment. Congratulations to you and to your parents, families and the teachers who helped you on this journey. You are at one of the many high-points that you will experience in your lifetime and I feel blessed to share it with you. As an educator, a tribal councilwoman, mother and grandmother, I want you to know how very

proud it makes me, to look out at your faces and see the future.

You are the culmination of all of the ancestors who came before you and are the bridge to what is going to come for all people.

There was a time, not too long ago, when the thought of so many tribal children getting a diploma was just a dream, and a far-fetched dream at that. But here you are. Smart, educated and prepared for a life that just a few generations ago could not have been imagined, and on behalf of ALL of our ancestors, I say miigwech for your hard work and all that you have done and miigwech, too, for all that you are about to do.

Our elders taught that each of us comes into this world with gifts and a purpose. We are ALL connected to each other and to all of creation. We are taught that it is our responsibility to spend our lives learning about what our purpose is and what gifts we have been given to accomplish this purpose. The person sitting to your left is very different than the person sitting to your right, and they are BOTH very different from you. And THAT is a glorious thing.

The path that you are meant to walk is often called, "bimaadi-

ziiwin." The good way of life. It is one of the gifts our ancestors worked hard for, sacrificed for and lovingly gave to all the future generations of our people, and that includes you. Each person's path is their's alone to walk, but you never walk alone.

You have the love of your ancestors holding you up and giving you strength that comes forward to you even from your very FIRST ancestor, but there are many more who are there for you as you take this magnificent journey.

Grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles, sisters and brothers, cousins, even if they are NOT blood related to you they are there, a part of your journey, a part of your bimaadiziiwin. It is our way. There are many others, too, teachers, friends, bosses, mentors, community leaders, tribal leaders, they are also right there, sharing, guiding and helping you on your way, and you are going to have an amazing adventure!

Allow me to give you just a little bit of advice:

Don't be afraid to ask questions, and keep asking your questions until you understand.

Be kind to everyone, ESPECIALLY yourself. You're

going to make mistakes. Accept it. Don't be hard on yourself. You will learn, you will do better. Be your own biggest cheerleader, not your worst enemy. Be patient. You will accomplish great things. You WILL. It's already inside of you. You came into this physical realm with greatness inside, it will come. Be patient.

Listen: Listen to everyone, and everything. Pay attention to what all things are saying to you. Even the birds, bears, water, the wind, all of creation, have things to share with you, if you listen. Of course, there are all humans who will share with you, too. In all instances, listen, find the truth of what is being shared, and only pick up those things. Hold on to what is good; hold on to what matters, let go of the rest.

Laugh: Keep joy in your heart. When something happens that you are going to laugh at in 20 years, try to laugh at it NOW! Joy and laughter are great medicines and can cure many things.

Use your imagination: If you can imagine it, if you can "see it," you could make it happen. Pay attention to your imagination, there was a time when people laughed at the thought of a man visiting the moon, now we're looking at Mars. Accept NO

LIMITS, for you have none.

Spend time with babies: Their innocence is amazing.

Spend time with elders: Their wisdom is amazing.

Spend time with your loved ones: Their love for you is amazing

Spend time with yourself: you are amazing.

As an educator, I have been around long enough to have the children of my students travel full circle to my classroom. I have been able to see the good paths that were taken and how our world became a better place. I cannot imagine all the incredible things you are all going to see and do as you walk your bimaadiziiwin. But one thing I know for certain, our children grow up to become the adults who run the world, and that's what I'm looking at right now. Children who have become adults and are ready to go into the world to make it better for the next seven generations and beyond. I can see that the future is in good hands. Make us proud.

Congratulations to ALL!
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Appreciation for recent help, congrats to grads



**ANITA NELSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT V**

Activities that occurred in the last few months deserve a big thank you and appreciation. I have been off on medical but managed to keep up via phone and one-finger messages. I had more requests for assistance in eight days than in eight months, most of which were referrals for housing, enrollment and employment. If I can arrange it, I would like to set up a couple hours on the third Thursday of the month at my Grand Island Center office to reach members who are not elders. Call me for an appoint-

ment and I will stay after my elder meeting on that day.

First, I want to congratulate the Munising High School's graduating Native American seniors. I got to spend some time with them at the dinner and their families. It looks as if these students have a well-planned future ahead of them. Parents and grandparents were beaming with pride. Also congratulations to Tom Tufnell for being elected chairperson to the Elder Advisory Committee that meets in Newberry monthly. The Elder Advisory Committee serves the tribal elderly population as well as the entire tribal community by acting in an advisory capacity to the board of directors on all matters that come before the committees.

I would like to thank my fellow board members for the beautiful bouquet of flowers and their patience with me during my medical absence. Administration deserves thanks also for setting up video-conferencing so I didn't have to travel to the Sault. I try to avoid missing any of the important work-

shops.

To my Unit V local tribal members — Kris Leveque, Mari Leveque, Tom and Karen Derwin, Joan Anderson, Deb McNeil, Kim and Steve Swanberg — a big thank you for all the work you did in making the water walker ceremony a success. I heard it was two days of hard work plus the weather was nasty. Many community members participated in welcoming the water walkers with feast and fire. Our elders walked with the group while younger ones organized, cooked and got things ready. I may have missed names of people to thank, but you know who you are. Your participation was appreciated.

Members, please remember the Unit V powwow is scheduled for Aug. 12, 2017. Marquette Unit V, please try and make it, you are welcome to come join us. I saw some of you there last year and I enjoyed visiting with you.

Casino employees, your employee picnic is scheduled for Sept. 10, 2017. The Unit V Elder Board Sub-Committee

meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of the month, Munising at 11 a.m. and Marquette at 6 p.m. Check with your chairman for any changes. Marquette Elder Board resignations, I'm sincerely going to miss you. Congratulations to the

new appointed committee members.

Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world.

Anita L. Nelson,
Board of directors, Unit V
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It's summer, be careful out there



**KIMBERLE GRAVELLE
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Hello, I hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather. Before I go any further I would like to congratulate Debbie Cox on her retirement and many years of service to our tribe. Debbie retired after 26 years.

In the past few months some of the directors of the board have attended meetings with senators and congressmen here at home and in Washington, D.C. One of the key issues I want to keep in the forefront with our leaders is the challenge facing our tribal (and non-tribal) communities suffering from some form of addiction.

An individual usually goes to a six to eight-week treatment center and most times are coming home to the same environment that got them there in the first place. Statistics are showing that the six to eight weeks is not enough treatment but at least six months to a year is needed. We need a transitional housing plan that would provide sufficient sober/safe living and access to employment among other things.

Remember school is out and it is time to be extra careful with children playing outside. Forty percent of all injury-related emergency room visits happen between May and August. We can prevent the majority of these mishaps by educating ourselves. The leading cause of summer accidents is drowning of children between the ages of 1 to 4, and at least 400 children drown per year. Other accidents include fires, children being hit by cars, falls, bicycles and ATVs. With the Fourth of July coming up, please practice firework safety.

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

Thank you,
Kim Gravelle

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Moving JKL middle school expansion forward



DJ HOFFMAN
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

The past several months have been extremely turbulent within the tribe and while it may not always be apparent from the outside looking in, the tribal government is making steps to move our tribe forward, albeit sometimes not as would be preferred. I would like to take this opportunity to apologize for the omission of my last report; it will be posted upon the tribe's website later this week

HUMAN RESOURCES AUDIT

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 that these areas are performing in an optimal manner, and in accordance with adopted policy to ensure that all employees are treated in an equitable manner.

The Human Resource audit was completed several months ago. The audit addressed the strengths and weaknesses within the department so that they may be assessed and addressed. As of today none of the items identified within the audit have been corrected or addressed. At the last board meeting, the board voted to accept the audit and authorize the executive director to implement the recommendations from the firm (REDW).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In each and every report that I write I will continue to list economic development as a major emphasis. I have stressed, and will continue to stress, the need to diversify economically. To ensure that 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 that its business approaches are separated from its tribal politics.

The tribe's Economic Development director has been extremely productive in the short time that he has been on board. The tribe has already realized a large profit on the sale of our Eagle Ridge property (approximately \$800,000) and has several promising opportunities in the pipeline.

JKL BAHWETING SCHOOL

Our school currently enrolls 524 students (77 students are from the Kinross Area) and has a waiting list of between 15 to 20 students. Currently, there is a shortage of classroom space for students in grades 6-8 (middle school). To accommodate the current and future students of our school district the JKL Fiduciary and PSA proposed to expand into a permanent middle school that compliments the existing facility. The tribal board of directors recently approved this project.

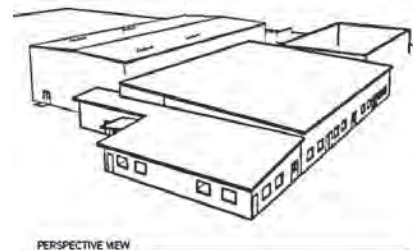
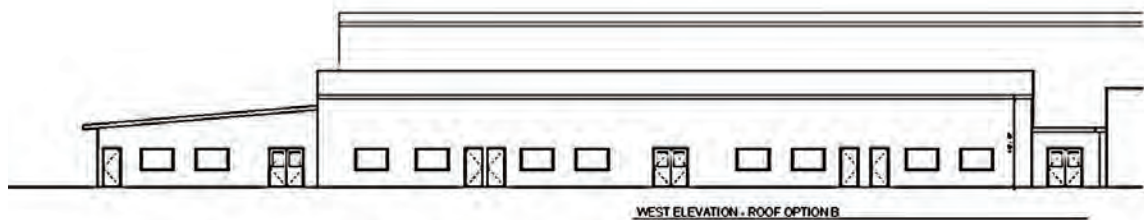
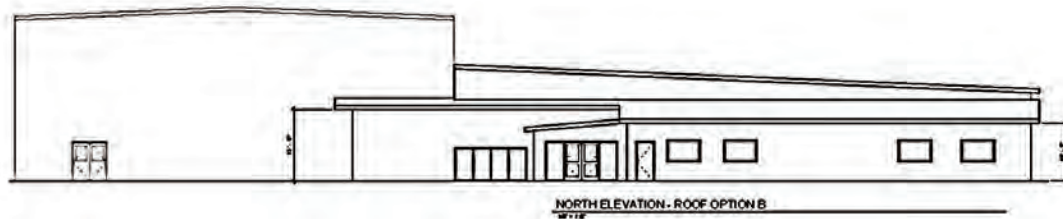
The newly approved classroom expansion will result in an additional \$10,000 monthly increase in space costs to the PSA, and generate an additional \$120,000 annually in lease fees for the tribe. The unique arrangement wherein the PSA's lease/rent pays for the actual construction of the buildings will enable our children to be on tribal land much sooner than the projected 130 years it would take to qualify for federal school improvement dollars.

While it has been asserted that the appropriate information was not provided to individuals regarding this project, I assure you that each and every board member was provided with over 175 pages of documentation. All tribal policies were adhered to and the PSA requested the expansion by letter in 2016.

(See letter.)

CASINOS

The casinos are "under new management." Our new CEO has been working on familiarizing himself with our properties and devising an actual plan to increase revenues and profitability. In addition to a new CEO the casinos has hired a new VP of Marketing, which should greatly



complement the efforts on righting the ship at Kewadin. I am pleased that new management has already, in this short time, provided more detailed reporting than we are accustomed to and has plans to develop detailed written plans to move our casino operations progressively forward and increase revenues and actual net profit for the tribe as a whole.

UPCOMING LEGISLATION

I have proposed legislation to amend the Tribal Election code to remove all of the unconstitutional provisions that currently reside within the code. In addition, I will once again propose amending the residency requirement to: "establish residency prior to being sworn in as an elected representative of the Sault Tribe." In short, if you can vote for a position, you should also be allowed to run for that same position, regardless of where you reside.

This legislation was referred to

the Election Committee for review, as well as a constitutional amendment regarding term limits. I eagerly await their responses so that we may move forward on this matter.

PRIORITIES

As a board member it is my goal to move our tribe forward. It is not my goal to get involved in petty squabbles because of personal likes and dislikes. The common theme should always be to approach each topic, each vote, based on the betterment of the tribe as a whole. I prefer documentation and research to assertion and opinion. I am not always right; however, I believe we as board members have a responsibility to do more than just show up.

In closing, as always, I will continue to push forward with members of the board that wish to be progressive.

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

Sincerely,
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August 10, 2016

To the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians,

This is a formal request from the JKL Bahweting Anishnabe Board of Directors to add approximately eight thousand square feet to the existing middle school to meet the increased enrollment needs of our students. For the 2016/17 school year, there are 60 students enrolled in 6th grade which necessitates the addition of a third 6th grade section. The school is able to accommodate this increased enrollment due to the additional space provided by the "new" Art Room. If the current enrollment trend continues, however, and three sections of 6th and 7th grades are needed for 2017/18 and beyond, the school will not have the facility to accept these additional students.

If the Tribe agrees to this request, the District would transfer ownership of the existing middle school and the Marquette Ave. parking lot to the Tribe at nominal cost if total benefits that the school will receive for this proposed transaction constitute "fair value," including the purported below market rental rate as well as the "benefits" under the proposed lease (i.e., exterior building, building system and grounds maintenance, repair and replacement) of the existing middle school/parking lot.

We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Mr. Nick Van Alstine
President of the JKL Bahweting Anishnabe PSA Board of Directors



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