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## Peltier speaks at meeting on tribal water role

By Rick Smith

Even though she is only in her early teen years, Autumn Peltier is a widely traveled activist and advocate for the protection of natural water sources, an essential component to all life. The young lady uses lessons learned from her aunt, well-known water walker and elder Josephine Mandamin, in efforts to help make it possible for her grandchildren and successive generations to have clean drinking water.

Peltier spoke at the reception for a Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife meeting on May 22 in Sault Ste. Marie to discuss the tribal role in water diversion proposals. She told the gathering of about 70 people from the U.S. and Canada the purpose in the persistence of her aunt became clear to her at a water ceremony after seeing signs warning people about dangerous water in a building. She said, "I noticed all down the hallways were signs that said, 'Don't drink the water,' 'Not for consumption,' 'Use hand sanitizer,' 'Boil water advisory in effect.' I went to ask my mom, 'why can't we drink the water or wash our hands with it?' My mom responded with the water is contaminated. Then I saw little kids running around and



Photo by Rick Smith

From left, guest speaker at the reception for the Great Lakes Indian Fisheries and Wildlife Commission meeting on the tribal role in water diversion proposals, Autumn Peltier; her mother, Stephanie Peltier; her aunt, Josephine Mandamin; and sister, Ciara Peltier.

babies. I thought to myself, 'why in Ontario on a First Nation can we not drink the water?' Then a hundred thoughts ran through my mind. I couldn't imagine being born into a world where I can't brush my teeth with running water or can't even drink it. Then I tried to imagine living off a certain amount of bottled water, and then wondered why do we even

buy bottled water? Why is water for sale? Why can't we drink our water out of certain lakes and wells any more? Where is this contamination coming from? Then I became mad."

She said her anger stemmed from learning "boil water" advisories were widespread across Canada and mostly on First Nation communities. "I thought

to myself I've been learning this country of Canada is one of the richest in the world, but my people live in third-world conditions."

Since then, Peltier has taken her message of protecting clean waters and purifying contaminated sources to schools, health centers, Indian communities, youth centers, meetings, assemblies and

conferences; including meetings with heads of state to addressing the U.N. General Assembly. In a headline producing meeting with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Peltier expressed her displeasure with the prime minister about choices he had made regarding water. Afterwards, Trudeau reportedly said he understood and promised to protect the water. Her work so far has taken her throughout Canada, into the United States and over to Europe.

It appears Peltier may be walking into the footsteps of her Aunt Josephine one day. She told the gathering in Sault Ste. Marie her aunt dedicated her life to raising awareness about water and created a ripple effect in that awareness as women are walking and praying for the water as she spoke. "My heart goes out to her," Peltier said, "as I know she can't do this work anymore and I see how challenging it can be as my life is only beginning and hers is near the end."

Peltier has received several prestigious awards and citations for her advocacy and she strongly encourages others to become involved in protecting and advocating for clean water as well.

More on the meeting in the next edition.

## Tribe diversifies with new economic development projects

By Brenda Austin

Sault Tribe Economic Development Director Joel Schultz has been busy since he was hired a year ago. A 16-unit storage facility was recently completed and is ready for renters at the tribe's Odenaang housing site between Shunk and Seymour roads. And, he has a multitude of projects coming to completion and some still on the back burner for further exploration.

The units at this facility won't last long, so if you are in the market now is the time to call. Of the 16-units, 10 are the more traditional 10-by-20 feet with 7-by-9 foot roll up doors. There are three drive-through 15-by-50 foot units with 14-foot doors that can be divided to offer six 15-by-25 foot units, or a combination of both.

The 10-by-20 units are renting for an introductory price of \$65 a month, the 15-by-25 units \$90

and a drive-through 15-by-50 space for \$160 month.

There is still some landscaping left to do around the units that will be completed soon.

The tribe also purchased Mackinac Trail Storage off of M-134 and has operated it since October with a high occupancy rate.

Schultz said, "They are both positive investments for the tribe. We won't get rich from them, but we are getting a steady return on investment and they are good decisions for us so far."

Schultz said the tribe has added a real estate position back into their budget and that person, when hired, will be working out of the EDC Department. "Most people don't have much experience handling trust transfers and



Photo by Brenda Austin

Odenaang Storage, a 16-unit storage facility with RV and boat spaces, was recently completed in the Sault and is ready for its first renters.

recording land into trust with the BIA and maintaining land records. That position is a governmental and enterprise need for

the tribe. We are going to try and enrich that position with  
See "Diversification," page 10

## General election candidates announced

Sault Tribe's primary election is complete and unofficial results posted:

Unit I: Incumbents Kimberle Gravelle and DJ Hoffman and newcomers Betty Freiheit and Nichole Causley will run for two seats. Unit III: Incumbent Keith Massaway and newcomer Geraldine Brow will run for one seat.

Since two candidates ran for one seat in Units II, IV and V, a primary election was not nec-

essary. In Unit II, incumbent Catherine Hollowell faces Paul Barbeaux; in Unit IV, incumbent Denise Chase faces Lacey Kinnart; and in Unit V, newcomers Tyler LaPlaut and Charles Matson face off. Unit V rep Anita Nelson decided not to run again.

Each general election candidate received a free half-page ad in this issue of Win Awenen Nisitotung. Election ads from units V to I start on page 4.

Unofficial elections results:

Unit 1: Kimberle Gravelle won 1015 votes, DJ Hoffman 835, Betty Freiheit 779, Nichole Causley 645, George Parish 540, and Charles Cook Jr. and Beverly Goetz-MacLaren tied with 534 votes. Unit III: Keith Massaway took 453 votes, Geraldine Brow 422, Thomas Paquin 203, and William Colegrove Jr., 174.

Blank ballots for the general election will be mailed June 7 and must be returned for the count by election day, June 28.

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

**Anishinaabe Cultural Committee:** six vacancies – four males (4-year term), two female (4-year term)

**Child Welfare Committee:** three vacancies (4-year term)

**Conservation Committee:** one vacancy (non fisher) (2-year term)

**Election Committee:** six vacancies (4-year term)

**Higher Ed Committee:** Two vacancies (4-year term)

**Health Board:** Five vacancies (4-year term)

Special Needs/Enrollment Committee: six vacancies (2-year

term)

**Elder ADVISORY Committee:**  
Unit I - Sault (4-year term), one alternate vacancy

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

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

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

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

**Elder SUBCOMMITTEE:**  
Unit I - Sault (4-year terms), one alternate vacancy

Unit II - Hessel (4-year terms), two regular seat vacancies, two alternate seat vacancies

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

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

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### Girls Individual Basketball Camp

June 11-14, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Girls entering 3rd-9th grade

\*Lunch fee must be paid by participant



### Boys Individual Basketball Camp

June 18-21, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Boys ages 11-14 Years Old



### Little Lakers Basketball Camp

July 30-August 1, 9 a.m.-Noon

Ages 8-11 Years Old

### Girls Fundamental Volleyball Camp

July 9-11, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Girls entering 5th-8th grade

\*Lunch fee must be paid by participant



**Registration is Limited, First-Come, First-Serve**

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Register by emailing Tammy at [tgraham@saulttribe.net](mailto:tgraham@saulttribe.net)

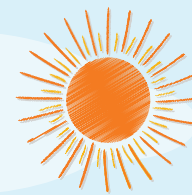
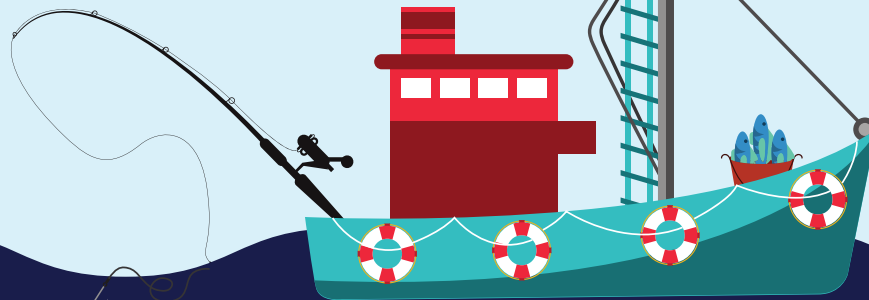
**DEADLINE: Girls Basketball Camp-June 6th @ 5 p.m.**

**Boys Basketball Camp-June 13th @ 5 p.m.**

**Little Lakers Basketball Camp-July 27th @ 5 p.m.**

**Girls Fundamental Volleyball Camp-July 2nd @ 5 p.m.**

# Great Lakes Whitefish



Early Native Americans would make a powder of smoked Great Lakes Whitefish for use in stew, soups and fish pies; they would also mix the powder with fresh blueberries. This cooking technique is still utilized today.

The Anishinaabe word for Whitefish is Nishin mowan dikmeg

Whitefish is an amazing source for lean protein, vitamins, minerals and omega-3 fatty acids. Omega-3s help cut the risk of diabetes, heart disease, Alzheimer's disease, stroke and arthritis

### Ingredients

- 1 lb- fresh fish fillets
- 2 -lemons, 1 juiced & 1 peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 tsp- salt
- 1/2 tsp- paprika
- 1 1/2 tsp- dried dill
- 1 tbsp- butter
- 1 tbsp- parsley flakes

### Lemon Baked Fish



### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees Fahrenheit
2. Place fish in greased baking dish, sprinkle fish with lemon juice & seasonings. Dot fish with butter. Arrange lemon slices on fish.
3. Bake in oven for 20 minutes, or until fish flakes easily with a fork.
4. Sprinkle with parsley flakes



## Sault Schools Summer Food Service for children starts

The Sault Area Schools announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for children. Starting June 18, free meals will be available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a state or local public educational agency.

Meals provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability, and no discrimination during meal services. Meals provided at Lincoln Elementary School, 810 East 5th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Please join us for lunch, June 18 to Aug. 16, 10:50 a.m. to noon, Mondays through Thursdays.

Program closed over July 2-5 and Aug. 6-9.

## Training opportunities available for eligible applicants

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

The program may be able to provide tuition assistance for skills training if it leads to an industry-recognized certification or under OJT, the program may

reimburse an employer 50 of your wage for a specified training period.

Candidates must meet certain eligibility requirements and be a resident of the seven-county service area.

Please apply at WIOA, 2 Ice Circle Drive (recreation center building), Sault Ste. Marie, Mich, or call Brenda Cadreau at 635-4767 for more information.

## Tribal members: need assistance?

Three membership liaisons work with the chairperson's office on membership issues and concerns across the service area. The liaisons respond to membership issues and follow up to ensure they are resolved. Sault Tribe members are encouraged to contact the liaisons when they need help with tribal issues by emailing membersconcerns@saulttribe.net or contacting them individually:

Unit I — Sheila Berger,

Office of the Chairperson, Sault Ste. Marie, 635-6050, (800) 793-0660, sberger@saulttribe.net

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

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

# Members must keep tribe informed or lose benefits

## Resident tribal members have further interests in keeping tribe current on their addresses

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 exemptions, 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 in 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 submitting address verification cards along with the required supporting documentation verifying their addresses are in the boundaries of an agreement area to the Tribal Tax Office. It is the responsibility of the members to submit this information to the Tribal Tax Office.

Members living in agreement areas are not automatically registered. Though members may have lived in agreement areas prior to registering with the Tribal Tax Office, their RTM status does not begin until the Michigan Department of Treasury is notified that the member has proven through documentation their principal places of residence is within the



JKL School's April Students of the Month are (back row, from left) Scarlett Uhrig, Parker Daley-Dysinger, Christopher Alshab, Madaiisa Hefner, Sabrina Pawley, Allie-Jae Carle, Grace Bennett, (middle row, from left) Anthony Abramson, Tristan Ortiz, Tristan Naumburg, Hallii Clement, Lillian Clark, Orran Fazzari, Brighton Hibbard, Jaden Gallagher, Dylan Bouschor, Danika-Jo LaBranche, (front row, from left) Emi Fonselius, Evan Pierson, Gavin Stevens, Khloie Hatchett, Johnny Zabelka and John Creekmore.

## July's USDA road schedule

Sault Tribe USDA Food Distribution Program staff certify eligibility of clients and distribute food at a central warehouse in Sault Ste. Marie and repeat the process at eight tailgate sites every month serving 15 counties in all. Those counties served are Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Schoolcraft, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Leelenau and Manistee. Those wishing to apply must reside in one of the 15 counties served in order to apply.

Applicants need to verify membership in any federally recognized tribe for at least one member of their households. Applicants also must verify all that applies to them on the application, such as all income received, all expenses paid out such as child support, day care, utility bills, rent of mortgage receipts.

Applicants over 60 or disabled may qualify for a medical deduction as well.

Those who may have questions should call 635-6076 or toll free at (888) 448-8732 to inquire.

A nutrition educator is also available to help with any nutrition questions you may have.

The application process to receive these benefits takes up to seven business days from the date the office receives it, and you cannot receive SNAP (food stamps) and commodities in the same month.

Here is the July 2018 food distribution road schedule:

Friday, July 6	Marquette
Tuesday, July 10	Manistique 1 A-L
Thursday, July 12	Newberry
Monday, July 16	Hessel/Kincheloe
Wednesday, July 18	Rapid River
Friday, July 20	Munising
Tuesday, July 24	Manistique 2 M-Z
Thursday, July 26	St. Ignace
Monday, July 30	Cheboygan

boundaries of the tax agreement areas. The Michigan Department of Treasury then recognizes their RTM statuses (exempt from state income and sales tax) on the first of the following month if documents are received at the Tribal Tax Office by the 15th of the prior month.

Once members are registered and given RTM status, it is imperative that any changes to members' addresses are reported 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, or email 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 Sault Tribe's Enrollment Department at 632-8552 or toll free at (800) 251-6597.

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# Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act stalls, NCAI reacts

By RICK SMITH

Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) said in an announcement the organization obviously still has more work to do in educating members of the U.S. Congress about tribal sovereignty. The announcement came after the U.S. Senate fell five votes short to bring the *Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act* to a full vote on the floor. The bill would

exempt American Indian tribal governments from the *National Labor Relations Act*, a law that sets guidelines for employers and employees about labor practices, unionization, collective bargaining and collective actions.

While the law exempts all other levels of government in the United States, it does not exempt tribal governments. The law does not apply to governments to help ensure they function on a

reliable basis for their respective citizenry, something that would be jeopardized by collective labor actions such as strikes, according to the National Labor Relations Board, the independent federal agency charged with enforcing the labor law.

Even though tribes were not excluded from the law along with other governments when it was enacted in 1935, the board excluded tribes in practice until

reversing that policy in 2004.

The *Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act* would fix the flaw in the *National Labor Relations Act* and eliminate the need for a board policy.

"Everyone knows that the U.S. Constitution set up our federal system of government," Keel said in the announcement, "but far too few know that the Constitution also recognizes the sovereignty of Indian tribes."

Keel went on to say the reason so few in the halls of Congress and across the land are aware of tribal sovereignty is in the dark history of the United States when it comes to its indigenous peoples. He said after the theft of lands and resources through broken treaties and neglected federal laws. Essentially the legacy of American Indians has often been swept under the rug, the truth of that legacy hidden from the nation's mainstream collective perceptions.

"This is the dark history we have inherited," he said. "However, tribes have struggled

and succeeded in establishing the federal policy of tribal self-determination, economic development is taking hold in many places, and our government structures are growing ever more effective and secure."

NCAI Executive Director Jacqueline Pata added that the *Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act* builds on an old principle that when tribal sovereignty is respected and acknowledged, proper governments and economies follow.

"This is not merely a legal issue but a moral imperative of protecting and defending the sovereignty of America's Indian tribes and guarding against any discrimination against those tribes. There is no good reason to treat tribal governments in any way different from other governments," she said.

The Senate amendment is the same as a version of the *Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act* passed by the U.S. House of Representatives at the end of 2017.

## Community invited to exciting family friendly summer event

Tribe holds 37th annual powwow over July 13-15 in Sault Ste. Marie

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians invites the community and public to its 37th annual Traditional Powwow and Summer Gathering July 13 through 15 at its powwow grounds off of Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie. Admission is free and open to the public. Join us for a family friendly event with drumming and dancing, Native food and craft vendors, a kids' carnival, traditional feast and more.

Festivities begin on Friday, July 13, with a kids' carnival from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and open drumming and dancing at 7 p.m. On Saturday, July 14, grand entries are 1 and 7 p.m. with a free traditional feast at 5 p.m. and a hand drum contest at 6 p.m.



Grand entry on Sunday, July 15, is at noon. This year's celebration features singing and dance specials throughout the weekend in addition to jackpot spot dances and more fun.

Prior to the powwow, a spiritual gathering takes place on July 12 starting at sunrise.

The powwow theme this year is Miinaadendimowin

Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin Bawaating — Respecting Our Way of life at Sault Ste. Marie. Head ogichidaa is Cecil Pavlat, head drum judge is Justin Perrault Sr., head male dance judge is Ray Cadotte and head female dance judge is Julie Whitepigeon. Emcees are Jody Gaskin and Joe Medicine and arena director is Bud Biron. No drugs or alcohol are allowed.

Camping is available on a first-come, first-served basis with showers and restrooms available on site. Kewadin Casino and Convention Center, (800) 539-2346, is host hotel.

For information about drums, dancers, vendors or the spiritual gathering, please call Sault Tribe Cultural Department at (906) 635-6050.

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# Board resolutions passed during May meetings

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors met in Sault Ste. Marie on May 1, with all present. The board passed 23 resolutions, 19 by unanimous vote.

Resolutions 2018-82 and 83 approved for budget modifications for the Tribal Gaming Commission, prosecutor's office and tribal attorney.

Res. 2018-84: A fiscal year 2019 budget was established for a ruffed grouse project with US Fish and Wildlife Service funds of \$137,036.

Res. 2018- 85 – 2018- 91: Budget modifications (2018) approved for the following departments and programs: Natural Resources Circle of Flight; MIS space cost; MIS; YEA and Big Bear; Telecommunications; Health Center pharmacy, St. Ignace clinic and Transportation Roads.

Res. 2018-92: Health Division Professional Staff Organization Benefit Eligibility and Summary and the 2018 addendum approved.

Res. 2018-93: The board approved a request for Secretary of the Interior to accept title of the Brown parcel in St. Ignace Township in trust for the Sault Tribe to increase the tribe's land base and is not intended for gaming purposes.

Res. 2018-94: A request for the Secretary of the Interior to take a state land sale parcel in St. Ignace Township into trust was approved to increase the tribe's land base and is not intended for gaming purposes.

Res. 2018-95: The board approved a request for Secretary of the Interior to accept title of the Seaman property in Fairbanks Township in trust for the Sault Tribe to be used for a Treaty Fishing access site on Lake Michigan and is not intended for gaming purposes.

Res. 2018-96: Corporate charter approved establishing Gitchi Enterprises as an autonomous corporate entity of Sault Tribe and subordinate to the board.

Res. 2018-97: CFO and director of economic development authorized to use up to \$1,000,000 of the cash reserves accumulated from Sawyer Village operation to buy a certificate of deposit from Central Savings Bank of Sault Ste. Marie for a 12-month term at an APR of at least 1.15% and enter into a floor plan loan with Central Savings at an APR of 3.7% using the CD as collateral.

Res. 2018-98: Proclamation approved in support of National Drug Court Month: Drug Court Month for May 2018.

Res. 2018-99: Team Elmer's awarded general services contract for Joseph K. Lumsden Way Project with funding from the Transportation Department.

Res. 2018-100: The Legal Department was directed to review the existing background investigation policy and draft an amended version and to present that to the board within 45 days.

Res. 2018-101: Tribal purchasing policy was amended to protect authentic Indian arts and crafts.

Res. 2018-102: A portion of 160 acres in Dafter, Mich. was set aside for the construction and operation of a recovery hospital.

Res. 2018-103: In opposition to an expanded groundwater withdrawal permit for Nestle Waters

of North America, a moratorium was declared on purchases and sales of Nestle bottled water products at any tribally owned and operated facility and urges its tribal members and other concerned Michigan residents to boycott and refuse to purchase any such products.

Res. 2018-104: Tribal Code 11.111(4) Member-Veteran Identification Cards was amended so veterans can receive tribal membership cards with designation of their veteran's status on the cards.

The board convened again in Munising on May 15. All were present except Jennifer McLeod, who was away on official business for the tribe.

The establishment of a fiscal year 2018 budget was approved for tribal forestry with federal Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) funding of \$11,892.15 with no effect on tribal support.

A fiscal year 2018 budget modification was approved for federal tribal climate change funding for an increase in BIA revenue of \$17,181.61 with no effect on trib-

al support.

A federal Tribal Practices for Wellness in Indian Country grant award of \$150,000 was accepted from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control along approval of a fiscal year 2019 budget for the funding with no effect on tribal support.

The Indian Health Service (IHS) Special Diabetes fiscal year 2018 budget was modified for a personnel change and in increase in IHS funds of \$555,772.10 with no effect on tribal support.

Chapter 36 of the Tribal Code: Juvenile Code, was amended to define prosecutor as the prosecuting attorney for Sault Tribe or any person designated by the prosecutor in accordance with existing code. Further, federal prosecuting attorneys, for the purpose of indictment of juveniles in federal court, were added to those allowed access to confidential juvenile records.

Application for a \$225,000 Michigan Economic Development Corporation grant was approved to convert the old American Café in Sault Ste. Marie to professional space.

The board ratified and approved bylaws adopted by the Gitchi Enterprises Management Board pursuant to section 8(1) of its corporate charter.

Assignment of property management authority of two parcels of land, one in Marquette Township and another in the City of St. Ignace, was assigned to the director of Economic Development.

Advocacy Resource Center grant applications for funding through the Tribal Victim Services Grant Program for fiscal years 2018-2021 and through the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program for fiscal

year 2018-2019 were approved in support of programs for crime victims and family violence prevention.

Resolutions passed officially opposing closures of the swimming pools at Sault Area High School and Lake Superior State University.

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# Anishinaabemowin 2018

Giving up on your goal because of one setback is like slashing your other three tires because you got a flat.

## Demin Giizis Strawberry Moon

by Susan Askwith



### 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.

### Shirley's corner of Sault Tribe website

Maybe you're at the point where you'd like to know if you're pronouncing things "right" or want to get lessons visually. Look on the tribe's website for the language livestream Shirley Recollet hosts. She goes over all the newspaper lessons! Contact numbers for teachers are on the website, or here's the number to get connected if you're not a computer person: 635-6050.

### Here's the counting pattern again.

To count to 100, you need to remember how to count to 10 (**bezhik, niizh, nswe, niwin, naanan, ngodwaaswi, niizhwaaswi, shwaaswi, zhaangswi, mdaaswi**).

For each later group of 10, say the *word below*, then say "shi" (= and), then finally add the needed number from 1-9.

11-19 -> midaaswi	20-29 -> niizhdana
30-39 -> nsimdana	40-49 -> niimdana
50-59 -> naanmidana	60-69 -> ngodwaasmidana
70-79 -> niizhwaasmidana	80-89 -> nshwaasmidana
90-99 -> zhaangsmidana	100 -> ngod-waak (waak = hundred)

+100: use the numbers 2-10 to say how many hundreds you want to talk about

Examples: 62: ngodwaasmidana shi niizh  
185: ngod-waak shi nshwaasmidana shi naanan  
350: nswe-waak shi naanmidana

## WE are learning the language of our people!

This month (giizis) we are featuring an extended family of folks who are participating in our language classes. The senior generation is Hilda Otowadjiwan. She is fully Ojibway from Manitoulin Island who remembers some of her language from childhood and is resurrecting the rest! Cheryl, at the left, is one of Hilda's 11 children and takes Anish classes at Bay Mills. Their late father was Wayne Tadgerson from the Bay Mills area. Beside Cheryl is her husband Dave Bernier. His dad was Sault Tribe and Dave comes to Thursday night classes in the Sault. Their son "Bonn" is there, too. He started coming to classes as a baby who still couldn't even roll over! He's a strong, bright Brimley school student now. And, to Hilda's left is her niece, Theresa (Tenes) Lewis, who served Sault Tribe as a language teacher in the past and now that she moved back she still comes to classes. When this family goes for their annual hunting and fishing trips with all the clan, Anishinaabemowin is spoken freely. What a great way to learn . . . together (maamwi)!



## Fun in the summer:

### Minwendaagwas niibing

We... It is perhaps a sign of maturity when we move from thinking and talking mostly about "I" to having a life full of "we." Of all the seasons, summer (niibin) is a time to be outdoors engaging with each other. In this Demin Giizis, let's see how we speak about being together. The following sentences mostly begin with "kii" and the *action word* ends in "mi." That's the pattern for something WE did in the past. There are exceptions to all the patterns. Look for them in the sentences below. And remember the pattern only works for action words.

We went for a walk	Kii baamasemi
We ran	Kii bmibtoomi
We chased	Kii bminaashkaagemi
We played	Kii damnomi
We swam	Kii bgizomi
We rode bicycles	Kii biimshkowebshkigemi
We used cell phones	Kii aabajitoomi giigadoo biiwaabikoonhs
We listened to music	Kii bzindaanaanin ngamwinan
We went out in a canoe	<b>Jiimaaning</b> kii zhaami
We went fishing	Kii oo <b>giigoonhkemi</b>
We had a picnic	Kii wiisiniimi gojiing
We made a campfire	Kii boodwemi gojing
We talked with friends	Kii nbwaachwemi
We played in sand	Negwekiing kii damnomi
We explored in the woods	Mitigwaakiing kii ninaabimi
We slept in a tent.	<b>Ngaasmoon</b> -gamigoong kii nbaami
Pick berries	Kii odeminkemi
Game(s)	Nakamigziwin(an)
Ball(s)	Bkwaakod(an)
Bat(s) (not the live kind!)	Wepjigan(an)
Glove(s)	Mjigaawan(ak)
Toy(s)	Damnawaagaahs(an)
Doll(s)	Damnawaagan(ak)
Little car(s)	Daabaanenhs(ak)
Pail(s) and shovel(s)	Kik(oog) miinwaa nbagaabik(oon)
We liked it.	Kii bishigendaanaa
We were laughing!	Kii baapimi



Counting quiz! Say these ideas in Anishinaabemowin!

- |                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| * Eight games       | * Fifteen toys        |
| * Twelve gloves     | * Sixteen little cars |
| * Two pails         | * Three shovels       |
| * Forty-five balls  | * Seven bats          |
| * Thirty-nine games | * One canoe           |
| * Four tents        | * Eleven fish         |

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

# Special guests speak at JKL Middle School grand opening

The JKL Middle School grand opening ceremony took place on May 11 in the school's gymnasium with a host of dignitaries. Sault Tribe Board Chairperson Aaron Payment introduced keynote speaker, Bureau of Indian Education Director Tony Dearman (Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma), Sault Tribe Board members Denise Chase, Darcy Morrow, Kim Gravelle, Mike McKerchie, DJ Hoffman and retired board member Cathy

Abramson, school board President Norma Castro, and special guest, Olympian Billy Mills.

Dearman warmed up the assembled students with a "thank you" session in their biggest voices. "You are our future," he told the students. "You deserve the best." Dearman talked to the students about doing whatever it takes to accomplish their goals.

Castro took the podium next. She introduced the other school

board members present: Steve Habusta, Nichole Causley, Kara Batho and Kim Hedges.

Education Director Lisa Moran told the students about the inspiration Billy Mills provided over the years, ever since she first ran the Billy Mills Fun Run, and he ran next to her to motivate her as she struggled to finish. Mills, who turns 80 this June, showed the students a video of his come-from-behind win of the 10,000-meter

race at the 1964 Olympics. A U.S. Marine and Oglala Sioux, he was 26. To date, he is the only American to have won the 10,000 meter. He told the students about the incredible inspiration his father was. He told the students, "It's the journey, not the destination, that defines us."

After the ceremony, Hoffman gave a tour of the new middle school and a reception was held in the school cafeteria. Before Hoffman could take his group

on the tour, however, the students had a surprise for him — a framed photo of all the middle school students holding up a sign that said "Miigwech," thank you, for the new school.

The school program said, "Thank you to the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and everyone involved in making the gift to our students and staff possible. We are all so fortunate to work and learn in such a state-of-the-art facility."



Chair Aaron Payment and Billy Mills. Mills dons the beautiful blanket he was given.



Director of state and federal programs, Carolyn Dale with BIE staffer from Dearman's office.



Bureau of Indian Education Director Tony Dearman gave a dynamic speech.



Above, left, BIE director and the school board president cut the ribbon to officially open the JKL Middle School. Above, right, the school drum starts off the proceedings with an honor song. Below, Billy Mills visits with his good friend Cathy Abramson, retired board member.



Photos by Jennifer Dale-Burton

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●Manistique: 1-866-401-0043

Members must be eligible for Purchased Referred Care Program. To verify your eligibility, please call 1-800-922-0582. PRC is payor of last resort. Members must bill their health insurance if they have coverage for glasses and submit bill and EOB to PRC for reimbursement. PRC will purchase glasses once every two years based on purchase date of last pair from tribal optical department.

In Unit 4, there are 2,208 members registered to vote. If you are 1 of 2,208—

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# First meeting of business alliance shows promise

BY RICK SMITH

A palpable sense of great potential to benefit Sault Tribe members and others bloomed at the first meeting of the fledgling Sault Tribe Business Alliance in Sault Ste. Marie on April 26 at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center. The welcome mat went out for all comers interested in doing business with Sault Tribe, especially members of the tribe who own businesses or have interests in going into business.

Officials from Sault Tribe, Kewadin Casinos and local economic development agencies welcomed the assemblage and offered suggestions on working with or getting help from their respective concerns.

The meeting featured a chance to become acquainted with the Sault Tribe Business Alliance Founders Committee, a panel of nine Sault Tribe members from across the United States; all successful leaders in an array of business concerns enthused about boosting the business climate for the tribe, its members and neighboring communities. As introductions to each of the committee members were made, they each spoke on exploring business growth ideas ranging from different ways of cultivating the spirit of entrepreneurship among the tribes' youngsters to fostering multi-million dollar contracting operations in line with tribal ethics, such as in protecting Mother Earth and other values. The panel also fielded questions from those in attendance.

Further, Noah Leask and Earl Bower, respectively chairman

## Attention: Native-owned companies

The Sault Tribe Purchasing Department is currently updating their files. We request all tribal member owned businesses contact our office to complete the potential vendor application.

The application allows the Purchasing Department to solicit membership owned businesses for contractual work or services. The tribe's bid policy offers Native preference from one to five percent on goods and services procured from businesses at least 51 percent owned by members of a federally recognized by an Indian tribe.

Please contact the Purchasing Department at (906) 635-7035 so you may obtain a vendor information packet. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tamara Roche. You may also request the form via email to [troche@saulttribe.net](mailto:troche@saulttribe.net).

## Conservation Committee meetings

Conservation Committee meetings, 5 p.m. at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Contact Linda Grossett at (906) 635-6050 or [lgrossett@saulttribe.net](mailto:lgrossett@saulttribe.net) for any questions.

Meetings are set for June 25, July 23, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 22, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17.

and co-founder, and president and CEO of ISHPI Information Technologies, Inc., accepted recognition as the Sault Tribe Business Alliance 2018 Business of the Year for Outstanding Performance and Community Contributions. The award comes as an addition to numerous other national and regional awards the company garnered in recent years. Leask's numerous personal business leadership citations bestowed upon him as well as community contributions through the years were also cited during the award presentation. He is also behind the tribe's most popular 40 scholarships — the \$1,000 Noah T. Leask Family Scholarships open to full-time college students.

"It was awesome to see such a successful group of Sault Tribe members come together in one gathering for the sole purpose of moving Sault Tribe and their business community forward," said Joel Schultz of the tribe's Economic Development



Photo by Rick Smith

The Sault Tribe Business Alliance Founders Committee, from left, Noah T. Leask and Earl Bower of ISHPI Technologies, Ted Moore of Moore Trosper Construction, Rick Schmidt of Tipping Point Solutions, Mitch Irwin of The Irwin Group, LLC; Linda Grow of the JETA Corporation, Ron Maleport of Sault Printing, Alan Barr of Creative Change Associates, Inc.; and Wendy James of Better World Group, Inc. The committee met in Sault Ste. Marie on April 26 at Kewadin Casino.

Commission (EDC). "It was powerful, now to the task of keeping it moving forward." Further, Schultz invited anyone interested in getting involved to get in touch with John McClellan, project specialist at the EDC. "Please call to join the effort today."

McClellan can be reached at (906) 635-6050, extension 26021.

Later in the meeting, according to a schedule, state and federal officials gave presentations on how their respective agencies serve in building tribally affiliated businesses. The agencies listed

were the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The committee also discussed planning future steps in their endeavors.



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- I will donate a percentage of my BOD salary to be used in Unit 4.

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- Increase Elder resources, funds and housing.
- Improve employee wages and 401(k).
- Strengthen our Education Program and promote and support Indigenous Education.
- Defend ALL Treaty rights. Ensure that our 2020 Consent Decree is in the best interest of all tribal members.
- Diversify and expand our revenue sources.
- Amend our Constitution.
- We must protect our water! We must stand up against Line 5 and Nestle! Ganawendan niibii waboo!



# Veterans services officials confer on Sault reservation

By Rick Smith

Officials from Upper Peninsula veterans services agencies came together for a day-long networking conference at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on May 10 with the aim of strengthening support for military veterans and their families. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, American Legion, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, Sault Tribe, Chippewa County Veterans Affairs and Michigan State University were among other organizations represented at the function and it was open to all interested groups and veterans.

The Region One (Upper Peninsula) Veterans Community Action Team (VCAT) sponsored the conference. VCATs, according to the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, are composed of federal, state and local organizations in support of veterans in their communities. The agency's web site states, "VCATs focus on identifying solutions for gaps in veteran services, reducing duplication of efforts and simplifying connections with local resources. This community-based system of care allows networks of service providers to employ best practices, share information and tools and connect more quickly with veterans."

Michigan has 10 regional VCATs, Region One covers the entire Upper Peninsula of the state and has three districts — eastern, central and western — each with



Photo by Rick Smith

**ON SCENE AT THE CONFERENCE** — Above, all veterans at the service of veterans, from left, American Legion Tribal Veterans Service Officer Stacy King, Sault Tribe Veterans Representative Ron Munro and Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency regional coordinator Frank Lombard. King visits different sites of the tribe's service area regularly to help vets, Munro is also a Sault Tribe member helping vets and can be reached at (906) 440-0679 or [rmunro@charter.net](mailto:rmunro@charter.net), and Lombard works with vets and other veterans services throughout the U.P. Munro and Lombard were key figures in arranging the conference.

a designated chairman. Sault Tribe member Ron Munro, the tribe's veterans representative, is the eastern chairman of the Region One VCAT covering Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac counties. Another Sault Tribe member, Stephen Gillotte, is the central area chairman. Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency coordinator for the Region One VCAT is Frank Lombard.

The 10 VCATs were developed through a partnership between the Michigan Association of Counties and the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency to help veterans to access benefits available to them. Information about those services

is online at [www.michiganveterans.com](http://www.michiganveterans.com).

Munro, Gillotte, Lombard, Jacqueline Haske of Chippewa

County Veterans Affairs and Steve Crossett of Chippewa Luce Mackinac Community Action Agency were the chief organizers

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Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac Community Action Agency



Re-Elect

Denise Chase

Unit 4—Tribal Board of Directors

### -UNIT 4 ACCOMPLISHMENTS-

◆ Established the 1st recreation agreement in Delta County with the YMCA to promote health and wellness. To date 40,000+ visits to the YMCA have occurred since it's implementation. Also, pushed to reinstate the NMU agreement for members to utilize the PEIF facilities for health and wellness.

◆ Brought back Youth Development funding to be used for; school pictures, pay to play sports, drivers training, music instruments, etc...

◆ Unit 4 amended Tribal Hotel Tax resolution to split equally between all units the tribal hotel tax dollars collected for education and culture. This gives each unit approximately \$50,000 per year, to expand cultural and education activities through out the service area.

◆ Advocated for fishing access in Unit 4 — Fairport dock was purchased in 2017 for access by Great Lakes fishermen and tribal members.

◆ Established Adhoc Health Access Exploratory committee. This committee was formed to revitalize services and put back Escanaba, Marquette and other areas needing access to health services. Thru this committee the list of items below have been established for the members.

◆ Advocated to increase more testing at wellness clinics to catch cancer and other diseases earlier. ◆ Pushed for shingle vaccines available at Tribal Health Centers ◆ Reestablished Health Care in Escanaba & Marquette ◆ Lancets, diabetic pumps & supplies, needle & lancet disposal all available at Tribal Health Centers ◆ Escanaba Tele-med pilot project started ◆ PRC will now pay/reimburse tribal members for their glasses up to \$200.00 from Sault Tribe optical clinics. ◆ Mail order prescriptions ◆ Established services with after hours walk-in clinics in Manistique, Escanaba, Marquette, Munising, Newberry, Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace.

◆ Worked hard with the Transportation Department to overcome our transportation unmet needs; a huge barrier for our members. Coming soon there will be a public transit route to and from Escanaba to the Manistique Health Center. The Health Division will provide paid transportation to and from the Manistique Health Center for appointments. Through this plan another route will be started in the KI Sawyer/Gwinn area to and from the Marquette area.

**GOALS:** ◆ Will continue to push for the purchase of property and/or a building for the expansion of health services to include a community center/Elder meal program in the Escanaba area. ◆ Expansion of the Elder meal program to include home delivery. ◆ Support a plan being developed to increase tribal support dollars for programs and services for the membership no matter where you live. ◆ Continue to support a centralized Elder/Health/Community center (Gwinn, Ishpeming & Negaunee). ◆ More funding for Higher Education, Vocational, Technical & on the job training. ◆

Being one Board Member of eleven others makes it a challenge to compete for Tribal resources for our Unit. We need to prioritize the expansion of services to all units based on identified need. I want to continue to make sure Unit 4 shares in the expansion of the tribe.

With the 2020 Consent Decree expiring; now is the time to guarantee a strong and persistent board member remains seated that has the historical knowledge of our Treaty Rights. I will continue to push so all tribal members have a voice in this Decree unlike in the past.

From my heart, I would like to Thank You, the Unit 4 members for allowing me to serve and represent you. I will continue to work hard to represent your needs. I would appreciate your vote in the General Election. Thank you, Denise Chase

Denise Chase endorses this ad.

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# NIGC weighs in on sports betting ruling

By RICK SMITH

The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) announced on May 15 intentions of assuming the role as the regulatory guide for Indian Country on new sports betting opportunities and issues that may surface after the *Murphy v. National Collegiate Athletic Association* (NCAA) decision by the U.S. Supreme Court on May 14.

Essentially, the decision allows states to legalize sports betting, which was previously prohibited by the 1992 *Professional and*

*Amateur Sports Protection Act*.

The NIGC, it appears, claims the decision may present opportunities for tribes to generate increased governmental revenue by applying their expertise and experiences gained since passage of the *Indian Gaming Regulatory Act* (IGRA) about 30 years ago.

The *Murphy v. NCAA* case pitted the governor of New Jersey and others against the collegiate sports organization after the state's citizenry passed a referendum to legalize sports betting. After a few years of legal wran-

gling, according to the Supreme Court blog, the court found that where the Constitution does not give power to the federal government or take power away from the states, the power goes to the states or to the people themselves.

"Gaming by tribal nations as a means of generating governmental revenue initially began as an exercise of the inherent authority of tribal nations over their lands and predated the *Indian Gaming Regulatory Act* of 1988," the NIGC said in its announcement. "While IGRA set forth a statutory

framework for the regulation of Indian gaming, it explicitly recognized that a principal goal of federal policy is to promote tribal economic development, tribal self-sufficiency and strong tribal government."

The NIGC further stated it takes its role as regulator of Indian gaming seriously to ensure the goals to advance tribes are achieved. If legislative changes present new opportunities, the organization said it is prepared to fulfill its responsibilities; however, the organization has learned

over the years that decisions are best left to individual tribes on how gaming operates on their own lands.

"As federal and state governments consider how to address sports betting in light of yesterday's decision," the NIGC announcement concluded, "we anticipate that tribes will be given a seat at the table to voice their positions, bring their perspectives and collective expertise and maintain regulatory and operational control over all the gaming that occurs on their lands."

## Tribe sets its sights on manufactured and modular home dealership

From "Diversification," page 1 real-estate management and the tribe's need to acquire and sell land. We are in the rental business with 111 units in Kincheloe at DeMawating Development and almost 200 units functioning in Sawyer Village," he said.

Schultz said the storage facility idea came up by analyzing different opportunities for the tribe that offer a good return on investment. "We are trying to look at opportunities where we have competitive advantages, which has us looking at capital type projects where we can make an initial investment and then enjoy a return for a period of time. We started looking at storage units and it looked like it fit what we were looking for — there seems to be a high demand for storage units in this area. We have looked at acquiring a few different ones,

we have a very specific economic model we are following," he said.

The Odenaang Storage units should pay for themselves in 10 years. They were built on trust land the tribe already owned, construction funds came from within the tribe and there are no state taxes.

Other projects include six billboards, four in Sault Ste. Marie and two in Wetmore, with plans for more. "We have two different arrangements — one is we have made arrangements for a company to place billboards on our lands and we get a percentage, and the other is we partnered with a company and we are putting the boards up ourselves and get a much larger percentage — and we own the boards," Schultz said. "We will do very well with the boards."

The tribe is also now licensed

to sell manufactured and modular homes. "Our plan is do a dealership with Fairmont Homes and used cars. We still have some licensing issues to work through before we are ready to move forward with the car lot," Schultz said. "We have some tax arrangements with the state of Michigan that gives us some extra incentive to get into those industries. We have found the right expertise to work with and we are going to be looking to move those projects forward."

Schultz said the tribe has ordered an initial inventory of singlewide homes and is putting in an dealership office soon.

Manufactured homes range in price range from \$30,000 to \$150,000, and Schultz said he has identified experienced contractors that should bid to do the work.

Schultz is working with

DeMawating Development on the possible purchase of Riverside Village — a local trailer park on Riverside Drive. "We have board approval and are doing our due diligence at this point. There have been a lot of issues with the park, including old infrastructure, and we have to make sure we don't get in over our heads," he said.

Schultz said he and his team are looking at a variety of acquisitions that have been proposed to the tribe, with some gaining a little traction. "We are assessing the demand for a car wash on the reservation near Midjim to see if we would get the right volume for that to go through, and we have been working with the tribe's Health department for the potential of a rehabilitation center," he said.

But, of everything that he

has going on, the one he is most proud of and excited about is the development and launch of the Sault Tribe Business Alliance.

The Alliance recently held its first meeting with Sault Tribe business owners attending from across the country. "We are trying to get as many Sault Tribe business owners as possible to participate and join. I want to have this pool of successful Sault Tribe member owned businesses I can interact with and make sure they understand the advantages of being a tribal member owned business. That is the most potentially impactful economic development project we have right now," he said.

If you are interested in more information, or would like to rent a storage unit, contact John McClellan at the tribe's EDC office by calling 635-6050.

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We have to weigh our responsibility to current needs and for our future seven generations to come.

### *Sustainability*

We have to look at what we have and plan to maintain and increase our level of deliverables to our members. This is key to how I have voted as a board member.

### *My Values*

- The tribe comes first
- Integrity matters
- Accountability must be present
- Honesty is a given
- Humility is a gift
- Sustainability is a must

### *Contact Me Any Time*

(906) 630-6981  
702 Hazelton St.  
St. Ignace, MI 49781  
kmassaway@msn.com



# Parent leadership training, Grayling, Aug. 8-9, 2018

Parents interested in learning how to help shape local, regional and state program planning and policy development should plan to attend a two-day course in Grayling on Aug. 8 and 9.

The Parent Leadership in State Government (PLISG) initiative offers the *Parents Partnering for Change* training curriculum, which trains parents how to voice their views to decision-making bodies.

Training subjects include how to tell your family story, what it means to be a parent leader, improving communication skills, how boards and organizations work, effective meetings and how to handle conflict. After the training, parents are encouraged to put their new skills to use and receive support from the initiative organization's mentors as well as connecting with new opportunities for involvement through Facebook and a Yahoo group. The training teaches you how to get involved in advisory boards or committees while alongside other parents in an informative and interactive manner with the goal of providing you with new knowledge and skills as well as to help inspire and motivate you to get involved.

Any parent or caregiver in Michigan who has received public services in Michigan and has a child aged from newborn to 18 may apply for the training. Priority is given to those closest to the training site.

There is no cost to parents to attend the training. Parents receive mileage reimbursement, a stipend of \$200 for their time and meals during training. Hotel lodging may be covered based on travel distance.

Parents must attend both days of the training from 8:30 a.m. to

## *Fifth annual Jim Ailing Memorial Golf Scramble*

June 16 at Tanglewood Marsh, 9 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. start. Four-person best ball scramble. Entry fee \$60 per person, 18 holes with cart, barbecue dinner, raffles, door prizes and 50/50 drawing.. Prizes for first, second and third places. Non-golfers \$15 for barbecue and chances on prizes.

Register by May 25 to receive a free T-shirt! Profits go to Hospice of the EUP and Road to Recovery.

Sponsor holes for \$50. Accepting donations for prizes. Dixon Golf sponsoring hole-in-one chance at a million dollars.

Contact Sheri Ailing to register at (906) 203-5597 or email Jimailingmemorial@yahoo.com.

4 p.m.

While no childcare is available, the project provides reimbursement of up to \$50 per day for childcare needed while attending the training.

Questions should be directed to Michelle Sneathen at (517) 709-8260 or msneathe@mphi.org. More information is online at <https://plisg.org>. Those interested in applying for the training should go to <https://mphi.wufoc.com/forms/ppc-training-grayling-mi-2018/>.

This training is a joint initiative between the PLISG, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Department of Education and the Children's Trust Fund. The training teaches you how to get involved in advisory boards



Photo by Rick Smith

The second in a series of Tribal Talk speaking engagements at the Bayliss Public Library in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., featured a frequent official in regional powwows, Joe Medicine, who spoke on powwow etiquette on May 10. The Tribal Talk series is part of the Sault's observance of the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of a European settlement in the place the Anishinaabek called Bawating, which became better known as Sault Ste. Marie. Medicine explained to a group assembled in the community room of the library the significance of many different aspects of powwows. As seen here, Medicine (at the table) also fielded questions from people in the group. Seven more of the monthly Tribal Talks remain scheduled with the next, an introduction to the Anishinaabek language, taking place on June 14.

## Vote Brow Unit III

Dear Tribal Member,

**Thank you for your support! One more vote for change!  
Make sure your voice is heard!**

It's election time again! I, Geraldine (Gerry) Brow, am asking for your support and vote as your Unit 3 representative for the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Tribal Board.

### Why Vote Brow?

- The People! The People! The People!
- I deeply care for all of our tribal members.
- I want to represent YOUR voice.

As your board member, my goal is to strengthen and improve the Tribal community by listening to our members and elders. Bringing light to your questions and concerns!

### If we change nothing, Nothing will change!

I have over 24 years of employment in Government offices such as our Human Resource Department and the Sault Tribe Housing Authority. I have had the great pleasure of working with some very amazing people and now I am asking to work for you!

**LET'S MAKE CHANGES AS A TEAM!**



I can be reached at  
906-430-7860 or  
[g1\\_brow@hotmail.com](mailto:g1_brow@hotmail.com)

# Register now for the 2018 Junior Police Academy

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Law Enforcement Department 2018 Junior Police Academy takes place this year from Monday, July 30, through Friday, Aug. 3.

Sault Tribe members 11–15 years of age are eligible to attend. The academy of offered free of charge and transportation may be provided if needed.

Law Enforcement training activities include physical fitness training, evidence collection, taser training presentation, MILO simulator, first aid training, SWAT team techniques, K-9 unit presenta-

tion, outdoor emergency preparedness, felony traffic stops, simunitions, building entry, report writing, water safety, fingerprinting and fire safety.

Recreational activities include swimming and games.

SUBMIT REGISTRATION FORMS TO: Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Department, P.O. Box 925, 2175 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Forms can be faxed to (906) 632-0691. If you choose to fax, please call to verify we received it.

CONTACT: Robert Marchand, chief of police, (906) 635-6065.



Win Awenen Nisitotung archives Youth learn and have a lot of fun at the annual Junior Police Academy. From past years, above, kids construct emergency shelters, while below, they gear up for building entry team techniques.



## Hessel rummage sale, June 30

Hessel elder's annual rummage sale at the Hessel Tribal Center, Saturday, June 30, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Chili and fry bread available.

-----PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION-----

### REGISTRATION FORM:

CADET'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ NIGHT TIME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ MALE OR FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_

TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt size: Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ Extra Large \_\_\_\_\_  
(Specify child or adult size) Adult Size \_\_\_\_\_ Child Size \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation to camp needed? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, from St. Ignace, Manistique, Kinross or Sault Ste. Marie?

Transportation from camp needed? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, to St. Ignace, Manistique, Kinross, or Sault Ste. Marie?

Registration form must be submitted on or before July 09, 2018

Upon receipt of registration form an application package will be mailed with rules and regulations to be reviewed and signed by cadets and parents. Physical and consent forms are to be completed and returned prior to camp. Space is limited, so please return forms as soon as possible.

## Prepared to Lead • Prepared to Serve

“Let's keep focus where it belongs: The practical business of moving our tribe in the **Best Way Forward**”

With respect I ask for your vote in the June General Election. Understanding, Where we are; Where we want to go; and How we are going to get there—is critical for our future forward success. I humbly ask for your continued support, so we don't lose momentum and we can continue to move the needle forward in the right direction.

We have aggressively retired debt; through disciplined fiscal management we are “doing more with less” and are making significant progress towards improved educational outcomes for our children; meeting the health needs of our members; and investing in economic opportunities both locally and expansion down state.

### Key upcoming initiatives:

- Medical Detox and Recovery Campus
- Technical Trades and Workforce Readiness Campus located to serve the entire 7 county service area.
- A transportation system that connects to the above Campuses and our 4 regional health facilities.
- Downstate economic and service expansion
- Native curriculum in state public schools
- Self determined, community based solutions for K-12 improvement in educational success
- Sustainable development and prosperity of the value chain opportunity in natural resources.
- Progressive policy reform in employment develop-

ment; Tribal member owned business opportunity; local/regional economic industry and economy

- The ability of tribal members to have standing before the court; to challenge unfair, inequitable and unconstitutional legislation (separation of powers).

Working together, with love and respect: That's what makes us strong. Staying focused and building consensus: That's what moves us forward. Integrity: That's what democracies are made of.



“Maamawoo-naanibwidaa”  
Let's Stand Strong Together

For an Ethical, Prosperous,  
Sustainable Future

### Experienced Leadership

- Tribal Board Member
- Ad hoc Health Committee
- Internal Audit Committee
- Tax Commission
- Constitutional Review
- Curator, LCHA
- Retired federal employee USPS Western District
- Sales, Cox Communications
- EPA National Tribal Operations Committee
- Represented the Great Lakes Tribes on the Natural Resources and Listening Session of the White
- House Council on Indian Affairs.
- Testimony before the DOI, DOJ and Army Corps of Engineers in response to Standing Rock litigation.
- Invited to give testimony to Michigan's Pipeline Safety Board on Enbridge.

### Education

- Bachelor Science, Lake Superior State University History, Public Administration



# Re-Elect Catherine Hollowell Unit 2 Board of Directors

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# Advocacy Resource Center assists crime victims

The safety and well-being of you and your family is important to us!  
The Advocacy Resource Center is here to assist all victims of crime whether or not the crime has been reported to a law

enforcement agency.  
— Do you need immediate safety from domestic violence, dating violence or sexual assault?  
— Were you sexually assaulted and are unsure what to do?  
— Has your child been expe-

riencing verbal, cyber or physical bullying?  
— Is your partner accusing you of cheating, reading your text messages or controlling where you go and who you are with?  
— Are you concerned that

you, or an elder in your community, have been neglected, abused or financially exploited and you don't know what to do?  
— Have you missed work due to having to tend to your own or your child's victimization and may benefit from employment advocacy?  
— Are you seeking safe housing opportunities and don't know where to start?  
— Do you need assistance with transportation to and from community support agencies?  
— Would you like to know more about the traditional medicine services the tribe has to offer?  
The Advocacy Resource Center provides confidential

advocacy, shelter and educational services to both tribal and non-tribal individuals and families, women, men, children, teens, young adults, elders and the LGBTQ/two-spirited.  
Your safety and well-being matters to us and we want you to know that you do not have to live in fear.  
If you have questions, need assistance or would like to just talk and be heard, please call the Advocacy Resource Center at the following numbers:  
632-1808 — Sault  
341-6993 — Manistique  
(877) 639-7820 — Toll free  
635-7705 — Lodge of Bravery domestic violence shelter

## Sault Tribe employment opportunities

Apply at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com)

(All full-time/regular jobs open until filled unless otherwise indicated)

### GOVERNMENTAL OPENINGS

- SAULT STE. MARIE AND KINCHELOE
- Carpenter, Sault Tribe
- Construction
- Caseworkers (3)
- Clinic nurse
- Clinical social worker, Advocacy Resource Center
- Community health education
- Diabetes fitness trainer
- Employee relations specialist
- Health education supervisor
- Heavy equipment repairer
- Human resource director
- Human resource manager
- Human resource specialist
- Internal auditor
- Medical technologists (2)
- Medical laboratory technician
- Physician assistant or nurse practitioner
- Purchasing director
- Quality improvement coordinator
- Shelter worker – part time
- Student services assistant – part time
- Traditional Ojibway practitioner – STHC
- Tribal attorney – assistant

- prosecutor
- Weight room monitor (1) – part time
- Youth wellness coaches (2) – part time/temporary
- HESSEL, ST. IGNACE, ESCANABA, MANISTIQUE, MARQUETTE, MUNISING, NEWBERRY
- Chief solo dentist (Manistique)
- Registered dental hygienist (St. Ignace)
- Community health technician (Munising)
- Community health technician (St. Ignace)
- Community health technician (Manistique & Munising)
- Bus aide (St. Ignace)
- Staff dentist (St. Ignace)
- Staff pharmacist (St. Ignace)
- Maintenance technician – detention center (St. Ignace)
- Student services assistant (Manistique) – part time
- KEWADIN CASINOS
- OPENINGS
- SAULT STE. MARIE
- Casino general manager
- Guest room attendant – part

- time
- Beverage supervisor
- Count team counter-part time
- Shuttle drivers
- Beverage manager
- Comptroller
- Mechanic
- ST. IGNACE
- Gaming dealers – (2) temporary
- Gaming dealers – (4)
- Gaming dealer – part time/temporary
- Front desk clerks – (3)
- Bartenders – (3)
- Dishwasher – part time
- HESSEL
- Groundskeeper – temporary
- Cage cashiers – (2) temporary
- CHRISTMAS
- Gaming shift manager III
- Line cook
- Bar server
- Bartender
- Gift shop cashier
- Gaming dealer trainee
- Security guard
- Casino porter
- ENTERPRISE OPENINGS
- Real estate manager

## 37th annual Sault Tribe powwow apparel available, order by June 15

Powwow apparel sale to benefit the Sault Tribe powwow and gathering over July 13-15. Order forms must be submitted no later than June 15, 2018. Please send all forms to the Big Bear Arena (Attn: Lisa Moran), 2 Ice Circle Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, fax them to (906) 632-6789 or email them to [lmoran@saulttribe.net](mailto:lmoran@saulttribe.net).  
Powwow apparel available are T-shirts, long sleeve shirts and

crew neck sweaters, sizes small through 4XL, in men's and women's styles. All apparel is black with the powwow logo on the front. Prices and an order form are available at the tribe's website, [saulttribe.com](http://saulttribe.com). Non-Sault Tribe members will be charged six percent sales tax. If you would prefer to pay by check or money order, please make them payable to "Sault Tribe Powwow."



# Vote for Barbeaux in Unit II

## *“For a Brighter Future”*



Boozhoo! Aanii! I am of the Ajijaak (Crane) dodem or Baswenaazhi. My name is Paul Barbeaux and I want to work for you on the Board of Directors for the Sault St. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians as your Unit 2 representative.

I am a grandfather and a small business owner and as such I know the importance of securing our future through a well-managed tribal government. As a long-standing member of the Natural Resource committee I have seen the importance of representation acting for all tribal members and guarding our treaty rights and sovereignty above all else. I support a restructuring of our current tribal government, including the need for a separation of powers.

As your representative I will ensure we continue to support and provide services to our elders and make sure our children are prepared for the future through educational opportunities that include financial support for both college and trade schools.

As a business owner I understand that it takes money to make all these things possible, under proper management our tribal enterprises are fully capable of providing these services. If you choose to elect me I will be true to my Dodem, I will speak loudly for the members through my actions, to be an agent of change working with my board colleagues to provide a brighter future for all tribal members.

Please contact me with any questions or issues that you feel need to be addressed or ideas for moving our tribe forward. You will be the team I bring with me to the board.

Giga-waabamin menawaa,  
Miigwech,  
Paul Barbeaux, tribal member, grandfather, business owner  
[VoteBarbeauxunit2@gmail.com](mailto:VoteBarbeauxunit2@gmail.com)

Treaty Rights Protection

Sovereignty

Separation of Powers

Educational Opportunities with Financial Support

Proper Business Management

# State, tribes developed curriculum on Anishinaabek

By Rick Smith

Collaboration between five State of Michigan agencies, two universities, a trio of private organizations and 10 of the state's 12 American Indian tribes yielded two elementary school courses in five segments titled *Ancestors, Archaeology and the Anishinaabek: Bridging the Past into the Future*. The courses are designed for students in third and fifth grades in public, private or home schools, and were recently placed online at <https://bit.ly/2K75IMV>.

The project involved staff of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Content of the courses stem from information gleaned during two 2011-12 archaeological digs by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) that took place before construction of a

bridge on M-231 over the Grand River near Grand Haven, Mich.

According to the MDOT, the excavation revealed what state officials came to realize is an important and "one of a kind" ancient site with many portions of it used for storing food and artifacts such as wild rice, lake sturgeon, stone tools, pottery and other material estimated to be from as far back as 800 years ago.

MDOT involved more state agencies and others in sorting out what to do with the find and one idea was the elementary school lessons on the people of the Three Fires — the Odawa, Ojibwe and Potawatomi.

According to James A. Robertson, senior staff archaeologist for MDOT, letters were sent to all 12 federally recognized tribes in Michigan in February

2014 calling for a meeting to begin developing lesson plans. Robertson said emphasis was "on wild rice and lake sturgeon as the key connection to the past with the present and future, develop a pilot project of tribally focused lesson plans using the archaeological data, develop a tribally reviewed on-line curriculum focusing on indigenous ways of knowledge to enrich student awareness and create a sustainable and maintainable 'living' curriculum document."

Robertson added that a series of follow-up meetings and conferences ensued through 2014-15 and tribes were invited to participate in the research and writing portion of the project. A two-day workshop took place in May 2016 centered on cultural understanding, indigenous knowledge, coordinating contributions of

involved organizations, academic aspects and lesson plan strategies.

A field trip to the archaeological site took place in July 2016 in order for all concerned to gain a better understanding about the significance of the setting and the relationship at the time between humans and the land.

In January of 2017, Carol Bacak-Egbo, an expert on curriculum and lesson plan development from Oakland University, was hired to help with the project development. Later, in May of that year, teams went to work on lesson plans along with setting up writing, content and vetting teams and developing plans.

Contents of the five-part lesson plans begin with an account of the history of the Anishinaabek, an introduction to archaeology and the M-231

archaeological site, details of the site, findings and what can be learned from the site and review of the Anishinaabek in modern times.

Jim Cameron, consultant with the Michigan Department of Education, said his department will disseminate information on the academic resource to schools through his department's connections with the Michigan Council for the Social Studies, Michigan Council for History Education, Michigan Center for Civic Education and social studies supervisors.

According to an official state announcement, "The lesson plans address misconceptions, stereotypes and preconceived notions about Native American history and culture that characterize many of the materials currently available to teachers."

# JKL early childhood programs team members honored



From left, child care instructor Kelly Wilcox and Child Care Center supervisor Dawn Fegan both earned associate degrees in early childhood education this year. Child care teacher aides Mike Leon and Payton Bouschor (not pictured) both earned their child development associate credential.



SUBMITTED BY ANNE SUGGITT  
Team members were honored for their accomplishments on May 4 at the early childhood programs staff meeting and Professional Development Day.

Left, from left, Head Start teacher aide Samantha Esson, Child Care Center teacher aide Robin McKechnie, Head Start teacher aide Ruth Clow, Early Head Start teacher aide Krystal Rosebohm and Head Start teacher aide Denise Horn all achieved the requirements to renew their child development associate credential.

## DJ HOFFMAN

### UNIT 1 BOARD of DIRECTORS

Executive Education Management Certificate • National Indian Gaming Association Certificate • MASB Certified School Board Member • Commissioner, Sault Tribe Housing Authority • Gaming Commissioner, Gaming Authority Member • Conservation Committee Member During last Consent Decree (1997-2001)

EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP REPRESENTING ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS

EXPERIENCED, MEMBERSHIP DRIVEN, RESULTS-BASED LEADERSHIP

*With Your Support, I will Continue to Work with the Board to:*

- Push forward new and innovative approaches, and REAL solutions to work with elected officials to move OUR tribe progressively forward.
- Stress accountability, fiscal responsibility, efficiency, and professionalism within OUR tribe to ensure a viable future for current and future generations.
- Stress the development of extensive short and long term planning for tribal business and services that include the input of the membership.
- Continue to Stress Business Diversification and Economic Development to provide new revenue streams that are necessary to maintain and increase membership services.
- Push legislation to ensure that ALL Tribal Members are afforded their Constitutional Rights
- Work with the Tribal Board to establish a Code of Conduct to ensure professionalism, job security and accountability for Elected Officials
- Defend and Protect our Sovereignty and Treaty Rights (2020 Consent Decree)
- Continue to push forward legislation to separate the politics from business by establishing an independent Gaming Authority, Corporate Charter and Gaming Commission
- Continue to advocate for a continued separation of powers: Constitutional Amendments to allow for Term Limits, Special Initiatives, Rights of Recall, Elected Judges

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SAULT TRIBE VICE CHAIRMAN  
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EMPLOYEES

Paid for By Committee to Elect DJ Hoffman

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BY PHONE: (906) 203-0510 OR EMAIL: [DJWHOFFMAN@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:DJWHOFFMAN@HOTMAIL.COM)

## Johnston earns bachelor's degree from GVSU



Chris and Anisa Johnston are proud to announce the graduation of their son, Andrew Johnston, from Grand Valley State University. Andrew received a bachelor's degree in finance and marketing. Graduation took place on April 27, 2018, at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, Mich.

## Introducing Asa Anderle



### ASA L. ANDERLE

Eric and Rachel Anderle (née Derusha) of Grand Haven, Mich., announce the birth of their first son, Asa Leroy Anderle. He arrived on Feb. 21, 2018, at 1:40 a.m. at Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. Asa weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 21.5 inches in length. Grandparents are Skip Derusha of Conklin, Mich., and Doug and Barb Anderle of Lamont, Mich.

## Cope graduates from GVSU with bachelor's



Michaela Cope of St. Ignace and Grand Rapids, Mich., graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in legal studies and minoring in criminal justice, from Grand Valley State University on April 27, 2018.

Michaela is the daughter of Michael and Mary (nee St. Onge) Cope of St Ignace. She graduated from LaSalle High School in 2012. Michaela is the granddaughter of the late Stanley and Ruth Cope of St. Ignace and Elizabeth M. and the late Francis G. St. Onge of Mackinac Island.

She is employed as an assistant program coordinator with Consolidated Resource Imaging, an aerospace engineering firm in Grand Rapids Mich.

Michaela is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

## Huffman graduates from Radford



Sault Tribe member Marissa Dawn Huffman recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science in psychology and minors in biology along with women and gender studies from Radford University in Virginia.

Huffman, who is also known by her traditional name, Wasaygiichigoquay or Shining Sky Woman, continues her education at Radford and begins the Master of Science in counseling and human development graduate program this fall. Huffman is the daughter of Corrina (Schmidt) Huffman and the granddaughter of Phyllis (Cassibo) Schmidt, both Sault Tribe members.

# Learn Delicious Spiralizer Cooking

Big Bear 2nd floor kitchen.  
Thursday, June 21,  
4:30-6:30 p.m.

All participants must call Community Health at 632-5210 to register for the classes due to class size limits.



## Dehydrator Workshop

**June 21, 2018**  
5-7pm  
Manistique Tribal Health Center

FREE  
to all  
Community  
Members

Come learn how to dehydrate various foods with Gail Sulander, RD. To register or for more information, please contact David Wesoloski at (906) 341-9573 or at [dwesoloski@saulttribe.net](mailto:dwesoloski@saulttribe.net).

Supported by the Sault Tribe Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country Project  
Made Possible with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

# Billy Mills visits Sault Ste. Marie reservation - gives youth encouragement, signs autographs

The annual Billy Mills Fun Run/Walk was held May 12 at JKL School in Sault Ste. Marie. Billy and Patricia Mills flew in from Fair Oaks, Calif., to participate in the event.



Mary Green and Little Bear



Cole Gordon, 8, placed third in his age group.



Isabelle Woodard, 8, and Makenna McMillan, 11, participated in the youth one mile run.



Anna Collins, 11, with her cousin, Anthony Abramson, 8, running the youth one mile.



David Seeler, from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, age 11, participated in the 5k run.



Patricia Mills, 77, wife of Billy Mills, and Lara Carlson, 50, from Kennebunkport, Maine, walked/ran the 5k.



Susan Soltys placed third in her age category in the 5k walk.

"I have a lot of ties and connections in this community, I think of friendship and love when I am here." - Billy Mills 2018

Photos by Brenda Austin - to see more visit Facebook and search for "Photos from Sault Tribe News archives."



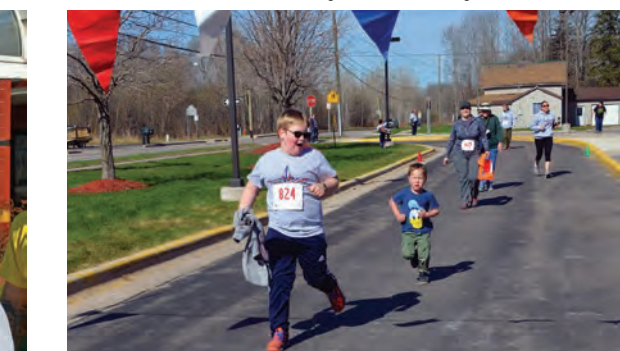
Cayson Teeple (right), age 9, with two other participants who were happy to cross the finish line.



Rick Hawley, 54, from East Jordan, Mich., came prepared to have Mills sign his collectible memorabilia.



Billy Mills gives advice to Andrew Bernier, 10, while his father, David Bernier listens with grandson Aaron Smith, 3.



Hunter Clark, 8, finished the 5k run/walk while keeping an eye on his little rival.



Logan Pavlat, 12, with Ellah Deeghan, 12, participated in the 5k run/walk.



Above, Tot Trot participants crossing the finish line. Each tot received a participation medal. Below, Olympian Billy Mills preparing 5K walk/run participants for the start of the race.



37th Annual Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians  
**TRADITIONAL POWWOW**  
 July 13-15, 2018

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 "Respecting our way of life at Bawaating"

**SINGING SPECIALS**  
 1st Place - \$3,000  
 2nd Place - \$2,000  
 3rd Place - \$1,000  
(Drum split for all other registered drums)  
 \* All drums must have at least 5 registered singers \*

**HAND DRUM CONTEST**  
 1st - \$300; 2nd - \$200; 3rd - \$100

**DANCE SPECIALS**  
 Golden Age Men (50+) - Combined  
 1st - \$300; 2nd - \$200; 3rd - \$100  
 Golden Age Women (50+) - Combined  
 1st - \$300; 2nd - \$200; 3rd - \$100  
 Men's Traditional, Grass & Fancy (18+)  
 1st - \$300; 2nd - \$200; 3rd - \$100  
 Women's Traditional, Fancy & Jingle (18+)  
 1st - \$300; 2nd - \$200; 3rd - \$100  
(Honarium for the first 75 registered  
 adult/teen dancers in full regalia)  
 Jackpot Spot Dances (3 Total)  
 \$150 winner take all (one per session)

**SPIRITUAL GATHERING**  
 THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2018 at Sunrise

**FRIDAY, JULY 13**  
 Kids Carnival 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
 Open Drum and Dance - 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JULY 14**  
 Drum and Dance Registration 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
 Grand Entry 1 p.m.  
 Traditional Feast (Free & Open to Public) at 5 p.m.  
 Hand Drum Contest 6 p.m.  
 Grand Entry 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JULY 15**  
 Grand Entry 12 Noon  
 Winners of Singing & Dancing Specials  
 Announced at 3 p.m.  
 Powwow Committee Giveaway 4 p.m.  
 Singing and Dancing specials will start on  
 Saturday, July 14

EMCEE - Jody Gaskin  
 EMCEE - Joe Medicine  
 Head Ogichidaa - Cecil Pavlat  
 Arena Director - Bud Biron  
 Head Drum Judge - Justin Perrault Sr.  
 Head Male Dance Judge - Ray Cadotte  
 Head Female Dance Judge - Julie Whitepigeon

**FREE ADMISSION & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**  
**Sault Tribe Powwow Grounds**  
 Entrance is from Bahweting Dr. off Shunk Rd.  
 on the Sault Tribe Reservation

Visit [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) or find our Event on Facebook!  
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Host Hotel: Kewadin Casinos CALL 800-539-2346  
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**FRIDAY, JUNE 8**  
 • 3:00 p.m. - Registration  
 • 5:00 p.m. - Welcome Feast  
 • Songs with Susan Askwith  
 • Keynote after the Feast

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9**  
 • 6:30 a.m. - Sunrise Ceremony  
 • 7:30 a.m. - Breakfast Served  
 • 9:00 a.m. - Workshops Begin

**KEYNOTE:** Barb Nolan  
**PRESENTATION BY:**  
 HR Training Department -  
 Discussing use of Language Pods

**WORKSHOPS & SPEAKERS:**  
 Linda Trudeau, Mabel Lewis-Hill,  
 Carla Ozawamick, Shirley Recollet,  
 Ted Recollet, Leonard Kimewon,  
 Michelle Andrews, Debra Ann Pine,  
 Paul Blondeau



# Little graduates from Ferris State cum laude



Richard A. Little graduated cum laude from Ferris State University College of Engineering Technology on May 5 with a Bachelor of Applied Science in welding engineering technology. During his time at Ferris, he also earned a certificate in basic CNC programming and machine operation. He served as the president of the Ferris chapter of the American Welding Society and volunteered for numerous community events, assisting with the growth of the chapter.

Little accepted a position as a welding engineer for

United Launch Alliance (ULA) in Decatur, Ala. ULA is in the aerospace and defense industry and is the nation's most experienced space launch company with more than 120 consecutive launches and a 100 percent mission success rate. ULA's production facility in Decatur manufactures both Atlas V and Delta IV rockets which launch space missions from U.S. soil on both the east and west coastlines.

Little is the son of Richard W. Little and Kristi Harwood-Causley (John). He graduated from Sault Area High School and Career Center in 2013. He said, "My experience gained at the Sault Area High School Career Center has significantly benefited my professional growth in college. Under the welding engineering discipline, it is important to not only understand theory, but to also learn from hands on experience. I truly hope the Career Center at Sault High continues its shop programs as they will continue to produce inspired, well-rounded students. For individuals considering college, you don't have to be book smart, or a straight A student in high school. Set goals, and work hard towards those goals and you will be very successful."

# Soltani graduates from GWU



Sara Soltani, the daughter of Martha and Mehdi Soltani, granddaughter of Barbara Merchberger Nelson, graduated from George Washington University with dual degrees in archaeology and anthropology with a minor in biological anthropology on May 19, 2018.

She continues her studies this fall in Boston working toward a Master of Science in forensic anthropology at the Boston University School of Medicine. She is pictured with her service dog, Abu, and some of her favorite books.

## TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

### **Vote Kim Gravelle Unit 1**

It has been my honor to serve as your Unit 1 Board Representative for the past four years. I am seeking your support for re-election because we need to focus on our young members with programs such as: employment, budgeting, and daycare. Soon enough this generation will be our future leaders. Family is one of the most important resources in a tribal community. In the last four years I was instrumental, along with my fellow Board of Directors, in passing the resolution that guaranteed tribal employees a COLA annually (one of my top priorities) and a match for our 401K Retirement plan. We have purchased land to enhance the JKL Bahweting Anishinaabe PSA. I have stayed at the forefront of the opioid crisis that is affecting Indian Country and our nation and will ensure our tribe is fighting for and staying on top this epidemic. As a tribal member, with a family that is actively involved in our community, I am committed to our Tribe. I am hardworking and dedicated and will represent all tribal members with integrity and professionalism. With the right leadership we have a bright future.



**You can contact me at:  
(906) 632-1944  
kkgravelle@yahoo.com**

### **Priorities**

- Improve our government through leadership that respects your opinions and ensures your voice is heard.
- Allow our program directors to do their jobs without interference.
- Invest in all tribal families through improved, housing, child care, health care and jobs.
- Invest in our youth through better funding for education/programs. (Trade/Vocational Schools)
- Invest in our elders by increasing services.
- Diversify our businesses and expand casino games and locations.
- Strategic Planning for future generations.

**TRIBAL COMMITTEES:**  
Early Head Start Gaming Authority  
Gaming Commission TAP Advisory  
JKL Fiduciary Special Needs Enrollment  
Sault Tribe Wellness Committee  
Pow Wow Planning Group

**EXPERIENCE/TRAININGS:** Tribal Elections Training  
Basic Indian Law Tribal Enrollment Training  
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Ethics Training  
Supervisor Management Skills Records Management  
American Genealogy Course VFW Volunteer Retired  
BIA Employee

**COMMITTEES:** Sugar Island Historical Preservation Society  
LSSU Native American Advisory Council Title VII Indian Education Program  
Native American Retention Task Force LSSU Native Conference Committee  
Constitution Convention Committee Combined Federal Campaign  
American Red Cross Committee

I sincerely thank you for your support and respectfully ask for your vote and the vote of your family members. We can accomplish great things if we focus and work together. Thank You.

# Alex Morehouse signs with Bay College

THE BAY NORSE WILL COMPETE AT THE NJCAA DIVISION II LEVEL IN THEIR INAUGURAL 2018-2019 SEASON

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

The Bay College Baseball Program has signed their first players for their inaugural season, set to begin play in the 2018-19 school year. One of those players is Sault Tribe member and Sault High senior Alex Morehouse. His new team, the Bay Norse, will compete at the NJCAA Division II level.

Morehouse was an All-Straits Area Conference First Team and all-district selection last season, hitting for a .394 average in 32 games. As a pitcher he was 3-1 and was third on the team with 26 strikeouts. The Sault High Blue Devils were unbeaten in the conference (10-0) and advanced all the way to the state quarterfinals last season, finishing 25-10 overall.

A third baseman, Morehouse said he hasn't been assigned a position yet but is comfortable playing shortstop and second, outfield, and has also stood on the pitcher's mound. He was also a defensive standout, making several remarkable plays on the infield's hot corner.

Morehouse said he prefers playing third because "It's the longest throw on the field and you get to show off your arm. It's also an adrenaline rush knowing that ball will be coming at you fast when it does," he said.



**Sault Tribe member Alex Morehouse makes it official with his signature.**

He was introduced to T-ball at the age of 4 and continued to play each season for fun and to be around his friends. As he got older he said he began to appreciate what went on during the game and what it took to win.

"I realized it was more like a chess match than actual talent. Growing up our baseball team wasn't the strongest or biggest, but we all knew the game really

well and we could outwit other teams most of the time," he said.

A student at Sault Area High School, Morehouse said he has played basketball and baseball the past four years and has also been involved in the high school's National Honor Society Chapter and Business Professionals of America.

Morehouse said he would like to thank all his coach's, from T-ball through his high school years: Shane Thompson and Ted Coneset, Khrist Bontrager, Bret Hibbard, Tony Nertoli and Jordan Perry.

"I would like to also thank my friends and family who have come to my games over the years. It's an all summer sport, so it's nice when you have people travel and watch you play," he said.

After his time at Bay College is done Morehouse said he would like to sign a letter of intent with a bigger college.

Morehouse plans on majoring in Bay College's water resource management program.

Bay College, located in the city of Escanaba, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula on Little Bay de Noc, has hired Mike Pankow as the first men's baseball coach in program history. For more information and to follow Norse Athletics, go to [www.baynorse.com](http://www.baynorse.com).



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*Please Vote*

## BETTY "KRULL" FREIHEIT

Paid for by Betty Freiheit

*Unit 1 ~ Tribal Board of Directors*

*Having survived the first full year since the loss of my husband has made me more caring and compassionate. I have apologized to those I have disagreed with in the past as I now see our responsibility to each other. I will fight hard for you but with love, understanding, and compromise. I humbly ask for your support & vote.*

*Thank You, Betty*

**OUR PEOPLE'S PLATFORM:**

- Real Separation of Powers
- Increased Elder Funds
- Protection of our Treaty Rights
- Funeral Home & Cremation Services
- Improved Education & Job Training
- Board & Chair Salary Voted on by You
- Referendum Votes on Key Issue
- Term Limits
- Code of Ethics
- Tribal Labor Laws
- New Employee's Appeals Board
- Sound Economic Diversification
- Random Drug Testing for Tribal Board
- Team Member Policies Apply to Board



I am retired from the State of Michigan as a corrections officer. I have also worked in the Sault, Hessel and St. Ignace Kewadin Casinos for several years. I have long fought to protect our tribal employees' rights and was the tribe's first lay advocate in tribal court. I have advocated for your rights for over 25 years and positively impacted tribal members' lives but feel I could be even more effective in fighting these fights at the Board table. I have stood up for Tribal Members' rights and won. Why do I do this? **Because it is the "right thing to do"!**

*The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. If you want change, then vote for change. I will empower your voice!*

The pictures above are our youth, Elders, & picking berries for tribal members. To the right are my brothers and sisters from the Krulls. I care about our people and wish to bring a level of community back to public service. If you honor me with your vote, I will not let you down.

# Sault Tribe Health Center Employees of the Month



Health Center Employees of the Month — March (left), Wanda Clerc, housekeeper, with Joel Lumsden, assistant health director. February (center) — Jenni O'Dell, Community Health nursing supervisor, with Dr. Leo Chugunov, health director. January (right) — Dr. Chugunov with the January recipient, Erica Moses, pharmacy technician. The Health Center Employee of the Month receives a certificate, pin and gift card. The Employee of the Year is to be announced in January of 2019, immediately after the Employee of the Month for December of 2018 is announced. The Employee of the Year is selected from the 12 employees of the months for 2018.

## Infant safe sleep — overheating

As the weather warms up, it's important babies don't get overheated. Overheating can increase a baby's risk of sleep-related infant death. Amounts of clothing babies wear, any blankets covering them and the room temperature are associated with the risk.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends parents not let the baby get overheated.

Here are a few tips to keep baby's temperature regu-

lated.

Evaluate the infant for signs of overheating — such as sweating or the infant's chest feeling hot to the touch. The temperature of a baby's hands or feet should not be used to determine the baby's temperature — they are usually cold to the touch.

Babies should not be over bundled. In general, infants should be dressed appropriately for the environment, with no greater than one additional layer

than an adult would wear.

When sleeping, parents can put babies in wearable blankets such as sleep sacks. This allows the babies to stay warm enough without the risk of a loose blanket that may cause suffocation in the baby's sleeping environment.

For more information on infant safe sleep visit the state web site at [www.michigan.gov/safesleep](http://www.michigan.gov/safesleep). (From the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.)



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Sleep sacks the the one above allows babies to stay warm enough without risk of loose blankets that can cause suffocation.

## I am the change. Vote Nichole Causley Unit 1 Board of Directors. Miigwech for your support.



### Qualifications

M.P.A.- NMU  
Joseph K. Lumsden School Board  
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SMHA Tournament Director  
18 Years #Rezlife

### Past Experiences

17 years Govt. and Casino Experience  
ST Head Start Policy Council  
ST Housing Commissioner  
LSSU NASO President / Powwow  
Coordinator

### Culture

- Increase community involvement with open, honest, transparent, factual communications
- Start meetings, workshops with prayer, medicines, sacred items
- Bring back the Eagle Feather Staff to meetings
- Work respectfully with decision makers

### Team Members

- Pay competitive market wages, health benefits
- Increase Minimum Wage & Pass New Wage Grid (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)

### Youth

- Increase after 5 p.m. programming
- Increase WIOA / JTPA Jobs
- Invest in Teen Drop In Center (N.G.O.-Personal)

### Elders

- Listening to them
- Increased Land Trust Fund Account
- Increased Trips
- Hold Open Membership Hours (N.G.O.-Personal)

### Separation of Powers

- Elected Court, Prosecutor; Judicial Review Committee
- Right to Initiative, referendum
- At large Representation
- Build relationships with local, State, Federal law makers

### New Business Opportunities

- Innovative Health- Telehealth, Specialty Providers, Traditional Medicine Program
- Information Technology Investments (growing industry)

### Budget Priorities

- Support departmental wages, budgets as proposed (federal wages with annual increases, as supported by grantors)
- Support increases to Youth, Culture, Elders
- Reduce Board of Director spending (Travel, Pension Plan, video conferencing)
- Increase reinvestment in current businesses, facilities, infrastructures (reduce 17 Million from casinos- support their Capital X Projects)

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# Silver nitrite - an old treatment with new technology

**Drockton brings pain-free cavity treatment to tribe's dental clinics to help children overcome fear**

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

An old dental treatment for cavities that was used in the early 1900s is making a comeback and is working better than ever thanks to advances in modern medicine. When silver nitrate, a widely used liquid antimicrobial medical treatment, with fluoride varnish is applied to tooth decay it stops the decay in about 80 percent of cases. The silver kills the bacteria, stopping new bacteria from growing while the fluoride re-mineralizes, or hardens, what's left.

Not all types of cavities benefit from the treatment depending on the location, such as a cavity between teeth, and if the cavity has invaded the pulp of the tooth. In those cases a more traditional form of treatment is generally used.

The only downside to the silver nitrite treatment is it turns the decayed area of the treated tooth black.

In addition to instantly stopping tooth decay, applying the silver nitrite with fluoride is painless, quick and is low cost. The treatment is used on young children because of those reasons, with the hope that those children will be good dental patients as adults.

Sault Tribe's Deputy Dental Chief David A. Drockton, DDS, became aware of the silver nitrite method of treatment in 2016 through Dr. Dee Robertson, a pediatric physician and Dr. Patrick Blahut, a dentist and public health specialist who are working with the DentaQuest Foundation. "I have been able to participate in their annual symposium for the last two years where leading researchers and clinicians from all over the world have collaborated to address dental decay issues for Native American children," Drockton said. "This sharing of information with people on the front lines of this



**Sault Tribe Dental Program Deputy Dental Chief David Drockton, DDS, with patient Jaxson Odbert, who received silver nitrate treatments.**

issue is going a long way to help us determine how to do 'what is in the best interest of the child' — the theme of our last symposium. We are really beginning to recognize that the psychological and emotional impact of our treatment of children is as important as the elimination of the disease or infection. This recognition should guide our decisions when we plan the care of children. Because this had not been the approach of the dental community in the past, many patients have been afraid of dental care. We hope to change that. This new approach is something that requires support of the community to have success and that is why I first presented to the Sault Tribe Health Board before we initiated the project. I have received wonderful support from Health Board members and continue to meet with them regularly to keep them informed on our progress."

So impressed with what he was learning about the treatment, in 2016 Dr. Drockton shadowed Dr. Frank Mendoza, a pediatric dentist on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation in Central Oregon, to be able to bring the treatment to the Sault

Tribe. Dr. Mendoza started using the treatment in 2013 and said that in 35 years, he has not seen anything that's worked as well.

Dr. Drockton said, "Most parents when faced with the option of having their young child undergo general anesthesia or a local anesthetic and experiencing some pain from that or being offered a treatment that is pain

free, with no shots or anesthesia will opt for the silver nitrite."

"Our goal is what is in the best interest of the child overall. A lot of kids go to the operating room under general anesthetic because sometimes that is the only way we can manage younger kids. More recent evidence is showing that the more times a child at that age goes through general anesthetic the more cognitive issues they will have, it affects the development of their brain. We do not want to do that if it can be avoided. The key here is we need parents to bring their children in as early as possible. By age one we want to do their first exam.

To treat cavities between teeth there is another new advance — the use of stainless steel crowns that can be cemented and formed over a tooth without the use of an anesthetic (Hall crowns).

Plan to make your child a dental appointment by their first birthday for pain free dental care that will potentially save them from ever experiencing dental decay. And if they do get a cavity in their baby teeth, it

can be painlessly stopped in its tracks.

To view a PHS News Hour video of Dr. Frank Mendoza talking about the silver nitrite treatment, go to: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/this-new-treatment-could-make-your-next-trip-to-the-dentist-more-bearable>.

## VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTERS NEEDED

NorthCare seeks volunteers to transport individuals to their behavioral health appointments. This position is a volunteer one; however, mileage is reimbursed at the current federal rate. Volunteers must pass a criminal background check and have a valid license, current car insurance, and an operational vehicle. Volunteers will be provided training.

To learn more, contact **Lindsey at 906-250-2448** or [LindseyL@upsail.com](mailto:LindseyL@upsail.com)

## Down Payment Assistance Program

**Application Period Open June 01, 2018 through July 13, 2018**

The Down Payment Assistance Program (DPAP) is designed to assist Sault Tribe members in becoming homeowners of structurally sound homes. The funds are HUD dollars and restricted to low-income Tribal members. Eligible applicants could receive up to \$9,500.00 to be applied towards down payment and closing costs. Each participating applicant will need to contribute \$500.00 of their own money to receive the maximum grant of \$9,500.00 or 20% purchase price of the home. This program is open to Sault Tribe members residing within the seven (7) county service area; Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac, Alger, Schoolcraft, Delta, and Marquette.

DPAP is open to Sault Tribe members with total income at or below 80% of the area median income, adjusted for family size. Participants must obtain a mortgage with a local lender. The Housing Authority will assist applicants in demonstrating that they have stable income and the ability and willingness to meet financial obligations.

DPAP funds are available to lower the cost of buying a home. Funds will be in the form of a Note applied as a lien against the property. No monthly payments apply; the amount depreciates 20% each year and is forgiven after five years.

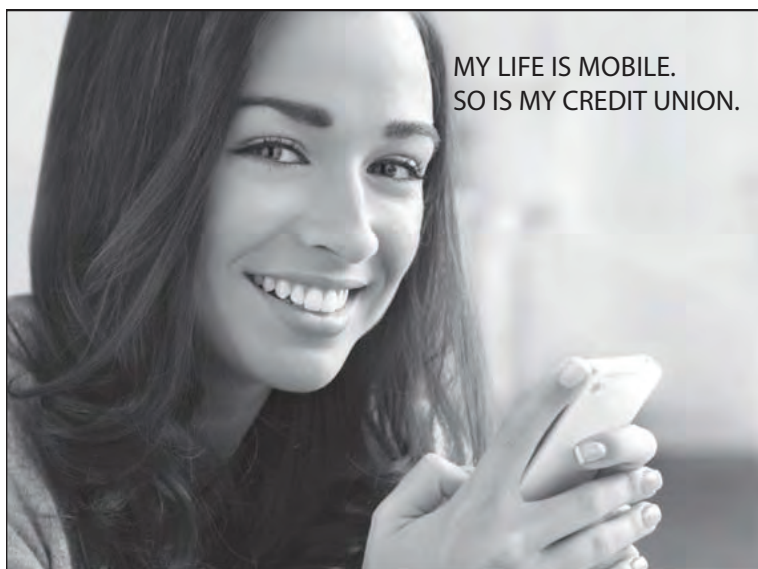
Trained staff will assist eligible applicants in successfully working through the process of making an application to a bank/lender for a mortgage loan, assist with inspection concerns, and aid in the real estate process.

Borrowers are required to participate in the Homebuyer Education session designed to assist the homebuyer in understanding and fulfilling the responsibility of homeownership.

If you have any questions please contact Dana Piippo Homeownership Specialists at 906.495.1450 or 1.800.794.4072.

**Application period ends July 13, 2018 @5:00 p.m.**

1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
\$38,080	\$ 43,520	\$ 48,960	\$ 54,400	\$ 58,752	\$ 63,104	\$ 67,456	\$ 71,808



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Please note that Catherine Hollowell's, Keith Massaway's and Denise Chase's below reports were not included in the print edition, due to an error. The article "Avoid injuring oak trees to prevent oak wilt fungus" on pg. 22 has been deleted.

## Trades are worthy professions to encourage and support



**KEITH MASSAWAY,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

I would like to congratulate all of our graduates throughout our tribe. It is wonderful that you are finishing up this part of your lives and are on to the next chapter. Emphasis has been placed on higher education for a while now and in discussions with our members it has been brought out many times on how we should also add emphasis on the trades. Many of

our trades men and women have retired or are about to retire. Tool and die, electricians, plumbers, linemen, and welders, just to name a few. These people and jobbers are getting very hard to find. These trades are in high demand and schools to teach them are still seeking students.

I recently found out a friend's son is graduating high school this month and is going to an accelerated welding school in downstate Michigan. It will take about six months of intense schooling and fieldwork to accomplish the class, but at the end he will receive a certification to apply for work in that trade. He then plans on adding to this certification by attending a high wire and repelling school in Texas so he can do extreme work in high or low access places. That's what I call a plan. We commend his goals but sometimes we don't elevate the praise as high as if he were going to a four-year school or college.

I have always encouraged youth to do what they feel is the right fit for them. Getting

a career, whether in the trades or higher education, is very important and both should be encouraged in the same way. We believe that this is very important for our tribal members and we hope someday to be able to build or facilitate a trade center for the education of our tribal members.

We are again starting our powwow season. Please look for our listings of all our powwows and support the ones in your area. Good luck to all the planners and workers on the upcoming events.

Our Unit III membership meetings have been sparsely attended lately. Just a reminder, if you have any questions or comments or just want to hear what is going on in the tribe come out on the third Monday of each month at the McCann Building by the football field. We start at 6 p.m. and would love to see you there.

Thank you for all the e-mails and phone calls. You can also reach me at Keith Massaway, 702 Hazelton St., St. Ignace MI 49781, (906) 643-6981, kmasaway@msn.com.

## Honoring our Vietnam veterans

In cooperation with Vietnam War Commemorative Partners, the City of Sault Ste. Marie will host a ceremony to honor all Vietnam era veterans, including Native Americans, First Nations, Canadians and their families at 11 a.m. on June 29 at Brady Park in Sault Ste. Marie immediately following the Sault Tribe's re-dedication ceremony at 10 a.m. The ceremony will honor all Vietnam era veterans who served between Nov. 1, 1955, and May 15, 1975. This includes special honors to former POWs or surviving spouses, families of the unaccounted missing and families of casualties listed on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. The service and sacrifice of the spouses of Vietnam era veterans who have passed away will be honored.

The Canadian Vietnam Veterans Memorial will be displayed to honor and remember the Canadians who fought in the Vietnam War in the U.S. military and raise public awareness of their contributions.

We invite all Native American and First Nation Vietnam era veterans to be recognized on June 29, 2018.

If you are the spouse of a deceased Native American or First Nations Vietnam era veteran or if you qualify (but have never been previously honored) for the special honor categories of former, living American military POW or surviving spouse, immediate family of unaccounted missing, immediate family of those listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and plan to attend the ceremony on June 29, please register online at [info@kanavainternational.com](mailto:info@kanavainternational.com) as soon as possible to receive a pin and a by name certificate at the ceremony.

We seek Native Vietnam veterans willing to be interviewed by a team from the History and Legacy Branch of the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration between June 26 and July 3 at the Ojibwe Learning Center and Library in Sault Ste. Marie. Advanced scheduling and coordination is required on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to be interviewed, please contact Andrew Ringlee, PhD, at [andrew.j.ringlee.civ@mail.mil](mailto:andrew.j.ringlee.civ@mail.mil) as soon as possible.

## New GM, Transportation, Elders, veteran's IDs



**DENISE CHASE,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

Interviews were held recently for the general manager of the Sault casino. Kewadin Casino's CEO reported to the board that there were 31 applications for the position and six applicants were interviewed.

The CEO has made his selection and I would like to welcome and congratulate Allen Kerridge. Allen has extensive gaming experience; originally, he was the manager at the Manistique Casino and a member of Unit 4 before he moved onto a management position at Greektown Casino.

The board recently authorized the Transportation Department to apply for Indian Highway Safety program funds to implement a Child Protection Seat Program. The program will be developed and implementation will be by inter-departmental partnerships including Head Start, Early Head Start, Law Enforcement and ACFS.

The funds will be used to purchase car seats, brochures, training and travel. Safety seat clinics will be offered and community events planned across the service

area with certified technicians.

Latisha Willette, Elder Care director, brought forward some amendments to the Elder Handicapped Ramp Program. If you are an elder age 60 or older, have a doctor's prescription and a need for a temporary or permanent ramp, contact the Elder Service Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356 for more information and a program application.

Director Morrow and myself co-sponsored the following resolution: Amending Tribal Code 11.111(4), Member Veteran Identification Cards — "Any member who has served in and who has been honorably discharged for any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States shall be entitled to a designation of their status as a military veteran on the face of their

membership card. Any honorably discharged tribal member shall be entitled to receive their first issuance of a member veteran identification card free of charge following their honorable discharge or the enactment of this subsection."

For more information and to receive your member veteran tribal identification card, call the Enrollment Department at (800) 251-6597 or (906) 635-3396.

The transportation department is working on finalizing the contract to start daily transit routes from Escanaba to the Manistique Health Center. There will be stops in between these 2 towns for pick up and drop offs. This will help members that have transportation barriers get to their medical appointments. The Manistique Health Center is working on a plan to pick up the

transit cost to and from the Health Center for tribal members. Also, the transportation dept. will be adding a route from KI Sawyer/Gwinn into the Marquette area. The transportation dept. should provide information in next month's article.

The board voted to approve and set aside a 160-acre parcel of land in Dafter, Mich., for the purpose of constructing a recovery hospital and treatment program. The tribe has owned the parcel of land for over 20 years.

I would like to say congratulations to all the high school and college graduates and wish you much success in your future endeavors.

You can reach me by calling (906) 203-2471 or at [dchase@saulttribe.net](mailto:dchase@saulttribe.net)

Thank you, Denise Chase, Unit IV Board Representative

## Executive office annual report comprehensive



**CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

Spring came late this year. Chi miigwech to all our helpers and team members who brought social, recreation, health and education enrichment programs

to our communities throughout the long winter.

I want to take a moment to give recognition to our senior executive staff. We recently received the Sault Tribe 2017 year end reports. This is the first time such a comprehensive, in depth report about tribal operations has ever been compiled — at least since I have served in office. And I just want to extend recognition to our department managers — division directors and our key staff members who diligently worked to produce this document. Most especially, I want to thank Executive Director Christine McPherson for submitting this document and Administrative Manager Stephanie Sprecker for her submission assistance.

We have 31 distinct departments, from IT Security to Transportation, Facilities to our Elder Division. We have our Sault Tribe Health System, Chief Financial Office, Legal and Purchasing, just to name a few. The annual report captures in great detail, the goals, objectives, activities, highlights, challenges and accomplishments of each department. It's a pretty hefty document — hundreds of pages long. It will serve as a valuable reference manual for leadership as we work to better coordinate services and communication across multiple sectors. It will allow us to better chart progress and report out to the membership; and to prioritize our resources as we move future forward. I hope to bring this

document with me to elder and unit meetings in the future. It will be a great reference manual for answering questions when they arise.

Our team members do not get enough recognition for their hard work and dedication. I hope that next year's 2018 year end reports will reflect improvements in employment benefits from year end 2017 to 2018. That's the goal. That's the priority.

Powwow season is here!

June 9-12: Gatherine of Clans Powwow, Manistique

July 13-15: 35th Annual Sault Tribe Traditional Powwow and Summer Gathering, Sault Ste. Marie

July 21-22: 22nd Annual Sugar Island Traditional

Powwow, Sugar Island

July 28: 15th Annual Youth Empowerment Powwow, Rexton

Aug 11: Kitchi Miniss Munising Powwow, Munising

Aug 18-19: 25th Annual Gathering of the Eagles Hessel Powwow, Hessel

Aug 25-26: 12th Annual Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow; St. Ignace

Nov 10: 15th Annual Honoring our Anishinaba Veterans Powwow, Kinross

Dec 31: 2018 New Years Eve Sobriety Powwow, Sault Ste. Marie

As always, please contact me with your questions or concerns. Enjoy summer everyone ! Catherine Hollowell (960) 430-5551 [chollowell@saulttribe.net](mailto:chollowell@saulttribe.net)

# Ask the employee specialist — When are doctor slips required?

Dear team members, this is another in a series of articles to provide information about company policies and practices and address questions from team members. This month's article is about appeals. Team members who have other questions they would like to see addressed in future articles are invited to send them to the employee specialist, Gloria Kemp.

Question: My supervisor told me I have been out sick twice in the last 30 days and that is excessive so I have to bring in a doctor's slip. Is that right?

Answer: Sault Tribe's attendance policy states excessive absenteeism or tardiness is two or more unexcused incidents in the last 30-day period. Absences include late arrivals at work as well as early departures. Excessive absenteeism for unexcused reasons is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. If you fail to call in for three successive days, and fail to produce an acceptable excuse, you will be considered voluntarily terminated.

The reasoning behind this is the Sault Tribe casinos, enterprises and government are customer service driven. When you do not show up for work, other team members often have extra duties and responsibilities, which can lead to feelings of frustration and a decline in morale. This, in turn, can lead to a decline in customer service.

If you are going to be absent

or late for any reason, you must notify your department two hours in advance of your regular starting time if you work for casino or enterprises and one hour in advance of your regular starting time if you work in a governmental department, except under extenuating circumstances. Check with your supervisor for the specific notification procedures for your department. Notification from another team member or relative is not acceptable unless it is an emergency.

An excused absence may include, but is not limited to, personal or family illness, jury duty, bereavement, optical, medical, dental appointments or other prior approved leave that would require you to miss all or part of a scheduled workday. Documentation must be provided prior to an absence or immediately upon return to work for the absence to be considered excused.

You should be prepared to document the reason for your absence. If you are absent frequently, two or more times in a 30-day period, you will be required to furnish documentation, including medical statements/documentation. When you bring in a medical certification either on your own behalf or at management's request, the supervisor shall excuse the absence. The medical documentation must specifically address the time off.

If you fail to provide proper documentation prior to or immediately upon your return from the

absence or if your chain of command considers the reason unacceptable (see the reasons listed above), you will be charged with an unexcused absence.

Unexcused absences are unpaid unless they specifically fall under the sick leave or vacation policy.

There is one other thing you should be aware of when talking about absences. You **must work your scheduled shift prior to any tribally recognized holiday in addition to working your scheduled shift after that same holiday in order to be eligible to receive holiday pay.** You may use a vacation day or sick day to replace your scheduled shift prior to and after a holiday provided you have previous authorization from management. Additionally, if you provide documentation, such as a doctor's excuse from a health care provider, your absence shall be excused and you will receive holiday pay.

*This article has been prepared for general information purposes to help you to better understand Sault Tribe's policies and the workplace. The information presented is not intended as legal advice. While it was accurate at the time it was written, the controlling laws and tribal employment policies can change. You should always check the tribe's intranet for current copies of any applicable employment policies. If there are any inconsistencies between this article and applicable laws or policies, the applica-*

ble laws or policies shall apply.

Please send your questions to Gloria Kemp, employee specialist at [gkemp1@saulttribe.net](mailto:gkemp1@saulttribe.net)

or call (906) 635-6050, extension 26230, or send mail to 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

## Kewadin Shores features concert of '80s music

ST. IGNACE, Mich. — Retro Futura, American's premier '80s concert tour, will perform at Kewadin Casino St. Ignace on the back lawn overlooking Horseshoe Bay at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4. Tickets start at \$32.50 and are on sale now at [tickets.kewadin.com](http://tickets.kewadin.com), the gift shops at Kewadin Casinos in Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace or at the Box Office.

Retro Futura is headlined by pop songstress Belinda Carlisle. The lineup also features iconic '80s musicians such as Tony Lewis of the Outfield, ABC, Modern English, Limahl and Bow Wow Wow's Annabella Lwin. Combined, the artists playing in Retro Futura have a total of 27 top 40 hits.

Belinda Carlisle reached fame as the lead vocalist for the ground-breaking, all-female band, the Go-Go's, producing the hits, *We Got The Beat*, *Our Lips Are Sealed*, *Vacation* and *Head Over Heels*. Carlisle left the Go-Go's in 1984 to pursue a solo career.

"The '80s were arguably one of the best decades for music and Retro Futura brings back

the big hair, glam metal feeling we all knew and loved," Carlisle said. "I can't wait to bring the show to Kewadin."

ABC is one of a number of groups that came along and kick-started the '80s with their own brand of pop.

Modern English band members Robbie Grey, Mick Conroy, Gary McDowell and Steven Walker reunited in 2010.

Tony Lewis is the lead vocalist and bassist of the Outfield, the British pop group responsible for such massive hits as *Your Love* and *All the Love*. Now a solo artist, Tony will release a new album, *Out of the Darkness*, in July 2018.

Limahl reached critical acclaim as the lead singer of Kajagoogoo, and stormed to the top of the charts with the single *Too Shy*.

As the original member and lead singer of Bow Wow Wow, Annabella Lwin was one of the most popular vocalists of the '80s.

To buy tickets, visit [tickets.kewadin.com](http://tickets.kewadin.com) or at the Kewadin Box Office, 635-4917 or (800) 539-2346 (800-KEWADIN).

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All Valor Card members earn 10 base points to receive \$5 in Kewadin Credits

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**KEWADIN CASINO ST. IGNACE**

**SUMMERTIME \$7.77 BUFFET - Saturday, June 23**  
Available 5 p.m.-10 p.m. at Horseshoe Bay Restaurant  
All your summer time favorites plus an award-winning soup & salad bar

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Available 5 p.m.-10 p.m. at DreamCatchers Restaurant  
All your summer time favorites plus an award-winning soup & salad bar

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**\$65 Satellite Poker - June 15**  
(Win your seat to the June 16th \$250 Poker Championship by participating)

**\$15,000 Video Poker Tournament - July 13-15**

See Northern Rewards Club for more details and registration on all events and tournaments.  
Must register at Northern Rewards for promotions and tournaments. Club hours vary by site.

**DAVID A. BOBEE**

David Andrew Bobee was born on Oct. 22, 1959, and passed on March 29, 2018.

David had a passion for automotive and sound engineering and enjoyed working for both.

He and his twin brother, Daniel, worked together on several special projects for the "Big Three."

David also taught auto body to high school students for over 30 years across several school districts in the metro Detroit area.

At family events you could find the kids gathered around David and during dinner you could find David at the kids' table. With his many nieces and nephews, David shared silly string wars, water balloon fights, squirt guns and smashing piñatas. At the family's Christmas Eve dinner he instituted the rule that kids must first sing Christmas carols before they could open their Christmas gifts.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Lucille and Leonard Bobee; his grandparents, Mary and Peter Bobee and Katherine and Herbert Therrien Sr.; and two of his brothers, Leonard Jr. and Richard Bobee.

David is survived by his twin brother, Daniel Bobee; brothers, Robert (Margaret), Peter (Meg), William (Joan), Joseph, Christopher (Deb), Kenneth and Mark; his sister, Lenanne Gaina (Nick); and his many nieces and nephews.

David had a sudden illness that took his life quickly. A memorial mass is set for July 28 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Church on Mackinac Island.

**CLARENCE ERSKINE**

Clarence "Glenn" Erskine, 94, passed away peacefully on May 9, 2018, at his home in Chelsea, Mich.

He was born July 26, 1923 in Allenville, Mich., the son of John and Violet (Ringler) Erskine.

Glenn graduated from St. Ignace High School in 1942. He served in the Army from 1943 to 1946. Glenn was an auto mechanic and driver for Chrysler for 20 years.



After his retirement, Glenn and Minnie moved to Moran, Mich., and returned to Chelsea in 2013. Glenn was an avid sportsman who loved hunting and fishing. He was a member of the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

On Oct. 16, 1948, he married Minnie M. Piatt in Toledo and she preceded him in death on Oct. 4, 2015. Survivors include two sons, Ronald (Deborah) Erskine of Chelsea, Donald (Debb) Erskine of Manchester; a daughter, Bonne Brown of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; his brother, Vern, of Moran; his sister, Laraine Wiggins, of Newberry, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

No memorial services are planned. Burial will take place in Brevort Cemetery, Brevort, Mich. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Arrangements were made by Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea.

**WANDA M. LABRANCH**

Wanda M. LaBranch, 63, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on May 2, 2018 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.

Wanda was born in Sault Ste. Marie on August 26, 1954, to Frank and Leona Shannon. She graduated from Durand Area High School.

Wanda enjoyed spending time having coffee with family and friends. Her grandchildren were her greatest joy. She enjoyed planting flowers and going to the casino. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Wanda leaves behind her daughter, Tammy (Ernie Bumstead) Pinkoski; and two sons Jacob Hromek and Ryan LaBranch; father Frank Shannon, two grandchildren, Savanna and Joshua Pinkoski; siblings, Sylvia Stephenson of the Sault, Mark (Daisy) Shannon of Arizona, Mike Shannon of Lansing, Judy (Mickey) Frechette of Sugar Island, Pat LaBranche of the Sault, Terry (Jim) Patterson of Grand Blanc, Billie Jo Pudil of Lansing, Gloria (Bob) Johnson of Cedarville, George (Marie) McKerchie of Texas; special niece, Tracy Shannon; and great-nephew,



Ronald Shannon both of the Sault; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends. She also leaves her cousin, Raymond (Tib) Causley of the Sault, and her best friend, Monica Wagner of Perry, Mont.

She was preceded in death by her mom, Leona Brassier-McKerchie; step-mom, Mary Shannon; brothers, Franklin Shannon and Rocky Pudil; brother-in-law and Yahtzee friend, Truman Stephenson and special friend, Lorne (Bun) Cook.

As per Wanda's wishes no services will take place.

Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home and Cremation Center assisted the family with arrangements.

**JOHN A. SHASKI JR.**

John A. Shaski Jr., 72, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., peacefully passed away on May 14, 2018, after a five-month battle with cancer.

John was born on Dec. 2, 1945, in Sault Ste. Marie to the late John Sr. and Anna (Ranson) Shaski. After high school, John served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He served on board the USS Lester (DE-1022) and the USS Fechteler (DD-870). He earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. John worked as a dredgeman for 40 years, retiring in 2003 from Luedtke Engineering Company. John was a member of the VFW and the American Legion. He enjoyed watching the Detroit Red Wings, Tigers and Lions. He also enjoyed playing cribbage, hunting and fishing.

John is survived by his children, Heather (Dan) Klever of Sault Ste. Marie, Heidi Aikens of Sault Ste. Marie and John Shaski III of Lansing, Mich.; six grandchildren, Jacquelyn and Ashley Harwood, Jacob Klever, Johnny and Malcolm Brown and Areka Foutch; his siblings, Joanne (Bill) Marsden of Salem, N.H., Trudy (Pat) Aguiar of Castle Rock, Colo., Patricia (John) Paquette of Sault Ste., Marie, and Rhea Beth (Ron) Campos of Kelseyville, Calif.; many nieces and nephews; good friends, Harold Goetz, Mickey Kravis, brother-in-law John Paquette, special nephew



John Paquette Jr.; and his pug, Whitney.

John was preceded in death by his parents, John Anthony Shaski Sr. (1967) and Anna (Ranson) DesJardins (1999) and his best friend Bob Poliski.

In accordance with John's wishes, there will be no funeral service. Donations to be made to Hospice of the EUP, 308 West 12th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services made the arrangements.

**WALLACE NESBERG Memorial Service June 23**

Wallace Nesberg's Walking On Memorial will be held Saturday, June 23, from 12 to 5 p.m. at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Please join us to honor the memory of Wallace James Nesberg, who walked on Feb. 3, 2018.

The gathering will begin at noon, and the ceremony at 1 p.m. Afterward, a potluck and sharing stories and memories is planned. Please bring a dish to pass, main dish will be provided by family.

Wallace "Wally" James Nesberg, 77, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., walked on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, while in McLaren Hospital in Petoskey, Mich. Wally was born on Oct. 24, 1940, in Munising Mich. He graduated from Newberry High School. He entered the U.S. Army and proudly served from 1959 to 1962. His time in Germany was extended due to the building of the Berlin Wall. Upon his return to the States, he entered and graduated from NMU Technical College.

He later met Gail Shaw. They married on Nov. 23, 1968, in Lapeer, Mich. They moved back to the Upper Peninsula in May 1970. In 1971, they bought property and built a home from the ground up, taking over a decade to complete this labor of love. During this time, Wally and Gail raised three daughters. Wally worked briefly at Timber Products and Hiawatha TV. In 1975, he was hired at the Pictured Rocks National Park Service where he worked until his retirement in 1999. He enjoyed his work and was in awe he would be paid to maintain this beautiful



park. After Gail retired in 2006, they moved to Sault Ste. Marie where they continued to make more friends.

Wally was the consummate U.P. outdoorsman. He loved to hunt partridge and rabbit, but especially deer and in 1985 bagged a 227 pound deer. He taught his children to give thanks to Gitchee Manitou for providing for our family. He enjoyed fishing, camping, canoeing and would engage in all outdoor activities.

Indoors, he was an avid card player and a cribbage aficionado who was blessed with many 29 hands. He was also a lifelong Packers fan and proud stockholder. Later in life, he enjoyed going to the casino, which became a favorite social activity.

Throughout his entire life he has been blessed with a large and loving family. He had two sisters and two brothers, who grew up enjoying the outdoors. Throughout his long life, his sisters helped raise him and served as constant companions.

When he was 28, he married Gail Shaw. They were married for over 49 years and raised three daughters – Sharon, Cheryl, and Nicole. With his new family, he passed along the love and caring he knew. He has six grandsons and when he spent time with them, he had the patience to show love and pass on his knowledge.

Wally had a huge heart, big smile, and loved to laugh. One of his favorite activities was to have a few beers, share a few jokes, and spend time with numerous friends. He was strong, yet approachable, and a kind and loving human. When he loved, he gave all of himself.

Wally is survived by wife Gail; sister, Carol Strauser; daughters, Sharon (Mike) Dodge and Nicole Nesberg (Jonathan Williams); grandsons, Michael Hainstock (Beth Millner), Terry Hainstock, Austin Davis, Casey Thompson, William Nesberg and James Williams; and, many beloved in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Those who walked on before Wally include parents, Russell and Sadie (James) Nesberg; siblings, Donald Nesberg, Russell Nesberg and Pat Shortridge; daughter, Cheryl Thompson; and, mother-in-law, Ellen Scott.

In lieu of flowers, please hug your family. If you desire to send a card, mail to Gail Nesberg, P.O. Box 164, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783.



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# PRC provides assistance for bariatric surgery

SUBMITTED BY MARY BUNKER, RD

Obesity is no longer just a vanity issue. Statistics speak for themselves — 43.7 percent American Indians and Alaskan Natives over the age of 18 are considered obese. Obesity is a risk factor for many other serious diseases, including type 2 diabetes, stroke, sleep apnea and even mental illnesses such as clinical depression. American Indians and Alaskan Natives are 2.3 times more likely to be diagnosed with diabetes than non-Hispanic white people.

Growing recognition of the seriousness of obesity has led to the rise of bariatric surgeries. While originally used solely for the purpose of weight loss, they are now being performed with the intention of treating chronic disease as well. There are several different types of bariatric surgeries available but the most popular and recommended surgery used locally is the sleeve gastrectomy surgery. Its effectiveness lies in stapling off and reducing the size of the stomach by about 80 percent, therefore reducing the volume that the stomach can hold. The resulting new stomach is about the size of a banana. While this increases fullness, changes in gut hormones also occur, leading to reduced appetite and increased satisfaction.

To qualify for bariatric surgery, an individual must have a BMI of 40 or above, be at least 100 pounds overweight, or have a BMI of 35 or above with one or more obesity-related conditions at the same time. In addition, the individual must have displayed an inability to lose weight and maintain weight loss in conventional ways.

Sault Tribe nutritionists plays a big role in preparing for this life



changing surgery. The process begins with the primary physician sending a patient to nutrition staff as well as the other appropriate disciplines. The patient can begin one-on-one or group pre-operative nutrition education sessions. The number of nutrition visits vary depending on if the patient is using insurance coverage at all and what type. The patient should expect a minimum of three to four pre-operative nutrition visits and three to five post-operative visits.

Registered dietitians do an initial assessment including getting to know the patient, personal history, strengths, weaknesses, goals and concerns. From there, they render support and education throughout the pre-op and post-op process. The patient will learn to change lifestyle, change the way food is looked at and ultimately maximize the impact of surgery. The dietitian will teach the patient about adequate protein, fluid, vitamin and mineral intake. They will walk the patient through diet restrictions and modifications and are there to troubleshoot obstacles along the way.

The registered dietitian is part of a larger group of experienced staff in the Community Health Department. The diabetes team as a whole, consisting of the registered dietitians and the diabetes

nurse educator, can help patients manage their diabetes. Poorly managed diabetes can present a risk for higher complications with surgery and even prohibit a patient from going through the surgery. Our diabetes nurse educators are keenly in tune with blood sugar patterns and how to encourage healthy changes for biggest blood sugar improvements. They are able to answer questions about medications and glucose monitoring and can walk patients through the changes in blood sugars that may occur before and after surgery.

Sault Tribe Health Division works as a team to provide as many of the required services as possible on site. Behavioral Health will perform psychiatric evaluations, six months of counseling and case management for the overall pre-bariatric experience. Health Education's specially trained staff will evaluate fitness and work with the patient to create an improvement plan. Medical services include primary care physician visits as well as any required exams such as EKGs. Pharmacy plays a vital role in providing the required vitamin and mineral supplements in chewable or liquid forms. Purchase of required protein supplements, however, are patients' responsibility. PRC, upon approval of patient's eligibility and patient's completion of the required steps of Sault Tribe Health Center's bariatric protocol, will then pick up any costs related to bariatric surgery not covered by patients' insurance. It is the patients' responsibility, however, to request their vouchers from PRC for their outside referral appointments.

As beneficial and increasingly safe as the surgery is, it is not without some risk. Complications

can range from bad breath and burping to gastric reflux, ulcers and vomiting. One of the most common complaints includes a temporary loss of some hair due to stress of surgery, inadequate intake of protein, or poor compliance with vitamin and mineral intake. Other common complications include poor appetite, nausea, dizziness from low blood sugars or dehydration, and the feeling like food is getting "stuck." These are signs and symptoms that the registered dietitian, diabetes nurse educator, or primary care physician can help the patient work through.

The overwhelming benefits of bariatric surgery are just as important to note. The 2018 diabetes clinical practice recommendations endorse metabolic surgery (a new term given to the bariatric procedure) as an option to treat diabetics with a BMI over 40 regardless of complexity of diabetes or a BMI of 35-39.9 when blood glucose is poorly controlled despite lifestyle and medical therapy. Bariatric surgery clearly results in improved blood sugar management as well as improvements in blood pressure, breathing and mood, just to name a few.

Among those things one can expect from pursuing and having bariatric surgery, the inevitable required lifestyle changes may be the biggest. Exercise recommendations may vary in intensity, duration and frequency from patient to patient, considering individual limitations. A Health Education physical fitness staff member will assist the patient in determining the right plan. No matter what the variations, it must become a regular part of lifestyle in some way, shape or form. According to the National Weight Control Registry, which studies

those successful at losing and keeping off at least 30 pounds for a year or more, 90 percent of its participants exercise 60 minutes or more a day.

Lifestyle changes also mean a daily regimen of specific vitamins and minerals in chewable or liquid format. These are vital for safety and success of the procedure. The post-op digestive system is not as able to absorb certain nutrients as it was prior to surgery. Replacing these nutrients will ensure efficient use of energy, brain and nerve function, healthy skin, optimal immune function and more. The registered dietitian will go over types and amounts of vitamins and minerals the patient will need to take. Discussions should take place with the medical provider and pharmacy staff on how to obtain these vitamins and minerals as well as other required medications in chewable or liquid form before the surgery takes place.

The PRC-covered bariatric program is being piloted in the Sault Ste. Marie area. Contact Purchased Referred Care at (906) 632-5220 for questions regarding coverage or eligibility. For nutrition, fitness or diabetes concerns or questions, please contact Community Health at 632-5210 to be directed to the appropriate discipline. Behavioral Health can be reached at 635-6075. To speak to your primary physician or to schedule a medical evaluation, please call Sault Tribe Medical scheduling at 632-5230. Sault Tribe members struggling with obesity or obesity-related health conditions are encouraged to work with their healthcare team to explore the best possible treatment plan.

*Submitted by Mary Bunker, RD, and the Community Health nutrition and diabetes staff.*

## U.P. classes on neonatal abstinence syndrome

Upper Peninsula Health Care Solutions presents two different courses on neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) in Marquette, Hancock, Laurium, Ironwood, Harris and Sault Ste. Marie.

Learn how to identify and evaluate NA and provide compassionate care for mothers and babies for the best possible outcomes, identify signs and symptoms of NAS as well as how to objectively and reliably evaluate infants for NAS using the Finnegan NAS tool and support pregnant women with substance use disorders before and after birth.

NAS is a drug dependency withdrawal syndrome of infants after birth caused by exposure to drugs while in utero.

The hospital course is designed for, but not limited to, CMOs, CNOs, maternal/child teams, neonatal teams, patient safety officers, risk managers, quality leaders, nursing caregivers and managers, case managers, social workers, OB nursery, pediatric, well-baby nursery, labor and delivery providers and staff. The course is designed to reduce provider stigma in the treatment of mothers with

substance use disorder and to increase the use of the Finnegan NAS tool as an objective assessment methodology for newborns showing signs of NAS.

Clinic sessions provide greater emphasis on understanding the pathological and physiological factors around substance use disorders and understanding patient behaviors in an effort to reduce stigma. It includes an introduction and overview of the Finnegan NAS tool methodology.

Continued medical education credits for physicians and nurses available.

This program is made possible by the Superior Health Foundation.

Learn more and register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/neonatal-abstinence-syndrome-supportive-care-for-infants-and-families-tickets-45898579888>.

Dates and locations:

**Marquette:** Monday, June 4 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Clinic training session at Peninsula Medical Center conference room 47, 1414 W. Fair Ave., Marquette, Mich. Continental breakfast provided.

6 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Hospital

training session at U.P. Health System Marquette, conference room 1, 580 W College Ave, Marquette, Mich. Dinner provided.

**Hancock:** Tuesday, June 5 9-11:30 a.m. Clinic training session at U.P. Health System Portage Hospital, 500 Campus Dr., Hancock, Mich. Continental breakfast provided.

2-4:30 p.m., Hospital training session at Aspirus Keweenaw Conference Room 1, 205 Osceola St., Laurium, Mich. Light refreshments provided.

6-8:30 p.m., Hospital training session at U.P. Health System Portage Hospital, 500 Campus Dr., Hancock, Mich. Dinner provided.

**Ironwood:** Wednesday, June 6 9-11:30 a.m. (Central time) Clinic training session at Aspirus Ironwood Hospital, 10561 Grandview Lane, Ironwood, Mich. Continental breakfast provided.

5-7:30 p.m., (Central time) Hospital training session at Aspirus Ironwood Hospital, 10561 Grandview Lane, Ironwood, Mich. Dinner provided.

**Escanaba:** Thursday, June 7

9-11:30 a.m., Clinic training session at Island Resort and Casino Bear Room, 399 US-2 Harris, Mich. Continental breakfast provided

5:30-8 p.m., Hospital training session at Island Resort and Casino Bear Room, 399 US-2 Harris, Mich. Dinner provided

**Sault Ste. Marie:** Friday, June 8

9-11:30 a.m., Clinic training session at War Memorial Hospital, administrative conference room 3, 500 Osborn

Blvd., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Continental breakfast provided.

1-3:30 p.m., Hospital training session at War Memorial Hospital, administrative conference room 3, 500 Osborn Blvd., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Lunch provided.

4-6:30 p.m., Hospital training session at War Memorial Hospital, medical library, 500 Osborn Blvd., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Light refreshments provided.

## Traditional healer availability for June

**Keith Smith, traditional healer, availability for June:**

**Sault Ste. Marie — June 4, 6, 11, 12, 18, 20, 25 and 26. Call Peggy Holappa at (906) 632-0220 or Lori Gambardella at 632-0236 for program information.**

**Manistique — June 5. Call (906) 341-8469.**

**Munising — June 13. Call (906) 387-4721.**

**St. Ignace — June 19. Call (906) 643-8689.**



# June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Most everyone is familiar with the phrase “respect your elders.” Our elders are the people who cared for us and protected us as we were growing, and it is only fair that we give them the same respect as they age.

Elder abuse is one form of abuse not often spoken of and it is very important we start the conversation. Many elders feel

shame in their situation and keep the abuse hidden, it is very important to speak up if you or someone you know is a victim of elder abuse. According to helpguide.org, elder abuse is defined as physical, emotional or sexual harm inflicted upon an older adult, their financial exploitation or neglect of their welfare by people who are directly responsible for their

care.

Some of the signs to watch for include but are not limited to:

- Unexplained injuries
- Failure to take medications properly (over or under-medication)
- Isolation
- Unusual weight loss
- Bed sores
- Poor hygiene
- Significant withdrawals

from financial accounts

- Missing items or cash
- Evidence of inadequate care or problems with care facilities if living in one.

If you are an elder and feel you are being abused or a family member or friend who feels a loved one is being abused, help is available. It is important not to confront the abuser yourself. Tell a trusted person of the

situation. Even if the elder is unwilling to accept help, make sure to continue checking in on them and express your concern. Make sure they are getting the proper medical treatment and care they need and deserve.

If you or someone you know is a victim of elder abuse, please contact the Advocacy Resource Center for more information at (906) 632-1808.

## MSUE and Sault Tribe Elder Care Services offering series on caring for our elders May through August

Are you currently caring for a family member or foresee this happening in your future? Michigan State University Extension is collaborating with Sault Tribe Elder Care Services to provide programs for seniors and their families. The first series, titled *Caring for Our Elders*, will be 1-3 p.m. starting Thursday, May 31, 2018, at the Sault Tribe Elder Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

The series is an introductory

training for families and home-based caregivers. The objective of the series is to help families better understand the transitions elders experience as they age and to help caregivers prepare for these changes to enable elders to age-in-place in the comfort of their own home with the help of their families.

The sessions are as follows:

May 31 — *Elder Health Transitions*: normal age-related changes, sensory changes, adap-

tation and communication

June 7 — *Chronic Health Conditions and Disparities*: common chronic health conditions and health disparities among Native Elders

July 5 — *Assessment Strategies*: assessment of symptoms and day-to-day assessments

July 19 — *Health Promotion and the Health Care System*: health promotion for Native elders and caregivers, understanding the health care system

and financing of health resources

Aug. 2 — *Navigating the Health Care System*: navigating tips in health care and social services and caregivers contributions and stressors

Aug. 30 — *Caregiver Care and Elder Abuse Awareness*: caring for the caregiver

*Caring for Our Elders* is a curriculum developed by the National Resource Center on Native American Aging and the Center for Rural Health at the

University of North Dakota. The curriculum was developed for use as a resource for families and caregivers serving rural American Indian elders.

Those who are interested in participating in this six-session series or who can only attend one or two sessions, please register by contacting Tracie Abram, MSU Extension health and well-being educator, at (906) 235-2985 or [abram@msu.edu](mailto:abram@msu.edu). Registration is required.

## Skupien retires after 36 years with federal government

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Mary Beth Skupien, Ph.D., retired on March 31 from the Federal government after 36 years of service.

Skupien served 28 years in the Indian Health Service (IHS) throughout the country, including serving as the Sault Tribe Health Director. She transferred to the Department of Veterans Administration in 2010 where she served over two years in Washington, D.C., as Rural Health Director and almost six years as the medical center director of the Battle Creek Healthcare Delivery System in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Skupien was known for her love, support and service to Native Americans and Veterans throughout the United States.

Her distinguished career with IHS began when she received a scholarship from them for her master's degree at the University of Michigan. After graduating she owed the IHS two years of service in payback for her degree. She and husband, Bob, chose a location near the Hualapai and HavaSupai Indian Reservations and moved sight unseen from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to Arizona.

While there she worked as a nurse practitioner and public health nurse for both the Hualapai Tribe (with about 3,500 tribal members) and HavaSupai Tribe at the base of the Grand Canyon (about 500 tribal members.) “Those two communities taught me a lot about being a servant and about humility,” she said. “I was blessed to be there for a couple of years. Every three years I still go down to the canyon and I hike the eight miles to the village, and from there it's another three miles to the famous Havasupai falls. The people still remember me and we socialize when I am there. I bring a different group of hikers with me each time I go, including my sisters and friends. It hasn't changed much over the years. It is like it's frozen in time. They have a poor education system and jobs not related to the tourism industry are



Photo by Brenda Austin

**A going-away party was held in 2005 at the Sault Tribe Health Center for Mary Beth Skupien. Her son, mother and husband were in attendance. From left: Rex Skupien, Yvonne Belonga, Mary Beth and Bob Skupien.**

almost non-existent, but this experience left a very special place in my heart.”

After her two years there, she got a job offer at the Phoenix Indian Medical Center (PIMC). She accepted a position as the director of the public health nursing program and the now family of four moved to Phoenix. “We worked with 23 tribes, the PIMC was one of the bigger referral hospitals in the IHS. At that time, IHS was in 39 states and served 566 tribal nations,” she said.

She stayed at that job for three years and was then recruited by the IHS regional office in Phoenix and asked to choose between two jobs — one was the chief nurse and the other job was to be the chief of planning, evaluation, information resources and research. She accepted the planning, evaluation and research job. “My heart was trying to make a bigger difference in Indian country from a policy, planning and research perspective,” she said. “I was there for almost three years in that job then an opportunity to transfer to Colorado and work with the Southern Ute Tribe and Mountain Ute Tribes became available. The key to my success was I had great bosses and mentors who they took me under their wings and

gave me wonderful opportunities.”

So after eight years they left Arizona and moved to Colorado as the director of the Ute Tribes' health care delivery systems. “Both tribes had memberships of about 4,000 and had very traditional values and cultures then where we had just come from in Arizona.”

Two years after moving to Colorado, she was recruited to the Rockville, Maryland IHS headquarters to be the deputy chief nurse for the entire IHS, overseeing about 5,000 nurses. She did that for about six months when another position was offered to her (also in Rockville) overseeing the clinical and preventive programs in the IHS. She remained in that position for about three years, and during that time visited almost every Indian reservation to review their programs, get feedback on what help they needed, and advocated for them to improve their programs and services.

After three years in Rockville she was offered another IHS scholarship, and enrolled in John Hopkins University — and two-and-a-half years later graduated with her Ph.D in policy and management. “I look back on my career and see all the miracles that I didn't plan that just happened, and have

to say that God was with me every step of the way and had His hand in it,” she said.

After earning her Ph.D. in 1998, she returned to IHS headquarters in Rockville. “In 1998 and 1999 I was the senior leader for the IHS for their clinical programs and prevention and environmental health and a few others,” she said. “At that time my mom and dad were aging and had special health needs. I requested to return home and serve as a leader in the Sault Tribe Health Program. I was approved for an IPA, or interpersonal agreement between the IHS and the tribe. Chairman Bouschor and the tribal board were very supportive of that, as was former IHS Director Michael Trujillo, MD, MPH, MS, and they agreed to allow me to come back home for five years. This was another wonderful blessing and it was an absolute joy to serve my tribe as Health Director.”

From 1999 to 2005 she was in Sault Ste. Marie to be near her parents. During that time her father passed away and her mother was very ill and went into a nursing home. She also had a special needs sister who passed away at the age of 37.

In 2005 she was called back to the IHS as the Deputy Director for the Office of Public Health Support. “We were in charge of recruitment and retention, research, planning and evaluation, and loan repayment and scholarships — so we oversaw those programs on a national level,” she said. She remained in that job for almost five years and during that time she again had the opportunity to visit almost every Indian reservation and community, and work with all the tribes.

After 28 years with the IHS she received a call in 2010 from the Veteran's Administration in Washington D.C., and was selected as one of the first directors of the VA Office of Rural Health. “I had the privilege of serving veterans from 2010 to March of 2018. I went to almost every location in

two-and-a-half years — the VA has over 152 medical centers and about 950 other points of care. Those last few years in D.C. I was on the road every other week to a different VA facility and a different rural community every other week, and I loved it,” she said.

Ready to come back home to Michigan, in 2012 a job opened up as a senior executive at the Battle Creek VA Health Care Delivery System, a large medical center in Battle Creek with about 285 beds and four outlying clinics. She applied for and accepted the job. “On Nov. 4, 2012 I moved to the Battle Creek area and spent almost six years there. I had a staff of about 1,608 people and they were the most committed people when it came to making our mission come alive, and we provided outstanding care for the veterans. During those six years I did a lot of outreach in rural communities and touched the hearts of many of our veterans. It was an honor to serve, and when I left it was very emotional,” she said. “I had the best career imaginable and got to retire on a beautiful note with all my veterans, friends and family around me. What more can a person ask for then to be able to serve for 36 years in a public servant role?”

Skupien said she plans on spending time with her family and sisters and later on doing some volunteer work with veterans and in Native communities. “I look forward to the next chapter of my life, it's exciting and I know God has plans for me,” she said.

Today the 62-year old retiree spends time with her husband of 41 years, enjoys running, biking and swimming and training for races. “You have to take good care of yourself and strike a good balance. It's important to exercise and eat right. My motto is God comes first, my family second and everything else falls into place. That is how I have tried to live my life,” she said.

Skupien was raised in Newberry, Mich., by parents Leonard and Yvonne Belonga.

# CHAIRPERSON PAYMENT TESTIFIED IN THE SENATE LAST MONTH: THIS MONTH, THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Go to this web address to see Chairperson Payment's testimony:

<https://appropriations.house.gov/calendararchive/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=395276>



Chairperson Aaron A. Payment  
MPA, MEd, EdD

## Representing All Members Everywhere

*Ahneen, Boozho, Negee,*

I am the elected leader of the *Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians*, the largest tribe east of the Mississippi. I proudly serve as the President of the United Tribes of Michigan, Vice-President of the Mid-West Alliance of Sovereign Tribes and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President for the National Congress of American Indians. I also serve as the Mid-West Alternate to the Tribal Interior Budget Committee. For a quarter of a century, I have trained future legislators through the non-partisan Michigan Political Leadership Program on tribal and treaty rights and the origins of federal trust responsibility pursuant to the US Constitution and subsequent law.

The duty of the Presidential Administration, the Courts, and Congress in giving fidelity to the treaties and US Constitution is not a partisan one but one of a measure of the integrity of our great country in honoring our treaty obligations. The duty of Congressional appropriators is balancing the budget while honoring treaties which provide, "health, education, and social welfare" into perpetuity. Let me be clear, however, that...

***Our funding is NOT BASED ON RACE or reparations but instead was PRE-PAID through the exchange of millions of acres of lands.***

*Chi McGwitch* for inviting tribal leaders to be heard in a government-to-government fashion by holding these hearings on the President's FY 2019 Budget Request for Indian Programs. The distinguished Congressman Don Young (AK) recently said it best, when he exclaimed, "he is my President but that is not my budget". We are comforted by the expression, "the President proposes, Congress disposes". Thank you for being the stop gap to the proposed draconian cuts to tribes which threaten the abrogation of the treaty and trust responsibility.

## REINSTATE OUR FUNDS

I respectfully ask for restoration of proposed elimi-

nations and cuts to these tribal programs. I opposed pitting tribes against each other through competitive grant funding and restate my request to formula fund grants to tribes as part of the treaty obligation. I restate my request for moving our funding from discretionary to mandatory and to forward-fund programs to ensure continuity. There have been no interruptions in the use of the land we exchanged, so I ask that our funding continue.

The President's budget would cut the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) by about half a billion dollars, or 15%! BIA Social Services would be reduced by more than a third, Indian Child Welfare by more than a 25%, and critical human services programs, law enforcement and courts programs, environmental protection, housing, and education programs would face unconscionable reductions. The Indian Community Development Block Grant would be eliminated, and the Indian Housing Block Grant would be reduced.

## SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES & CUTS

As Congress has the final say on discretionary spending, I call your attention to the following proposals in the President's budget as alarming. Some of the proposed eliminations that I respectfully request that you reinstate include: Indian Community Development Block Grant (in Housing and Urban Development); Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP); Native American Program (INAP in Department of Labor); Community Development Financial Institutions, Native American program (Treasury); Tribal Energy Loan Guarantee Program; Eliminations within BIA include: Small and Needy Tribes, Housing Improvement Program (\$10 million), Tribal Climate Resilience, Alaska Native Programs, Johnson O'Malley Program (\$15 million), and Scholarships and Adult education (\$35 million). Eliminating programs erodes the trust responsibility and causes a disruption in the delivery of service to our people.

Major reductions I ask you to reject include: Native Housing Block Grant cut from \$654 million to \$600 million, 8.2%; BIA cut by \$433 million (15.6%); and major reductions in BIA include- Social Services cut by \$19 million, or 37%; Indian Child Welfare Act cut by \$5 million, or 27%; Welfare Assistance cut by \$8.4 million, or 11%; Rights Protection Implementation cut by \$14.7 million or 37%; and Job Placement and Training cut by \$4.4 million, or 35%.

I need to sound the alarm of what appears to be an abro-

gation of the treaty and trust responsibility in the President's proposed budget which is either tone deaf to the identified needs though the BIA budget formulation process or intentionally draconian. Some priorities as identified by tribes are proposed to be eliminated or face up to 40% reductions!

## BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CUTS

The 2019 President's proposed budget for the BIA is \$2.4 billion in current appropriations, a 15.6% decrease from the FY 2018 CR level. Nearly every line item in the BIA budget would see reductions in the FY 2019 budget request. The proposed overall level for BIA/BIE would take funding back to the FY 2013 sequestration levels. Adjusted for inflation, the proposed funding is lower than any enacted amount going back to FY 2003, and 21% lower than the level in FY 2010. I urge you to reject the steep reductions in the BIA's proposed budget and instead invest in the programs ranked as most in need of increases as a part of the FY 2019 tribal budget formulation process. As part of the FY 2019 budget formulation process, tribes from each BIA region completed a survey to outline which 10 budget lines they would prefer to provide increased funding to any why.

Unfortunately, most of the programs identified by the tribes as needing increases in FY2019 would receive reductions in the FY2019 President's budget request. Four programs in the top 5 identified by tribes were proposed to be eliminated in the President's budget: Scholarship and Adult Education, Housing Improvement Program; the Johnson O'Malley Program, and Small and Needy Tribes. Social Services and ICWA would be cut by 37% and 27% respectively, both cuts are disproportionately larger than the over reduction for the Department of Interior, which would see a reduction of 16.8%.

## TRIBES AS GOVERNMENTS NOT RACIAL MINORITIES

Tribal governance existed before intervention and tribes continue to govern their citizens as recognized by the *U.S. Constitution* in several sections including *Article I, Section 8, Paragraph 3* which institutionalizes tribes as sovereigns equal to or exceeding that of state sovereignty. Additionally, hundreds of treaties, federal statutes and Supreme Court precedence, reaffirm tribes as sovereign nations rather than as merely a racial ethnic population. True, as a subset of the American population, we do have the unfortunate distinction of having the worst of the worst statistics on

most social indicators including suicides, alcoholism, low education attainment, unemployment, incarcerations, and violence against our people. We believe these outcomes to be attributable to the legacy of historical trauma, tribal critical race theory characterized though a lack of opportunity, and various federal policies at the expense of our people. Nonetheless, the funding that exists for "health, education and social welfare" is based on the treaty and trust responsibility and not based on race. As a simple explanation, if programs and services were based on race, there would exist the same funding for other racial ethnic populations.

One of the first statements from the current Presidential administration dealt with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development equating tribal housing with a race-based program. With virtually no platform or draft American Indian policies, this single statement gave pause to tribes as a foreshadowing of a new termination policy to discount the federal treaty and trust responsibility and therefore abrogation of the funding obligation.

## MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENT IS RACIST!

More recently, in January, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a Dear State Medicaid Director letter indicating a new policy supporting states mandating work requirements though Section 1115 waivers conditioning eligibility for Medicaid. The conflating of these indicators suggest the threat of a new termination era abrogating treaty and trust responsibilities though equating tribes as race based rather than sovereign nations. While the issue of Medicaid expansion is not under the purview of this committee, I ask that members of this committee and all members of Congress be vigilant in monitoring any efforts to regress the treaty and trust responsibility.

## TREATY RIGHTS PROTECTION AS TRUST RESPONSIBILITY

As my friend Bay Mills Indian Community President Bryan Newland so expertly testified today, I wish to reinforce his testimony as it relates to our appropriations request for treaty right protections. As a prerequisite to Statehood for Michigan in 1837, the 1836 Treaty of Washington (Chippewa Ottawa Treaty) ceded nearly 14 million acres of land that connected the upper and lower peninsulas and qualified Michigan for Statehood. Like many treaties of the time, the federal government contractually obligated

the United States to guarantee the rights of signatories and their descendants to the right to hunt, fish, and gather on such lands and in such waters until such time this territory is needed for settlement. This obligation is enshrined though judicial precedence. As both a signatory to the 1836 Treaty and in fulfilling the federal trust responsibility, the federal government retains responsibility to act as trustee to fully act advocate and defend the integrity of the original treaty obligations but also subsequent judicial precedence. Funds appropriated for treaty rights protection are used to implement this treaty obligation and trust responsibility.

As a signatory tribe and member of the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority, I do not support the President's FY2019 Budget which could cut funding by 37%. Managing the resource necessitates complex biological services, and conservation and enforcement activities. The current consent decree expires in 2020 such that we are entering a period of renegotiations with other parties to the 2000 Consent Decree. The State of Michigan, has already earmarked a large appropriations which suggests a long and protracted legal battle. I support CORA's request for Congress to maintain \$39.4 million for Rights Protections Implementation for the FY2019 budget and to maintain the CORA Tribes' share at \$5.999 million. I ask that Congress appropriate the full \$1.9 million to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for "Litigation Support" for tribal and treaty rights litigation and to dispatch these funds to tribes post haste. CORA estimates a need for an additional \$450,000 in FY2019 to negotiate the new Decree beyond 2020. Finally, I respectfully request you support our CORA request for FY2019 RPI funding at \$39.4 million with \$5,999,614 allocated for the CORA tribes.

Thank you Chairman Calvert and Ranking Member McCollum for your attention and consideration of my testimony and upholding the treaty and trust responsibility. **After all, a government is only as good as its word.** [end testimony]

As I write this, I am sitting at the Unit 1 Candidate Forum. I am happy to report that the vast majority of the candidates agree with reinstating the Chair's authority. I am not naming names as that would violate our Election laws, but I strongly believe the Members are ashamed of the Board blinding ignoring the will of the people.

*Chi McGwitch, Negee!*

# Apply to Youth Development Fund for sports, summer camps, dance, senior pictures and more



**DARCY MORROW,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

I would like to congratulate all the high school and college graduates, job well done! Now you are on to new adventures, enjoy.

I would like to remind you that the Youth Development Fund is available to be used for summer camps: soccer, basketball, dance, and more, senior pictures, class ring, music instruments, pay to play sports, drivers training, etc. I have attached the information below; please contact Laura Porterfield at (906) 635-7010 if you have any questions.

As directors of the tribe we should be here to help the welfare of the membership. When the tribe began to open our first casinos, human services and health programs, it was to provide services and to employ our membership to help see them prosper. Too many times our members were overlooked for jobs in our communities. Somewhere along the way this way of thinking has been lost; especially at the board table. I did a motion at the board meeting in Manistique on March 13 to suspend all in-house postings to ensure all jobs were posted out-of-house to ensure tribal members can apply for all positions they qualify for. Director Sorenson obviously took offence and put her spin on it in her article. I am the director who made the motion and I know exactly what the intent was — to ensure members have a chance to be employed by their tribe. I continue to hear from tribal members that they couldn't apply because the position is posted in house, and they are not currently employed by the tribe or they are being overlooked because of the

buddy system. Our hiring preference goes Sault Tribe members, Sault Tribe household, other Natives and non-Native. By saying as a director, I want to ensure tribal members get a shot at all jobs they qualify for, I am being a racist? I don't think so! Too many times I have heard directors say they are sick of repeat members getting jobs and not keeping them or that they are sucking off the tribe. That is offensive to our members for board members to think like that! As a tribal member, I was employed by the tribe and I have watched the tribe prosper. I have seen members get a chance to work for their own tribe with pride because they were not able to get a job within the community. We should be encouraging our members to work for the tribe. And for the board to allow for this to continue by posting positions in-house stops members from even knowing the positions are open. When positions are posted out of house this opens it up for anyone to apply, and then interviews should be done per the hiring preference. On May 11, Director Chase

and I attended the grand opening of the JKL Bahweting Anishinaabe PSA gym and Middle School in the Sault. What a great addition for the children and community. Along with the new gym they have new science rooms, a beautiful cultural room, administration offices, etc., along with quick lock down doors and a state-of-art fire suppression system. Congrats to everyone who was a part of this project — job well done!

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

Thank you,  
Darcy Morrow  
Unit IV Representative  
dmorrow@saulttribe.net

## Apply for Sault Tribe Youth Development funds

Tribal youth may request funding for a variety of purposes to be expended outside of tribal programming, to include: sport fees (registration, equipment, shoes); music, dance and theatre lessons; instrument purchase and rental; language lessons, camps (sports, band, art, academic) and

related travel fees; educational, cultural and class trips; testing fees, driver's education; senior pictures; school supplies and book deposits (school clothes NOT included); and regalia and youth drum.

Applicants must be tribal in grades 0 to 12 living within the seven-county service area. Applicants may receive up to \$150 once per academic year (Aug. 1-July 31). Applicants must submit a current copy of tribal membership card with their application. Other requirements are on the applications. Applicants must submit proof of household income (recent check stub, tax forms, W-2, etc.). Income guidelines are based on 300 percent of the 2018 HHS poverty guidelines. For a family of one, 300 percent of the poverty level is \$36,420; a family of two, \$49,380; three, \$62,340; four, \$75,300; five, \$88,260; six, \$101,220; seven \$114,180; and four a family of eight, \$127,140.

For an application, go to [www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/education/download-files](http://www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/education/download-files) or contact Laura Porterfield.

# Encouraging members to boycott Nestlé bottled water



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

I have had a few people contact me recently about show tickets. As long as I have been on the board, we haven't had the ability to get or give out tickets. People are quite surprised that we can't hook them up with tickets.

We passed a resolution for the tribe to boycott Nestlé bottled water and encouraged other tribes and members to do the same. A letter of discontent was also sent to Governor Snyder's office asking for reconsideration. We need to continue to put pressure on the state and these bottling companies.

I had asked Legal to write a resolution to fix the issue in regards to co-captains. Effective Dec. 31, 2017, it is almost impossible to have a person who can co-captain your commercial fishing license. The board voted at the May 1 meeting to send the resolution to the Conservation Committee for their input. Hopefully the committee can offer solutions to allow more fishermen to get back on the lake.

A majority of the board had to be fingerprinted as part of our state licensing to sell cars and mobile homes. Not all board

members want to sit on the Gitchi Enterprise Management Board so they can opt out in writing. I look forward to seeing how this new business opportunity does.

We have purchased storage buildings on Mackinac Trail that have a waiting list. We recently built storage units in Odenaang and are now ready to be rented. These many not seem like huge money makers but storage buildings do make a profit and we are diversifying. Anyone interested in storage options, please contact the EDC office at 635-6050.

At the May 1 meeting, the board passed a resolution to set aside 160 acres in Dafter for our recovery hospital. We have owned this property for decades and have never used it for anything. The location is ideal as it is not too far to get to services in the Sault but yet far enough outside of town with plenty of space to add transition housing and other healing opportunities.

Addictions are destroying our families especially those addicted to opiates. We have many children in foster care who have no idea of whether they will be able to go home or who will be raising them. Many if not all of our families or friends are affected by these addictions. Our people need those wrap around services to help them heal and continue on a new path.

We had another strategic planning workshop on May 7 with the Planning and Development Department, the executive director and seven members of the board. We worked in teams of two to three, reviewing goals and objectives. It was a very good day and we are going to be meeting monthly with our next workshop on June 4.

I had the pleasure of presenting two scholarships on behalf of the Women of the Moose to Jesse

Frazier and Alicia Garen as 2018 LaSalle High graduates. I also gave two of my own scholarships out to Unit III members Cameron Leveille and Julia Collins. Cameron will be attending Lake Superior State University and Julia will be attending Ferris State University. There are so many well deserved seniors, it was hard to select.

The newly formed Sault Tribe Business Alliance had their first get together on April 26 in the Sault. There was a panel of Sault Tribe business owners from around the country to discuss their businesses, possible joint efforts with the tribe and how they can help other members succeed as well. During the lunch break, I consulted with two of the gentlemen about helping us start a trade school. Our area is in much need of skilled labor and not all of our students want to go to college. They seemed very open to the idea.

I am still working on policy changes to allow education and or experience when applying for employment or a promotion. Many other tribes and employers currently allow for this. We are only hurting our own members by not allowing this opportunity.

There have been more lies on the chair's Facebook page which are trying to influence the election. Neither the board nor the chair should be asking questions or putting people up to asking questions at the elder candidate forums either. A person should be more concerned about who may have the best interest of the tribe rather than who will agree to a level of authority.

The chair's authority has been placed by him in multiple forms on multiple occasions to our meeting agenda. There is no support to do this. The chair has

an executive assistant who coordinates all his travel and anything else he needs as well as an administrative assistant. These folks may not report to him, but they do however help him with what he needs to do his job.

The constant whining about not having a driver is getting old, too. The women of the board travel alone on many occasions. We all have the ability to have a friend or family member travel with us if we cover the expenses on our own. The crazy reality is he is not asking for his executive assistant to travel with him but a membership liaison. We also have a government relations director who can attend these meetings with him.

The St. Ignace Trolley Company will begin operations on Friday, May 25, through October. There are about 27 stops from the Kewadin Shores Casino to the Super 8 motel. Included in the stops will be the hospital and tribal health clinic and Family Fare. This is a great alternative for people who struggle with transportation. The trolley hours are 8 a.m.-12 a.m. daily. The cost is \$1 every time you board or a season pass is \$100 and is available at the St. Ignace Visitors Bureau. For members living on the reservation, trolley tokens can be purchased at the casino cage. There will be three continuous trolleys running with pickups about every 20 minutes. For further information please call (906) 643-6950.

I have asked the CFO who is in charge of our facilities to look at the cost of renovating the McCann School kitchen. The kitchen is not user friendly and dates back prior to when I was in elementary school. This building is currently used for the elder lunches, potlucks, funeral lunches, picnics, ghost feasts, etc. This is

the only gathering place for our unit and it needs to be renovated.

I would like to acknowledge our YEA coordinator, Sue St. Onge, for her continued dedication to our youth. Sue also facilitates the LaSalle High School Drama Club. Sue's office is located in our elementary and middle school, which creates hands on collaboration with the school and students. Sue is a role model and teaches an anti-bullying program for the fifth grade yearly and they give a year-end presentation to the school. With the craziness in communities and schools, I am thankful our students have people like Sue to go to.

The only St. Ignace board meeting will be held on June 12 at the Kewadin Shores Event Center. Any member wanting to speak to the board may do so between 4 and 5 p.m. The regular meeting starts at 5 p.m.

There are several free summer camps offered free for sault tribe youth at LSSU. There are boys (age 11-14) and girls (grades 3-9) individual basketball camps. Little Lakers basketball camp for ages 8-11 and girl's fundamentals volleyball camp (grades 5-8). Registration is limited, first-come, first-served. Only one free camp per member. Register ASAP by emailing Tammy at [tgraham@saulttribe.net](mailto:tgraham@saulttribe.net).

My heart goes out to the Bunker and Gamble families with the recent passing of Mike Gamble of St. Ignace and Mackinac Island. He was a caring community member and overall great man.

Continued prayers for all those in our communities suffering with and battling cancer.

For questions or concerns, contact me at [bsorenson@saulttribe.net](mailto:bsorenson@saulttribe.net) or [bridgett91@yahoo.com](mailto:bridgett91@yahoo.com) or (906) 430-0536.

# Working at national level for betterment of tribe



**JENNIFER MCLEOD,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aaniin Anishnaabek, there are many new challenges facing tribal nations under the new federal administration. Last month, I reported to you that I was appointed to the board of the Association of Community Public Schools. I testified during American Indian and Alaska Native Witness Days to help protect our tribal schools. I left there with a commitment that Congress would work to improve the terrible conditions that exist in many tribal schools. The committee chairman said (paraphrasing), "If we (Congress) are able to build schools for the Army, then there's no reason why we shouldn't do the same for tribes." The other congressional committee members agreed. I left there happy!

This month, I again worked hard standing up for our tribal nation against the proposed changes to the Farm Bill. The Farm Bill is not just about farms. It is about:

- Nutrition and health improvement – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and all federal food assistance programs (including what is commonly known as "commodity" food). Our tribe serves over 1,000 families through our Food Distribution Program and the changes proposed by the new federal administration would hurt our people.

- Enhancing rural development, infrastructure, and economic development programs for tribal government, entrepreneurs and producers – this provides technical assistance to tribes, including expansion of broadband in Indian Country.

- Farming, ranching, and food agribusiness development – commodities, trade, credit, crop insurance

- Forestry management and conservation

- Education, research and community development ... and more.

Myself and many other tribal leaders who are part of the Native Farm Bill Coalition, "stormed the Hill" and spent several days in meetings with various Congressional leaders and staff to tell our stories and make sure they understand the trust relationship between the federal government and Indian tribes. I asked to visit those Congressional offices where the member was not a friend to Indian Country. This teacher came to EDUCATE and that's exactly what I did.

One office in particular was quite challenging. He never took a single note, sat with crossed hands on his note pad and as our meeting went on, he developed a "tone." He challenged our group with, "What part of the Farm Bill do you think DOESN'T serve tribal nations. Tell me specifically." (Again the Tone). So, I replied, "Anywhere in that 1,100 page Farm Bill where it says, STATE, and not, AND/OR TRIBES, we have a problem." Then, he came back with the "We don't have any tribes in our state" comment. I was not pleased. I informed that staffer that regardless of the existence of tribe in your member's state, when seated in that chamber, with all the other congressional leaders, they are there to represent the business and interests of the government of the United States. I am not from your state either, but, I

am an elected leader of a tribal nation. MY nation has a written agreement with the United States government, it's a treaty and that gives me the right to go to every congressional office in this building and request a meeting. Please be sure to tell your member, that when seated in that chamber, I expect him to do his federal job." I was pointed, professional, passionate and polite — he was schooled. That office has not heard the last from me.

Then I had to make another trip to participate in a formal consultation with the USDA Secretary Sonny Purdue. We only had a two-week notice for this consultation. It was poor planning and should have been held four days previously while we were already in D.C. (yes, I told them that!). I wasn't happy that Secretary Purdue was only going to be with us for an hour and a half, even though his staff was going to be with us for three days. After several leaders spoke, we were asked to cut our presentation down to make sure everyone had a chance to talk, and to please turn in our written papers that contained the full version. So, I shifted gears.

After I gave my introduction in our language, and then in English, I delivered a speech that basically said this:

"It is a basic responsibility of any government to see that its citizens are fed. As I looked around the table, I realize that I have the honor and the responsibility of being the only woman seated here, and so I want to give voice to the women of our tribes. We are the life-givers. We are the first ones to feed our babies, our people, our nations. It is the women who begin them all on a strong path, in the ways of all our nations. It is the women from whom the first food comes. It is vital to the survival of our nations that we regain what seemed to be lost. As the life-givers, what happens to our people and to Mother

Earth is felt very keenly.

"The first agriculturalists taught the Europeans to live here and what was safe to eat. TRIBES helped the to survive. WE taught you. Native people in this country cultivated hundreds of varieties of corn, taught you about the animals and the medicines. As time went on, and it became necessary to formalize how we were going to coexist, treaties were developed. These treaties were between nations! Now, in this Farm Bill, you want to abrogate your federal treaty responsibility, assign it to a state, and subjugate tribal nations to state benevolence? This is not a friendly path, nor is it a good way to keep this country growing strong.

"Anywhere in that Farm Bill where it says STATE, and not, AND/OR TRIBES, is a problem. Our agreement with you was nation to nation — period. Look around this table. The states are not here and that is how it should remain. By keeping our nation-to-nation relationship strong, you help keep ALL of our peoples, our nations, AND our COUNTRY strong!

"Miigwech."

I confess, I am a passionate speaker. Years in the classroom have prepared me for knowing how to shift the lesson, so that it is heard and remembered by the students. The USDA heard me. At the break, I was approached by USDA staff and was told that based on my speech, they wanted to publish a series of articles on women in agriculture and they wanted me to be the subject of the first article. What a total honor.

As many of you already know, I do not like to travel, but I do it because it's necessary. If we are not at the table, we are on the menu. THIS month, I know all the hard work paid off — the Farm Bill failed! I'm told the current Farm Bill stands for at least a year. I know there are some in

our tribe who question the necessity and cost of traveling to all these meetings, but this is just one example of it working. The supplemental food for our 1,200 families and the thousands of tribal families throughout Indian Country is safe — for now.

I also want to report to all of you that I have been appointed chairperson of the NAFDPIR. It is a national group of elected tribal leaders who meet to support and speak up specifically for the Food Distribution Programs on Indian reservations. I will do my best to ensure tribal people will have the food they need to live now and into the future. My ancestors would expect nothing less from me and neither should you.

Speaking of being held accountable, I need to touch base for a moment, on the issue of the opioid crisis. I am grateful to the tribal citizen who called me and "took me to task" a bit over the fact that I failed to mention there are people who are suffering severe medical conditions for which opioid classification prescriptions are currently their only hope for having any quality of life at all. In my desire to save people's lives, I forgot about those for whom those drugs truly DO save their lives. This is a very, very complex issue and I am not fully addressing it here, I am simply offering my humble apologies to those whom I forgot. It will not happen again — your pain will be remembered in my prayers and in my actions.

As always, I invite you to contact me if I can be of any help. It is a pleasure and a great honor to serve our tribe.

Anishnaabe gagige!  
(Anishinaabe for always!)  
Miinwaa shawiindekaa (with many blessings),  
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## It's imperative tribe adopts professional standards



**DJ HOFFMAN  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

The month has progressed rapidly. During the last few weeks the tribe adopted a change to its purchasing policy ensuring that Native products and crafts shall be authentic to be purchased/sold within the tribe. The tribe took a very strong stance against Nestlé bottled water products. I am extremely happy that the tribal board took these positive steps to protect our resources.

### POLITICS

The election season is upon

us and by now you have been flooded with information, some factual and some that can be best described as fictional. I encourage each and every one of you to vote for whomever you believe will best represent the membership. As an elected official it would be improper to attempt (in one's official capacity) to influence voters (either for or against) regarding individuals seeking to serve the tribe.

### CODE OF CONDUCT

"When I was a child, I spoke as a child; I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things."

Last month, I, once again, raised the issue of a code of conduct. As previously stated:

While the terms "conduct" and "ethics" often get thrown out when speaking on this topic, it is imperative that we as a tribe adopt professional standards in how we conduct ourselves for the betterment of the tribe and its respective membership and employees.

I will continue to ask any/all board members to assist in bringing forth legislation to accomplish this in upcoming months.

Too often, individuals forget the unintended recipients of their respective actions. Elected officials, employees and tribal members have friends, families (including young impressionable tribal children). It is unfortunate that this type of conduct continues.

### JKL BAHWETING SCHOOL

The Middle School expansion grand opening was held this past week with a special visit from Tony Dearman, director of the Bureau of Indian Education, as well as the return of Billy Mills for the annual fun run. The event went off without a hitch and I thank all of the board members who attended, as well as those who were unable to with prior engagements, for enabling this project to come to fruition. You have enabled a positive change for our children, our community and our tribe that will continue to provide benefits for years to come.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

This inaugural meeting of the Sault Tribe Business Alliance, comprised of tribal member owned businesses, was an excellent event. With the continued support of the entire tribal board and the guidance of our tribe's Economic Development Division we are on the cusp of something truly progressive.

In closing, I will continue to push forward with members of the board who wish to be pro-

gressive and work with members of the board to ensure we become innovative in our approach to economic diversification, membership services and stepping out of the non-progressive box we appear to have been confined to.

Sincerely,

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# Tribe sets aside property for recovery hospital



**KIMBERLE GRAVELLE**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Hello, I am happy to announce the board of directors passed a resolution that set aside property for a substance abuse recovery

center. Since I have been on the board this has been a top priority of mine and that of my fellow board members. I've been attending meetings on a regular basis with Sault Tribe Health staff and other team members who are just as impatient as I am for this to come to fruition.

One of the main goals of our Tribal Action Plan is to combat substance abuse in our tribal communities. Statistics show that six to eight week programs are not enough treatment. At least six months to a year is needed. The number one challenge faced when returning home from a period in a secure setting is lack of transitional housing or sober/safe living units and access to employment and job train-

ing. This can be accomplished through partnership arrangements with local, county and regional alcohol and substance abuse agencies and service providers.

Again, this is an issue we will be working on and will keep you updated as we make progress.

One of the main reasons we are in this situation is because pharmaceutical companies did a great disservice by promoting opioids for chronic pain and encouraging accrediting organizations to require pain assessment as the fifth vital sign. Patients were told pain was something that needed to be treated with sometimes strong and addictive medications. Patients were then regularly being prescribed opioid medi-

cations once reserved only for serious pain for everyday type of injuries that at one time was relieved by Tylenol, aspirin or Motrin.

The solution to this epidemic is multifaceted. We need to stop prescribing opioids for chronic everyday pain, doctors need to change prescribing practices and follow new chronic pain management guidelines, addicted patients need effective and accessible treatment, and drug companies need to stop promoting and cashing in on our addictions. National monitoring and regulatory solutions need to be implemented. We need to follow healthier ways and rely less on opioid drugs to cure or heal our pain and suffering.

If you feel you have a substance abuse problem, please call the Sault Tribe Behavioral Health Department at (906) 635-6075.

I want to take the time to thank all the team members for the hard work they do every day for our tribe. It is appreciated.

I would also like to thank men and women in our armed forces for their service to our country and the support of their families. The courage and self-sacrifice that a veteran gives is often forgotten when we take our freedom and everyday life for granted.

Please feel free to call me at (906) 203-6083 or e-mail me at [KKGravelle@saulttribe.net](mailto:KKGravelle@saulttribe.net).

Thank you,  
Kim Gravelle

# First business alliance conference successful



**MICHAEL MCKERCHIE,**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Our tribe continues to move forward and provide services to thousands of members. Many positive things are occurring in our communities. Our tribe recently held our first Sault Tribe Business Alliance conference and I am excited at the many possibil-

ities and conversations that resulted from the event. Tribal members all over the country came to this event to discuss opportunities to work with the tribe and/or on tribal properties. It was nice to see such a great turn out and so many successful members willing to share ideas and thoughts on how to help our tribe grow more prosperous — it was encouraging.

I'm very proud of our tribe for the Nestlé water ban and our continued fight to preserve our waters. We need additional advocacy in fighting for our environment and our ancestral lands. I encourage all members to stand up and attend events and provide prayers while continue this fight as well as other fights such as calling for the shutdown of Line 5 and any oil pipes that threaten our Great Lakes. "Water is Sacred, Water is Life" isn't a catchphrase, we are here to pro-

tect and we must do everything within our ability to do so. I'm also happy to report other tribes and First Nations are continuing their fights as well and an upcoming conference will be held in the Sault to help inform and organize additional efforts to protect our waters.

Attending conferences, advocating and consulting with other tribes, state and federal governments not only helps promote our causes, gain access to additional funding sources and remind them of their treaty obligations but it also allows us to share our story. And we continue to have a great story. I'm reminded of how far we have come when I see many other tribes that continue to struggle. I realize we have many improvements that are still needed but we also have much to be thankful for: our many health and community services offered, our

housing opportunities, family services programs, youth and elder programs, tribal law and court programs, among many other as well. We have tribal advocates all over Indian Country advocating to protect our women and children, those suffering with illness both physical and mental and I want to say thank you.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank Brenda Austin and the Communications Department for the great memories posted on the Facebook site. It helps to serve as a constant reminder of who we are and where we came from. I do not think you realize the full impact this is having, I hear great things from many, many members. It provides for a great opportunity for those involved in the photos to tell their story and to motivate future generations and I am thankful for thought and work put

into this project.

Please remember to vote! Regardless who you are voting for, make sure your voice is heard. As a former member of the Election Committee, every vote counts — I've seen several elections that were very close. So remember to vote. Also make the time to attend community events, such as helping the Election Committee get the ballots out (June 7 at Kewadin Casino-Sault location). Community involvement is key to any community to thrive.

I encourage all the youth and elders to be an active part of your community, get out there and attend meetings, join committees, provide input to shape our nation. Please contact me to further discuss issues at (906) 440-7768. Chi miigwech,

Michael McKerchie

# Anita Nelson makes her final report to Unit V



**ANITA NELSON,**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT V

It started with a simple "what if" followed by an opportunity.

By now you have probably learned I will not be running for director of Unit V. As I leave my position I want to take the time in this final report to let my fellow directors know how much I enjoyed serving on the board with them along with the many conversations during staff lunches. I very much enjoyed the last two years and appreciated the opportunity to work with such a great group of individuals.

*Harvard Business Review* says this about people who argue at work, "Disagreements are an inevitable, normal and healthy part of relating to other people.

There is no such thing as a conflict-free work environment. You might dream of working in a peaceful utopia, but it wouldn't be good for your company, your work or you. In fact, disagreements — when managed well — have lots of positive outcomes." And boy, did we have a few.

The best thing about it, we could walk away from the meeting and have lunch together. Thank you for the support, guidance and encouragement you have provided me during this time. Some of you I bonded with more than others but managed to have special luncheons with each and every one of you.

Even though I will miss serving my tribal people, attending meetings and connecting with staff, it came with cost. Instead of traveling to Sault Ste. Marie and the surrounding counties, I look forward to traveling and spending time with my family. My flower, fruit and veggie gardens will be glad to see me again, too!

I know this experience made me a better person both professionally and personally. It's life changing when you look at the world through a whole new lens and I did it at 73 years old. It's never too late and you are never too old. With that, I acknowl-

edge the administration, clerical, newspaper and MIS staff for their great support. Behind every leader is a team of individuals who seldom get acknowledged for making the leader "look good."

I will continue to serve on some of the tribal committees so we will meet again. You can also keep in touch through my personal email [anelson1@jamadots.com](mailto:anelson1@jamadots.com) or through our local liaison or Munising Tribal Center.

I have renewed my position on the Munising Tribal Elder Committee. We are seeking more committee members to serve the elders. Please contact Elder Services at (906) 635-4971 if you have time to serve at a monthly meeting the first Thursday of every month. The next one is June 7, 2018, at 11 a.m.

I would like to announce the winner of the beautiful handcrafted quilt made by Lori Seaberg, it was won by Vicky Williams, Ojibway Tribe of Wisconsin. Thank you all for taking part in the raffle and contributing via donations. Our local Munising powwow is going to be Aug. 11, 2018, at Bay Furnace in Christmas, Mich. There will be more great give-a-ways at the powwow. Marquette tribal members are welcome at our

powwow, so mark the date. Kris Leveque, (906) 387-2368, will be the contact for those of you who want to assist in setup the night before and/or volunteer the day of the event. The Great Lakes' Superior shores was the home of Chief Nawbaynash and his people of Grand Island, a wonderful ideal place for our tribal ceremony. Hope to see you there!

"Authenticity is everything! You have to wake up every day

and look in the mirror, you want to be proud of the person looking back at you. And you can only do that if you're being honest with yourself and being a person of high character. You have an OPPORTUNITY every single day to write that story of your life." — Aaron Rodgers

Respectfully,  
Anita L. Nelson  
Unit V Director  
(906) 379-7825

## Native American celebration July 10-11

A Native American celebration is scheduled at the Hessel School House July 10 -11 in Hessel, Mich.

The function is free and open to the public. From 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. each day, attendees have the chance to participate in a variety of workshops and activities. Tuesday morning opens with a drum circle and songs led by the Hessel drumming group, Mukwa Giizhik, followed by a community welcoming feast. From 11:30 a.m. until 3 p.m., attendees have the opportunity to participate in a variety of workshops including: Talking and storytelling circle led by Henry Bouley of Sault Ste. Marie and John Causley of Hessel with discussions on local tribal heritage, culture, languages and traditions;

hands-on hide-tanning workshop with Tony Grondin of St. Ignace; hands-on black ash basket-weaving workshop with Marge Bekins of St. Ignace; hands-on leather-working workshop with Jackie Minton of Raber; and hands-on leather and appliqué workshop with Delinda Causley of Hessel.

The Hessel School House is at 3206 W. Cedar Street in Hessel.

Wednesday, July 11, beginning at 10:30 a.m., attendees may choose from the list of instructors above and can work with them in any combination.

At 2 p.m. we have a second screening of Calvin Hartwig's film, *This Is Who I Am*, followed by a discussion. The day ends with drum songs by Mukwa Giizhik.

# Detox hospital planned



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

We have been very busy with many items to discuss but there are two that are priority now. As I stated, I brought forward a resolution and we passed that to commit our already owned land for the future detox hospital! I am so grateful the board finally committed to land and this will give us direction and our stakeholders a firm location to see this through. We now need to seek funding — ours, state and federal. This certainly is not just our issue, many are seeking out forms of recovery and addiction crisis and coming together with the state, feds and other tribes is the answer to make this successful.

As this project is being discussed many members have contacted me and recently I met and had coffee with a tribal member and we were discussing alternatives to our court system and thoughts on empowering people through our sovereign abilities. They had shared an idea with me about a program at our new detox hospital and possibly a project now for the court or tribe to build a huge community garden on our property. This could be a hub for this endeavor and be an alternative to fines, court costs and probation measures (fines bring deeper stress to members who cannot afford it and probation does not work all the time). We spoke about alternatives and traditional measures we could take in our court system to empower non-violent offenders. (Serious crimes would not be included and we need to embrace our ability to have a justice system that works for our people. Yes, this would be a form of community service but monetary, jail and probation measures do not help us.) Those through our system would have the opportunity to be involved in the growing of the gardens taking pride in that and teach a rewarding trait, the FRESH products we grow as a tribe could be used for our elder programs and delivered to those in need. Anyway, I cannot take credit for this as it's from a member (an advisor I'm grateful for) and I have shared it with both our health and court administrators. I will work toward it and keep it on the table. I personally think it's a form of empowering our people with our unique needs and unique rights we have. We could do what works to help them heal.

We held our first Sault Tribe

Business Alliance conference and it went better than I ever expected. We had over a dozen successful Sault Tribe business owners attend who spoke about their getting started, paths that assisted them, the hard work they put in and the ideas and commitments they would like to bring back to assist others in our tribe including mentoring, apprenticeship and advising through our own creation of business opportunities. Our tribe is so large and we have so many successful people who can and want to be resources to our nation. I'm looking forward to this being something permanent and ongoing as we plan to meet again this summer. Others included in the talks were development and business agencies so we can spark and once again lead at the table in the economic development in our areas. We have one business discussion on the table to open a location in our area that can create positions and development opportunities now. There are many more ideas and thoughts to come.

In the development aspect, in the last six months, we have purchased and built two storage unit complexes. One we bought outright is full and making revenue and the other we constructed and is ready for rentals. Both will bring in a small stream and is a start to making more revenue. We have also passed a code to conduct business "Gitchi Enterprises" so that we can plan for a car and modular home dealership. We plan to open in Sault Ste. Marie and the benefit to our members and us as owners could be monumental. We still have many things to work out, but you will be seeing this in the very near future come to open.

This month we also passed a resolution to oppose the Nestlé water plant and are in the middle of advocating opposing this to protect our water and our ways. You can see all resolutions on our website to see more information about all the items we pass, we have minutes, resolutions, voting and attendance matrix posted for the communication to members.

In closing, summer is on its way and so are all our community powwows and gatherings. Committees are starting to plan and need help with the work that needs to be done in all areas. If you are interested in assisting in any area you can call our cultural department for a contact number to any committee and have your place to be included. I encourage that, you can also call me and I will make sure you have the info needed to become a part. There is simply nothing more rewarding and humbling then to watch your people celebrate our way of life and assist in carrying on our sacred traditions. Baamaapii.

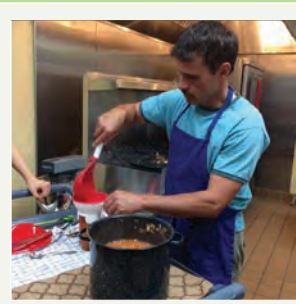
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## Canning and Preserving Workshops 2018



June 7	Clark Township Community Building	Cedarville
June 12	Elder Services Building	Sault Ste Marie
July 18	Clark Township Community Building	Cedarville
July 23	Elder Services Building	Sault Ste Marie
August 2	Elder Services Building	Sault Ste Marie
August 16	Clark Township Community Building	Cedarville
August 20	Community Action Building	Newberry
September 11	Elder Services Building	Sault Ste Marie
September 19	Clark Township Community Building	Cedarville



FREE to all  
Community Members

All workshops will be held from 5:30-8:30 PM. To register or for more information, please contact Jennifer Eyler at (906) 632-5210 or at [jeyley@saulttribe.net](mailto:jeyley@saulttribe.net)



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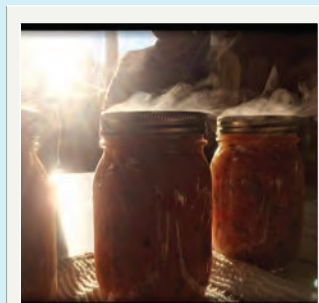


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June 18	MSU Extension Office	Wetmore
July 24	Manistique Tribal Health Center	Manistique
July 26	MSU Extension Office	Wetmore
August 9	Manistique Tribal Health Center	Manistique
August 21	MSU Extension Office	Wetmore
September 6	Manistique Tribal Health Center	Manistique



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# UPCOMING CONCERTS

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