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State to work more closely with tribes

GOVERNOR WHITMER ISSUES EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE TO INCREASE COOPERATION AND MEANINGFUL CONSULTATION

BY RICK SMITH

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer recently ordered the state's department directors and agency heads to take steps in breathing new life into the state's government-to-government relationships with each of Michigan's 12 federally recognized American Indian tribes.

On Oct. 31, the governor signed Executive Directive 2019-17, which calls for state personnel to become more knowledgeable and able to respectfully collaborate and confer with tribes in order to increase mutually beneficial cooperation and understanding in consultations and to minimize and avoid disputes.

The directive builds on a 2002 government-to-government accord between the state and several Michigan tribes on tribal consultation.

Along with calling for state policies and practices to recog-

nize fundamental principles of tribal sovereignty, the directive also stipulates steps for identifying potential need for tribal involvement in activities, prompt notifications to tribes in cases where their involvement is required, receiving and considering tribal input plus follow-up and feedback.

The governor's deputy legal counsel for tribal-state affairs or other designee is to be tasked with monitoring implementation of the directive. The duties include helping in identifying appropriateness for tribal consultations and evaluating adequacy of consultations. In addition, the governor's advisor in this capacity would be responsible for numerous administrative functions to foster tribal consultation. Further, each department and agency must designate their own individuals to act as tribal liaisons to conduct tribal consul-

tations in their respective entities. According to the directive, "each department and agency must provide annual training on tribal-state relations for all department and agency employees who have direct interactions with tribes or who work on matters that have direct implications for tribes."

The governor's advisor on tribal-state affairs is to provide training that is to include fundamentals of tribal sovereignty, treaty rights, tribal governance and historical overviews of Michigan's American Indian tribes including lessons on dispossession and loss of their ways of life.

The directive went into effect immediately after receiving the signature of the governor.



From left, Sault Tribe Board Chairperson Aaron Payment, Sault Tribe Board Unit II Director Catherine Hollowell, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Sault Tribe Board Unit IV directors Denise Chase and Darcy Morrow at the Oct. 31 Tribal-State Summit in Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

Land transferred between city, tribe

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

On Oct. 29, the City of Sault Ste. Marie and the Sault Tribe completed the donation and conveyance of two parcels of property to the tribe, with Sault Tribe Board Chairperson Aaron Payment, Mayor Anthony Bosbous and City Manager Brian Chapman signing the documents making it official.

The land, called the Methodist Mission Reserve, is 240-plus acres contiguous to the existing tribal reservation with historical significance to the tribe. The land is made up of two triangular shaped parcels between the tribe's land on Shunk Road and Riverside Drive in Sault Ste. Marie.

On Dec. 1, 2018, Payment sent a letter to the mayor and city commissioners asking them to consider donating the land. Two days later the Sault city commission unanimously approved the donation. Mayor Tony Bosbous at that time said, "The City of Sault Ste. Marie is very appreciative of the spirit and cooperation that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and city have experienced over these past 25 years! During our historic 350th celebration as a city and settlement, it is with great pleasure we return the property known as the Methodist Mission Reserve back to the Anishinaabek people."

In 2018, Sault Ste. Marie celebrated its 350th birthday, and status as Michigan's oldest city.

Sault Tribe Unit I Director DJ Hoffman, who was instrumental in the land transfer, said, "I grew up on the rez [reservation] in the '80s and will never forget the times that myself and countless other tribal children played in the woods directly east of our homes. Some of the most elaborate trails and forts were built within that



Photo by Joel Schultz

Sault Ste. Marie City Manager Brian Chapman and Mayor Tony Bosbous, and Tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment (middle, L-R), sign the document that returns Mission Methodist Reserve to the tribe. Also on hand were (back, L-R) Sault Tribe board members Kim Gravelle, Darcy Morrow, Denise Chase, Deputy City Manager Robin Troyer, board members Michael McKerchie, Keith Massaway and DJ Hoffman.

wooded area. I always thought those woods (240-plus acres) were a part of our tribal lands, but found out later as an adult they were deeded to the city from the original Mission Indian Reserve."

Hoffman drafted a resolution (2018-90), approved with the support of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors, to request the City of Sault Ste. Marie convey the property back to the tribe in recognition of the 350th anniversary of the City of Sault Ste. Marie. "I am extremely pleased that the tribe and city had the opportunity to accomplish this incredible transfer," Hoffman said. "I was humbled by the support of the board to get this done, and extremely pleased that the lands once played upon and thought of as our own are 'officially' once again."

Payment said, "I thank Vice Chair Hoffman for his persistence and prompting me to approach the city with our ask. I also thank our outgoing and longtime Mayor Tony Bosbous and one of the

best combinations of city commissioners we have had for the generous donation of land back to our people. As a young boy, this area behind our reservation was our playground. Going back just a few generations, all of Bahweting was a territory. While we retain our treaty rights to hunt, gather and fish in our treaty territory, [re]acquisition of land holdings is in our long term strategic plan."

Special Advisory Election results in

The Sault Tribe Special Advisory Election vote count was held Nov. 7, 2019. Unofficial results show candidate Betty Freiheit winning against fellow candidate Debra-Ann Pine, 1,370 votes to 993 votes.

Freiheit will fill the Unit I vacancy following the death of Unit I Director Denny McKelvie. The term ends June 25, 2020. Official results were not available at press time.

Tribe opposes ferrochrome processing facility

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is officially opposed to the proposed ferrochrome processing facility to be constructed in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

Resolution No 2019-279, *Opposing Ferrochrome Processing Facility*, was unanimously approved at the Sault Tribe Board of Directors' Oct. 15 meeting. The resolution, sponsored by directors DJ Hoffman, Denise Chase, Darcy Morrow, Kim Gravelle and Mike McKerchie, cites

significant environmental harm as the main reason for opposition to the plant. Ferrochrome processing plants discharge the cancer-causing chemical Chromium-6. Because the tribe is a steward of land and waters, and because of treaty responsibilities, the tribe opposes the proposed plant's construction in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, or anywhere near the Great Lakes or traditional homelands.

On Nov. 8, 2006, Sault Tribe, Bay Mills Indian Community, Garden River First Nation and

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Evening at LSSU kicks off Native American Heritage Month



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The Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) partnered with the Lake Superior State University Native American Center (NAC) for an evening of hospitality and education at the LSSU Arts Center on Nov. 5. The function focused on the impact and legacy of the Indian boarding schools in the days of yore. Attendees heard testimony on the subject and watched Dawnland, a 2018 Emmy Award winning “documentary about cultural survival and stolen children.” The annual Orange Shirt Day in Sault Ste. Marie was incorporated into the affair as part of November as Native American Heritage Month. Orange Shirt Day, an observance in recognition of the harm caused by Indian residential schools with an affirmation of commitment to ensure every child matters, falls on Sept. 30 but was canceled this year due to a power failure at LSSU. Seen here at the LSSU Arts Center, from left, ARC community educator Ashley Gravelle, ARC volunteer James Bremer, NAC Director Stephanie Sabatine and NAC intern Diane McLeod-Maleport. Other events observing Native American Heritage Month are scheduled throughout the Sault Tribe service area.

Are you registered to vote in Sault Tribe elections?

Tribal members not residing in an election unit must be registered to vote in order to receive election ballots.

Non-resident members must choose one of the five election units in order to vote in tribal elections. They should consider selecting the unit in which they have the closest ties. Registration is permanent unless you move in or out of an election unit.

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Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program open

The Sault Tribe Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) 2019-20 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is now open.

LIHEAP provides assistance to lower the burden of high-energy bills and to increase energy efficiency of eligible Sault Tribe households in the tribe's seven-county service area.

Applications can be picked up at the following locations:

- ACFS – Sault office, 2218 Shunk Road, Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783, 632-5250.
- ACFS – St. Ignace office, 1140 N. State Street, Suite 2805, St. Ignace, MI 49781, 643-8689.
- ACFS – Manistique office, 5698 W. Highway US 2, Manistique, MI 49783, 341-

- 6993.
- ACFS – Munising office, 622 W. Superior Street, Munising, MI 49862, 387-3906.
- ACFS –Kincheloe office, 60 Kincheloe, Kincheloe, MI 49788, 495-1232.
- Hessel Community Health Center, 3355 N. 3 Mile Road, Hessel, MI 49745, 484-2727.
- Newberry Community

- Health Center, 4935 Zeez Ba Tik Lane, Newberry, MI 49868, 293-8181.
- Marquette Tribal Community Health Center, 1229 West Washington Street Suite 1, Marquette, MI 49855, (906) 225-

1616. Applications are also online at www.saulttribe.com. If you have questions, please contact the Direct Services case manager in your area, or call (800) 726-0093.

Tribal members: need assistance? Membership Liaisons can help

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.

Membership Liaisons November schedules

Unit I — Sheila Berger, (906) 635-6050, ext. 26359; (906) 259-2983 (cell); Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sault Tribe Administration, 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie.

Unit II and III — Clarence Hudak, (906) 430-2004 (cell), Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sault Tribe Lambert Center, 225 Wa Seh Dr., St. Ignace, (906) 643-2124 (office).

Units IV and V — Mary Jenerou, (906) 450-7011.

November hours: Nov. 19, 20, 21, 22 and 26 at Manistique Health Center, (906) 341-8469; Nov. 18 at Escanaba Penn Star, (906) 786-2636; Nov. 25 at Marquette Tribal Health Center, (906) 225-1616.

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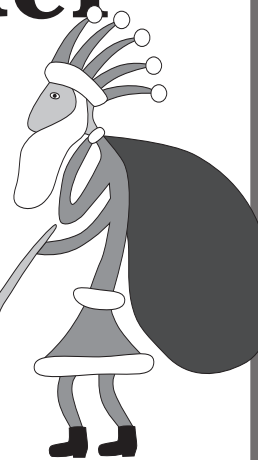
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Unit I, II, and III Holiday Party

Sault Kewadin Casino, Dec. 10 at 12 p.m.; doors open at 11 a.m.
To RSVP, please call (906) 635-4971

Unit IV Holiday Parties

Manistique Area – Manistique Tribal Center, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m.
Escanaba Area – Island Casino, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m.
To RSVP, please call Viola Neadow at (906) 341-6993

Unit V Holiday Parties*

Munising Area – Munising Tribal Center
Nov. 14, 5 p.m.
Dec. 19, 5 p.m.
To RSVP, please call (906) 387-2086 or (906) 451-4572

**The Marquette Area party has already been held.*

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 percent

of your wage for a specified training period.

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

Apply at the WIOA office at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., or call Brenda Cadreau at 635-4767 for more information.

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NCAI releases analysis on education about American Indians

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) recently released a new report summarizing the landscape of current efforts by states to bring high-quality educational content about Native peoples and communities into all kindergarten to 12th grade (K-12) classrooms across the United States. The report was completed in partnership with IllumiNative, the National Indian Education Association (NIEA), the National Education Association (NEA) and Wend Collective.

The report, *Becoming Visible: A Landscape Analysis of State Efforts to Provide Native American Education for All*, was released on Oct. 10 in conjunction with NIEA's annual convention and trade show in Minneapolis, Minn.

"NCAI works to advance the inherent sovereign rights of tribal nations and we know that tribal leaders and advocates must spend a huge amount of time educating policymakers and their staff about the sovereign rights of tribal nations and issues Native Americans face," said Kevin Allis, NCAI chief executive officer. "Our landscape analysis report provides information and tools to help address the lack of

quality and accurate education in the K-12 system about Native Americans."

The purpose of the *Becoming Visible* report was to determine the extent to which states require or provide support for Native American K-12 curricula for all public school students and to review the policies, laws and practices states currently use to authorize, provide or improve the delivery of their Native American K-12 curriculum. The report includes the following results:

- Almost 90 percent of states surveyed said they have current efforts underway to improve the quality of and access to Native American curriculum; and

- A majority of the states surveyed indicated that Native American education is included in their content standards, but far fewer states require Native American education curriculum to be taught in public schools;

"Reclaiming Native Truth found that the K-12 education system in its current form largely serves to perpetuate and institutionalize invisibility, stereotypes and misinformation about

Native peoples today that fuels misinformation and bias. This landscape analysis shows there is momentum across the majority of the country to improve the quality and access to Native American curricula," said Crystal Echo Hawk, executive director of IllumiNative. "This is consistent with findings that 72 percent of Americans support significant changes to K-12 education to ensure accurate Native history is taught in schools."

The *Becoming Visible* report is

View the report and other research and data resources from NCAI's Policy Research Center at <http://www.ncai.org/prc>.

intended to inform key stakeholders about the current state of Native American education for all students in K-12 schools and provides recommendations for catalyzing the implementation of meaningful Native American education policies, curricula and professional development.

"We thank NCAI for conducting this landscape analysis because the findings reveal that efforts are happening around the country to bring high qual-

ity educational content about Native Americans into all K-12 classrooms in the United States, yet much more work needs to be done," said Jodi Archambault, director of Indigenous Peoples Initiatives, Wend Collective. "We hope that tribal nations and education advocates will take these findings and tools and work in their state towards Native American education for all K-12 students."

NCAI's release of this report comes on the same day that the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community is announcing its launch of Understand Native Minnesota, a \$5 million, three-year strategic initiative and philanthropic campaign to improve the Native American narrative in Minnesota schools.

"This new research validates what Native leaders in Minnesota have increasingly come to realize – that our state needs to work harder to provide students and educators with modern, comprehensive education about Native Americans," said Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Secretary/Treasurer

Rebecca Crooks-Stratton. "This is a priority for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, and we are proud to be launching our own new strategic initiative and philanthropic campaign dedicated to improving the Native American narrative in Minnesota schools."

In order to raise awareness about the findings and galvanize action to advance Native American education for all K-12 students, the report includes a tool kit of resources for those working to advance state support and implementation of Native American education curricula. In addition, special breakout sessions took place on Oct. 10 at NIEA's annual convention and at the 2019 NCAI annual convention and marketplace in Albuquerque, N.M., on Oct. 22. These sessions provided information for tribal leaders, Native education specialists and other stakeholders to coordinate and effectively advocate for Native American education for all K-12 students in their respective states.

You can view the report and other research and data resources from NCAI's Policy Research Center at <http://www.ncai.org/prc>. Please direct any questions to NCAI Press at ncaipress@ncai.org.

Sault Tribe stops sales of e-cigarettes

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has enacted a law to prohibit use and possession of electronic cigarettes by adolescents, prohibit the sale of e-cigarettes and their use in certain locations.

The new law was put into effect due to health concerns and their appeal to teens.

"This Tribal Code change was developed by Legal and the Tribal Court with intent of protecting our children," Vice Chairman DJ Hoffman said. "It's



an excellent example of our board and staff working together in a positive manner."

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors approved the following resolution at its Oct. 15 meeting:

Amending Tribal Code Chapter 71: Criminal Offenses Limiting Electronic Cigarette

WHEREAS, tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes, causes numerous diseases and contain highly addictive nicotine; and

WHEREAS, adolescents are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of nicotine; and

WHEREAS, adolescents use of electronic cigarettes has risen according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug

Administration; and

WHEREAS, electronic cigarettes are being marketed in ways that appeal to adolescents; and

WHEREAS, the danger of electronic cigarettes to adults is not yet fully understood; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to limit the use and availability of electronic cigarettes on tribal lands for both adults and adolescents due to health concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Tribal Code Chapter 71: Criminal Offenses is

Prohibits teen use

amended as attached to prohibit use and possession of electronic cigarettes by adolescents, prohibit the sale of electronic cigarettes to any individual and to prohibit the use in certain locations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Administration is hereby directed to stop all sales of electronic cigarettes and related products.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Kewadin Casinos Gaming Authority is requested to stop all sales of electronic cigarettes and related paraphernalia.

Current addresses needed for some members

Sault Tribe Enrollment Department seeks updated addresses for the following tribal members. If you know anyone listed below, please let them know they need to update their address.

To update an address, please contact Tribal Enrollment at (800) 251-6597, email mehouse@saulltribe.net, write tribal registrar, Julie Salo, at PO Box 1628, Sault Ste Marie MI 49783, fax (906) 632-1648 or stop in at 2428 Shunk Road.

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Court of Claims rules Line 5 is constitutional

By JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Michigan Court of Claims Judge Michael Kelly ruled on Oct. 31 that the lame duck decision to allow Canadian company Enbridge to construct a Line 5 tunnel under the Mackinac Straits is constitutional. The deal came in the late days of the Snyder Administration, and newly elected Attorney General Dana Nessel ruled it unconstitutional March 2019. Enbridge sued and won.

Nessel and Governor Whitmer both said they would appeal the decision. “The state of Michigan

will not rely on a foreign corporation to protect and preserve our state’s most precious resource, its Great Lakes,” Nessel said in a statement.

Nessel filed the appeal Nov. 5.

In the same statement, the Michigan AG said Enbridge “seriously misrepresented its financial holdings when it made its deal with the Snyder Administration. In the event of a catastrophic oil spill, the people of the state of Michigan could be left holding the bag for more than a billion dollars in unfunded

liability.”

Nessel is citing a 120-page report, *An Analysis of the Enbridge Financial Assurances Offered to the State of Michigan*, prepared by American Risk Management Resources Network.

“The most chilling finding of the report specifically states that any ‘contribution of funds under an indemnity agreement made with a subsidiary would appear to be a purely voluntary endeavor for Enbridge, Inc.’” Nessel said.

Nessel has also filed a separate lawsuit to shutdown Line 5

based on the public trust doctrine and other claims. Filed in June, the case is pending in Ingham County Circuit Court.

Not everyone disagrees with the Court of Claims’ decision. According to the Associated Press, Lee Chatfield, northern Michigan’s state representative and state House Speaker tweeted, “This is great news for thousands of Michigan’s families and our statewide economy. With this ruling, people will have peace of mind that they are not going to be left out in the cold this winter

by political gamesmanship. We need these jobs. We need this tunnel. Let’s get it built.” Many labor groups agree.

But a number of other groups — Michigan tribes, environmental groups and business groups, among others — say that the possibility of a break in the 66-year-old Line 5 is too great to risk the Great Lakes. Such a spill would be a catastrophe, both environmentally and economically, and destroy the life ways of those who live and make a living on the Great Lakes.

Whitmer urged to shut down Line 5 during hazardous weather

Gov. Whitmer considering request as leaders cite winter hazards amid report that Enbridge could leave Michigan on hook for multi-billion dollar Great Lakes oil spill

FROM OWDM

As a new state-commissioned report raises the prospect that taxpayers would be on the financial hook for a massive Great Lakes oil spill, leading citizens and tribal groups today called on Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to take new, immediate steps to shut down Enbridge Line 5 in the Straits of Mackinac during dangerous fall and winter conditions.

Fourteen civic, environmental and tribal organizations, citing Coast Guard concerns about

Great Lakes oil spill response, said in a letter to Gov. Whitmer that she should secure Enbridge’s immediate commitment to halt the transport of oil through the Straits during ice-covered conditions or when waves exceed 3.3 feet or winds are in excess of 18 M.P.H. Failing that, the groups said the governor should use her legal authority to protect the Great Lakes.

“This fall we have already seen waves in the Great Lakes reach 14 feet and more on several occasions,” said Sean McBrearty, Oil & Water Don’t Mix campaign coordinator. “The U.S. Coast Guard’s top official has told Congress the agency is not ready for a major oil spill incident in the Great Lakes and officials have said the Coast Guard won’t even venture out to address an oil spill when waves are above three feet.

Once ice conditions take over in the straits, oil spill response becomes even more hazardous and unpredictable.”

Jacques LeBlanc Jr., who serves on the Bay Mills Indian Community’s conservation committee, said an oil spill during fall and winter conditions in the straits would destroy his livelihood as a commercial fisherman. “Fishing in Michigan’s lakes and rivers is not only a way of life, but a tradition of ours that goes back generations,” said LeBlanc. “During the winter months, the damage that a leak in Line 5 could cause is heightened, and would destroy both the commercial fishing industry and the lives of the many tribal fishermen that work to put food on their tables. Without the ability to clean a spill under ice, we will be left waiting to address a cleanup effort, allowing it to

continue damaging our state. It is a threat to our businesses and our way of life.”

Concerns about a Great Lakes oil spill were heightened this week with the release of a new state-commissioned financial analysis that said Enbridge’s promise of covering costs and damages from a Great Lakes oil spill are not legally binding.

With cleanup and damages from a major Line 5 spill estimated at up to \$45 billion, the report’s findings mean the state’s taxpayers could foot the bill for all or part of a major Line 5 pipeline rupture.

The Great Lakes Business Network, which has more than 130 members and originally formed in response to business concerns about the risk of an oil spill at the Straits, called for the shutdown of Line 5.

“We support Attorney General Nessel’s efforts to continue to fight for the protection of our livelihoods from Enbridge and its risky oil pipeline,” said Peter Laing, with Mawby Vineyards and Winery and Great Lakes Business Network Executive Committee member.

Groups signing the letter to Gov. Whitmer: Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority, Clean Water Action, For Love of Water, Great Lakes Business Network, League of Women Voters Michigan, Mackinac Straits Alliance, Michigan League of Conservation Voters, National Wildlife Federation, Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council, Oil & Water Don’t Mix, Sierra Club, Straits Area Concerned Citizens for Peace, Justice, and the Environment, TC350, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council.



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Anishinaabemowin 2019

Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.



Mshka'odin Giizis Frozen Moon

by Susan Askwith

Gsinaa gojiing.
N'biingech.
Giizhookinawen.

It's cold outside.
I am cold.
Dress warm!

Wegonesh **iidik** ge biiskamaa.
Biiskan g' **wiikwaan**.
Zigaakwan g' **biiskowaagan**.
Naapkawaagan
Mijikaawanak
Koobdoon g' **midaasan**
Tkoopdoon g' **makizinan**.
Bwezo **bagwan**
Miiknoot
Biitoo-gwiwinan
...gda biiskoo'waak.
Miinwaa

I wonder what I should wear.
Put on your **hat**.
Fasten your **coat**.
Scarf
Mittens or gloves
Pull up your **socks**
Tie up your **shoes**.
Sweatshirt
Pants
Underwear
...you should wear them
And

Our most ancient relatives...

Chickadees (weighing less than half an ounce) survive harsh winters with three strategies: a half-inch coat of insulating feathers, staying active and having a good memory concerning where they've stashed their food all over their territory.

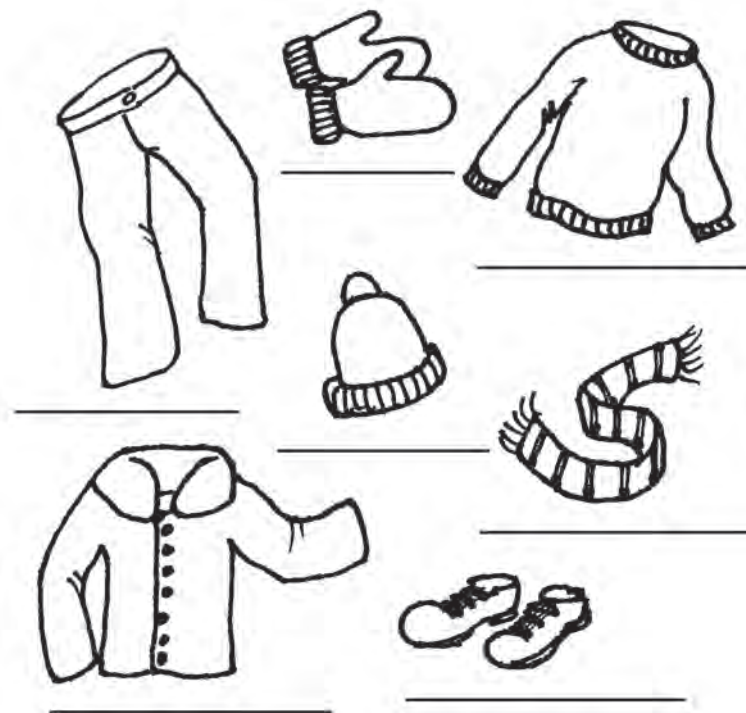
Some mammals hibernate, like bears who use up stores of fat in their big furry bodies — very slowly and with a modified metabolism. Others like foxes and mice use fur and fat, good stores of food or hunting and sometimes a shelter to make it through the cold.

Our amphibians with fragile skins and no decent fat, like frogs and salamanders, sleep the winter away with just mud and leaves and the chemistry of their bodies. No clothes at all. Yikes!

What do you call a bird in winter?

... A Brrrrrrrrrr-D

Label these in Anishinaabemowin. Why? It often helps stick the word in your mind.



Clever tidbits of Anishinaabemowin:

In the section above, notice:

** There is a "g" in four different sentences. You probably guessed it means "your."

** "Tie up" is pretty darn close to "Pull up." The only difference is the "T" at the beginning.

** "Biitoo" has the general meaning of "a layer." The word attached to it here is "gwiwinan," meaning "clothes."

!! Challenge !!

Use the words above to make four sentences of your own. Be ridiculous, funny, or sassy! Those are the things you will remember most!

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

G'da samendaagwaas! You're awesome!



Little chats — Bangii ganoozh!

Have a little conversation!

Wegonesh ezhiwebak gojiing?

What is happening outside?

Oonh, noo'oonch gwa gsinaa miinwaa noodin nangwa.

Oh, it's rather cold and windy today.

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
 - aa sounds like A in fall
 - o sounds like OO in book
 - oo sounds like O in grow
 - i sounds like I in fit
 - ii sounds like EE in feed
 - e sounds like E in fed
 - 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.

Batchewana First Nation, Sault Tribe explore wind energy distribution partnership

By RICK SMITH

Officials from Batchewana First Nation (BFN) of Ontario, Canada, and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians are looking at possibilities of collaborating on initiatives to provide Sault Tribe members with cheaper long-term electricity. Briefly, BFN wind farms would generate electricity made available to Sault Tribe members by an electrical distribution company owned and controlled by Sault Tribe.

According to an executive summary, the tribes met to discuss the Batchewana First Nation-Sault Tribe Energy Initiatives back on July 8 at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie. A BFN team led by Chief Dean Sayers explained infrastructure they currently have in place for generating energy from wind-powered generators that can produce 100 megawatts of electricity and options to transfer energy across the border for distribution in the United States.

Essentially, BFN would be the power utility company for energy projects under the proposed collaboration while Sault Tribe would be the stateside distribution company.

Sault Tribe Board Chairperson Aaron Payment and his team delved into their regional challenge of increasing expenses for energy emphasizing the bulk of the cost is linked to reliability, infrastructure, transmission systems and utility companies. The

team also conveyed the tribe's combined energy needs places Sault Tribe in the top five users of the eastern Upper Peninsula.

A brainstorming session ensued over collaboration options for both tribes taking into consideration the surplus energy generated by BFN and Sault Tribe's energy needs and costs. At that time, both tribes agreed to continue discussions to search for mutually beneficial opportunities on those matters and to explore other economic development opportunities in more detail.

Officials from both tribes met again on Oct. 9 to tour one of the BFN wind farms and continue presentations and discussions. Key to the initiative is the ability of BFN to "deliver a price effective solution that would provide long-term rate stability while ensuring that the source of the electricity is guaranteed for an extended contract period to be agreed upon by the parties," according to an overview.

BFN says it can develop a power utility company and the Sault Tribe distribution company would have to develop new infrastructure supported by several Canadian and international agencies. BFN says there is support for the development as a nation-to-nation function as well as a market regulated activity.

Sayers said, "It's so nice that we talk like this. There is so much more that we can do. We can push the envelope.



PHOTO BY RICK SMITH

TOURING BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION (BFN) WIND FARM. Officials from the Batchewana First Nation guided Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians officials on a tour of one of the BFN wind farms. The tribes are exploring a joint energy initiative that might be mutually beneficial. Sault Tribe Board of Directors Chairperson Aaron Payment, Sault Tribe Board Unit I Directors DJ Hoffman, Mike McKerchie and Kim Gravelle; Legislative Director Mike McCoy, Economic Development Director Joel Schultz and Planning and Development Director Larry Jacques met with BFN officials on Oct. 9 for talks and a tour of one of the BFN wind farms. Seen here, officials from both Sault Tribe and Batchewana First Nation at the wind farm site.

Payment expressed a wary enthusiasm for the proposals, "It's very exciting, but my excitement is tempered with caution," he said.

According to a presentation at

the latest meeting, BFN has taken preliminary steps for approvals of a transmission line to Michigan. BFN officials further suggested time lines for further preliminary functions such as establishing

agreements, deadlines, terms, budgets, plans and funding of joint functions before the end of March 2020.

Natural gas, DTE coming to Odenaang Housing site

By HEATHER SMITH,
SAULT TRIBE HOUSING
AUTHORITY

Sault Tribe Housing Authority is excited to announce it has contracted with DTE to bring natural gas into the Odenaang Housing site, so that in 2020 residents can make the switch from propane they currently use to natural gas. This could potentially mean a savings of 50

percent on their utility bill.

Some people may have noticed activity this fall on Seymour Road in Sault Ste. Marie. DTE is expanding their natural gas service and running a main gas line down Seymour and into the Odenaang housing site.

The Roese Construction trucks will be seen through November as they finish running the main gas line, individual gas lines and

placing meters at existing properties in the subdivision. There will also be a main line run to the undeveloped areas of Odenaang making gas easy to access for future development.

The next steps will involve Sault Tribe Housing Authority taking an inventory of current appliances at each residence and the procurement phase to secure a company to make the individual

conversions. This will involve a simple conversion of the furnaces and ranges but may necessitate new water heaters where needed. In order to not disrupt service during the winter, these changes

are slated for late spring/early summer 2020.

Sault Tribe Housing Authority will continue communication with the residents as progress continues.

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Some of the equipment DTE and Roese Construction Company are using to bring natural gas into the Odenaang Housing site in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The companies are installing the main lines along Seymour just south of the Sault city limits into the Odenaang Housing area.

Tribe opposes ferrochrome plant, from page 1

From "No Ferrochrome," pg. 1
Batchewana First nation signed a water protection treaty to unite into a stronger voice to help the St. Marys River, reaffirming Anishinaabeg commitment and responsibility as protectors of the waters for the seventh generation and beyond.

According to Canadian Mining company Noront Resources Ltd., the Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Economic Development Corporation reached out to Noront in Fall 2016 "to explore opportunities for business development in Sault Ste. Marie related to the Ring of Fire development." Ring of Fire refers to chromite mining in the James Bay Lowlands region northeast of Thunder Bay in northern Ontario.

According to a May 2019 press release from Sault, Ontario, the city was selected by Noront as the host location for a ferrochrome production facility. Noront liked the "competitive advantages" such as "location, logistics, industrial workforce, infrastructure and the community," plus partnering with Algoma Steel.

Hancock accepts EUPISD social worker post

BY RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe member Kali Hancock, LLMSW, recently accepted the position of school social worker for the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District (EUPISD) in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

"Growing up, I always knew I wanted to work with children," said Hancock. "I have always been interested in the teaching and psychology fields. I found social work to be the best of both worlds. I chose to get my school social work certification because I love working with children and aspire to be an advocate for them."

Hancock earned bachelor's degrees for double majors in sociology/anthropology and psychology from Olivet College. She took her graduate studies at Western Michigan University, earning a master's of clinical social work with a school social work specialization last May.

In her capacity with the EUPISD, Hancock works with youngsters in special education at Sault Area High School, Sault Area Middle School and elementary schools.

"I truly believe that each child deserves a chance to be successful in not only school but life," said Hancock. "Learning from students and their experiences have shaped me into the passionate school social worker I am today. My hope is to provide students, their families, teachers, and other staff members with proper resources geared to help students overcome social, emotional, behavior, and academic barriers."

In her free time, Hancock

The release said that "key steps included environmental and feasibility assessments along with community consultation and engagement," and that construction was expected to begin in mid-2025.

In the release, Mayor Christian Provenzano thanked his project team and others, including Chief Sayers of Batchewana First Nation and Chief Syrette of Garden River First Nation.

Batchewana First Nation responded in its own release that discussions had been initiated in January 2018 with the Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Corporation as an introduction to the project. After that meeting, according to the release, BFN leadership issued a letter to the city "detailing the First Nations inherent jurisdiction to the territory (outlined for the proposed project) and specified the necessary steps forward to secure consent for the project. Those steps included adhering to BFN's permitting processes and ensuring that economic gain would not supersede the integrity of the environment and its pro-

tections."

There were no further discussions following the initial meeting and there was no response to the letter issued from BFN leadership, according to the release.

In September, a group of 22 concerned physicians in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., sent a letter to Sootoday.com outlining their "strong objection" to the proposed plant, citing "highly toxic by-products of the proposed facility. Such by-products include chromium 6, which is a well studied and proven carcinogen and genetic toxin, prone to contaminating air, water, and soil long after industrial operations have ceased. Such facilities are strongly associated with increased cancer rates, mortality and poor health." The letter said that the Sault already suffers from "excessively high cancer rates" and that a similar facility in Finland has "hugely contaminated the surrounding area."

The physicians were concerned that the plant would be in the city on the shores of the St. Marys River "with the potential to expose the 70,000 people in our city and the 30 million around the Great Lakes to its toxic by-products."

On Sept. 29, a public forum of concerned citizens was held at the Water Tower Inn in Sault, Ontario to talk about the risk to health and the environment versus job creation.

Noront held its first open house Oct. 23 to hear community concerns. Before the open house, Noront and the Sault Ste. Marie EDC issued a joint

statement, saying, in part, "The land and engineering agreements reached by Noront with Algoma Steel and Hatch Engineering that were announced to the public on Sept. 20, 2019, do not supersede community consultation, First Nation consultation or the environmental assessment processes.

The agreements do not mean the facility will be built, and should not be interpreted as a final determination."

A petition on Change.org, "Say NO to ferrochrome production in Sault Ste. Marie," had 11,000 signatures by the end of October.

Resolution No 2019-279 Opposing Ferrochrome Processing Facility

WHEREAS, the "Ring of Fire" mining proposals for chromite ore in northern Ontario are controversial and have potential to severely disrupt northern First Nations communities including Cree and Ojibwe relatives; and

WHEREAS, development of this chromite deposit would require a smelter operation to refine chromite ore and produce ferrochrome for export to Asian markets; and

WHEREAS, Noront Resources, a Canadian mining company, wishes to create a ferrochrome processing facility (smelter) in northern Ontario, and after considering four cities has come to an agreement to develop a smelter operation on lands currently occupied by Algoma Steel in the Canadian Sault; and

WHEREAS, ferrochrome processing has a track record of environmental pollution affecting people, in all places globally where this has taken place, so

that most such developments in recent decades have been located far from population centers; and

WHEREAS, one of the significant pollutants emitted by ferrochrome processing plants is Chromium VI, also known as Hexavalent Chromium, a known human carcinogen in minute exposures; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has a stewardship role over the land, air, water and all the natural resources within its reservation boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has a Treaty responsibility for the preservation, protection and enhancement of the waters of the St. Mary's ecosystem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians opposes the building of a ferrochrome processing facility anywhere near the Great Lakes or our Traditional homelands.



Kali Hancock

enjoys family life, crafting, the outdoors and playing basketball. She also notes she has an older sister who is a pharmacist at the St. Ignace tribal pharmacy who recently received Employee of the Month honors. Further, she has a younger sister who is currently in her first year of nursing school at Mid Michigan and hopes to work for the tribe when she becomes a nurse.

According to the EUPISD, school social workers help students to overcome barriers to academic success, improve interpersonal relationships, cope with difficult situations, develop self-esteem and self-discipline, and to learn other age appropriate skills. Further, they fill a vital role in a variety of functions in special education services as well as help teachers with a variety of support services for success in special education.

The EUPISD, according to its web site, coordinates partnerships between area school districts and professionals as well as advocate for them with the state to enhance education in the area.



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Michigan moves toward Indigenous Peoples Day

By Rick Smith

As Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed a proclamation recognizing Oct. 14, 2019, as Indigenous Peoples Day, two Democrats in the Michigan Senate introduced separate bills to permanently replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day.

The certificate of proclamation signed by Whitmer recognizes the idea of Indigenous Peoples Day first surfaced officially in 1977 by a delegation of Native nations at the International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas sponsored by the United Nations. The proclamation also notes 120 indigenous nations at the first Continental

Conference on 500 Years of Indian Resistance unanimously passed a resolution in 1990 to change Columbus Day into a time to share truths about the indigenous cultures before European colonialism in what is now known as the Americas and their survival during and after colonization.

On a national level, the proclamation notes the United States endorsed the United Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on Dec. 16, 2010, including Article 15 stating, “Indigenous peoples have the right to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories and aspirations, which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public trans-

formation.” It adds, “States should take effective measures, in consultation and cooperation with the indigenous peoples concerned, to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination and to promote tolerance, understanding and good relations among the indigenous peoples and all other segments of society.”

The state recognizes three major indigenous groups in the state — the Chippewa (or Ojibwe), Ottawa and Potawatomi — in the proclamation. In addition, it observes the tribal council of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians passed a resolution officially recognizing Indigenous Peoples Day on the second Monday of October, a time for reflection of current struggles and celebration of indigenous contributions to society.

Meanwhile, in the state Senate, senators Jeff Irwin, a Sault Tribe member, and Mallory McMorrow introduced legislation to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day. Irwin’s bill, S.568, calls for the transition while McMorrow’s bill, S.569, would also enact the change but adds making November’s Election Day an official state holiday. Both bills are in the hands of the Senate Government Operations Committee.

“It’s time that we recognize and celebrate the real history of the tribes in our state,” Irwin said in an official announcement. “While Columbus Day was created with the positive intention of recognizing the contributions of Italian Americans and our tradi-



Sault Tribe member and State Senator Jeff Irwin with his wife, Kathryn; daughter, Sylvia; and son, Mackinac. Irwin and others are pushing legislation to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day.

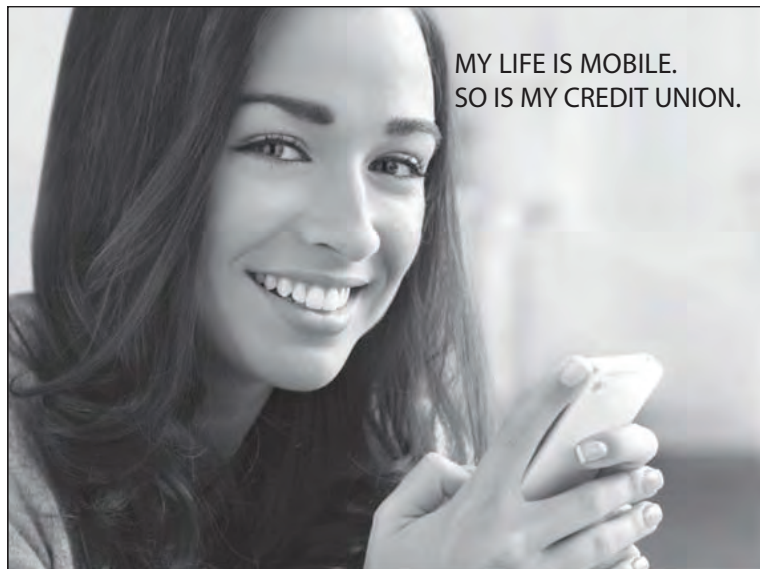
tion of immigration, Christopher Columbus is a poor representation of these values. Columbus never set foot on American soil and the real history of him reveals a rapist, murderer and a scoundrel.”

If the bills become law, Michigan would join a growing number of states and cities opting to celebrate Indigenous peoples either in place of or in addition to Columbus Day.

Senator Irwin grew up in Sault Ste. Marie but now lives in Ann Arbor with his family. He represents Michigan’s 18th Senate District, which takes in Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor Township, Augusta Township, Milan City, Pittsfield Township, Salem Township, Saline City, Superior Township, York Township, Ypsilanti City and Ypsilanti Township.



HEALTH EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH — Meet Sharon Hutchinson (nee King), the elder worker at the Manistique tribal clinic. Since joining the team, she has gone above and beyond to assist all staff. Hutchinson shares her quarterly bulletin board project; an example is shown above. Community and staff are learning more about health in regards to Anishinaabe culture thanks to Sharon. Join us in thanking her for being a great addition to the Sault Tribe Health team.



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

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

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTIONS

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

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

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

Oneida Nation member teaches traditional games

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Paul Ninham turned his passion into a business this year, teaching what he loves best — doing demonstrations, giving presentations and playing traditional Native American games.

Ninham is of the Wolf Clan and a member of the Oneida Nation in Wisconsin. With an extensive background in Native game play, he was in high demand this summer traveling over 7,000 miles between tribal communities in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Since June, he has taught Native traditional games three times at the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, twice at the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican, attended two Menominee Nation culture camps, taught at the Menominee Boys and Girls Club, Bay Mills Indian Community, Ho-Chunk Nation, Oneida Nation, Upper Sioux Community, Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay multi-cultural diversity camp, Indian Community School in Milwaukee, Native Men's Summit at the Northwest Indian Community Development Center in Bemidji, Minn., and the Winona Area Public School System in Minnesota. In between teaching games and training prospective instructors, Ninham said he is committed to researching traditional games in Indian Country, as well as Indigenous games of the world.

Calling them *"The Original Games,"* Ninham said they are a gift from the Creator to benefit the people physically, mentally and spiritually. And often during game-play, Ninham said the Creator is called upon to watch for His enjoyment. Some of the games he teaches include chunky, Navajo shiny, Eskimo tug-of-war, Iroquois longball, Inuit games, double ball and traditional lacrosse.

Ninham's goal is to teach and share the games so they get passed on and used by future generations of Native youth, and used by communities to enhance educational, cultural, recreational and youth development programs.

During his presentations, he teaches the origin, history and purpose of the games — as they have been taught to him. Students experience culture as they participate in the six components of physical fitness — strength, speed, balance, power, coordination and agility. Ninham said when time allows he instructs students using guided imagery and participants are encouraged to share their feelings and emotions in a group format.

"It is time for me to share my knowledge of Native traditional games and to assist with our youth's development, as productive citizens of their respective nations. My fire was fanned three years ago when I led a team of Native traditional games instructors that toured Indian Country in Minnesota, a life-changing event. Over 11 consecutive days, we taught traditional games at Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, Minneapolis South High School, Granite Falls Middle School, Upper Sioux Indian Community, Onamia High School at the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Na Ta Wash Tribal School at the White Earth Band of Ojibwe, Red Lake Middle School, St. Mary's Mission School, and Ponemah Elementary School — three schools on the Red Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation and ending with demonstrations at Bemidji State University," he said.

His brother Dan Ninham, a middle school physical education teacher at Bemidji Middle School, in Bemidji, Minn., and wife Jill Martus-Ninham, also travel and teach with him on occasion.



Paul Ninham teaching students at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe Teaching Lodge.



Menominee Nation students learning to play chunky.

Ninham said, "I didn't get into traditional Native games and didn't start putting things together in regards to culture and physical activity until 1989. I was the recreation director at the Institute of American Indian Arts and that is where it started. We had about 250 students who were housed on the College of Santa Fe campus. There were about 65 different tribes represented. I recall looking out of my office one day and I saw two Mohawk students with their traditional Iroquois lacrosse sticks and they were tossing the ball back and forth. I didn't have

those teachings, Lacrosse wasn't played on the reservation when I was growing up.

"I started doing some research on Native games and went and chatted with them and they showed me how to pass, catch, scoop and cradle the ball. We started getting other Native folks and started playing games. Right around that time there was a student who was Yupik from Alaska, and he had some traditional Native Alaskan game equipment and offered to teach me how to play and make them. He showed me about 40 different games."

Ninham graduated from Arizona State University in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in physical education; earned his master's of tribal administration and governance from the University of Minnesota-Duluth in May of 2018 and since then has continued to work in Native youth development.

Jobs in physical education, parks and recreation management, teaching Native traditional games and nurturing emerging tribal leaders has allowed Ninham to "live, work and play" in Durango, Colo., Santa Fe, N.M., Albuquerque, N.M., Tempe, Ariz., and on the Oneida Reservation.

In August 2014, after 12 years of serving his community and nation on the local, state, federal and international levels, he completed his duties and responsibilities as an elected tribal councilman for the Oneida Nation.

"Serving my nation as an elected councilman, teaching physical education at the Indian Community School in Milwaukee, and teaching Native traditional games in educational and cultural settings are all experiences that will resonate with me throughout the remainder of my career," he said.

"I have taught the original games to physical education teachers for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction in Madison, municipal recreation departments, tribal schools, public schools, private schools, Indian Summer Fest in Milwaukee, Boys and Girls Clubs of America and many tribal communities. The games are intended for anyone to enjoy, as I have experience teaching the games to multi-ethnic and diverse populations," he said.

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LSSU unveils statue dedicated to Dr. Madan Saluja

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Lake Superior State University's Lukenda School of Business professor Dr. Madan Saluja was honored at a ceremony on Oct. 12 on LSSU's campus during the unveiling of a statue commissioned by former students.

Dr. Saluja was honored not only for his 50-year teaching career at LSSU but also for his dedication and commitment to his students and LSSU. Family, friends, current and former students, along with members of the community gathered for the unveiling ceremony to celebrate a truly extraordinary man who has had such a significant impact on so many people.

Dr. Saluja holds a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, a master's and bachelor's degree from Macalester College, and a bachelor's degree from the University of Delhi. He joined the faculty at LSSU in 1969 as an assistant professor of business and economics. His passion, knowledge, experience, and ability to inspire students, lead to his promotion of full professor in 1981.

Dr. Saluja is known for his commitment to equipping students for success and his dedication to quality and rigor. His legacy is represented by the thousands of students whom he has positively impacted through their education, lives, and careers.

Throughout his teaching career, Dr. Saluja has been a champion for student scholarships and was instrumental in establishing the School of Business/Lambda Scholarship. He helped to raise more than \$225,000 to support the endowment.

"From the viewpoint of fellow faculty members, one of Dr. Saluja's most notable characteristics is his commitment to quality. As we are all well aware, Dr. Saluja holds students to rigorous academic standards," stated Mindy McCreedy, Chair of the Lukenda School of Business. "He's been recognized for his extraordinary contributions to higher education as a result." Well known for bringing out the best in his students, Dr. Saluja received the Distinguished Teaching and Outstanding Scholarship Award from the

Michigan Association of Governing Boards of State Universities, and the State of Michigan Teaching Excellence Award, in 1991. He also earned LSSU's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1995.

"Our faculty has always sought out ways to not only teach an academic subject but to invest in students at a deeper level," stated Dr. Rodney Hanley, LSSU President. "Our students have a network of experienced mentors they can call upon throughout any point in their lives for advice. These types of relationships continue to be one of the most valuable assets to our graduates, and we are proud to recognize Dr. Saluja's legacy with this statue."

The statue is a gift to future generations of Lakers honoring Dr. Saluja's legacy funded by the very alumni who have benefitted from his depth of knowledge, friendly smile, and commitment to bringing out the best in his students.

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Photo courtesy LSSU

Dr. Madan Saluja stands next to a statue created in his likeness that was funded by a group of his loyal alumni in recognition of his 50 years of outstanding service to Lake Superior State University and his dedication to student success. The statue is a gift to future generations of Lakers honoring Saluja's legacy. The dedication and unveiling ceremony were conducted Oct. 12 during LSSU's Great Lake State Weekend. Well known for bringing out the best in his students, Saluja received the Distinguished Teaching and Outstanding Scholarship Award from the Michigan Association of Governing Boards of State Universities and the state of Michigan Teaching Excellence Award in 1991. He also earned LSSU's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1995. Throughout his teaching career, Saluja has been a champion for student scholarships. He was instrumental in establishing the School of Business/Lambda Scholarship and has helped raise more than \$225,000 to support the endowment. Saluja imparts not only a wealth of business knowledge but also conveys bits of wisdom and principle that have been accumulated for over half a century.

Manistique kids enjoy Table or Treat fun

BY KELLI BEAUDRY,
Oct. 22, was the ninth annual Table or Treat event in Manistique, Mich., hosted this year by St. Francis de Sales School. The event was a collaboration with Sault Tribe prevention specialist Kelli Beaudry; Jennifer Levins, coordinator for Communities That Care Coalition in Schoolcraft County; and the DSISD Great Start parent liaison, Cheryl Demers. This event provides a safe environment for trick or treaters to enjoy healthy treats or alternatives provided by the 22 different organizations that hosted tables with a variety of treats, tricks and candy for everyone.

Sault Tribe Prevention presented the family tool kit with the help of different organizations hosting specific stations highlighted from the booklet. Sault Tribe Prevention provided

the tool kit booklet, gratitude jars by Schoolcraft County Collaborative and activity sheets by Sault Tribe ARC, Michigan State Police and Tri-County Safe Harbor.

The family tool kit is presented to families and communities to help strengthen communication in the family unit.

This event wouldn't have been a success for 115 families and 200 youth without the help of the following people and organizations: Sault Tribe Housing Authority, Jennifer Levins and Cheryl Demers, St. Francis de Sales Principal Don Erickson and janitor Rich Parker, all the departments of the Manistique Tribal Health Center, Viola Neadow, Michigan State Police, Sault Tribe ARC, Tri-County Safe Harbor and Schoolcraft County Communities That Care Coalition.

Housing Halloween festivities

BY HEATHER SMITH, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST, SAULT TRIBE HOUSING

Sault Tribe Housing Authority was thrilled to host the Kinross Head start, located at 4730 Osborn Place in Kinross, for a Halloween visit. Tracey Davis brought her all-day class to tour our haunted halls and receive (non-edible) treats from team members. A total of 16 4-year-olds along with their teacher and parents visited, in costume, the morning of Halloween.

In preparation of this visit, team members participated in a decoration throw down between sides of the Kincheloe Housing office with each side attempting to outdo the other.



Sault Tribe Housing Authority hosted Kinross Head start for a Halloween visit. Housing team members dressed up for the occasion, and also participated in a decoration contest between sides of the Kincheloe Housing office, with each side attempting to outdo the other.

Many of the Housing team were dressed up for the occasion, which included Cat-in-the-Hat, Wizard of Oz, Potato Head, witches and John Deere themed costumes. Luckily, staff member

Annie Thibert had a large collection of costumes to select from, thus encouraging staff dress up. It was a little difficult to tell who had a better time: the children or Housing staff.



Michigan State Police troopers



Behavioral Health prevention specialist Kelli Beaudry



ARC Case Manager Crystal Martin



Sgt. Tim Russell, and sixth grader Cheyenne Williams.



Jen Gagnon, with Safe Harbor

SAULT TRIBE

2019 Children's Christmas Parties

<p>Unit 1 Sault Ste. Marie: Big Bear Arena (Ages 0-12) Dec. 14, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Contact- Jill Lawson (906) 253-1321</p> <p>Kinross Kinross Recreation Center Dec. 7, 1 p.m. Contact- DeeDee Frasure (906) 495-5350</p> <p>Unit 2 DeTour DeTour Township Hall Dec. 8, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Contact- Lisa Burnside (906) 440-7666</p> <p>Hessel Hessel Tribal Center Dec. 14, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Contact- Lisa Burnside (906) 440-7666</p> <p>Newberry/Naubinway/Engadine LMAS District Health Department Newberry Dec. 6, 6 – 8 p.m. Contact- Lois Bryant (906) 293-8181, ext. 73700</p> <p>Unit 3 St. Ignace Kewadin Shores Event Center Dec. 15, 1 – 4 p.m. Contact- Keith Massaway, (906) 322-3802, or Bridgette Sorenson, (906) 430-0536</p>	<p>Unit 4 Escanaba Escanaba Civic Center, 225 N. 21st. Dec. 7, 12 – 3 p.m. (parents must pre-register children) Contact- Darcy Morrow, (906) 298-1888 or Denise Chase, (906) 203-2471 All kids must be accompanied by an adult.</p> <p>Manistique Manistique Tribal Center Dec. 8, 12 – 3 p.m. (parents must pre-register children) Contacts- Darcy Morrow (906) 298-1888 or Denise Chase (906) 203-2471 All kids must be accompanied by an adult.</p> <p>Unit 4 & Unit 5 Marquette NMU – University Center Dec. 21, 12 – 3 p.m. (ages 0-12) (parents must pre-register children) Contact- Boyd Snyder, (906) 360-9572 or Kevin Tillison, (906) 235-0959</p> <p>Unit 5 Munising Munising Tribal Center Dec. 7, 1 – 3 p.m. Contact- Jen Myers (906) 450-5246</p>
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Annual domestic violence awareness walk held on tribe's reservation with police escort



Sault Tribe Health Center employee Kim Menard enjoying the walk with her beautiful dog.



Diane Franklin was happy to participate.



Supporting the cause and enjoying a nice afternoon walk.



Ashley Gravelle, a community educator with the tribe's Advocacy Resource Center.



The walk began and ended at Big Bear Arena and Recreation Center on the Sault Tribe reservation in Sault Ste. Marie. Games, informational tables, ice-skating and pizza were all available after the walk.



Walkers carry a sign proclaiming "Every Victim Has A Voice."

"Violence needs to stop. All of us, men and women, need to speak up and teach our children that violence is never the solution. Together we can all make a difference. The best place to start is with yourself."

— Will Young

Photos by Brenda Austin

The 2019 Violence is Not Traditional awareness walk was held Oct. 14. The first 300 participants were given free T-shirts. The walk was sponsored by the Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center and the Diane Pepler Resource Center. Walkers were escorted by Sault Tribe Law Enforcement.



Danny Tadgerson with his grandchildren Jaxson and Aubree.



Braxton Kagarise, 2, with mother Caroline Neal (right) and aunt Sarah Payment (left). Below, walkers enjoying the chilly fall afternoon.



Colton Patzwald, 10, aunt Janessa Patzwald and mom Becky Patzwald, and Betsy Huggett (right) handing out t-shirts.



Above, walkers and, below, more walkers!



Above, Soo Eagles players showing their support. Below, Grouping up!



Almost there! On their way back to Big Bear.



Soo Eagles team members showing their support.



Michael McKerchie, Unit 1 board representative, with his wife Christina and son, Lucas, 10.

Scare at the Bear Halloween Party and Spooky Skate



It's the Spooky Skate Welcome Wagon greeting skaters as they entered the eerie setting of the Olympic rink. From left, Diane Maleport, Destiny McKechnie and Dalton Graham.

BY RICK SMITH

Staff and others associated with Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities, Bahweting Anishinaabek Tribal Youth Council and the Big Bear Arena in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., hosted the Scare at the Bear Family Halloween Party and Spooky Skate on Oct. 29.

Entering the darkened Big Bear Olympic rink, comers found the facility hauntingly decorated and received welcome from

ghoulish figures in waiting. In the facility's basketball court, youngsters enjoyed bounce houses, games, crafts, candy and a costume contest.

The Wolfshager Hexenbrut Dancing Witches of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., brought a mysterious yet cheerful assemblage with delightful performances. A video of a portion of one of their performances is on Facebook.

Sault Tribe Behavioral Health posted an outreach table on

substance abuse prevention and treatment in the Big Bear lobby. Chippewa County Communities That Care stationed another table nearby to promote, distribute information and recruit for the organization. Along with their essential offerings, folks could also get freebies such as tote bags and T-shirts.

One could easily enjoy the function either by participating in all the activities or observing the action.



Winnie the Pooh and Eeyore, Amanda and Jason Shumbarger.



These nine ladies of the Wolfshager Hexenbrut Dancing Witches of Sault Ste. Marie enchanted young and old with their music and moves. Founder and Witch Supreme Kandy Radtke, says the group has 25 members.



Sault Tribe Behavioral Health prevention specialist Amanda Frazier as a jack o'lantern with some helpful and healthful information.



One of the witches dancing and sharing good spirits during a performance.



Kandy Radtke, founder of the Sault Ste. Marie coven of the Wolfshager Hexenbrut Dancing Witches.



Clara James, coordinator for Chippewa County Communities That Care, distributed information about getting involved in helping others through the organization. She also handed out free tote bags and T-shirts.



A contestant takes to the stage during the children's costume contest. Winners were Braxton the Pumpkin, cutest; Joseph the Clown, scariest; and Breigh the Deviled Egg, best overall.



Ally Etcher and mom Katie Moran were among the many enjoying themselves at the party.



Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities volunteers (seated from left) Sara Weber, Rebecca Leask and Brittney Fox, help with children's games and crafts.

Photos by Rick Smith

Students thankful for receiving tribal scholarships

Dear Sault Tribe Elders,
Thank you so much for offering me the great honor of the Elders Advisory Scholarship. This aid will help me greatly in continuing my studies at the University of Michigan.

I am a freshman in the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan. On campus, I conduct research in the field of soil science and am a member of the Michigan Men's Rowing Team. I plan to major in environmental engineering with a focus in sustainability.

Again, thank you so much for



Julien Malherbe

this fantastic award.

Julien Malherbe
College of Engineering
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Hello,

My name is Lillian Skaggs. I am 19 years old and I am from Menominee, Mich. I graduated from Menominee High School with the class of 2019 this year. I am a CNA at Atrium Post Acute Care and I have been working there for a year now. Now I am attending Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. I am going



Lillian Skaggs

to school to get my nursing degree, and then, down the road, I plan on getting my Bachelor of Science in nursing.

My main goal is to become a surgical nurse and then get certified to become a sexual assault nurse examiner. From a young age, I have always been interested in the health care field because both of my parents are in the health care field and have been working in this field for many years now.

I would like to thank the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians for awarding me this scholarship.

JKL student and young farmer, Molly Escherich, speaks as part of Anishinaabek Agricultural panel

SUBMITTED BY KAT JACQUES, MSU EXTENSION'S FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES EXTENSION PROGRAM

Sault Tribe member, JKL Bahweting student and young farmer Molly Escherich spoke as part of an Anishinaabek agriculture panel on Oct. 29.

The panel was part of

Michigan State University's annual fall extension conference. MSU Extension staff attended the panel to learn more about various tribal farms, agriculture and food system projects.

Escherich spent much of her summer break growing zucchini, green beans and other good food as part of Mukwa Ridge Farm and Escherich's Trading Post. She sells the produce she grows at the Bay Mills Farmers Market. This summer, Escherich received a mini-grant through EUP Regional Planning and MSU Extension that helped expand her sales to new venues including selling fresh produce at the Bay Mills, Sault, Sugar Island and Hessel powwows where she was also a jingle dress dancer. She also sold her produce at her school JKL Bahweting's craft show. As a market vendor at Bay Mills, she is able to accept WIC market vouchers, SNAP/Bridge card market vouchers, Senior Project Fresh and Bay Mills market vouchers.

Tina Frankenberger and Joe VanAlstine joined Escherich on the panel. Frankenberger is a tribal councilor and the secretary for Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and recently helped start an agriculture department for her tribe. VanAlstine manages the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation (FDPIR) for Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa

Right, Sault Tribe member, JKL Bahweting student and young farmer Molly Escherich spoke as part of an Anishinaabek agriculture panel on Oct. 29. Escherich spent much of her summer break growing zucchini, green beans and other good food as part of Mukwa Ridge Farm and Escherich's Trading Post.

Indians. He is also the regional president of the FDPIR association and chairs the board for Ziibimijwang, Inc.

"For our team to grow and become better partners to tribes and tribal farmers we need to first be active learners," Kat Jacques with MSU Extension's Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program, said. "Our MSU Extension team is so grateful to the Anishinaabek agriculture panelists and other tribal partners who facilitated training sessions as part of our annual staff meeting."

Escherich said, "My favorite part about growing veggies is that I know where it came from and we don't use pesticides at all. When I sell the veggies at the market, I get to keep all the money to buy stuff that I want. I just earned enough money to buy my first puppy!"

To learn more about Escherich's family farm visit Mukwa Ridge Farm on Facebook."



Mikki Messer honored



Sault Tribe Early Childhood Programs Employee of the Month is Head Start cook Mikki Messer. She has been the Head Start cook for 30 years! The program is proud to honor her for her dedication and commitment.



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Local third-grader raises money for Hospice

RUDYARD – “U.P. POWER.” That familiar and simplistic chant is usually heard when Upper Peninsula rivals join forces to support an Upper Peninsula team taking on a downstate opponent. During the past few weeks, one ambitious 8-year-old and two communities channeled “U.P. Power” to help Hospice of the EUP.

Rudyard third-grader Kallee McKee set up a lemonade stand at the end of the driveway and generated attention on social media. The Rudyard and Brimley football communities have since joined her cause, and she is two-thirds of the way toward reaching her goal of raising \$1,000 for hospice.

“Hospice helps other people when they need help,” said the proud youngster, whose two great grandparents benefited from hospice services.

McKee’s first lemonade stand made \$100. Hugh Clarke,

who is Brimley’s director of athletics, invited Kallee to set up her lemonade stand during the Brimley-Rudyard football game on Sept. 20. Rudyard’s director of athletics, John Krentz, offered her a chance to do the same two weeks later at her home field.

“My daughter has a big heart,” said Tom McKee, who is a former Brimley football coach. “She had a great-grandfather in hospice downstate and a great-grandmother in hospice up here. She was asking questions to my wife and my wife’s sister, and they explained what hospice did. She approached us that she wanted to do the lemonade stand and raise money for hospice. We said we would set her up at the end of the driveway and see what happens.”

“It is very important to Brimley Area Schools and the Brimley Athletic Department that we give back to the community that gives so much



Photo courtesy of MaryJo Duvall
Rudyard third-grader Kallee McKee

to us,” Clarke said. “When Kallee’s father called and explained the cause this young lady was working to help out, it was an easy yes. If you have ever met the McKees, you know that their whole family works hard to support all of the surrounding communities. Kallee

is carrying on that tradition. At the game, she did very well with her lemonade stand. The lemonade was lemonade, the cause is extremely important, but it was Kallee who was the star of the night. Her personality and her passion for the cause shined bright all night.”

Kallee raised \$340 with the Brimley stand and \$300 at Rudyard, but it should be noted that temperatures were a balmy 70 degrees at Brimley and 40 degrees cooler at Rudyard.

“She’s hoping to do one this winter during basketball,” Tom McKee said. “She’s got the green light to do it. For the booster clubs to allow her to do this is something. They’re all competing for the same dollars.”

Kallee’s friends Emily, Marie, Hayden and Hailey, and brother Tommy also helped. Tommy, who has autism, pushed lemonade sales throughout the Rudyard stadium and made

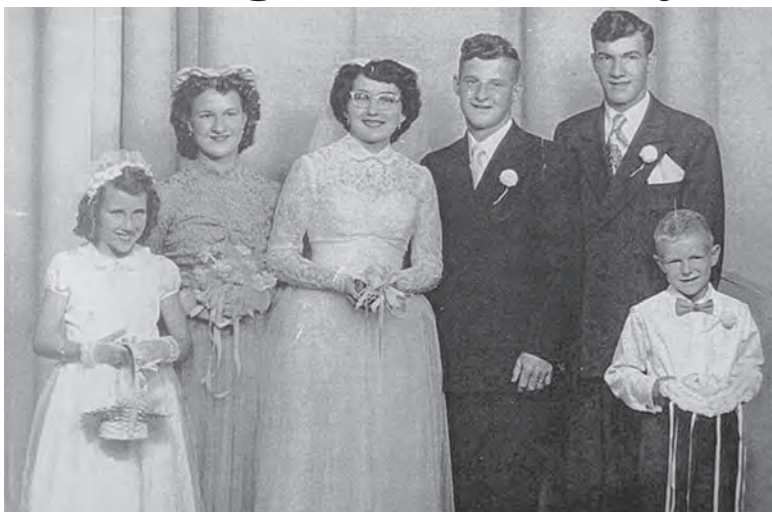
special deliveries to fans in the stands.

“It’s helped him as well,” Tom McKee said. “The kindness we’ve seen, with people coming up to donate...”

“They were complete strangers,” Kallee noted with surprise.

“When I was approached by her parents I thought it was a fantastic idea,” Krentz said. “That is the kind of message we want to send to everyone. We as athletes are more than athletes. We care about our communities and the various programs. We promote giving and community service. What Kallee is doing is an inspiration to us all. She raised well over \$300 at our game. I have invited her to set up a stand at any of our basketball games as well. She is a great example of what athletics is all about, more than just winning or losing. A real role model.”

Mayer's celebrate 65th wedding anniversary



Wedding photo (left to right), Helen (Pringle) Beacom, Janet (Mayer) Weiber, Joanne (Myotte) Mayer, Rolland Mayer, Robert Myotte and Raymond Mayer. Rolland and Joanne Mayer celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, Sept. 11. Rolland was born to Isidore and Alma (Paquette) Mayer in 1934 in Rudyard. Joanne was born in Sault Ste. Marie to Joseph and Alphonsis (McKerchie) Myotte in 1934. The story began when Rolland and Joanne met during a dance where each had been dancing with someone else but they decided to switch. A few years later on Sept. 11, 1954, they were wed by Father Oliver at St. Mary’s Church. The Mayers had seven children and now have 11 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren. Rolland retired from the Chippewa County Road Commission where he walked to work and often home for lunch from the old house across Mackinac Trail. He has played his mandolin and fiddle around the area for years in church as well as many venues and parties. Joanne, a Sault Tribe member, worked for the old Kresge’s store. She cared for her children and was very involved with her grandchildren. She was active for many years in bowling league and never turns down a good card game. She enjoys quilting and puzzles and still loves having little ones around. Both Rolland and Joanne are active members in St. Isaac Jogues church. Family is of utmost importance to them and they continue to be a guiding force for many.



Rolland and Joanne Mayer celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Sept. 11.

4-H county award winners



The Chippewa County 4-H Banquet was held Oct. 14, 2019. The evening consisted of a short leader training, potluck and award presentation. Thank you to volunteers Tracy Baron, Roxanna Rosebohm, Susan Kirkman, Norma Osborn, Barb Hillock, Joanne Umbrasas and Brandy McCoy. The 2018-19 4-H County award winners were, left to right, (back row) Helena Bourque, Vicki Merchberger, Brianna McCoy, Shelby McCoy, Jessy Baron, Abby Obreiter, Blaze White (front row) Ty Baron, Olivia Obreiter. Not pictured: Niklos Anderson, Brett Batho, Mady Michalski and Quincy Michalski.

Virtual public hearing to gather input on Michigan’s FY 2020-23 State Plan for Independent Living

The Michigan Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) is soliciting input from the public, disability community, and partners to determine what issues affecting the lives of Michiganders with disabilities are priority areas and to gather input on independent living services throughout the State of Michigan.

The State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) is the document which provides us with guidelines and a plan on how we will strengthen and expand the independent living network in Michigan over the next three years.

Our mission: An independent, federally mandated state council that advances independent living

SPIL virtual public hearing on Dec. 10, 2019, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by phone (646) 558-8656, meeting ID: 462 228 638. Submit any accommodation requests for meeting participation to tracy@misilc.org prior to Dec. 10, 2019.

philosophy through a network of councils and statewide partnerships where all individuals have the right to make informed choices, have personal control over their own lives, and to participate to the fullest extent possible in the everyday activities of work, school, home and community.

Michigan is required to have a SPIL in place in order to receive federal dollars for independent living services.

We invite Michiganders with disabilities, family members, advocates, service providers and

other interested parties to participate in the SPIL virtual public hearing on Dec. 10, 2019, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. by phone (646) 558-8656, meeting ID: 462 228 638. Please submit any accommodation requests for meeting participation to tracy@misilc.org prior to Dec. 10, 2019. CART services (quick captioning) will be provided.

CART accommodation can be accessed at www.streamtext.net/player?event=SILC during this meeting.

Bremer makes dream catcher for Advocacy Resource Center

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Director of the tribe's Advocacy Resource Center (ARC), Jami Moran, had some beautiful diamond willow wood and wanted a dream catcher made to display at the ARC. Knowing that ARC Community Educator Ashley Gravelle's boyfriend, James Bremer, had made a few in the past, they asked him about it.

He said Ashley and him were looking for something they could do indoors during the winter months and started making things from wood, such as a small bow and arrow set for their Christmas tree.

He researched how to make dream catchers online, and began making those as well.

He welcomed the opportunity to give back to the ARC by making the dream catcher, after

having been a recipient of their services in the past.

The wood was already debarked, so he sanded it in a few spots and coated it with clear polyurethane. Because the shape of the dream catcher is long and narrow, it took him four attempts to get the webbing how he liked it.

Northland Taxidermy donated some Hungarian grouse feathers for the project, and throughout their adventures, Ashley and James collected the fox fur and buckskin used to assemble the dream catcher.

A month after starting it, he presented it to the ARC, where it now hangs in a place of honor.



James Bremer with the dream catcher.

November is National Adoption Month

Each year, November is recognized as National Adoption Awareness Month.

While all adoption related issues are important, the particular focus is the adoption of children currently in foster care. The goal of National Adoption month is to raise awareness for children and youth in foster care who are waiting for permanent families.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, through the services of the Sault Tribe Binogii Placement Agency, has provided adoption services since 1985. Sault Tribe actively participates in cases involving tribal children across the country. The priority of placement for the tribe is to maintain tribal children within their families whenever possible. Situations may arise where children cannot remain

with their families and in those cases, the tribe works actively to match tribal children with tribal families to preserve the child's tribal connections.

There are currently tribal children across the country in foster care that are not matched with a family and are in need of a committed family to help them to find their forever home. The shortage of tribal placement resources is a problem across the state, country, and in other tribes. Sault Tribe is no exception, they too are in need of dedicated foster parents and adoptive parents.

If you are interested in making a difference in a child's life and becoming a foster parent and/or an adoptive parent, please contact Anishnaabek Community and Family Services at 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093.

Walking on . . .

JOSEPH G. BEBO

Joseph G. Bebo, 83, of Forest Lake, Mich., passed away peacefully, surrounded by his daughters and loved ones, on Sept. 18, 2019, at U.P. Health Systems-Marquette following a brief illness. He was born in Marquette, Mich., to the late Joseph and Dora (LaValley) Bebo.



Joe grew up in the Forest Lake and fell in love with the outdoors. He married Geraldine Louise Fulcher in 1957 and together they had three daughters. Joe and Geraldine moved to Kenosha, Wis., for work and to raise their family. He worked as a mechanic and bus driver before getting hired at American Motors for 10 years. After returning to the U.P., Joe became a police officer for the City of Munising. He put his heart into being an officer and wanted to be fair and just with all he did. Years later, he also worked security for Kewadin Casino in Christmas. Joe was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and was proud of his Native American heritage. Joe loved fishing, hunting and gardening. He took his passion for the outdoors and lived a self-sustaining life off the land. He would can his own vegetables, bake bread and enjoyed cutting and stacking firewood.

Joe is survived by his three daughters, Cherri (Keith) Wachter of Munising, Cathy (Jay) Dunn of Rockford, Mich., and Joanne (David) Dahlke of Appleton, Wis.; grandchildren, David (Nichole) Wachter, Brent Wachter, Brian Wachter, Whitney (Marvin Anaya) Dunn, Amy (Ray) Dunn, Coltin (Tiffany) Dahlke, Christopher Dahlke, and Connor Dahlke; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Geraldine, and his parents, Joseph and Dora.

Visitation was on Sept. 21 at the Bowerman Funeral Home.

Pastor Paul Kelto conducted Joe's memorial service at the funeral home.

ALICE L. GREENLY

Alice Lorraine (O'Neil) Greenly was the youngest of 12 children born to Francis O'Neil and Mary Jane Paquin in Gilchrist, Mich., on May 6, 1925. She



was the last one to walk on. Alice passed away on Sept. 26, 2019 at Beechwood Living Center in Taylor, Mich.

Alice was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and Lenawee 20 DAV. She was married and widowed three times in her 94 years of life, giving birth to four children. She was predeceased by three of them, Lucille L. (Campau) Easley, Faye Alice Campau and Loreen M. (LaVigne) Smith. She has one surviving daughter, Sharon J. (Campau) (Lumsden) Barnett, of Taylor.

Alice had seven grand children, John M. Easley (deceased); Danyele Lumsden, Claypool; Paul Easley; Joan Easley, Harrison; Erin Smith, Joshua Smith and Samantha Smith; seven great-grand children, Ambyer Kidd, Stephanie Easley, Amanda Harrison, Nicole Thompson (deceased), Sabrina Easley, Noah Archer, Ava Loreen Smith; two great-great-grand children, Brilynn Jewel Story and Colton James Stanfield. Alice also had many nieces and nephews.

Alice married Frank A. Campau in 1941 until February 1958; married Mose W. LaVigne in 1959, until November 1964; and James H. Greenly Jr., in 1968 until his death in July 2009.

Alice enjoyed seeing her children, and their families grow up before walking on to be with her loving Creator.

She liked being a home maker but she also worked several years in her long life. She resided in

Adrian, Mich., before moving to Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and lived there until her daughter, Sharon, retired from Sault Tribe Elder Center, giving Alice her wish to move her closer to family in lower Michigan. Alice suffered with Alzheimer disease for approximately 10 years prior to her passing.

JOHN R. HANCHERA

John Raymond Hanchera, loving father of three children, brother and friend, passed away at the age of 58 on Sept. 13, 2019. John was born on June 23, 1961, in Los Angeles, Calif., to John "Skip" and Jo-Ann Hanchera. He spent most of his childhood and early adolescence in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. He lived most of his adult life in Muskegon, Mich.



John could talk or make friends with anyone. It seemed, no matter where he was, he would always run into someone he knew. He was a sports enthusiast and enjoyed attending racing, hockey and baseball events, as well as his children's and grandchildren's sporting events. John loved music and enjoyed playing the guitar. He was known for his quick wit, sense of humor and his hard-working nature.

John was preceded in death by his father, John "Skip," and his mother, Jo-Ann.

He is survived by his three children, John (Brittany) Hanchera, Kassi (Cameron) Dean and Sierra (Patrick) Mulholland; his sister, DJ (Ed) Malloy; his two brothers, Dale (Pam) Hanchera and Darby (Joanie) Hanchera; three grandsons, Jordan, Jaxin and Jayce Hanchera; a nephew, Sam Malloy; and a niece, Shelby Hanchera.

A celebration of life took place on Sept. 29, 2019. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to "Pitch In For Baseball and Softball" in John's honor: <https://pifb.org/lp/>

donate-money/.

GEORGE D. HILL

George D. Hill Jr. passed away peacefully at Gratiot Medical Center in Alma, Mich., on Oct. 5, 2019. George was born to George and Catherine Marion (Bell) Hill Sr. on April 21, 1942, in DeTour Village, Mich.



He graduated from DeTour High School in 1960 and went on to earn his Bachelor of Science degree at Northern Michigan University in June 1967 and his Master of Arts degree at Central Michigan University in December 1973, after which becoming a grade school teacher in Clare, Mich., working summers alongside his dad as a purser on the Arnold Line Mackinac Island Ferry.

He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. George was very proud of his heritage and eventually he was inducted into the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe in Mount Pleasant where he resided for many years amongst his very close friends. He was also an avid photographer and loved taking pictures for family gatherings. Never having children of his own, he was very actively involved in his nieces and nephews lives, often giving gifts of books and encouraging them to read.

George is survived by his sister, Judy (Dallas "Tex") Chinavare of Essexville, Mich.; his sister-in-law, Maryjo Hill, of Sault Ste. Marie; nieces, Teri (Kevin) McElroy of Roscommon, Carmen (Dennis) Wagner, Darlene (Paul) Killips, Traci (Fred) Alexander, all of Sault Ste. Marie, and Lesley Ann Chinavare of Essexville; nephews, Leslie (Joy) Hill Jr. of Sault Ste Marie, Darin (Theresa) Chinavare of Stafford, Va., Jason (Elise) Chinavare of Minnetonka, Minn.; and several great-nieces and nephews and many great-

great-nieces and nephews. Also Surviving are lifelong friends Belinda Clark, Denny Adams and his wife Barb Logan, Brian Morris, Chuck Bowden and Kirk Belland.

George was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Leslie Hill Sr.; aunt and uncle, Ralph and Joyce (Bell) Dorrien; cousin, Thomas Dorrien; and great-niece, Lynne Marie Wagner.

A memorial service took place on Nov. 2 at Maple Grove Cemetery in DeTour Village.

CAROL A. WARD

Carol Ann Ward, age 63, passed away on Sept. 9, 2019, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Carol was born on Sept. 29, 1955, in Sault Ste. Marie and attended Sault High School. She married Donald Ward, a U.S. Air Force man, on Sept. 17, 1975.



She was preceded in death by her parents, William Anthony and Ava Marie (McCoy) Shampine; a nephew, William A Shampine; an uncle, James McCoy; and her husband, Donald Ward.

Carol is survived by her three sons, Donald (Constence) Ward, Anthony (Netta) Ward and Randy (Kathleen) Ward; a sister, Sharon Shampine; a nephew, Michael Shampine; and three grandchildren, Dominick Clarence Ward, Kasandra Lynn Ward and Eliza Ann Ward. She is also survived by her two aunts, Linda (McCoy) Tramai and Betty Mae (McCoy) Faunt; an uncle, Leon McCoy; and many cousins.

Carol was a Sault Tribe member. She loved sewing, fishing, making wood yard ornaments, drawing, painting and working in her garden.

A ceremony is planned for next year. C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com

PRESIDENT SHARP ELECTED NCAI PRESIDENT; CHAIRPERSON PAYMENT RE-ELECTED NCAI 1ST VP



Dr. Aaron A. Payment

*Representing
All Members Everywhere*

Ahneen, Boozho, Negee,

First I wish to say *Chi Megwitch* to all tribal nations and individuals for my re-election as the 1st Vice President for the National Congress of American Indians. I am grateful our Tribal Board voted to allow me to once again run for this position. My work with NCAI results in great returns for our Tribe and gives me access to benefit not only our Tribe but all tribes. Other tribes pay hundreds of thousands to lobbyists. When our Board Members and I advocate for our people through NCAI and other organizations like the National Indian Health Board and National Indian Education Association, we reduce the costs of federal lobbying.

I am also excited to report, that my long time friend Fawn Sharp, President of the Quinault Indian Nation, was elected President of NCAI. A few years back, I nominated my friend Fawn to serve as 1st VP to fill a vacancy. Fawn's path is similar to mine having over come obstacles in life to go on to achieve opportunities to serve our tribes and all Indian people. She is an accomplished and distinguished attorney who is a champion for climate and environmental concerns. She also is a warrior for protection of Human Rights.

As a team, we are going to tackle big challenges like re-enacting VAWA with tribal provisions, full treaty and trust funding and Advanced Appropriations, land in trust fixes for tribes waiting and those with adverse decisions that endanger their reservation lands and much more. President Sharp plans to reignite the role of our Regional VPs and more directly engage our NCAI Regions, tribal leaders, and groups like UTM AND MAST.

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helped to rewrite the new directive.

ELDER FUND SUPPLEMENT

I have not given up on my resolution to enhance the Elder Fund with a 2% annual contribution from our \$18 million annual tribal support budget. We have used the Elder Fund numerous times over the years to support development. It only makes sense that we return to the fund an amount in good faith for using the fund. Given our down state mandatory land in trust projects are taking longer than planned, it's only right that we support our Elders today rather than wait. Stay tuned and watch closely to see how the Board votes.

Finally, I have introduced a number of additional resolutions and will continue to push these items until the Tribal Board takes some action. Some of these items include:



At our first Tribal-State Summit with Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer. I am proud to have been the first to sign her nominating petition.

In an era of denigrating Native women thru the use of historical Native women names as racial slurs, I am excited that *Ogitchda Kwe* President Sharp will lead NCAI to show how resilient and powerful our Native women and all Natives can be. President Sharp won in a land slide and then campaigned to help me win re-election in a run off. She is a great friend. I look forward to what we will accomplish.

MITW RETURNED TO FULL FUNDING!

I am so pleased to report that after years of advocacy, we achieved full funding once again for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver. The impact of the State of Michigan only funding 1/2 of the established need, was for universities to reduce their commitment to recruit and retain Native students. With full funding, universities will once again have an incentive to affirmatively recruit Native students through expanded curricular offerings and to work to retain our students though student life efforts. I wish to thank MI House of Representatives Speaker Lee Chatfield, Senator Wayne Schmidt and our very own Sault Tribe citizen Senator Jeff Irwin who introduced the bill for full funding. My next step is to eliminate blood quantum to quality.

TRIBAL ~ STATE SUMMIT 2019

With the advent of a new Governor comes a new and more respectful approach to government to government relations with the State of Michigan and our Tribe. I am happy to report that at my urging, the Governor has agreed to bolster our Tribal-State Accord by issuing a State Executive Directive to define and delineate the process of Consultation. Under the previous Governor it was not much more than a paternalistic listening exercise. I



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RESOLUTION NO: 2019-___

ELDER LAND CLAIMS TRIBAL SUPPORT INCREMENT

WHEREAS, in 1997, Tribal Citizen Dennis McKelvie circulated a Tribal Referendum petition to pay Tribal Elders 2% of the Tribe's net gaming revenues to Tribal Elders but the Tribal Legal Department advised that tribal referenda were not self-executing and there existed no *right of initiative* and dismissed the petition; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, upon a recommendation by then Vice Chairperson George K. Nolan, the Tribal Board of Directors invested the Land Claims Settlement Funds to perpetuate the fund and use the interest to pay Tribal Elders 60 years of age and older an annual dividend equal to 100% of the net interest earned; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 (nearly 7 years ago), via a Tribal Referendum, Tribal Citizen Aaron Payment submitted a referendum petition to "approve" or "disapprove" the Tribal Board of Directors' resolution authorizing a Lansing Casino Gaming Expansion Project with the referendum results including Tribal voters approving a 15% commit of future net revenues to tribal programs and services including increasing the base fund for the Elder Land Claims Fund; and

WHEREAS, the current Mayor of the City of Lansing had abandoned the City's participation in the Lansing Casino project at the property just East and adjacent to the Lansing Center; and

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration has rejected the Sault Tribe's Mandatory Trust Application.

NOWTHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in the interim period during litigation or until such time land is taken into trust pursuant to the Mandatory Trust Application and the revenues begins to building the Elder Land Claims Fund, that an amount of 2% of Net Tribal Support Revenues of \$17 million Shall be added to the principal of the fund leaving the remaining 98% to constitute the tribal support subsidy for tribal programs, services and operations of the tribe.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, as Chairperson and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom ___ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the ___ day of _____ 2019; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of ___ members for, ___ members against, ___ members abstaining ____, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Aaron A. Payment, Tribal Chairperson
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

Bridgett Sorenson, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

**Email Me If
You Support
this Resolution
to Support
Our Elders**

- Establish Tribal Labor Law;
- Tribal Referendum on Tribal Chairperson Authority;
- Designate Chair as Lead 2020 Treaty Negotiator;
- Re-Open the Tribal Rolls to those who are eligible.

I love serving you as your Chairperson. Stay tuned to see how the Tribal Board votes on these items.

Chi McGwitch, Negee!



On Native America Calling (a National radio program) on reforming our juvenile justice system in Indian Country. I addressed issues of historical trauma and the need to support our youth rather than judge them.

Causley-Smith updates Unit II membership



**LANA CAUSLEY,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

Hunting season is always a very special time of year for me. When I was growing up, it was almost as important as Christmas. The meat our community and families counted on was very needed but the family and traditions that came with it was what I remember the most. My grandpa, dad, uncles and cousins always gathered for a whole week and smelled terrible and looked shabby but there was so much laughter and love. My older brother and I would sometimes go and “dog” the hunt, we would eat bologna sandwiches and get to drink coffee from my dad’s thermos. I can remember the excitement when the men of my family would be cleaning the deer and white buckets all over filled with scrap and meat.

I didn’t realize then how much that meant to families as it fed us through the year, but now I know most of all it was a relief to them to have it for their families. We would always have a special breakfast of venison, eggs, pan-

cakes and oatmeal with bacon grease on top (yep, bacon grease). It was a very special time for our Anishinaabe families. Now, my husband is very good hunter—he prides himself in the hunt and does it especially so that I can prepare that meat throughout the year for our feasts and gatherings. Every time I prepare a meal, I think of all the men in my family and I’m thankful for the memories and thankful for the gift.

I just wanted to take the time to write about this for the old ones because I know so many families can relate to these times and very thankful for the waawaashkeshi and all animals that give of themselves for us to survive. These kinds of memories keep me humble and make me who I am today. I’m thankful for that and I know so many families who have the same instilled in them.

Our Unit II children’s Christmas parties are being planned again. We will have women in the community host the following dates and times;

Hessel/Cedarville/Pickford/Rudyard surrounding areas, December 14, 10 -12 p.m. Hessel Tribal Center.

Detour/Drummond Island and surrounding areas, December 8, 10 -12 p.m. Detour Township Hall.

Newberry/Engadine/Naubinway and surrounding areas Dec 6, 6 -8 p.m. Newberry Tribal Center.

We have the largest unit in area, so we try to accommodate a few different parties so that families can make it. You are invited and encouraged to attend closest

to your area. The women work hard to put these together and if you would like to assist just let me know. :) If there are any changes, all the Christmas parties will be on our Sault Tribe website (saulttribe.com).

As always during this time of year, we are discussing and reviewing our next year’s budgets. At this time, we are attempting to plan for the future for much needed casino properties’ upgrades and renovations. We have been given a recommendation of needs for this estimating in the millions. We will have to figure out and discuss how this can be done with existing revenue or an outside loan. I feel very accomplished that we have held fast to paying down the debt through my tenure and that’s been my priority but with that, I also know that we have major upgrades that are needed so I will keep an open mind and also level head when it comes to these recommendations. We have completed so many priority renovations but we have much more to accomplish.

Ok, so at the board table, it’s going to start to get ugly again. As always, I will pick my battles and hold my own through the muck. I’m already seeing items being placed on the agenda with no discussion or resolutions on paper. Just this past week I received my board packet with five items listed and sponsored by the chairman with no discussion, no paper resolution, no info provided on the law or intent for the item. I immediately asked resolutions to review, vet and discuss with members with absolutely no

response to my question. It’s perfectly okay with me that some on the board do not respect my position but it’s NOT okay that I’m dismissed with no response as a representative to the people. Yep, I’m not happy about this (and so many other things) I can certainly hold my own at the board table but this kind of disrespect should have no place in a government. THIS stuff matters, this stuff is important and it’s a responsibility as I have a job to do and rules in place for the enactment of an item. When those rules are so blatantly ignored by some it gets very upsetting. I do not do this to my colleagues, ever! I will surely be addressing this at the next meeting. We are to get resolutions and supporting info five days in advance...most of these are placed just for the members to see with no real intent to even pursue. Most times the sponsor tables the item himself just so it’s on the agenda, only for show — it’s unacceptable, it’s predictable and it’s old as it always during this time. Watch the sponsors of items closely because most members that I know can see right through these kinds of antics. (I get the calls.) I will be there calling them out as usual. :) Count on that. You know some of the items might be legitimate but I don’t know without the supporting info and information to vet or even a professional discussion on the item. I know this is harsh but sometimes you need to know. Count on me handling it, though.

The big picture is this—to try to balance the funding needs, employment security and fairness, enhance social and traditional

needs of the people and foster a transparent government. I look forward to this and work toward this. If sometimes I have to call them out here, I’m going to.

Now, this unit report has had some good stuff and not so good, but I will end on a very positive note for our unit. Our high school football and volleyball teams are just amazing. So many youth leaders on the teams, communities and families supporting them. It’s another favorite time as there is so much pride and encouragement for them. Watch our high school teams and schools because they are rocking. P.S. All the school districts in our unit that placed a 2 percent request have been awarded in full or in part, many other areas as well. Look for a list of all our distributions on our website or in this edition of the paper.

One last item — we have secured a location in DeTour for a small prescription outlet and community clinic. Now it will be up to the board to approve, we secured a location and will be helping represent with all the supporting documents presented in a timely manner and the need demonstrated for the discussion. I will look to the board members who have the priority of health and welfare of the members on their mind. I have always supported expanding healthcare services anywhere in our tribe.

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

Baamaapii, Lana Causley-Smith, Unit II Board Rep.

Denise Chase updates Unit IV membership



**DENISE CHASE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

Children Christmas parties

It’s that time of year again — we are in the process of planning, organizing and will start shopping soon for the children’s Christmas parties. Please call to register your children in advance.

Santa Claus will be at the following parties to hear your Christmas list and bring each child a gift: Escanaba Civic Center, Dec. 7 from 12 to 3 p.m., and the Manistique Tribal Center, Dec. 8 from 12 to 3 p.m.

Please make sure to call or text with your child’s name and age by Dec. 4 at 5 p.m. to Darcy, (906) 298-1888, or Denise, (906) 203-2471.

For the children in Unit IV in Ishpeming, Gwinn, Negaunee, Little Lake, Republic, Skandia, Champion and Trenary, we will be combining with the Unit V Marquette elders again this year.

The Unit 4/5 Marquette County Children’s Christmas party will be held at NMU on Dec. 21 from 12 to 3 p.m. To sign up for the NMU party please call Boyd Snyder (906) 249-3051 or Kevin Tillson (906) 235-0959. Come and see Santa, lunch will be provided. I look forward to seeing you there!

Elder Holiday Christmas Dinners

Unit IV, Manistique Tribal Center, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. To RSVP, call Sharon Hutchinson at (906) 341-8469, or Sharon Barber at (906) 450-2849.

Escanaba Island Resort Casino, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. RSVP to Viola Neadow at (906) 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137.

By the time this report is out, the Marquette County elders holiday meal will have already been held on Nov. 5 at the Holiday Inn.

LIHEAP Heating Assistance – On Nov. 1, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program opened. If you are in need of heating assistance, this program can provide funding if you meet the program requirements and guidelines.

Call or stop into a local ACFS office to receive more information from a direct service worker.

ACFS Manistique, 5698W Highway US-2 (Covers Delta County), (906) 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137.

ACFS Munising, 622W Superior St., Munising, (Covers Marquette County), (906) 387-3906, or (800) 347-7137.

The **Elder Heating Assistance**

Program also has funding available. Applicants must be 60 years of age on or before the date of application. The program provides heating assistance to the elderly population who meet eligibility criteria. This program has a higher income guideline than LIHEAP. Contact the above ACFS offices for more information and to see if you are eligible.

Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Program (MITW)

The state of Michigan has earmarked \$12.7 million in its 2019-2020 budget to fully fund the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver program. Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed the state budget on Oct. 6 to fund the program. Gov. Whitmer made a commitment to tribal leaders after her election that she would put the MITW in her budget. This is the first time since 1998 the tuition waiver program has been fully funded.

MITW eligibility for Native American students: Must qualify for admission at one of Michigan’s public colleges or universities; be one-quarter or more Native American blood quantum as certified by your tribal enrollment department; be an enrolled citizen of a U.S. Federally Recognized tribe as certified by your tribal enrollment department; and be a legal resident of the state of Michigan for not less than 12 consecutive months.

There will be a groundbreaking held at the Escanaba housing site in November. I’m very happy to announce that the Escanaba hous-

ing site will be getting four 2-bedroom elder homes this month.

Housing residents will be invited to the groundbreaking. Look forward to seeing you there!

Your Unit IV reps have been extremely busy this month attending the 2020 Consent Decree negotiations. We traveled to Mt. Pleasant to attend the Tribal-State Summit with Gov. Whitmer and Michigan tribes. After attending the tribal-state round table, we

were able to watch the Governor sign the Executive Directive 2019-17, reaffirming and extending Michigan’s commitment to recognize the sovereignty and right of self-governance of Michigan’s federally recognized Indian tribes and ordering each State Dept. and agency to adhere to these principles.

If you need to contact me, call (906) 203-2471 or email at denise-chase@saulttribe.net.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Sault Tribe members interested in filling the committee vacancies below 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 with any questions.

Anishinaabe Cultural – six vacancies – three males, three female (4-year term)

Child Welfare – three vacancies (4-year term)

Election – five vacancies (4-year term)

Higher Education – two vacancies (4-year term)

Health Board – five vacancies (4-year term)

Housing – Unit IV - one vacancy (4-year term)

Special Needs/Enrollment - five vacancies (2-year term)

Elder Advisory

Unit I - Sault (4-year term), one regular vacancy and one alternate vacancy

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

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

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

Unit IV – Escanaba (4 year term) one regular vacancy

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

Unit V – Marquette (4-year term), one alternate vacancy

Elder Subcommittee

Unit I - Sault (4-year terms), two regular seat vacancy, two alternate seat vacancies

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

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

Unit IV - Escanaba (4-year term), three regular seat vacancies

Unit V - Munising (4-year term), three regular seat vacancies

Unit V - Marquette (4-year term), one regular seat vacancy, one alternate seat vacancy.

Sorenson updates Unit III tribal membership



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

The board only held one meeting in the month of October, which was on the 15th in the Sault. There were five items on the agenda that had no resolutions. Board members have until Thursday at 9 a.m. to add an item to the next Tuesday's agenda. Sometimes a place holder will be listed with a resolution available on the day of the meeting. The

chairperson had added these five items and on the day of the meeting there were still no resolutions available to the board.

The following items were listed: Morisset Law Firm, Bruce Greene Law Firm, Designate Tribal Chairperson as Lead 2020 Negotiations, Authorize Coordination of Fishing Meeting and Salaried Positions. There was a tie vote to take these items off the agenda with DJ, Charlie, Kim, Darcy and Denise voting "yes" and Bridgett, Mike, Lana, Jen and Catherine voting "no." The chairperson broke the tie to take the items off the agenda. I'm not sure the reason for adding them if you then turn around and break the tie to take them off.

For the Nov. 5 meeting, the chairperson has also added five more items with no resolutions. The items are: Establish Tribal Labor Law/Independent Appeals Policy, Two Percent Set-Aside to Rebuild Land Claims, People Decide Tribal Referendum for the Chair's Executive Authority,

Establish the Chair as Lead Negotiator for the 2020 Consent Decree and Reopen Rolls for Eligible Sault Tribe Enrollment.

I have no problem with anyone adding an item to the agenda but there should be a resolution either at the time of the meeting notice attached with the other documents or for sure on the day of meeting that can be discussed. When these types of items are added it surely looks like the chair is gearing up for the election. A person has four years to try and create or change law and why wait until an election cycle to cram things down people's throats?

If the chair seriously wanted to make headway on these issues he would ask for the items to be discussed in a workshop with sample resolutions. This way everyone has a chance to discuss things including staff that may have valuable input about changes. This is more of a team approach instead of throw something on and whine and say I tried to do

something but the mean board didn't do anything about it.

I wish I could say that we have filled some of the key positions of the tribe but that hasn't happened either. Our executive director has some family business that has to be taken care of and she has so many vacant positions underneath her, it's sickening. This will be the excuse for the chair to assume some authority. Unfortunately the authority that he has, he rarely ever uses. He wants to poll the board to sign letters, for example, when the board has already passed resolutions stating their stance.

We have still been meeting on budgets for 2020. We have reviewed the casino, enterprise and government schedule C. Hopefully by December we can have most, if not all of them passed.

I have met with Sue St.Onge, Tony Grondin and Sally Paquin and we will be having workshops throughout the winter along with baskets by Josh and Sarah. At

the time of this article the dates haven't been confirmed, but we are shooting for baskets on Nov. 23 and 24, quill medallions on Nov. 27 and ornaments on Dec. 6. Please contact me to sign up. Anyone wishing to hold a class may contact me as well.

The units I, II and III elders' holiday meal will be served in the Sault on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 11 a.m. Please call (906) 635-4971 to reserve your spot.

The Unit III's children's Christmas party will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Kewadin Casino Event Center in St. Ignace.

A reminder that Keith and I hold monthly unit meetings on the third Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the McCann School.

I want to wish all of our members, team members and their families a happy Thanksgiving!

If you have any comments or concerns please contact me at bsorenson@saulttribe.net, bridgett91@yahoo.com or (906) 430-0536.

McKerchie updates Unit I tribal membership



**MICHAEL MCKERCHIE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

With the coming advisory election and the appointing of a new board member, I hope they honor our role as leaders. As I stated last month, the only power that comes from the board is its ability to create law and policies with a majority

of the board. Board members should get involved in building our communities, there are several great ways: join committees, hold community sessions, etc. However, there are also some not great ways: try to influence managers, make individual policy interpretations to directors, etc. Good luck to whomever gets the appointment; I look forward to working with you in a positive way to move our tribe forward.

With November being Native American Month, please be sure to check out the calendar for some exciting events. We have many programs and services that we provide to tribal members, so be check to check around to see what events may be near you.

Our success as a community varies on many different things. Arming ourselves with both traditional knowledge and modern

education will help ensure we keep our values and know how to put it all together to prosper. That means building relationships in our own community, but also with local, state and federal governments.

Recently a local professor at Lake Superior State University, Dr. Saluja, was recognized by the school for over 50 years of service. The Sault Tribe also honored him, as over the years Dr. Saluja has not only taught many tribal members, he has also served on several of our committees as a local representative, including our Economic Development Committee and our Audit Committee, among others. Congratulations once again, and miigwech for your service to our tribe.

While at the annual National Congress of American Indians, I got to meet to Congresswomen

Sharice Davids and Deb Haaland. It was very inspiring listening to these warrior women as they tirelessly remind Congress of the Constitutional obligations to honor treaties. Our relationship with the federal government is unique—our ancestors bought and paid for many of our services by signing treaties. Congrats to these members of congress and I wish you the best in your efforts fighting for Native issues.

We continue to meet with the State of Michigan and the other fishing tribes to address the Great Lakes Consent Decree expiring next August. In the time this is being published, we will have had a local election for mayor and city commissioners for Sault Ste. Marie. With a new mayor and new city manager, I hope to continue our mutually beneficial relationship with the

city. Last year, the new president of LSSU reached out and continues to try to keep the tribe involved in curriculum ideas as well as how to better tribal members' experience while on campus to help them succeed. All this matters, because if LSSU and the city succeed, we succeed and vice versa: if the tribe continues to succeed it helps LSSU and the city to succeed.

There is a lot of work that needs to continue to happen, but I'm confident in our program directors and team members. They are accomplishing great things and for providing the many services for our community. Keep up the good work. As always, if anyone wants to discuss issues or concerns that our communities face, please contact me at (906) 440-7768. Chi miigwech.

Kim Gravelle updates Unit I tribal membership



**KIMBERLE GRAVELLE
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Hello, I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler fall weather, and with that in mind this is a reminder that our Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is now open.

LIHEAP provides assistance to lower the burden of high energy bills to eligible Sault Tribe households in the tribe's seven-county service area. Applications are available through ACFS offices.

You can contact them at (906):

Sault office 635-5250; St. Ignace 643-8689; Manistique 341-6993; Munising 387-3906; Kincheloe 495-1232; Hessel 484-2727; and Newberry 293-8181. Online at www.saulttribe.com

Our elders holiday party for units I, II and III will be held at Vegas Kewadin in the DreamMakers Theater at 11 a.m. I would like to thank the many volunteers who make these parties a success.

I continue to attend our Tribal Action Plan (TAP) meetings on a monthly basis. One of our main goals is to combat substance abuse in our tribal communities. Since we began these meetings, the Sault Tribe Health Division began a Medically Assisted Treatment program (MAT) with the drug Vivitrol.

Vivitrol is a drug administered once a month and eliminates the craving for opiates.

In order to begin the MAT program, a patient must not use opiates for two weeks prior to receiving the Vivitrol medication.

Although we have a few success stories, we found the majority of the individuals who would like to begin this program have been apprehensive because of the two-week requirement of not being on any opiates prior to beginning Vivitrol. They are concerned about the withdrawal symptoms that can be very intense and painful.

Since that time we have a new drug called Lucemyra which was approved by the FDA and is non-addictive. Lucemyra helps curb the withdrawal systems and makes it easier when someone quits using opiates. Lucemyra will be prescribed for two weeks prior to starting the Vivitrol program and is available in an outpatient setting. As with any medication, these may come

with certain risks. For information on these two drugs, please contact the Sault Tribe Health Center. Both Lucemyra and Vivitrol are available through the Sault Tribe pharmacies in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace and Manistique. Please contact the Sault Tribe Health Center for more information on this program.

We also have three recovery housing units in Kinross, Mich. Each unit has three separate rooms with one common living area. These units were made available through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant and the Sault Tribe Housing Authority. They are available for individuals who have been in a treatment program and need a place where they can continue to recover. Recovery coaches will assist them in finding the resources they need to continue living a healthy life style. Assistance will be provided for attending

meetings, doctor appointments, job interviews, cultural events, school, budgeting, etc. Please contact the Sault Tribe Health Center at (906) 632-5200 and ask for Behavioral Health Department.

Thank you to all those involved in this project because this would not have been possible without the collaboration of our administration, health center and Housing Department and all the team members who work behind the scenes to help our community that has been affected by the substance abuse epidemic.

I want to thank all the team members for the hard work they do every day for our tribe, it is appreciated. I also want to thank men and women in our armed forces for their service to our country and the support of their families.

If you have questions or comments, call (906) 203-6083 or: KKGravelle@saulttribe.net.

McLeod updates Unit I tribal membership



JENNIFER MCLEOD,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Aaniin, Anishinaabek!

October was not a good month for me! I had influenza, got better, then had ear surgery, three days later had a sick visitor and, yep, got sick again! Virtually the entire month was a roller coaster! But, I can honestly say that there were good things that resulted from all of it. The Creator had a way of slowing me down **BIG TIME**, so I could think, and just "Be." I am grateful.

I am grateful to all those who reached out to me when I was ill, and to my family for taking

care of me. I am grateful to those who were so patient with me as I struggled to hear during meetings, and were extra kind to me when I "misheard" something or didn't hear it at all! I am grateful for the new understanding I have of "hearing loss." It is not what I imagined, it is much harder. I am so grateful to those who helped me keep up with all the work I needed to do, I would be so behind without them. In so many ways, I have been blessed, even though I was so ill.

My greatest blessing occurred on Halloween — I was able to make my granddaughter's Cruella DeVille costume, and one of the biggest blessings of all was the birth of my new grandson — Eli Christopher Dyament. The miracle of looking into the eyes of a child, just hours old, and seeing a part of yourself looking back is something that words can not do justice to. But even though I've had wonderful things happen, too, I know the absolute biggest blessing of all was having my good health returned to me. I never take it for granted, nor do I lament growing older. This month has been a reminder how blessed I am.

During October, I worked on finding resources and expertise to address the changes that need to happen in our tribe. The first change is employee pay. I have also started looking at ways to change the work environments in a positive way. I was able to meet with individuals in the tribe and outside of it, who have knowledge and perspectives that lead toward problem solving. Change is never easy and sometimes it feels like it takes forever, but I'm working on it!

I have also been working on preventing a negative situation for hundreds of tribal members who live on Sugar Island, Neebish Island and Drummond Island. I am on the Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority Board (EUPTA), and its management has submitted a plan for fare rate increases from 40 percent – 250 percent! This is completely unacceptable and harmful to all residents of those islands. While it's true that EUPTA needs to increase profitability, in my opinion the proposed plan is detrimental to everyone except EUPTA, and looking ahead, probably detrimental to EUPTA as well.

I am continuing my work with the USDA Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations and working hard to ensure traditional foods are included in the food packages and that tribes have a voice in what those foods are.

Sometimes, being ill can slow you down long enough to think, see and be thankful for the blessings received. I certainly was given that opportunity and have learned a great deal. I am back to work full steam and I hope during this time of Thanksgiving that we can all find something to be thankful for. Sometimes, the blessing can be a little hard to find, but look closely and you will see them — I did!

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday filled with the love of friends and family and, as always, if I can be of any help or if you have any questions, please contact me.

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(Anishinaabe for always),

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Jennifer McLeod and her new grandson, Eli Christopher Dyament.

Hollowell updates Unit II tribal membership



CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II

November is Native American Heritage Month. Of course, every day is Native Day for the Anishinaabe!

My friend JT Nahbenayasha wants me to share this reminder with everyone: "Don't forget to hug a vet." By the time you get this newspaper, Veterans Day will have come and gone. But I did want to take this opportunity to express gratitude to our veterans. I know we all have close friends and family who have served and sacrificed to keep us safe and secure.

From the beginning and including every major U.S. military conflict since, Native Americans have served in the armed forces in higher numbers per capita than any other ethnic group in this country. Tens of thousands of Native Americans joined the U.S. armed forces during World Wars I and II. Forty-four thousand served in World War II when the entire population of Natives was less than 350,000 at that time. With such a contentious history between the U.S. government and Native nations, many might find the high rate of service for indigenous people surprising. Tyson Bahe who served in the U.S. Army deploying to Afghanistan twice explained it this way: "The

Native American culture is one of warriors. The elders pass down stories of warrior ancestors, and it was viewed as an honor to serve."

As most everyone knows, we lost our board member Denny McKelvie a few months ago. Denny was a veteran. He is on my mind quite a bit these days. Denny and I did not always see eye to eye on any given policy decision before us. I can tell you that Denny and I had many a passionate and, sometimes, contentious conversations. But always, at the end of the day, I knew he always had the best interest of our tribe in his heart. The truth is, on big controversial issues, we always landed on the same side of the voting ledger. You could always rely on him to do what was right and just. He was a man of compassion and conviction. I miss Denny.

Unit I tribal members are participating in an "advisory" election per tribal law, to assist the tribal board in filling Denny's vacant seat. The general election ballots will be counted later this week (Nov. 7). By the time you get this publication in the mail, the appointment to fill Denny's vacancy will be complete. However, the seat's term is up in 2020, so they will have to participate (along with other interested candidates) in the regular general election campaign that will be decided in late June 2020.

Our veterans' powwow will be held next weekend (Nov. 9). We hold it every year the week of Veteran's Day. It's a great opportunity to come together and make sure our veterans feel our love and appreciation and to honor our veterans for their service.

I want to recognize some of my own military family, starting with my husband Richard (101st Airborne); my dad (Lt. Col. Harold J. Tolan) and my sister Anne (Navy). Dad and Anne have walked on, but their warrior spirit

guides me. My brothers Jim, Bill and Joe—I feel blessed to have grown up with my big brothers in my life; my nephews, uncles and cousins who served; and all my ancestors going back many generations. Chi miigwech ogichidaawi!

Moving on to other November news: Last week I was privileged to attend the Tribal-State Summit with Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the 12 sovereign tribes of Michigan. I say "privileged" because it was a truly memorable occasion. During the summit held in Mt. Pleasant, the Governor signed Executive Directive 2019-17. The executive directive reaffirms and extends Michigan's commitment to recognize the sovereignty and right of self governance of Michigan's federally recognized Indian tribes and orders each state department and agency to adhere to these principles.

I've been to a number of these annual summits under two previous state administrations, and none of them rose to this level of commitment to stronger tribal-state relationship.

Whitmer said, "It's important to me that each tribe has a seat at the table in my administration to contribute their perspective, and I'm committed to working closely with our tribal leaders to protect the health, safety and welfare of their communities."

And that commitment was evident in that the heads of every state agency was present at the summit (a first). It was also amazing to see just how many tribal individuals hold key positions in state government. A very proud moment to see our young (to me at least) professionals representing. A special shout out to Little Traverse Bay Bands member Wenona Singel as the advisor to the governor on tribal-state affairs. She is the first tribal citizen to

hold that position in Michigan history. What a good choice. Winona has played a key role in teaching and mentoring the next generation of tribal professionals entering public service and legal careers.

Executive Directive 2019-17 lays out details to ensure meaningful consultation and communication (just in time for Consent Decree negotiations with the state). It's also the first executive directive in the state's history to require training on tribal-state relations for all state department employees who work on matters that have direct implications for tribes.

Although October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month, I wish to bring continued awareness to this critical issue. Abuse in tribal communities has its roots in inter-generational trauma and a loss of traditional values and lifeways. Violence is not our tradition. Verbal abuse and physical abuse is not our way! If you or someone you know needs help, please know assistance is available through our Advocacy Resource Center. The center can provide supportive services that meet the needs of victims of crimes in a culturally competent manner. Call (906) 632-1808 or (800) 726-0093.

I want to recognize our Youth Education and Activity (YEA) staff for their dedication to our youth in Unit II.

This year we are seeing real strides in programming that supports educational success. Reading readiness has been a key focus in after school programs and reading circles throughout our communities. Director Causley and I are committed to ensuring our staff and community get the material resources they need to help our kids develop a love of reading, recognizing its importance to academic success. Families that read together build strong lasting

bonds, with good student outcomes.

With that in mind, if you are thinking about Christmas gift giving for your children or grandchildren, I would like to suggest a few books by Native American authors that are fun and inspirational. These are just a few of my favorites, but there are many more to explore and choose from. But first, let me give a shout out to our former Education Director Angeline Bouley who is about to publish her first novel in 2020. Congratulations, Angeline.

A first reader (preschool- K):
The Mishomis Book: The Voice of the Ojibwe by Edward Benton-Banai

Bow-wow Pow Wow by Jonathon Thunder

Fry Bread, A Native American Family Story by Juana Matinez Neal

Third grade – adult
The Birch Bark House
The Game of Silence
The Porcupine Year
Chickadee
Makoons

This series of five books are written by my all time favorite author, Louis Erdrich. They tell the story of life on the prairie a decade prior to settlers moving into the area. I learned so much about our people's usual and customary ways by reading these books. Very enjoyable.

Pre-teen—young adult
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

A Boy Called Slow by Joseph Bruchac

Night Flying Woman by Ignatia Broker

Wishing everyone good health, happiness and comfort.

Please feel free to contact me anytime: chollowell@saulttribe.net or (906) 439-5551. Leave a voice message and I will return your call.

Darcy Morrow updates Unit IV membership



DARCY MORROW,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

Unit IV Sault Tribe Children Christmas Parties — you must call and register your child in advance:

Escanaba children's party will be held Dec. 7 from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Escanaba Civic Center, 204 21st Escanaba. For the Escanaba party you must text or call in your child's name and age by Dec. 4 at 5 p.m. to Darcy Morrow, (906) 298-1888, or Denise Chase (906) 203-2471.

Manistique children's party will be held Dec. 8 from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Manistique Tribal Center on US-2 Manistique. For the Manistique party you must text or call in your child's name and age by Dec. 4 at 5 p.m. to Darcy Morrow (906) 298-1888, or Denise Chase (906) 203-2471.

For the children in Unit IV in Ishpeming, Gwinn, Negaunee, Little Lake, Republic, Skandia, Champion and Trenary, we will be combining with the Unit V Marquette elders again this year. The Unit 4/5 Marquette County Children's Christmas party will be held at NMU on Dec. 21 from 12 to 3 p.m. To sign up for the NMU party please call Boyd Snyder (906) 249-3051 or Kevin Tillson (906) 235-0959.

It has been another busy month traveling for our 2020 Consent Decree; we traveled to Mount Pleasant this month. And we were also able to attend the tribal and state summit with

Governor Whitmer. After a great Tribal-State Summit round table; we witnessed the Governor sign in Executive Directive 2019-17. Governor Whitmer continues to show her support of Michigan tribes!

Here is a release from the governor's office:

Governor Whitmer Signs Executive Directive to Strengthen Tribal-State Relations

ED builds upon and strengthens process of tribal consultation

MT. PLEASANT, Mich. —

Today, during a summit of Michigan's tribal leaders, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Directive 2019-17. The executive directive reaffirms and extends Michigan's commitment to recognize the sovereignty and right of self-governance of Michigan's federally-recognized Indian tribes and orders each state department and agency to adhere to these principles.

"As Michiganders, we must ensure that our tribal communities are treated with dignity and respect," said Governor Whitmer. "It's important to me that each tribe has a seat at the table in my administration to contribute their perspectives, and I'm committed to working closely with our tribal leaders to protect the health, safety, and welfare of their communities."

Executive Directive 2019-17 also details a process of tribal consultation designed to ensure meaningful and mutually beneficial communication and collaboration between these tribes and the departments and agencies on all matters of shared concern. It's also the first executive directive in Michigan history to require training on tribal-state relations for all state department employees who work on matters that have direct implications for tribes.

Governor Whitmer has shown a deep commitment to ensuring members of Michigan's federally recognized tribes have a seat at

the table in state government. She appointed Wenona Singel, a citizen of Little Traverse Bay Bands, as her advisor on tribal-state affairs, the first tribal citizen to hold this position in Michigan history.

Tribal members that Governor Whitmer has appointed to Michigan state boards and commissions include Chris Swartz on the UP-Energy Task Force, General Counsel Whitney Gravelle on the Michigan Women's Commission, Natural Resources Department Director Evelyn Ravindran on the Committee on Michigan's Mining Future, and Councilor Emily Proctor on the Census Complete Count Committee.

Director Chase and I have been working with our Traditional Medicine Program to start holding more cultural teachings in our area. We are working on dates, times and places; we will get all the information on the Sault Tribe's website and Facebook page with sign up information also.

This is a reminder of the services available for fitness in Unit IV. Tribal members and their families can use the YMCA of Marquette County at no cost to them. Tribal members who wish to use the services of the Marquette County YMCA must bring their tribal card with them on their first visit and fill out a day pass registration form that includes the names of all the members of their household. Once that is on file, members and their dependents can check in with their tribal card, or by letting staff know they are a registered user of the facility.

For parents with young kids ages 6 weeks to 7 years, there is an on-site Tot Watch program. Parents must be in the building attending a class, using the sauna or exercising to use the program. And, the YMCA is extending their member rates of \$3.75 an hour per child for this service. The Tot Watch program is staffed

Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturdays.

In addition to the facilities cardio and strength training equipment, they offer free drop in fitness classes such as yoga, Pilates, a barbell-based class called Strong Bodies and an older adult fitness class specific to healthy aging. These classes are located on the lower level of the building and last from 30 to 60 minutes. Also, on the lower level are the sauna, locker rooms with showers and a group fitness space for aerobics or yoga.

Youth and adults alike find the rock wall in the bouldering room a fun activity and if you are in the mood for coffee and conversation there is an area for that. There is also a free book exchange available, so bring in your old books and pick out a "new one" while you are there.

The Marquette County, YMCA is located at 350 Iron St. in downtown Negaunee and is open from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tribal members, their spouses and children can also access Sullivan's Health & Fitness located at 1401 N. 26th St. Suite 118, Escanaba, located inside the Penstar Building.

Tribal members residing in the Unit IV area can call or email Sullivan's for an appointment ((906) 217-2011 to fill out membership paperwork, tour the facility and have a membership swipe card programmed. You will need your tribal card and a photo ID at this appointment.

Tribal members who register with Sullivan's can access the gym Monday through Friday from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. and have 24-hour access on weekends. Because Sullivan's is typically not staffed after 6 p.m. the membership swipe cards provides access and allows you use of all equipment. An adult must accompany youth under the age

of 17, and guests who have not filled out proper paperwork are not permitted in the gym. Gym membership also includes the use of shower facilities and a small locker area.

Training equipment includes: Large open group exercise area, flat screen smart TV and digital workouts, treadmill, exercise bike, battle ropes, medicine balls, wall balls and targets, push/pull/drag sleds, free weights, bench stations, assistance and resistance bands, etc.

I am excited to announce that our Escanaba Tribal Housing site will be receiving four 2-bedroom elder homes this month. There is a major need for affordable housing in Escanaba for our members. That was one of the reasons why Director Chase and I brought forward the 16 acres adjacent to the Escanaba reservation that the tribe purchased last year to continue to grow our reservation. The groundbreaking on the reservation will happen in November.

Through the Health Ad Hoc committee, for several months Director Chase and I have worked with Health Director Leo Chugunov and other Health staff to develop a tribally owned walk-in clinic owned in Escanaba. It is now being brought forward through the budget process for a board vote. This is an essential need in our Escanaba area. If it is approved, tribal members would be able to receive medical services at a night and weekend walk-in clinic owned by the tribe supported by third-party revenue. After the initial start up cost, the tribe would be able to maintain the service by the third-party revenue made through the clinic. I will be excited to report back to you next month if we received the approval from the board.

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

Thank you,
Darcy Morrow
Unit 4 Representative
dmorrow@saulttribe.net

Massaway updates Unit III tribal membership



KEITH MASSAWAY,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III

Over the last few months, the tribe has been able to take advantage of purchasing several areas of land and some businesses. As in the last paper, you saw that the motel next to our Christmas casino was purchased for the tribe and we hope to get it put into trust as soon as possible. We also purchased land near the St. Ignace casino, toward the point. It includes Rabbits Back. This is a very good acquisition because it

helps to consolidate our reservation in St. Ignace, but also it has great cultural significance to our tribe.

The tribe will always look to reclaim as much as we can any way we can, through gift, purchase or asserting our rights. The board is watching many different items happening in the State of Michigan. We continue to fight against line 5 any way we can. We must do everything we can to ensure that our tribal way of life and our people are protected the best we can from greed and exploitation.

We are also watching as the state works toward sports betting. The current bills moving through the House and Senate are not what we would like to see. They leave out any tribal set asides or considerations. The mere fact that it was written by the big players shows that the smaller tribes will be left out of any significant opportunity to compete. I have been going to many meetings and conferences on this subject and, without the

proper guidance and affiliations, no single tribe will be able to capture a significant amount of market share. This is not a really lucrative venture to start with and even talking to executives in Las Vegas, it is a part of gaming that can cost a lot of money and time to reap little gain. They have been in the sports betting arena for many years and still they have times when they lose money. So we approach this with caution and know that trying to compete against MGM, Ceasers and other large casino operations will be extremely difficult.

The board is also trying to finish up the budgets for 2020. We are working on the casino budgets now and are keeping in mind that our facilities need a lot of maintenance and upkeep. We are also trying to put forth many improvements that the casino executives are requesting. Many of these are system upgrades for our computers and security. It is all very expensive but it is badly needed. The board must work to implement them as best we can.

Thank you for the all the calls and e-mails. Everyone have a great fall season and good luck hunting and gathering as our hol-

iday season quickly approaches. Keith Massaway, 702 Hazelton St., St. Ignace, (906) 643-6981, kmassaway@msn.com.

Obey the signs!

Editor:

What don't people understand when signs are posted — the stop signs, the do not enter signs or road closed signs?

I have seen so many close calls of people running stop signs, which could have caused injury because of the speed. The do not enter and road closed signs mean just that. Last summer as 3rd Avenue North was being paved and barricades in place, I witnessed, as well as many other people, a woman driving a silver/gray Monte Carlo ignore all the signs posted and she decides to go past the barricade, jump the curbs, drive across the grass

to go to Meijers. She had no regard to the lives of the workers who were hollering and trying to turn her back the way she came from — but kept on her merry way.

In light of the increase of traffic with the new business that came to town, it is imperative to be more attentive of all road signs and obey, especially in the construction zones.

We lost of community member working downstate in a construction area due to recklessness. We don't need another lost life.

Terri McPherson
Escanaba, Mich.

Forest Service repairs iconic Naomikong Bridge

FROM THE USFS

Hikers on the 2,000-mile North Country National Scenic Hiking Trail (NCT) can once again hike from the Shallows to Naomikong Overlook via the Naomikong Bridge.

Situated in Michigan's Upper Peninsula near Brimley, Mich., the Naomikong Bridge project was completed by Hiawatha National Forest staff.

Because of its appearance, the bridge is also known as "the mini-Mac," a reference to the much larger Mackinac Bridge that spans the straits between Michigan's upper and lower peninsulas. Originally built in the 1980s during development of the 2,000-mile long national hiking trail, the aging trail bridge had begun to show its age.

In October 2018, the bridge was inspected by Adam Garrison,

who was then the Hiawatha's facility and bridge engineer. Trail bridge inspections are conducted every five years. Garrison found that the transverse floor beams had serious splits and checks throughout their length. These floor beams were critical members because if one were to fail, the entire bridge would fail at that point and be detached. Based on these findings, the bridge was closed. Garrison was instrumental in getting funding for the design services and in the winter of 2019 procured a contract with a private consulting firm for the bridge retrofit. Garrison had the final design completed by July of 2019 and then awarded contracts for the material purchasing.

Todd Kenyon, Hiawatha's east zone engineer set up and coordinated the renovation work. The east zone engineering and recre-



The new Naomikong Bridge was completed in September.

ation staff precut and predrilled the bridge materials off site at their RACO field office, which saved a lot of time during the

on-site installation.

"One of the biggest challenges was the access to the site, which was a half-mile hike along the

NCT. The materials and tools were hauled in along the trail using six-wheelers and a boat trailer!" Kenyon said.

Work at the site started on Sept. 16, 2019, and was substantially complete by the end of September. Help for the installation came from district staff from many departments including Engineering, Recreation, Fire, Silviculture, Fisheries and Terrestrial Ecology. Kenyon guesses the district used about 500 person-hours for the installation, saving the Forest Service and program substantial dollars.

Now that the trail is re-opened, hikers are encouraged to come check out this great section of hiking-only trail along Lake Superior. It's the perfect time to appreciate the bridge upgrade and check out the last of the autumn colors!



Originally built in the 1980s during development of the 2,000-mile long national hiking trail, the Naomikong "Mini-Mac" Bridge had been built to mimic the look of the Mackinac Bridge that spans the Straits of Mackinac.



Naomikong Bridge during construction in the 1980s.



This historic photo shows the original 1980s construction of the Naomikong Bridge.

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