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Tribe swears in new chair

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors held a special meeting Dec. 20 at Sault Kewadin Casino and swore in tribal Chairman Austin Lowes.

Three people were also appointed to the Sault Tribe Election Committee: Rose Allard,

Robert Captain and Traci Kangas, with Kangas appointed committee chairperson.

On the meeting agenda under Resolutions was Displaced Housing; Patterson, Earnhart, Real Bird & Wilson contract; Morisset, Schlosser, Jozwiak & Somerville contract; Lambros contract; Jacobson Law Group

contract; Steward & Sheridan contract; Wilmer Hale contract; and the Market Based Housing Project Action Plan.

Under New Business was referendum, enrollment, food sovereignty, committee appointments, director resignation, certification of special advisory election, oath of office, nomination of officers.



Photo by Brenda Austin

Tribal Chairman Austin Lowes is sworn in by Traci Kangas (L-R) at the Dec. 20 board meeting.



Submitted by Lana Causley

Hessel elders chose John Causley Jr. 2022 Volunteer of the Year, as presented by Elder Services Director Holly Kibble (L-R).

Mayer postpones his retirement for I-500 Race

By SCOTT BRAND

The I-500 Snowmobile Race, “The Granddaddy of Them All,” will be held in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. on Saturday, Feb. 4 and with a last-minute change of heart, it appears as though the Mayer family will once again be represented on the mile-long, iced-oval continuing the legacy that began with the inaugural race in 1969.

“I have retired like five times so far,” said Aaron Mayer after agreeing to join Ryan McCaig and Trent Johnson in piloting the #55 Polaris for Furkey Racing for

the 54th running of the I-500. “I just committed to those guys a few weeks ago. I still feel pretty good and I was able to mentally prepare as well as physically prepare.”

Aaron’s first race came in 2001, when he joined the Mayer Race Team, better known as “Go Til She Blows” sharing driving duties with his older brother, Anthony, aboard the #9 Polaris. The team was owned by their father, I-500 Legend Francis “Tank” Mayer who drove a Ski-Doo in the 1969 race and followed that up with two dozen



Aaron, Tank and Anthony Mayer more races clocking 6,783 miles on the storied track in his career before trading his bib and helmet to man the pits each year until

passing at the age of 76 in March of 2017.

“He was always there helping somebody,” recalled Aaron, including a cousin, Kenny Mayer, during his days on the track.

Tank had one Top Ten finish in his career, while Aaron has scored a couple of third place finishes over the last two decades. In both of those instances, Aaron reflects, he was an unlucky break from the checkered flag.

“We should have won it both times,” he says of coming up short due to faulty brakes and blown belts and other misfortune

over the years. “That’s the name of the game, you have got to have luck and stay out of trouble to keep it running to the end and still be competitive.”

Aaron explained that being a co-driver for another team entails a lot less responsibility.

“There’s a lot more time with your family when you are not in the garage every night,” he said. “I don’t have to worry about finding sponsors or splitting bills.”

He is optimistic that the 2023 race another chance to break into the winner’s circle.

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Sorenson selected to serve on historic HUD committee

Unit III Director Bridgett Sorenson has been selected to serve as a member of the first-ever U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (TIAC). Her term runs from Nov. 29, 2022, through Nov. 28, 2025.

A letter from HUD Secretary Marcia L. Fudge said Sorenson was selected based on her qualifications and nominations from her community to directly engage with senior HUD officials on housing issues. “Thank you for your willingness to further serve tribal communities by



Bridgett Sorenson

participating in this historic and important committee,” Fudge

wrote in the letter.

Along with tribal leaders, the TIAC will include HUD Assistant Secretaries and other HUD senior leadership, according to the letter. Together, these HUD representatives will share programmatic information and engage with the TIAC tribal members on various policy matters.

“As Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, I strive to make it clear that when Indian country speaks, not only do we listen, we take your perspectives into account before we act,” Fudge wrote.

Drying herbs to add flavor to your meals

BY CHRISTINE VENEMA, MSU EXTENSION

Add a summertime zip to your meals all year by drying herbs. Growing, harvesting and drying herbs is one way to add a taste of freshness to your meals all year. Or maybe you were at the farmers market or the grocery store where there was a sale on fresh-cut herbs, and you bought more than you could use. Plan to preserve the rest.

To harvest herbs, pick them just before the buds open. Gather the herbs early in the morning just after the dew has left the leaves and before the sun beats down on them, this reduces the possibility of them wilting. Avoid bruising or crushing the

fresh leaves because they will lose flavor.

The easiest way to preserve herbs is to dry them. There are four ways to dry herbs safely: air drying indoors, a dehydrator, an oven or a microwave. Sun drying is not ideal, as that process removes the herbs of their brilliant color and flavor.

Herbs that are less tender such as parsley, rosemary, sage, summer savory and thyme can be air-dried indoors. The room needs to be hot and well-ventilated. These herbs would be tied in bundles, put into paper bags with air holes in them (which allow air to pass through in the bags to reduce the chance of molding) and put into a dry, hot

room. Use paper bags to catch any leaves that fall as the herbs dry.

Tender-leaf herbs such as basil, bay leaves, lemon balm, mints, oregano, sage and tarragon have a high moisture content and will mold easily, so it is best to use a dehydrator, particularly in Michigan. A dehydrator is necessary in Michigan because the humidity is rarely less than 10 percent, which is ideal for air drying.

To dry using a food dehydrator, wash the herbs in clean, cool running water. Shake the moisture off the herbs. Throw away any bruised, discolored or imperfect leaves. Check the dehydrator manual for the specifics. Preheat the dehydrator to 95 to 115 degrees Fahrenheit. If the air humidity is higher, it may be necessary to increase the temperature to 125 degrees. Arrange the leaves on the dehydrator trays in a single layer. Drying time will vary from one to four hours depending on the humidity.

Check the herbs periodically for doneness. The herbs are done when the leaves crumble to a powder and the stems break easily when bent.

For oven drying, a convection oven is great because it has a fan that moves the air. The process will be slower in a regular oven, as the oven door must be propped open and a fan used to blow across the opening. When

using the oven, the temperature cannot be warmer than 140 degrees or you will cook the herbs. Place the herbs on a tray and put into the pre-heated oven, using the oven set up previously described. The air circulation is vital for drying.

Herbs are the only food that can be “dried” in the microwave (in reality, the herbs are cooked and not dehydrated in a microwave). The drying must be done in small batches because there is no air flow. Follow the manufacturer’s directions.

MSU Extension recommends that when drying is finished,

package the herbs in glass jars after they have cooled completely. If glass jars are not used, the container must be moisture-proof with a tight-fitting lid. Since many herb leaves look alike, label the containers with the herb identity. Put a date on the container. Dried herbs will maintain their flavor for up to a year if they are stored in a dark dry location.

For more information on safely ensuring delicious food year-round, visit MSU Extension’s Safe Food & Water website at www.canr.msu.edu/safe_food_water/index for the latest news.



Photo by Christine Venema, MSU Extension

Oregano ready for drying.

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An impactful New Year's resolution: Foster a child, make a difference in their life forever

January is known for new year's resolutions. We all know the typical go-to resolutions, such as losing weight or quitting a bad habit.

Anishnaabek Community & Family Services (ACFS) is asking you to do something extraordinary for your new year's resolution, and make a difference

Be Extraordinary — change a child's life and contact ACFS today at (906) 632-5250, (800) 726-0093, or acfs-fosterhomes@SaultTribe.net.

in a child's life by raising awareness and advocating on behalf of foster children.

ACFS understands that not everyone is in the position to foster, but did you know that you

can still help?

Becoming a volunteer, mentor, or a respite care provider for a child in foster care is a great way to start. Supporting the children in foster care is a resolution that

everyone can be proud of.

If you are in the position to foster a child ACFS is also looking for dedicated foster parents that are located inside and outside of the seven-county service area.

Fostering is a way to make a positive difference in a child's life by providing a stable and

loving home with the support and encouragement the child needs to flourish and do well.

Anyone wishing to find out more about becoming a foster parent, volunteer, mentor, or respite care provider can contact ACFS at (906) 632-5250 or at (800) 726-0093 and by email at acfs-fosterhomes@saulttribe.net.

Recovery gala to be held - save the date!

A Recovery Gala will be held March 10, from 7-11p.m. at Big Bear Arena, located at 2 Ice Circle in Sault Ste. Marie. This

event is being presented by Sault Tribe Behavioral Health and Bay Mills Behavioral Health. More details to follow.

Community visioning session

A community visioning session for the Design Charrette for the Shunk Road Corridor, Tribal Lands and Facilities, will be held Tuesday, Jan. 31, from 5-7 p.m. at the Sault Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

The goal of this planning process is to create a comprehensive vision for the Sault Tribe community that will guide future development and investments in infrastructure, economic development,

facilities, recreation, land use and cultural services.

To be effective and relevant, it is critical for membership to attend and participate in the public session from 5-7 p.m. Activities will include:

- Opportunity to review proposed land use and future development.
- Opportunity to provide ideas and input on proposed Infrastructure (roads, trails, parks,

facilities) and future developments.

We will also provide a brief overview of the RAISE Grant and how these funds will be invested within the community.

Please let Transportation know if you have any questions or concerns: Wendy A. Hoffman, (906) 635-6050, ext. 26602, whoffman@saulttribe.net.

Sponsored by the Sault Tribe Transportation Department and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

JKL School accepting applications for open board positions

Northern Michigan University Charter School Office is accepting applications for open board positions at JKL Bahweting Anishnabe Public School Academy with a term length of three years ending June 30, 2026.

Applications can be found on the Northern Michigan University Charter Schools website at <https://nmu.edu/charterschools/board-application>. The review of applications will be ongoing until all seats are filled.

Elder safety program available

Sault Tribe Housing and Elder Services are excited to introduce R.U.O.K.? (Are You Okay?), an elder safety check program and peace of mind for those who live alone in the Kincheloe, Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Newberry and Hessel areas.

Volunteers are needed. Do you like to talk with other elders? Make a difference in an elder's life? Are you able to make a commitment to call an elder once a week? If so, this volunteer opportunity is for you!

To be a volunteer, you must

complete a background screening and attend an orientation training session.

Call Cathie Erickson at Sault Tribe Housing, (906) 495-1450, or Elder Services at 635-4971, to volunteer.

Sault Tribal committee vacancies announced

The following Sault Tribe Committees have vacant seats. Sault Tribe members interested in filling these vacancies should submit one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation from other members to Katelynn Griffin at 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, or call (906) 635-6050 with any questions.

Anishinaabe Cultural Committee - Ten vacancies - five males (4-year term), five females (4-year term)

Child Welfare Committee - Four vacancies (4-year term)

Election Committee - Two

vacancies (4-year term)

Health Board - Three vacancies (4-year term)

Housing/Utility Authority - One Vacancy (4-year term)

Special Needs/Enrollment Committee -

- Unit I - two vacancies
- Unit II - two vacancies
- Unit III - two vacancies
- Unit V: one vacancy (2-year term)

Elder Advisory Committee Unit I - Sault - One alternate vacancy (4-year term)

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

Unit III - St. Ignace - One

alternate vacancy (4-year term)

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

Elder Subcommittee

Unit I - Sault - One alternate vacancy (4-year term)

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

Unit II - Newberry - One regu-

lar vacancy

Unit III - St. Ignace - One regular vacancy (4-year term)

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

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

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

GAS & CIGARETTE DISCOUNTS

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Non Tribal owned Stations Offering Gas Discount Only

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Manistique Oil company, 216 Deer St., Manistique

Carnes BP, 2300 Ludington

St., Escanaba

Kinross BP Local Express, 4440 Tone Rd., Kincheloe

Cedar Pantry, 159 W M-134, Cedarville

Michigan Indian Elders Vacancies

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

Interested elders should contact Elder Service Division Director Holly Kibble at (906) 635-4971.

WIOA funding for on-the-job training

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.

Please apply at WIOA at Big Bear Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., or call Brenda Cadreau at (906) 635-4767 for more information.

Tribal members: need assistance?

Two membership liaisons work with the chairperson's office on membership issues and concerns across the service area. The liaisons respond to membership issues and follow up to ensure they are resolved. Sault Tribe members are encouraged to contact the liaisons when they need help with tribal issues by emailing them at

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

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McCoy takes reins as TAP Coordinator

BY SCOTT BRAND

Bringing a wealth of experience to his new post, Patrick McCoy was named Tribal Action Plan (TAP) Coordinator in September and has already hit the ground running.

"The things I am doing is what I know," said McCoy. "My mind has been wrapped around recovery for years."

McCoy has 34 years of sobriety under his belt and has worked to inspire others to follow that path. He founded a Facebook group — Sober Indians — a decade ago. The online forum currently boasts more than 70,000 members and is one of the largest Native American recovery groups in existence with more than 1,400 Sault Tribe members.

McCoy explained that in his new position he works with various entities, judicial, mental health, traditional healers and substance abuse personnel to promote healthy choices for the body and spirit following the TAP mission: *Through education, collaborations, and comprehensive services, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and community partners will restore balance to our families by combating substance abuse.*

His background includes his time as an experienced prevention worker for the Bay Mills Indian Community, his tenure with the Four Winds Treatment Center in Minnesota and an outpatient counselor for the Mille Lacs Band, also in Minnesota.



Patrick McCoy

McCoy earned his Master's degree from the Hazelton Graduate School of Addiction Studies.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has recognized that substance abuse and addiction are one of

the most serious threats facing its community, affecting the physical, mental, social, spiritual, and economic well-being of the tribe and its members. By developing this Tribal Action Plan, the tribe has expressed its willingness to combat substance abuse and addiction, and devote resources toward doing so. This plan aims to be comprehensive, addressing both practical needs regarding prevention and treatment services for all tribal members, and policy and planning needs at the governmental level. As a result, the list of goals, objectives, and action steps is extensive and complex.

By design, the TAP is also flexible enough to allow the tribe to address future challenges that may not be readily apparent today. The TAP Advisory Board will continue to meet regularly and conduct at least a bi-annual review process, which will allow the tribe to evaluate and modify the plan and focus its resources to meet the challenges it will encounter. The TAP is the beginning of an ongoing process that will continue well into the future.

It is essential that leadership and staff commitment exhibited to date continue, and that the tribe be supported with the assistance and guidance necessary, and mandated through the Tribal Law and Order Act, to bring the plan to fruition. As the Tribal Action Plan is implemented, it is McCoy's hope

that the tribal community and its members will have the resources necessary to combat substance abuse and addiction, and heal from its lasting effects, for the next seven generations.

MCS Flooring, LLC opening Jan. 16

Ross and Sonja Mcleod have purchased MCS Flooring LLC in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. and plan to open Jan. 16, 2023. The business will be located in the Crane Building Suite 3, 4539 S. Seymour St., Odenaang Subdivision.

MCS Flooring LLC will cover the Upper Peninsula servicing residential and commercial businesses with a large selection of flooring from 14 different manufacturers.

The couple also purchased Northern Hospitality's inventory. Furniture will be ordered by kiosk at this time.

The Mcleods can be reached at (906) 259-0797, (906) 440-7702 or mcsflooringsm@gmail.com.

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SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS NOTICE OF SPECIAL ADVISORY ELECTION

The Election Committee of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians would like to inform you that a SPECIAL ADVISORY ELECTION will be held for the currently vacant Unit I Director seat to occur immediately. Below are important dates and information.

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

- Jan. 20Deadline for voter registration. Last day to receive Letter of Intent for potential candidates.
Roll of registered voters prepared and posted. Nomination petitions available.
- Jan. 27Nominating petition deadline.
- Feb. 1.....List of eligible candidates available.
- Feb. 6.....Deadline for contests relating to nominations and voter registration.
- Feb. 24.....Special election ballots mailed to voters.
- March 20.....Special Advisory Election Day.
- March 23.....Deadline for contest relating to vote count.

OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

Unit I Director

The term for this seat will expire July 9, 2024.

ELECTION RULES: This SPECIAL ADVISORY ELECTION is a special advisory election pursuant to the Subchapter II of the Election Ordinance, as amended. The Election Committee has established the above time lines pursuant to that directive. The conduct of the election will otherwise follow the Election Ordinance.

VOTING PROCEDURE: All ballots will be mailed to registered voters by first class mail. In order to be counted, ballots must be received by the Election Committee by 5 p.m. at the United States Post Office-Sault Ste. Marie location on March 20, 2023, for the special advisory election. A Post Office Box is provided by the United States Post Office for return of the ballots. The address of the box will be included on the ballot.

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED: The election will be conducted by mail to the address shown in the Tribal Registrar's records. It is the responsibility of the tribal member to ensure that the address shown for him or her is correct. Please contact the Tribal Registrar's Office for any changes: Tribal Registrar's Office, 2428 Shunk Road, Mailing address: P.O. Box 1628, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 phone: (906) 635-3396 or 1 (800) 251-6597.

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES: Any tribal member who meets the requirements detailed in the Election Ordinance is eligible for election to office. A candidate for nomination must be eighteen years of age or older by March 20, 2023, a qualified voter, and have established one year residency within the election unit which they seek to represent. Any member who holds appointed/elected position in another unit of government; has been convicted of election fraud, misdemeanors involving gambling, theft, dishonesty or fraud; or a felony offense is ineligible for election to office. Any person elected shall voluntarily resign employment position and/or surrender any rights under any contract with the Tribe prior to assuming office. To be nominated, a candidate must file a letter of intent, background investigation forms, nominating petition, campaigning financing forms, etc. with the Election Committee in accordance with the Election Ordinance. A nominating petition must bear the original signatures of the proper number of registered voters from the unit to be represented. A voter may sign only as many petitions as there are offices to be filled from their unit. Petitions must be submitted on the forms provided by the Election Committee obtained at the designated offices.

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

ELECTION CONTESTS & COMPLAINTS: Any tribal member may raise election disputes before the Election Committee. All disputes must be stated in writing, addressed to the Chairperson of the Election Committee, contain the original signature and received under procedures provided in the Election Ordinance. The Election Committee will review disputes according to the Election Ordinance.

ELECTION ORDINANCE & CONSTITUTION: This Notice is a narrative statement of the requirements of the Election Ordinance and the Constitution. In the event of any discrepancies between this Notice and the Election Ordinance and Constitution, the requirements imposed by the Election Ordinance and Constitution shall control and all other provisions of this Notice shall remain in force. Questions regarding the election should be directed to the Election Committee.

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

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

Anishinaabemowin 2023

You definitely CAN learn some Anishinaabemowin!

“Today is the only life you can be sure of. Let the winds of enthusiasm sweep through you. Live today with gusto!” — Dale Carnegie

Introducing yourself

Aanii kina waya

aa-nii ki-na way-a

Hello everyone

Aanii niijii(k)

aa-nii nii-jii(k)

Hello my friend(s)

(Jems) **ndi zhinikaaz.**

(Jems) n-dizh-ni-kaaz

I am called (James) **

(Maa'iingan) **n'doodem.**

(maa-iin-gan) n-doo-dem

(Wolf) is my clan

(Baaweting) **ndoo njibaa.**

(Baa-we-ting) n-doon-ji-baa.

I am from (Sault Ste. Marie)

(Traverse City) **ndi daa.**

(Traverse City) n-di daa

I live in (Traverse City).

***Your name is considered properly to be your Anishinaabe name. This is the name the spirits know you by. Your English name is just what people call you. Teachings vary about these things. Look into it more deeply with a Traditional Medicine person.*

Tips for Learning

- Just pick 1 or 2 phrases to learn at a time. Choose ones that fit your life and who you are.

- Pay attention to the pronunciation guide below or listen on line.

- Say the words slowly at first then move to a conversational pace as you memorize them.

- **Have fun!!** Play with words.



Pronunciation?? You'll find the Anishinaabemowin words in this lesson pronounced at this FaceBook link:

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

Making our Sounds Most letters sound like in English.

Here are the exceptions.

aa sounds like the a in *awesome*

a sounds like the a in *about*

ii sounds like the e in *be*

i sounds like the i in *dip*

oo sounds like the o in *go*

o sounds like the oo's in *book*

e sounds like the e in *Ed*

g sounds only like it does in *go*

We underlined the syllables that get the emphasis.

Pronounce all the letters. Big deal: if n has an H or S after it, the n has **NO SOUND** of its own. It's a sign to say the vowels just before it in a nasal way - as if you had a stuffed up nose from a cold.

Manidoo Giizis

Spirit Moon

by Susan Askwith

Aanii kina nda nowemaaganidook.

aa-nii ki-na n-da no-we-maa-gan-i-dook

Hello all my relatives.*

** We greet all beings with us now and the many who walked on before us. We acknowledge that we're related and make ourselves known to them.*

(Makoons) **n'Nishnaabe noozwin aawan.**

(Makoons) n- nish-naa-be nooz-win aa-wan.

(Little bear) is my Anishinaabe name

***If you are interested in finding your Anishinaabe name and your clan (and your colors, too), you can contact Gerard or George, our Traditional Medicine Practitioners, at (906) 632-0236 for an appointment to learn those things about yourself.*

(Baaweting) **Anishinaabek ndoo dbendaagwas.**

(Baaweting) A-nish-i-naa-bek n-doo di-ben-daag-was

I belong to (Sault) Tribe. [the Indians at (the Sault)]

#Notice how sometimes two words slide together in the way we say them: (n'doon-ji-baa and n'dizh-ni-kaaz).

**And who
are you?**

Lightning Round!

Circle or write in your first impressions.

Gourmet or
Fast food

Wait and watch
or Act now

Woods or
Downtown?

Fancy
clothes or
Casual?

Walk or Ride?

Night or Day?

DIY or Hire it?

Which season:



Alone or
Group?

Traditional
or Modern?

Favorite sport:

Best way to learn:

When is a door not a door?

When it's ajar.

Auto-correct has become my worst enema.

Why did the student eat their homework? Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake.

I took a speed reading course and read "War and Peace" in 20 minutes. It's about Russia.

Agreement ensures unified MMIP response

FROM THE BIA
 WASHINGTON – During remarks at the 2022 White House Tribal Nations Summit, Attorney General Merrick B. Garland announced that the FBI and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) signed an agreement to establish guidelines to provide for the effective and efficient administration of criminal investigations in Indian Country. This is the first update since the early 1990s to a memorandum of understanding between the agencies.

The announcement is being discussed during a panel featuring Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland and Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta at the Summit. The Summit provides an opportunity for Administration and Tribal leaders from the 574 federally recognized Tribes to discuss ways the federal government can invest in and strengthen nation-to-nation relationships as well as ensure that progress in Indian Country endures for years to come.

“This agreement is a crucial step to advancing public safety for American Indian and Alaska Native communities,” said Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta. “The Department of Justice is committed to working with the Department of the Interior to investigate Indian Country crimes, including reports of missing or murdered Indigenous people, quickly, effectively and respectfully. We are grateful to the tribes that provided input into this new policy.”

“Interagency coordination is absolutely critical given the complexities of jurisdiction in Tribal communities. This agreement supports an all-of-government approach to addressing federal responsibilities and Tribal needs in Indian Country,” said Assistant Secretary Bryan Newland for Indian Affairs. “All federal agencies share a treaty and trust responsibility to protect tribal sovereignty and revitalize

tribal communities. This partnership will further support our efforts to keep Native people safe in their homes and communities.”

Under the agreement, the BIA Office of Justice Services and the FBI will cooperate on investigations and share information and investigative reports. The agencies will also establish written guidelines outlining jurisdiction and investigative roles and responsibilities for investigators from the BIA, FBI and Tribal law enforcement agencies. The agreement also requires that all BIA, FBI and Tribal law enforcement officers receive training regarding trauma-informed, culturally responsive investigative approaches.

This agreement will support the unified response to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples crisis, and

the Missing and Murdered Unit launched by Secretary Haaland. It defines responsibilities for FBI, BIA and Tribal investigators to ensure that missing person cases are entered into the National Crime Information Center, National Incident-Based Reporting System and other appropriate federal criminal databases, and that DNA is submitted to the National Missing Person DNA Database when appropriate and available.

The agreement also specifies that the FBI will take an initial primary role in the investigation of any BIA or Tribal law enforcement officer-involved shootings and in-custody death incidents. The BIA will concurrently conduct separate internal administrative investigations of any BIA or Tribal law enforcement officer-involved shootings and in-custody death incidents.

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 2023 February Healer
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 Munising Health Center
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Friday, February 10th
 Newberry
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WOMEN'S FULL MOON CEREMONY


Monday, February 6th
Social Time 5:30 to 6:00
Ceremony starts at 6:00

Located at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building
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Women on their moon time may attend (offerings can be made on your behalf)

Please contact Lori, Bree, or Katrina with any questions
 Masks are recommended
 906-632-0236 or 906-632-5268
 Chi'Miigwech

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MAKWA GIIZIS - BEAR MOON - FEBRUARY 2023

NIIZHWAASO GIIZHIGAT	NTAM GIIZHIGAT	NIIZHO GIIZHIGAT	NSWO GIIZHIGAT	NIIWO GIIZHIGAT	NAANO GIIZHIGAT	NGODWAASWO GIIZHIGAT
			1 n'wiijiki'enh (my friend)	2 Gookijiish Giizhigat (Groundhog Day)	3 bimisek (a week)	4 Ndaadziwag. (They are born.)
5 Mooshkaneshin Dibiki Giizis (It is a full moon.)	6 makwa shkanzh (bear claw)	7 makoons (bear cub)	8 G'zaagin. (I love you.)	9 G'gnaajwi. (You are beautiful.)	10 aadzookaanag (sacred stories)	11 ziisbaakadoonhsan (candies)
12 Aabtoojiishin! (Hug me!)	13 Jiimshin! (Kiss me!)	14 Zaagi'idiwin Giizhigat (Valentine's Day)	15 giniik (roses)	16 naabishebzowinan (earrings)	17 tibninjiibzon (ring)	18 naabkawaagan (necklace)
19 Nibaa. (S/he is sleeping.)	20 zgakii (hibernate)	21 Yekozi. (S/he is tired.)	22 Booniikwishin! (Leave me alone!)	23 Aaniish ezhi webag? (What's going on?)	24 Gzhiibii. (S/he is scratching him/herself.)	25 makwa waanzhiim (the bear's cave/den)
26 aakde'ewin (bravery)	27 aanikobijigaanak (Ancestors)	28 Naadamooshin! (Help me!)				

Sault Tribe Board of Directors meets, pass resolutions in November and December

Meetings of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors were held Nov. 29, Dec. 5, and Dec. 20, 2022, in Sault Ste. Marie at the Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center.

Nov. 29

Thirty-two resolutions were passed at the Nov. 29 meeting. Of those, 31 were by unanimous vote.

Resolution #312: ACFS Division, funeral assistance, FY 2022 budget modification — Approved for an increase in direct services of \$59,749.81, and will be covered by Other Revenue monies.

#313: Health Division, Manistique Administration, FY 2023 budget modification — Approved for a change to the personnel page and reallocation of expenses.

#314: Health Division, Manistique Optical and third-party revenue, FY 2023 budget modification — Approved for a change to the personnel sheet and an increase to transfer in from third party revenue of \$5,769.70.

#315: Health Division, Manistique Dental and third-party revenue, FY 2023 budget modification — Approved for a change to the personnel page, a relocation of expenses, and decrease in transfer in from third party revenue of \$5,769.70.

#316: Health Division, meetings and events and third-party revenue, establishment of FY 2023 budget and FY 2023 budget modification — The establishment of a FY 2023 budget for meetings and events with a transfer in from third party revenue of \$6,191.36 was approved.

#317: Health Division, Sault Dental, FY 2023 budget modification — Approved for a change to the personnel page and reallocation of expenses.

#318: Legal Division, special projects, FY 2022 budget modification — Approved for an increase in Tribal Support of \$810,000.

#319: Shipping and Receiving, FY 2022 capital expenditures budget modification — Approved for an increase in Tribal Support of \$32,275.00.

#320: Adam Walsh (SORNA), establishment of FY 2023 budget — Approved with Federal DOJ monies of \$93,157.10.

#321: Fiscal year 2023, budget document 004, Enterprises — Approved for revenue of \$21,325,379 and expenses of \$20,528,136.

#322: Fiscal Year 2023 Enterprises capital purchases budget — Approved for \$1,451,596.

#323: Authorization to convey property at 916 Ashmun St. (2), Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. — Conveyance of land from the tribe to Edgerly's was approved to clear up title for trust status.

#324: Trust Land Status, Sault Tribe construction parcel, Chippewa County, Mich. — The tribe requested the Secretary of the Interior take a parcel of land into trust in Chippewa County for the benefit of the tribe.

#325: Trust land status, St.

Paul addition multiple parcels, Chippewa County, Mich. — The tribe requested the Secretary of the Interior take a parcel of land into trust in Chippewa County for the benefit of the tribe.

#326: Trust land status Middledorf parcel, Schoolcraft County, Mich. — The tribe requested the Secretary of the Interior take a parcel of land into trust in Schoolcraft County for the benefit of the tribe.

#327: Trust land status, John McNaughton's addition, lot 4, block 3, Chippewa County, Mich. — The tribe requested the Secretary of the Interior take a parcel of land into trust in Chippewa County for the benefit of the tribe.

#328: Tribal liquor license, Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center — The tribe regulates the possession and sale of intoxicating liquors within the tribe's jurisdiction pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 41: Liquor Control Ordinance. The board approved a CLASS A: Retailer License and CLASS B: Retail Intoxicating Liquor License to the Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center.

#329: Tribal liquor license, Kewadin Shores Casino — The board issued a CLASS A: Retailer License and CLASS B: Retail Intoxicating Liquor License to Kewadin Shores Casino.

#330: Tribal liquor license, Kewadin Casino Hessel — The board issued a CLASS A: Retailer License and CLASS B: Retail Intoxicating Liquor License to the Kewadin Casino Hessel.

#331: Tribal liquor license, Kewadin Casino Manistique — The board issued a CLASS A: Retailer License and CLASS B: Retail Intoxicating Liquor License to the Kewadin Casino Manistique.

#332: Tribal liquor license, Kewadin Casino Christmas — The board issued a CLASS A: Retailer License and CLASS B: Retail Intoxicating Liquor License to the Kewadin Casino Christmas.

#333: Tribal liquor license, Midjim Convenience Store, Sault Ste. Marie — The board issued a CLASS B: Retailer License and CLASS A: Retail Intoxicating Liquor License to the Midjim Convenience Store, Sault Ste. Marie.

#334: Tribal liquor license, Midjim Convenience Store, St. Ignace — The board issued a CLASS B: Retailer License and CLASS A: Retail Intoxicating Liquor License to the Midjim Convenience Store, Sault Ste. Marie.

#335: U.S. Department of Energy Clean Cities — The board committed to supporting the Native Sun Community Power Development and Michigan Technological University's proposal for the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities funding opportunity.

#336: Approve 2022 telehealth survey — The tribe is interested in having telehealth information for upcoming competitive grant

opportunities. A survey has been developed and is ready for distribution; and funding is being provided by Michigan Health Endowment Fund. The board approved the 2022 Telehealth Survey and authorized its dissemination.

#337: Approve application for National Tribal Broadband grant — The board supports and recommends the submission of the National Tribal Broadband Grant within U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Economic Development.

#338: Authorizing the submission of materials for SSBCI capital and technical assistance application — The board authorized and approved the submission of a letter of designation for the Capital and Technical allocation.

#339: Authorization to use operational solutions provided by Sault Tribe Inc., or its subsidiaries — The board authorized the Sault Tribe CFO to negotiate operational services required for the timely transition of operations upon new business acquisitions with the Sault Tribe Inc. CEO.

#340: Trust land lease cancellation, 13 and 15 Taylour Day Way, Kincheloe, Mich. — Approved.

#341: Trust land lease, lots 659, 658, Kinross, Mich. — Approved.

#342: Authorization to negotiate, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., property and inventory disposition — The board authorized the Sault Tribe Inc. CEO to negotiate the sale of the real property, personal property, and inventory, located at 827 Ashmun Street (Northern Hospitality).

#343: Approval and authorization of certain governing law and dispute resolution provisions for Kokosing Alberici lease agreement — The board approved the proposed governing law and dispute resolution provisions of the proposed lease agreement between Demawating Development and Kokosing Alberici LLC, which includes a limited covenant by Demawating Development not to assert the defense of sovereign immunity.

Dec. 5

Thirteen resolutions were passed at the Dec. 5 meeting. Of those, seven were by unanimous vote.

#344: Continuing funding authority for FY 2023, January to December — The board approved continuing funding for specific cost centers for fiscal year 2023, at their 2022 spending levels, for a period not to exceed March 31, 2023.

#345: ARPA, proprietary capital projects, establishment of FY 2022 budget — The board approved the establishment of an FY 2022 budget with ARPA Federal Revenue funds of \$2,820,000.

#346: ARPA, revenue loss, establishment of FY 2022 budget — The board approved the establishment of a FY 2022 budget with ARPA Federal Revenue funds of \$17,054,128.31.

#347: Fisherman's Fund, establishment of FY 2023 budget — The board approved the establishment of a FY 2023 budget with Other Revenue monies of \$32,714.19.

#348: MEDC Epoufette Harbor Development Project establishment of FY 2023 budget — The board approved the establishment of a FY 2023 budget with state of Michigan monies of \$40,000.

#349: NRCS Epoufette Harbor access road project, establishment of FY 2023 budget — The board approved the establishment of a FY 2023 budget with Federal USDA monies of \$21,598.

#350: ACFS Division, social work FY 2022 budget modification — The board approved the FY 2022 budget modification to Social Work for a change to the personnel sheet.

#351: Authorization for property acquisition, St. Ignace, Mich., Evergreen Shores — The board authorized Sault Tribe Housing Authority (STHA), through Sault Tribe Inc. (STI), to negotiate a property purchase on behalf of the tribe with STHA nonprogram income funds and authorized the Legal Department to initiate a fee to trust application with the Bureau of Indian Affairs after acquisition of the property to be placed in trust. The property will be leased to the STHA for their sole management and use.

#352: Sault Tribe Youth Health Survey — The board authorized the Health Division's Community Health Program to conduct a Sault Tribe Youth Health Survey to all tribal youth, ages 12 to 17, residing in the seven-county service area, using labels generated from Tribal Enrollment, or by the electronic database shared by Tribal Enrollment with Michigan Public Health Institute. The MIS and Enrollment Departments were authorized to cooperate with the Health Division in generating the database, lists, and labels for this project.

#353: Adopting Tribal Code Chapter 102: Non-Profit Ordinance — The board approved the establishment of a tribal ordinance to allow non-profit business entities to be organized under tribal law, rather than state law, to promote the tribe's sovereignty and self-determination. The Non-Profit Ordinance was established as Chapter 102 of the Tribal Code.

#354: Exception to temporary hold on ARPA fund projects — The board authorized that projects to include Units II, III, and IV that were previously approved are authorized to proceed with continued development of the projects.

#355: Authorizing a limited waiver of sovereign immunity and consent to jurisdiction as required to obtain a liquor license from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission — Approved.

#356: Authorizing a limited

waiver of sovereign immunity and consent to jurisdiction as required to obtain a lottery retailer license from the Michigan Bureau of State Lottery — Approved.

Dec. 20

Seven resolutions were passed at the Dec. 20 meeting. Of those, one was by unanimous vote.

#357: Buildings, displaced housing, establishment of FY 2022 and FY 2023 budget — The board approved the establishment of a FY 2022 budget for Displaced Housing with Other Revenue monies of \$8,246.58. They also approved the establishment of a FY 2023 budget with Other Revenue monies of \$70,407.08 and Fund Balance of \$41,809.56.

#358: Approving general counsel contract, Patterson, Earnhart, Real Bird & Wilson, LLP — The board approved the general counsel contract between the tribe and Patterson, Earnhart, Real Bird & Wilson LLP, for the 2023 calendar year, to serve as general counsel to the tribe.

#359: Approving special counsel contract, Morrisset, Schlosser, Jozwiak & Somerville, PC — The board approved the special counsel contract between the tribe and Morrisset, Schlosser, Jozwiak, & Somerville, PC, for the 2023 calendar year, to provide legal services on the tribe's treaty fishing matters.

#360: Approving special counsel contract, Alexis Lambros — The board approved the special counsel contract between the tribe and Alexis Lambros, for the 2023 calendar year, to provide legal services on human resource matters, JKL Fiduciary Committee matters, and any other matters as directed by the tribe's board.

#361: Approving special counsel contract, Jacobson Law Group — The board approved the special counsel contract between the tribe and Jacobson, Magnuson, Anderson & Halloran PC, also referred to as Jacobson Law Group, for calendar year 2023, for the purpose of providing legal services to the tribe on election matters and any other matters as directed by the tribe's board.

#362: Approving special counsel contract, Steward & Sheridan PLC — The board approved the special counsel contract between the tribe and Steward & Sheridan PLC, for the 2023 calendar year, to provide legal services on Sawyer Village eviction and collection matters.

#363: Approving special counsel contract, WilmerHale — The board approved the special counsel contract between the tribe and WilmerHale, for calendar year 2023, to provide legal services on the tribe's mandatory trust litigation.

To view these and past resolutions, visit www.saulttribe.com. They can be found under the Board of Directors downloads section.

Upper Peninsula education paying off in Europe

BY SCOTT BRAND

Although his new job has taken him to the other side of the world, Robert Walsh, COO of James Hardie Industries' European business, was eager to get back to the Upper Peninsula hoping to beat the oncoming blizzard in time for the Christmas festivities with his family in Naubinway.

The 1995 Engadine graduate followed up his high school education earning a chemical engi-



Robert Walsh and his daughter Isabelle, 7, were able to make it back to his parents home in Naubinway to celebrate Christmas with Sarah and David Walsh.

neering degree from Michigan Tech in Houghton. The proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians credited his Yooper background for providing a stable base for his future successes. Born and raised here in the Upper Peninsula, Walsh reflected back on those years.

"Engadine (schools) prepared me academically and I learned a lot playing sports," he said of his exploits in football, track and his tenure on the student council. "I grew up going to the powwows, especially the St. Ignace one, and Escanaba for the U.P. State Fair."

Employment opportunities and additional education — earning an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business — took him out of the U.P. more than 20 years ago, but he still has a lot of fond memories.

"I grew up wearing moccasins because my aunt (Laurie) made them," he recalled, "and my mom helped to run the family fish shed. The family on my mom's side, they were all commercial fishermen."

Walsh admits fishing is a way of life — long hours and rough waters aboard the four family boats the precursor to Frazier Bros. Fisheries — that he was thankful to avoid in his youth opting for other employment opportunities growing up.

"I learned the value of hard work from my family," said Walsh, adding that Uncle Tuff was a great role model in that regard.

Wilderness Treasures serves Pickford community, anglers

BY SCOTT BRAND

With three additions since opening 22 years ago, Wilderness Treasures, located at 101 S. M-129, continues to evolve in the heart of Pickford.

"Since I was a little kid, I always knew I was going to own a store," said Carley Ball as customers came and went with their caffeinated beverages, toasted sandwiches, rustic décor and fishing supplies.

The 1993 Sault High graduate credited her husband, Tom, for helping to make this dream come true.

"I quit my job and he still worked so I could do this," said Carley of that fateful day back in 2000. "He was very supportive."

Putting a bait and tackle store

under the same roof as a gift and floral shop may seem like a strange recipe for success, but it has proven to be a winning combination for the Balls. They have expanded to nearly 7,000 square feet adding more room for home decorations and gifts plus a coffee shop and deli that serves the community.

"We make them all day," said Carley of the toasted sandwiches coming in both breakfast and lunch varieties. There is a wide range of hot and cold beverages available as well including lattes, cappuccinos and smoothies.

"Then, of course, there's the bait and tackle," said Carley including minnows, suckers, wax worms and wigglers. "In the summer we also have crawlers and



Friendly, helpful service courtesy of Carley and Tom Ball is a staple at Wilderness Treasures.



Robert and Isabelle visited Cologne Cathedral in Germany on New Year's Day, 2023.

Armed with his degrees in chemical engineering and business, he found his calling with James Hardie Industries, the world's #1 producer and marketer of high-performance fiber cement and fiber gypsum solutions.

"It's cement and wood pulp," said Walsh as this new siding has grown to take nearly 25 percent of the U.S. market. "It's a really durable product, very low main-

tenance."

The company, headquartered in Dublin, Ireland, annually does approximately \$4 billion in sales and has more than 5,000 employees. Walsh, who moved to Dusseldorf, Germany, upon taking this position in the fall, oversees all six of the European manufacturing locations including four in Germany, a fifth in the Netherlands, and the final

one in Spain.

"I have been to half of the plants," said Walsh, anticipating visits to the others heading into 2023. As COO he is in charge of approximately 650 employees, all manufacturing, the supply chain and engineering over in Europe.

Walsh is the son of David and Sarah (Frazier) Walsh, who still reside in Naubinway.

leeches."

For the last two decades, this shop has been a reliable pit stop for anglers.

"The nice thing about us is we are centrally located," said Carley, referring to clientele that includes not only nearby Munuscong Bay walleye anglers, but salmon slammers at DeTour Passage, perch fishermen in the Les Cheneaux Islands and those seeking whitefish in the Upper St. Mary's River. "We take care of everybody. We have become a destination tackle shop."

That includes the winter season as well.

"We can outfit you for any kind of fishing excursion you want to go on, from the shanty and auger right down to a tear drop," said Carley noting there are certain items that can only be found at Wilderness Treasures. "There are still some lures Tom makes that are special to this area."

The Balls occasionally even test some of the items they have for sale.

"We have to make sure everything is up to par and works properly," said Carley with a smile.

For nearly three decades, Carley and Tom have also overseen the largest ice fishing tournament in the Eastern Upper Peninsula. The Munuscong Bay Hardwater Walleye Classic brings hundreds of anglers together to compete for thousands of dollars in cash and prizes each year. This year's event is slated to run from

Jan. 26-29.

Carley is the daughter of Henry and Susan (Sparks) Bourque (pronounced Burk)

and says she is a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians through her mother's side of the family.

Sault Tribe member honored as IHS Pharmacist of the Year

Lt. Cmdr. Nicholas Cushman PharmD MS BCACP was selected as the Indian Health Service (IHS) Junior Pharmacist of the Year for outstanding performance, contributions, and dedication to IHS and Indian country. All pharmacists with less than nine years of civil service or at a rank of Lt. or Lt. Cmdr. with the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps were eligible.

Cushman serves as an

Area Senior Clinical Program Coordinator for the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Indian Country ECHO Program. Prior to his current position, Cushman completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency Program and served as Staff Pharmacist at the Albuquerque Service Unit in Albuquerque, N.M., and served as Deputy Chief Pharmacist at the Ute Mountain Ute Health Center in Towaoc, Colo.



Social Security redesigns website for 2023

BY HILLARY HATCH

There's no better place to learn about Social Security programs and do business with us than on our redesigned website at SSA.gov. Visitors to SSA.gov will experience a new design to help them find what they need more easily.

Here are our top 10 webpages:

my Social Security — You can open a personal my Social Security account to verify your earnings, view your Social Security Statement, get

benefit estimates, and more, at www.ssa.gov/myaccount.

Social Security blog — Our hub for Social Security news and updates is our blog at blog.ssa.gov. You can use social media to easily share these informative articles with others.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) — Do you need answers to Social Security-related questions? Our FAQ webpage is another valuable source of information at www.ssa.gov/faq.

Retirement Application

— You can complete and submit your online application for retirement benefits in as few as 15 minutes at www.ssa.gov/retirement.

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them - at www.ssa.gov/fraud.

Remember, if you need information or want to do business with us, the first place to go is our website. Please share these top resources with your loved ones.

Hillary Hatch is the Public Affairs Specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525, or via email at: hillary.hatch@ssa.gov.

Bleich, Lindblad families welcome new members



Jennifer (Lehto) and Eric Bleich of Hudson, Mich., are thrilled to announce the long-awaited birth of their son, Otis Martin Bleich, on Nov. 6, 2022. He weighed 9 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21.5 in length. He was born at Henry Ford Hospital in Jackson, Mich. His grandparents are Diane and Marty Lehto of Newberry, Mich. and Carol and Randy Bleich of Hudson, Mich.



Jazlyn Petcher and Zach Lindblad of Wilson, welcomed a daughter, Penelope Marissa Rose Lindblad, Dec. 22, 2022, at Marshfield Medical Center-Dickinson in Iron Mountain. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces. Grandparents are Kelli Jackson of Wilson, Edison Petcher of Mount Pleasant, Mich., Karen Lindblad of Manistique, Mich., and Paul Brown of Gilette, Wyo. Great-grandmothers are Sharon Philemon of Wilson and Rose Milburn of Manistique.

Consumers Energy donates \$300,000 to help Michigan vets pay their winter heating bills

A \$300,000 donation from Consumers Energy to the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund (MVTFF) will help potentially hundreds of military veterans pay their heating bills in Michigan this winter.

The gift is the largest single donation in the 76-year history of the trust fund, which operates within the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA). Over the past three years, Consumers has gifted \$550,000 to the MVTF.

This year's donation will help veterans who are Consumers customers pay utility bills and make emergency home repairs that fall under energy efficiency, such as furnace and roof repairs. Veterans can call 1-800-MICH-VET to inquire about eligibility or visit the MVTF webpage and fill out the emergency assistance form.

"Utility assistance continues to be one of our biggest needs, especially during these cold win-

ter months," said MVTF Director Lindell Holm.

"We are incredibly thankful to have the support of Consumers Energy as we work to assist veterans and their families during this time. This donation allows the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund to expand our reach to more veterans facing critical needs besides utilities like emergency rent assistance and home payments," Holm added.

The assistance can be particularly helpful to those on a fixed income. More than 51% of Michigan's nearly 550,000 veterans are age 65 or older and about 21% percent receive disability compensation, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Since late 2020, more than \$169,000 in donations from Consumers and the MVTF have helped 457 Michigan veterans and their dependents pay utility bills.

Another \$190,000 in donations from Consumers and the MVTF have helped veterans make energy-efficient home repairs in the form of furnaces and roofs.

Consumers has provided \$7.25 million this winter to help Michigan residents with energy bills, which includes the assistance for military veterans.

"Consumers Energy understands many Michiganders are facing challenging times and no one wants to see rising energy bills especially our most vulnerable customers. We recognize our responsibility to help our customers who count on us every day," said Garrick Rochow, Consumers Energy's president and CEO.

"Natural gas prices have climbed across the Midwest and nation, and we are committed to helping customers manage their bills and help those in need immediately," added Rochow.

Lumsden receives MPCA award



Director of the Sault Tribal Health Center, Dr. Leo Chugunov, presented Assistant Health Director Joel Lumsden with the Michigan Primary Care Association Award during a makeshift ceremony in December.

Rozine graduates summa cum laude

Tribal member Zoe Rozine graduated summa cum laude from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University. Rozine attended this national top 10 business school on a full scholarship as a Fry Scholar and has double majored in Marketing and Business Analytics.

While completing her studies, Rozine was the president of the Undergraduate Business Diversity Council, a mentor to incoming honors freshmen, was selected to join the Consulting Workshop program, and competed and placed in local, national, and international business CASE competitions. She completed two-year internships with both the Sault Ste. Marie Convention and Visitors Bureau and Boston Consulting Group (BCG), which is one of the three largest management consulting firms in the nation.

In her free time, Rozine enjoys baking, exercising, problem solving and outdoor activities. Rozine has accepted an Associate



consulting position with BCG and will work through the Detroit office beginning in January.

Rozine is the daughter of Eric and Kabrina Rozine and granddaughter of Susan and John Askwith. Rozine is very grateful for the support from her family and the Sault Tribe and looks forward to representing them well in her future endeavors.

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Contact Randy at (906) 259-3289 or email adulttcte@eup-schools.org.

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LARRY JAMES WILKINS

Larry James Wilkins, 67, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. passed away peacefully in his home, surrounded by his family, and his precious dogs Sage and Bella, on Dec. 29, 2022.



Larry was born on May 20th, 1955 in St. Ignace, Mich. to the late Carl and Agatha (Grondin) Wilkins.

Larry was a graduate of Sault High School with the class of 1973. On October 20, 1990, he married Debby Pearl Gamelin in Sault Ste. Marie.

Larry was not a stranger to hard work. He spent the last 20 years working for Harwood Properties, but most knew him from his time at Parkers Hardware.

Larry was a very private person who chose not to disclose his diagnosis of cancer with anyone besides close family and friends. He started his battle in July and fought like a champ until the very end.

Those who knew him, knew what an incredible man he was. He had an intense love for his wife Debby, his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved gardening, cooking and baking, his animals and religiously watching his Tigers and Lions. He lived for his family and the many projects they had for him.

Larry is predeceased by his wife Debby, sister Dorothy, and brother Mike. He is survived by three children: Sherri (Don Bentley) Bloomfield and Terry (Nicole) Wilkins both of Sault Ste. Marie, and Christina Wilkins of Prairie Village, Kan.; grandchildren: Rachel, Emily (Jeff), Alyssa, Aaron, Sidney, Jenna, and Laila; and great grandchildren: Ryan, Jaxson, Cora, Lauren, and Liam. Larry is also survived by two siblings: Donna (Daryl Dalimonte) Wilkins and Debbie (Mike) Bell, as well as six nieces and three nephews.

A memorial service was held on Jan. 2, 2023, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to MyMichigan Road to Recovery. We would like to say a very special thank you to Dr. Ali Mohamed and all of the amazing nurses at MyMichigan Oncology Dept, as well as the wonderful staff at EUP Home Health and Hospice.

Arrangements are in the care of C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at <http://www.csmulder.com>.

REBECCA S. STOVER

Rebecca (Becky Sue Bissell) Stover, 49, of Xenia, Ohio, passed away after a short illness on Dec. 13, 2022. Becky Bissell was born in Ludington on Sept. 21, 1973. Loving wife of Adam Stover for 31 years,



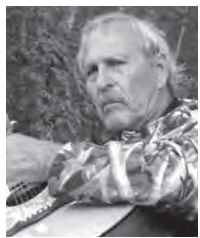
adored mother of Hayden (Sophia Estes) Stover, Wesley (Jaelin Hudson) Stover and Joseph Stover; cherished daughter of Sault Tribe member Daniel Bissell and Alice Walkley; and beloved sis-

ter of Robert (Beth) Bissell, Katrina (Brandon) McDonald and Sarah (Joe) Underwood.

She took the time to home school her boys when they were young, playing a big part in shaping them into who they are today. Becky also touched the lives of hundreds of children that she cared for over the years at her daycare. She was also proud of her Native American heritage as a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She was preceded in death by her Grandparents Captain John Bissell and Tribal member Theresa LaBlance.

ROBERT (BOB) LOCKWOOD

Robert (Bob) Lockwood, 83, passed away peacefully on Dec. 29, 2022, at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisc., with his family by his side.



He was the son of Benjamin and Lillian Lockwood, born Sept. 16, 1939, in Gulliver, Mich. He lived most of his life in Manistique, Mich., until recently when he moved to Gladstone, Mich., to live with his daughter.

Bob enjoyed music, hunting, fishing, going to the casino and spending time with his family.

Bob will be remembered for his singing, guitar playing, and his many woodworking projects.

Bob is survived by his sister, Joan Wells; brother-in-law, Daniel Rubick; daughters Tammy (Ed) Roddy of Menomonee Falls, Wisc., Barbara (Don) Bosanic of Manistique, Carrie (John) Lundberg of Gladstone; sons Rob Lockwood of Manistique, Joseph (Jen) Lockwood of Menomonee Falls; five grandchildren, Donald Bosanic Jr., Ashley Bosanic, Samantha Brock, Jacob Lockwood and Katherine Lockwood; seven great-grandchildren, Brayden Lockhart, Mylie Lockhart, Oakley Schnurer, Madison Bosanic, Lillian LaVance, Layla LaVance, and Nathaniel LaVance; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, brothers and sisters, Bob was preceded in death by his loving wife of 50 years, Janet (Ott) Lockwood, who passed away in 2009.

Per his wishes, there will be no

services and the family will hold a private burial in the spring.

Rest in peace, Dad, and enjoy that pumpkin pie!

SHARON M. SHAMPINE

Sharon Marie Shampine, 70, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Dec. 29, 2022, at My Michigan Medical Center-Sault.



Sharon was born on Jan. 19, 1952, in Sault Ste. Marie to the late William and Ava Marie (McCoy) Shampine. She was a graduate of Sault High School with the class of 1970. Sharon was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and worked as a secretary for Sault Tribe Law Enforcement. She enjoyed Bingo, beading crafts, and was a fan of "the Rock." She also enjoyed playing Animal Crossing and playing Phase10 with friends and family.

Sharon is survived by her son, Michael Shampine of Sault Ste. Marie; three nephews, several great nieces and a great nephew.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents; a son, William Shampine; a sister, Carol Ward; and a brother, William Shampine.

Cremation has already taken place and no public services are planned at this time. Arrangements are in the care of C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

PHILMA D. LEAZIER

Philma Dora (Knoodle) Leazier, 96, of St. Ignace, Mich., died at Evergreen Living Center on Dec. 25, 2022. She was born in St. Ignace on March 29, 1926, to Patrick L. Knoodle and Lucille Moscoe Ance.



Philma was born at the Moses Shedowin Home in St. Ignace, which was her cousin's (Charley Shedowin and sisters). She was a Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Tribal Elder. She was born during the March Northwind Storm

and was given her Native name, "Kewadin," meaning Big North Wind as a result. She grew up in a tar paper shack, not far from the courthouse in St. Ignace. The house had no running water, electricity, or plumbing. As a young girl, she hauled pails of water from the neighbor's hand pump well. They had a wood stove for heat, and she would go out to collect wood as well. Electricity was hooked up with one light bulb over hanging the main room that a family friend of her mother, installed for the family when she was about 12. Indoor plumbing came much later in her life.

Philma attended school in Newberry, Mich., as well as the Holy Child Childhood School for Native children in Harbor Springs, Mich. Later, she went to Convent Catholic School in St. Ignace, until the 11th grade and then the NYA School in Ironwood, Mich., to become a welder. During WWII, Philma worked as a welder on Navy Ships in Sturgeon Bay, Wisc., and then later worked in a munitions plant in Baraboo, Wisc., with nitro Cellulose based propellants that were used in WWII.

She worked in many local restaurants, bars, and manufacturing plants in the St. Ignace area and Green Bay, Wisc., over the years. She worked as a ticket seller for Star Line and Arnold Line Ferry Boats. She also sold Avon for over 40 years and was the top seller and President's Club honoree for sales. In the 1990s, she was a hospice volunteer sitter and worked on the election board for years.

She had five children with her first husband: Raymond Woodford, Irene, Bonnie, Patrick, Michael and Dale. She remarried and had three more children with her second husband, Glenn Mattox Sr.: Lindy, Glenn Jr., and Paul. She did not have children with her third husband, Clyde Leazier, but he had two sons from his previous marriage, Duane and Eddy.

Philma was a member of the Women of the Moose Lodge since 1982 and was one of the "Church Ladies" as they were known in town who said the rosary before each mass that was scheduled. She

was a member of the St. Anne's Altar Society and was certified for the Children's Catholicism Ministry Program. She was one of the prayer chain warriors for the Catholic Church.

Philma was a Breast Cancer Survivor from 2004. She always found time and energy for all of her children and grandchildren, especially seeing to it that they were baptized, participated in Sacrament of Penance, first Holy communion, and confirmation. She was a devout Catholic. She always had a smile and laughter to share. She was one of the prayer chain warriors at the Catholic Church. She lived life to the fullest and loved to party, travel, and put puzzles together with her grandchildren and great grandchildren; she'd watch and cheered the Green Bay Packers with a cold beer, and a shot of Brandy. She also made countless, beautiful afghans that kept everyone in her family warm. Those who knew her well as a resident at Evergreen Living Center, laughed each time and she would sing "Hamtramck Mama" by The York Brothers for everyone. Her go-to phrase to say was, "The first 100 years are the worst, after that it is clear sliding."

Philma is survived by her six children and their families: daughters, Irene M. Horn, Bonnie L. Culfa, and Lindy (Kevin) McNamara; sons, Patrick G. (Peggy) Woodford, Michael L. (Rose) Woodford, and Dale R. Woodford; grandchildren, Jerry, Gary (Susan), Archie, Kevin (Stacy), and Tom (Tracy) Horn, Theresa, Michelle, Raymond Woodford, Nicole (Kevin) Turley, Samantha Green, Sara (Ted) Olson, and Glenda (Blake) Loebach, and Allen Green Jr., Joseph J. III (Brandy) Culfa, and David Culfa; and many beloved great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Philma is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Bernard Knoodle, who passed at the age of 9; sons, Paul William Mattox, who passed at 6 months old, and Glenn Louis Mattox Jr., who died at the age 17 due to a hit-and-run accident; and sons-in-law, Allen R.

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Green, and Gerald N. Horn.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Spring 2023. A time and date will be later announced.

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation in Pickford, Mich., is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

NORMA ETHEL BISHOP

Norma Ethel Bishop, 85, of St. Ignace, Mich., and Englewood, Fla., passed away peacefully on Nov. 25, 2022, at Tidewell Hospice House in Port Charlotte, Fla., after being diagnosed with breast cancer in 2020. A world without Norma? Unimaginable.

She was one of those people who was supposed to live forever. Feisty, funny, cantankerous, witty, ornery, spicy, irreverent. And a life-long devout Catholic. She was all of that.

Norma was born Jan. 7, 1937, and raised in St. Ignace, Mich., to Norman and Dorothy (née McLeod) Paquin. She attended LaSalle High School (Class of '54) and worked several jobs during the summer months cleaning motels and cabins, and working various positions at restaurants in town. But the job she held as a teen that would shape her future was working in the ticket booth at the movie theater (The Show) in downtown St. Ignace. It was there she met the love of her life, Captain Jim Bishop (who kept coming back to the same movie so he could see her cute face through that glass). They married in September 1954, and, in pretty quick succession, had three children. While raising those three children, Norma was first a homemaker, but also held many jobs: chief cook and bottle washer at the Dog N Suds Drive-In out on US-2 (an existing franchise!) that she and the Captain owned and operated (you could pet the deer!); ticket sales for her and the Captain's ferry boat service to Mackinac Island; ticket sales for Arnold Line Transit Company; nurse's aide at

Mackinac Straits Hospital; and flower arranger at the St. Ignace Green House. She also provided administrative support to the Captain when he ran their charter fishing business out of Charlevoix, Mich., in the '70s.

Norma was always the life of the party. In fact, some folks might say she WAS the party. She loved dressing up for Halloween, and for any occasion, for that matter. And, any chance she had to grace a dance floor, she was there shakin' a leg. She had a way of bringing people together and almost always hosted the gatherings. And cook! Oh, how that woman could cook! As far as we're concerned, Norma was THE best cook (fry and otherwise) in the U.P. — and beyond. She happily shared recipes, but nothing was as good as when she made it. She added that extra little something that made it oh so delicious. Love? Lard? Probably lots of both. It brought her great joy to sit back after preparing a meal and watch family and friends savor her concoctions.

In 1988, Norma and the Captain bought a little place in Englewood, Fla. (aka Wrinklewood) on Manasota Key, and it's where they wintered, hosting all family members who rendezvoused there most every spring.

Norma is survived by her siblings, Larry Paquin, Frances Wartella, Kathleen Bell and Andre Paquin; her children, son, James J. Bishop, Jr. (Michigan/Florida), daughters, Ann Marie Bishop (Michigan/Florida) and Mary Jo Bishop (Nashville/Florida); her grandchildren, Mary Eileen Harris (Michigan), Katie Harris Keel (South Carolina), James Gardner Harris (South Korea), Angela Nefcy Kolar (Seattle), Jimmy Joe Bishop (North Carolina), Kiara Bishop (Michigan); and great grandchildren, Anna Jean Keel, James Ryan Keel and Zane Christopher Kolar.

Norma is predeceased by her parents; her husband, Capt. James J. Bishop, Sr.; and siblings Teddy Paquin and Roberta McPhee. Norma truly broke the mold.

Let's gather to share stories and raise our glasses to her at a celebration of her life on July 8, 2023,

in St. Ignace, Mich. Details to be announced.

In lieu of cards and flowers, please consider a donation to Tidewell Hospice (<https://tidewell-hospice.org>).

RAYMOND H. LEE

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Raymond Howard Lee of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., who passed away on Dec. 18, 2022, at the age of 75, leaving family and friends to mourn.

He is survived by his daughters, Tracey Shannon and RaeAnn Kelly; his brothers, Ronald Lee and Richard Lee; and his grandchildren, Ronald Shannon, Cassidy, Cooper, and Natalie.

He was predeceased by his parents, Francis Lee and Grace Lee (Kebshkong); his sister, Janis Koszowicz; and his brother-in-law, Paul Koszowicz.

Visitation was held on Dec. 27, and the funeral service was held on Dec. 28, 2022, at the Sault Tribe Cultural Center.

Raymond's family requests memorial contributions be made in his name to Hospice of the EUP, 308 W. 12th, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

KENNETH "KENNY" MARTIN

Kenneth "Kenny" Martin, 60, of Cheboygan, passed away Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022 at his home. He was born July 3, 1962, the son of Henry "Pete" and Annabelle (Enos) Martin.

Kenny worked most of his life as a carpenter and became a master at it, taking pride in everything he built and believed only the highest quality would do. He was also an avid sportsman who loved fishing and hunting. One of his most exciting experiences was being selected in the

Michigan elk hunt and was successful harvesting a 5x5 bull elk.

His many hobbies included vintage snowmobile restorations and tinkering on anything that had an engine. If it was considered beyond repair, Kenny would bring it back to running condition and more years of service. He had a great sense of humor with a lot of funny sayings that would make you laugh and once he started, he would keep you in stitches.

Kenny is survived by his two sons, Russell LaLonde and Andrew Martin. He is also survived by his brother, Randy (Jeanne) Enos and sister, Belinda Crawford, along with many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Grace Martin and Brenda Passino.

It was Kenny's wish that he be cremated and that no service take place following his passing. He will be honored by his family privately.

ALBERT LEHMAN FARRISH

Albert Lehman Farrish, 69, of Sault Ste Marie, Mich., passed away on Dec. 28, 2022 surrounded by his family and his best friend. Albert was born on March 24, 1953, in Sault Ste Marie.

Albert was a graduate of Sault High School Class of 1971. After high school, Albert served in the U.S. Army 1971-1974 with an Honorable Discharge. He was stationed in Korea. He received the National Defense Service Medal while serving. After serving in the military, Albert completed a Certificate in Construction Maintenance at Northern Michigan University in 1978. After working several jobs in his trade, Albert started working

at Vegas Kewadin Casino in 1986, retiring after 30 years as a pit boss.

Those who knew Albert knew what a hard-working, fun, loving, selfless man he was. He loved his family and friends and enjoyed watching and coaching his boys in sports throughout the years. You would often find him at his grandchildren's games; he loved sports. He spent his spare time watching the Lions, Tigers, and Red Wings. He enjoyed playing softball, basketball, bike-riding and was always up for a "friendly" game of golf. His friends would often find him hosting a poker game, and knew he would be up for a game of cribbage any time.

Albert is survived by his ex-wife and friend, Carol Farrish; best friend, Virginia Lane; his two sons, Brian McRorie and Jason McRorie; his two daughters, Sabrina (Christopher) Oshelski, and Jennifer (Wayne Akers) McRorie, all of Sault Ste Marie. Albert is also survived by his two brothers, Fred Farrish of Lena, Wisc. and Richard (Jeanie) Farrish of Sturgeon, Wisc.; his two sisters, Linda McKelvie of Sugar Island, Mich., and Emily Farrish of Green Bay, Wisc.; his brother-in-law, Philip Kinney of Munising, Mich.; grandchildren, Trevor McRorie, Taylor McRorie, Trenton McRorie, Carter Oshelski, Ahnaka Oshelski, and Jack Akers. He is also survived by a family friend, April Bouschor; step-granddaughter, Tara Horka; two great-grandchildren, Bentley and Benjamin McRorie; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Albert was preceded in death by his parents, Nelson Farrish and Beatrice (Mike) Butchicakis; sister, Cindy Kinney; and step-granddaughter, Sheena Bouschor.

A family gathering was held on Dec. 29. A celebration of life will be held at a later date and his burial will be in the Spring. Clark Hovie Galer Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.



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Aaron Mayer postpones his retirement for 2023 I-500 Snowmobile Race

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"I never entered a race where I thought I couldn't win," said Aaron, reflecting on two decades racing in the I-500. "I wouldn't change it. I've had a lot of good times and a lot of heartbreak. I guess it's because it meant so much."

The 1999 Rudyard High School graduate is a member

of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians through his mother's — Connie Mae (Furlott) Mayer — side of the family.

Aaron currently works as a repairman for the Cloverland Electric Cooperative. He and his wife Katie have two daughters, 16-year-old Ava, and 13-year-old Grace.



Aaron Mayer sits on the Go Til She Blows machine flanked by his older brother, Anthony and his father, Francis "Tank" Mayer.



The #9 Polaris was a top contender for many years at the I-500.



The Mayers were no strangers to the Winner's Circle in various snowmobile competitions over the years.



Above, Mary McLean was recognized as the Sault Tribe Health Center's Team Member of the month for October by Dr. Leo Chugunov, while Jenni O'Dell was the recipient of that honor for the month of November in the picture below.



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New Year's Eve powwow welcomes 2023 with traditional singing, drumming and dancing

Photos by Jennifer Dale-Burton

Dancers of all styles and ages took the floor at the New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow at the Big Bear Dec. 31. Head Veteran was Martin Reinhardt, Emcee was Gerard Sagassige, Head Dancers were Jefferson and Sonya Ballew, Host Drum was Mission Hill, and Co-Host Drum was Four Thunders. The powwow was packed with participants bringing in the new year together.



A young fancy dancer.

Two youth dancers in the grand entry.

Fancy dancer in the grand entry.

Two lovely elders, Cindy Thomas and Rita Bouley, (L-R) in traditional regalia.



Veterans posting the flags.

Dancers shake veterans' hands after grand entry. Above, veteran Nick VanAlstine and Rita Bouley in the forefront (L-R).

Another young fancy dancer.

Mike LeBlanc and Jeanette White (L-R) with their crafts.

Tara Hetrick (right) and her dad, Sam Gardner, selling her custom fragrances as sprays and lotions.

Emma Donmyer, Lisa Corbiere-Moran, and Amanda Frazier (L-R) handing out tickets for the many prizes given out.



Traditional dancers followed by young jingle dress dancers.

Jesse Bowen and Lori Gambardella (L-R) watch over elder Richard Lee's popular wares while he takes a break.

Head Male Dancer Jefferson Ballew (left), Spring Sage Medicine (middle), daughter of Head Female Dancer Sonya Ballew (right) hold a raffle for the health of elder Bud Biron.

Head Veteran Marty Reinhardt and Jefferson Ballew (L-R) dancing.

Elder Richard Lee and Nikole Nichols Wynn chat at Lee's booth "Turtle Island."

Head Start kids get a visit from Law Enforcement



Sault Tribe Law Enforcement brought Santa to visit the kids Dec. 20. Each child received a gift from Santa! Above: Head Start 3- to 5-year-olds in the Moose room.

Head Start 3- to 5-year-olds with Sault Tribe Law Enforcement officers and Santa. Photos by Danielle L. Kaminski



Early Head Start kids, ages newborn to 3 in the Bear room.



Payton



Madalynn visits with Santa.



Maxson



Easton



Caroline



Braelynn



Above: Early Head Start kids ages newborn to 3 in the Porcupine room. Right: Newborn to age 3 Early Head Start kids in the Raccoon room.



Isabella with an officer.



Brella opening her gift.



Sault Tribe Chief of Police Robert Marchand with Rowan and AJ.



Community Health hires two health educators

By Brenda Austin

Sault Tribe Community Health recently welcomed two health educators in their Sault location, Tammy Bumstead and Madeline Gallegos.

According to the Sault Tribe Health Division website, Community Health nursing blends primary health care and nursing practices with public health nursing. Community Health practitioners offer preventive, curative, and rehabilitative care, while working to develop and support community activities that contribute to the promotion of, education about, and maintenance of good health.



Tammy Bumstead joined the tribe's Community Health Department recently after 17 years of employment with the Sault Tribe Early Childhood Education Program (STECEP).

Bumstead worked for Kewadin Casino in the early 1990s as a front-line worker. During her time there, she had two children, Savanna and Josh.

In 2004, she was hired by STECEP. "My kids attended there and I was so amazed at their educational services," she said.

By her second year with Head Start, Bumstead provided Bus-Pedestrian Safety training to parents, families, children, and staff. She said she continued looking for creative ways to provide learning experiences for all ages.

In 2012, Tammy became a

family service coordinator while working to complete her bachelor's degree at Lake Superior State University. As a family service coordinator, she had between 32 to 60 families assigned to her.

Bumstead said she assisted families with problem-solving, if they needed it, and worked to capture their attention with what they were interested in.

Over the next nine years, she assisted and lead countless activities and events for the program. Some of the program's most successful activities were the Canning with Children, Cooking with Kids, Book Night, Box-car Drive-In Movie Night, Family Halloween Dance, and the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) events.

Bumstead said she has collaborated with the Community Health program in several ways over the past nine years. She said that after a month of being employed as a health educator, she feels like she is still dreaming. Bumstead is now smoke-free, experiencing yoga and involved in more cultural activities because of the motivation she credits Sault Tribe Community Health with providing her over the years.

In 2018, Tammy married her best friend of 12 years, Ernie Bumstead.

Health on Dec. 5, 2022. She said she will be receiving training to become a Tobacco Treatment Consultant to assist with the Nicotine Dependence Program.

"I am passionate about breastfeeding and hope to bring more knowledge to the tribal community about breastfeeding and postpartum care. I have trained as an Indigenous Lactation Consultant and have completed 30 hours of Indigenous Postpartum training," she said.

She was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie and is a member the Bay Mills Indian Community. Gallegos and her partner have a 2-year-old daughter Ember, a cat named Sushi, and a fish named Fish.

Gallegos has an associate's degree in fitness and wellness from Bay Mills Community College and a bachelor of science degree in exercise from LSSU.

She said, "Community Health impacts everything—educational achievement, safety and crime, people's ability to work and be financially healthy, life expectancy, happiness and more Health impacts every other facet of life, from a child's ability to learn to an adult's ability to work, so health is critical for well-being not just for the individual, but the community as whole."

"I have had many roles within our local community," Gallegos said. "I first started at our local animal shelter, the Chippewa County Animal Shelter, where I stayed for 10 years while completing school. Upon graduation, I went into health education at the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. I wanted to make more of a face-to-face impact in our community and decided to go into teaching, which I did for four years. After giving birth to my daughter, I decided to only work part time in the service industry so I could still be in the community, but able to spend more time at home. As my daughter got older, I wanted to get back into working full-time. I feel as though the health educator position was waiting for me and that this is where I am meant to be."



Madeline "Maddy" Gallegos began working for Community

Gallegos said she looks forward to connecting with the community and making positive changes and impacts. "I am excited to learn more about our traditional culture and how it interweaves into our programs within community health."

When not at work, her family loves to hike, fish, forage, kayak, cross country ski, snowshoe, do yoga, and go camping. "I enjoy crafting, particularly traditional Native American beading, and curling up with my kitty, a cup of tea, and a good book," she said.

Community Health Nursing Services offers both home visit services and office visit services.

Home visit services include case management of chronic diseases, health promotion and disease prevention, health monitoring, medication management, injections, wound assessment, blood draws, dressing changes, home safety checks and evaluations, oxygen evaluation, spirometry testing, communicable disease

follow up, coordination of hospice care, Five Wishes, assist with tribal and community resources and injury prevention.

Office visit services include foot care for complicated diabetics, vascular and nail abnormalities by registered nurses, insulin starts, medication teaching, chronic disease teaching, phlebotomy (Hessel), Nike Shoe Program (distributes Native N-7 to tribal members) car seat distribution program (car seats are sold to tribal members who meet income guidelines for \$20 per car seat), certified tobacco cessation counselors, breastfeeding support and pump distribution, hearing screenings, influenza vaccinations, Hepatitis B vaccinations, Walking for Good Life Walking Club (meets three times a week at Big Bear Arena under the direction of a registered nurse), and employee wellness screenings at various tribal worksites.

Contact Sault Tribe Community Health at (906) 632-5210.

Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court of Appeals: Vacancies

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians seeks qualified licensed attorneys and/or non-attorneys for the position of Appellate Judge in the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Appellate Court. The Appellate Court has the following vacancies to fill:

- Licensed attorney positions (active & reserve)
- Elder position (reserve)

These positions include a monthly stipend (if not employed by the tribe). Licensed attorney positions are also paid via contract.

Qualifications for Licensed Attorney position include:

- Must be a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- Must be a member in good standing with the State Bar of Michigan

Qualifications for Elder (attorney or non-Attorney) position include:

- Must be a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- Must be age 60 or older
- If an attorney, must be a member in good standing with the State Bar of Michigan

To further be considered for these positions, all Applicants should be able to demonstrate that they have:

- Substantial education and experience working with tribal, state and federal law
- Extensive knowledge in administrative, constitutional, civil, juvenile, criminal and child welfare proceedings
- Knowledge and understanding of the history and traditions of the Sault Tribe
- Excellent communication and writing skills
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office including Outlook and Word

A letter of interest, resume, and application should be submitted to:

tswan@saulttribe.net via email or by mail to: SSM Chippewa Tribal Court
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Applications can be picked up at the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court or found at www.saulttribe.com, in the download section of Tribal Court's webpage under the Government tab. A copy of the Tribal Code is also available to view at www.saulttribe.com.

For more information, please contact the Court Administrator's office at (906) 635-7747, or via email at tswan@saulttribe.net.

The deadline to submit an application is January 31, 2023.

Sault Tribe DeTour Health Center is now open

The DeTour Tribal Health Center, 200 St. Mary's Street, (906) 442-0111, is now open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., offering the following services:

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Learn how to manage your health by managing your medications, MSU Extension can help

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Michigan State University Extension provides information on ways to live a healthier life. One of those ways is to learn to take an active role in your own health. You can start by going through a process of reviewing your medications — those prescribed by your healthcare provider and any over the counter medications, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

The National Institutes on Aging recommends the following for tracking your medication(s):

Make a list. This includes prescription, over the counter, vitamins and other supplements. Know what they look like. You can take a picture of the label and one pill with your mobile phone, or write a description of it, such as shape, color, letters or numbers.

Make a file. Keep the guides that come with the prescriptions. Check expiration dates. Ask your doctor if you need refills.

Store them safely. Keep them out of reach of children and pets. Pain medication containing opioids should be kept in a locked cabinet or drawer.

Dispose of medication safely. Check with your doctor or pharmacist.

The Agency for Healthcare

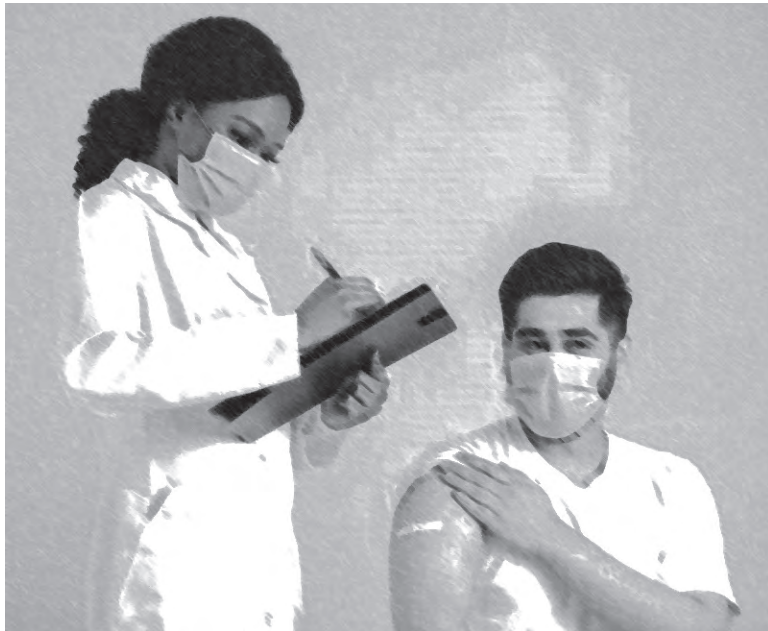


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Research and Quality recommends you keep track of a list of your medicines by using a Medicine Wallet Card. This card helps you to track information about your medicines, including name, amount, color, what it is for, date you started taking it, how much to take, frequency and what to avoid while taking it. It also has sections where you can put your blood type, medical conditions, emergency contacts, non-prescription medicines, vitamins and other supplements.

You can also use a mobile app

to help you track your medications. Apps can help you manage reminders for taking medications, alerting you to potential side effects and tracking outcomes. In a 2019 article posted in the Journal of Medical Internet Research, Katarina Tabi and colleagues did a review of mobile apps for medication management. The researchers reviewed app characteristics such as the app's features and purpose, any specialty focuses (such as diabetes or mental health), cost and user ratings.

Of the 328 apps they reviewed,

they found that 73% were developed by software companies, 15% were developed by healthcare professionals and 2% developed by academia. They recognize there is a need for improved standards and reporting on these apps and a need for ongoing evaluation by healthcare professionals to ensure they are trustworthy. Many are moving to the use of mobile health apps to help monitor and become more informed of all sorts of healthy behaviors such as exercise, nutrition, weight loss, sleep, stress management, meditation and blood pressure monitoring. The Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation at the University of Michigan National Poll on Health Aging reported that 28% of adults ages 50 to 80 currently use one or more health apps. In addition, of the adults with type 2 diabetes, 39% have used a mobile app to track blood sugar and diabetes medication. Some of these apps can be particularly useful as they provide valuable information you can share with your healthcare team to help you improve your health outcomes.

For those who don't use apps, there are other ways to manage your health and medications. Many people find keeping a notebook or daily journal of healthcare information helpful. You can

jot notes or questions you may have for your doctor in between visits. Bring it with you to your appointments to help you remember to ask your questions and take notes while you are there. You can find a simple worksheet online that you can print out and use. This form is located on the National Institutes of Health website (<https://www.nia.nih.gov/sites/default/files/2021-06/worksheet-medications.pdf>).

You are an important member of your healthcare team. Start by reviewing and managing your medications. The more information you have, the more you can share with your healthcare providers, the more you are able to reach your health goals and improve your health outcomes.

Want to learn more? Consider signing up for one of our many classes to help you improve your overall health and well-being. MSU Extension offers education related to the prevention and management of chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart conditions as well as classes in mindfulness, stress management and how to improve your sleep. To learn more or sign up, visit our health program referral form at: https://www.canr.msu.edu/food_health/learn-more-refer-to-our-programs.

Starting the new year with positive intentions

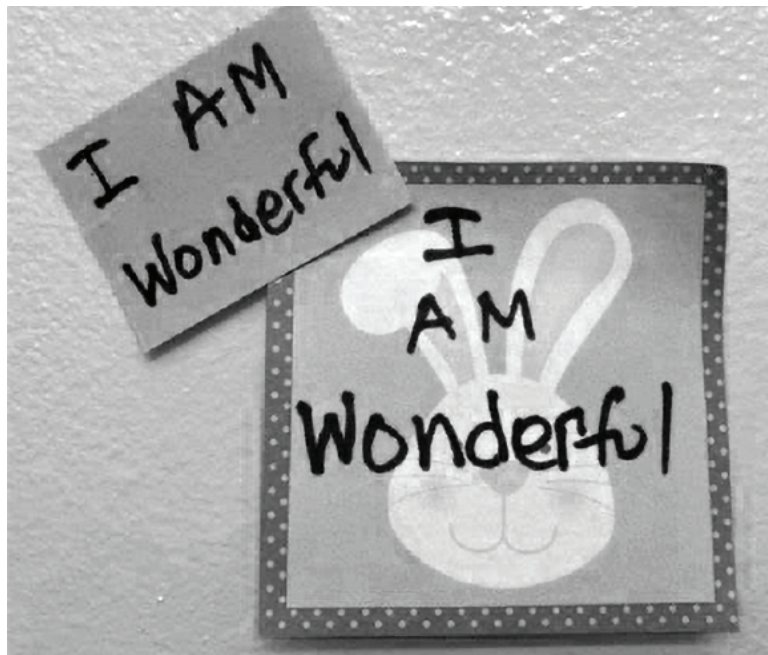
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Each year, millions of people set new year's resolutions, many of which are large, hard to achieve goals. Twenty-three percent of those setting resolutions quit in the first week, only 36 percent of them make it past the first month, and only 9 percent successfully keep their new year's resolutions.

Year after year, many people make their resolutions about health and wellness, which are some of the most important aspects of our lives, so why is it that we set these goals and then don't follow through with them? Let's talk about some ways to make these resolutions more achievable.

Instead of setting large goals that you may not reach, why not try setting small attainable goals or making small changes? Your resolutions and goals do not have to be huge to make a difference in your overall health and wellbeing. Even the smallest of changes can make a large impact on your life over time and can help you develop some great habits going into the new year. Instead of making resolutions, working on creating affirmations is a great way to set a positive intention going into the New Year.

Let's talk about some of these habits that can help you going into the new year. Start by building your social support system and surround yourself with people that care about you and will be there for you no matter what. Choose healthy relationships and stay away from people that may cause you stress, pressure you



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into bad decisions, or tempt you to do things you shouldn't.

Create diversions from things that can have a negative effect on your health. Chew gum, or try hard candies instead of smoking or vaping, for example. Set up some healthy snacks in the fridge or try reading a book when you want a snack to make sure you are hungry, and not just bored. Try to make it a priority to focus on a self-growth intention rather than a self-harm activity.

Develop a self-care routine for yourself. Simple things such as keeping a bed time and avoiding distractions at night can make quite a difference in your sleep habits. Make an intention of something small that is achievable. An example is keeping your cell phone across the room at night rather than right next

to you. This small act can assist with improvements in sleep and gives you a break from easy access to nightly screentime. Look for some new healthy coping skills for when you are dealing with stress or stressors. Take

time each day to do something that you enjoy. Read a book, meditate, take a bath, listen to your favorite music; all of these can be great for your physical and mental wellbeing. Purchase a new healthy food or make a new healthy recipe each week and try it with your family. You may end up finding something new that you all like.

Even adding positive affirmations into your daily talk can increase wellness throughout the new year. If you feel that your motivation is too low and you are struggling mental health or substance use, try smaller things like posting positive statements on your fridge, mirror, and doors. Affirmations help us change thought patterns to get us to a place that reaching our goals are achievable. Some examples are:

"I am worthy of happiness,"

"I am where I need to be and will use this lesson for growth,"

"I will be a kind person and seek out the kindness of others,"

"I am smart and beautiful."

When we speak positively

within our self-talk, it starts to reflect outward in how we approach life and relationships.

This year, focus on making small changes in your life to make you happier and healthier. You don't need a large goal to make your health and wellness a priority. No matter what your goal is this year—treatment, recovery, less stress, lose weight—start with small changes and work them into your everyday life. These small changes will make a huge impact on your health and wellness in the year to come and long into the future.

If you are struggling with substance use or your mental health, the Sault Tribe Behavioral Health Program is always available for assistance. Please call (906) 635-6075. A screening can be done for services and urgent care services are available 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Behavioral Health offers therapy services, prevention services, and sober living homes for those in need. Please call for a more detailed description of services.

Traditional Medicine February healer clinic hours

Any questions, or to make an appointment, please call the Traditional Medicine Program at (906) 632-0236 or (906) 632-5268.

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BUSINESS DIRECTORY

This business directory is intended to foster an empowered economy between Sault Tribe citizen-owned business, Sault Tribe enterprises, tribal businesses, and the global economy.

Sault Tribe Thrive's Business Directory is open to all Native/Indigenous entrepreneurs, artists, nonprofits, tribal governments, tribal colleges, and tribal enterprises throughout the Sault Tribe

service area and at large. Sault Tribe Thrive is proud to offer free basic business listings for all Sault Tribe citizen-owned businesses and Sault Tribe divisions, sub-divisions, and enterprises.

Sault Tribe Thrive reserves the right to review applications, request additional information before listing, and to refuse applications if they cannot be verified.

To be listed in the directory as a Native-owned business, you will be required to complete an intake form and provide the tribal file number from your tribal identification card. The intake form can be found by selecting "More Info" at www.saulttribe-thrive.com/business-development-2/.

Sault Tribe Thrive is an MBDA AIANNH Project estab-

lished in 2019, funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency, with administrative support from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Sault Tribe Thrive provides business support to Sault Tribe citizen-owned businesses through outreach, advocacy, and business consultation initiatives.

To view the online business

directory, go to: www.saulttribe-thrive.com/business-directory/.

Connect with us in person at the Tamarack Business Center in Downtown Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Find us online at Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and YouTube, or by email at info@saulttribethrive.com, or phone (906) 635-6050, ext. 26121.

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The \$88 million judgment against our tribe is just another bad business deal continuing to haunt us from Greentown's past.

This is one solution to help get us out of this dark ordeal — to reapply for trust status on the New Boston and Lansing properties by addressing the reasons for denial. As I understand, the Trump Administration denied our mandatory trust request, citing that the application did not spell out how our tribe's members would benefit from these business ventures nor how the downstate casinos would consolidate or enhance our land holdings. In response to the denial, the tribe sued the federal government and lost. Now, we are going to submit an appeal to the Supreme Court. Our chance of gaining a positive outcome is slim

with this very conservative court.

If you want to relive this 15-year nightmare, here is a summary:

In 2007, as the tribe failed to meet our contractual responsibilities for Greektown. At one point, we had the opportunity to sell 10% of our equity. The tribal administration team began researching sale options, which generated interest from two parties: Penn National and JLLJ Development LLC. The board chose to enter into non-disclosure and non-compete clauses with JLLJ. JLLJ asked for 30% ownership for less than the valuation per share, which the tribal board rejected. These negotiations consumed a great deal of time. Then there was a mad scramble to secure a partner who could provide an infusion of capital to meet contractual responsibilities. The scramble turned into a slow crawl (kind of like *The Walking Dead*), and by the next spring we had to file for bankruptcy on Greektown.

In 2010, a past board member was contracted by JLLJ to secure a deal for the Pinnacle Race Track property located in New Boston, Mich. The company's founder, Jerry Campbell, ended up closing the business and filing for bankruptcy. So now both the tribe and its principal investor for off-reservation casino ventures had both filed for bankruptcy.

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Both bad news and good news in the new year



AUSTIN LOWES
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

aware, the Sault Tribe has been the defendant in a lawsuit associated with downstate casino projects that are over 10 years old.

Last week, the judge in this case reached a verdict. She issued an \$88 million judgment against the Sault Tribe to cover the cost of the developers' investment and the lost revenue that would have been created had our land been accepted into trust and casinos been built.

This is devastating news for our tribe; however, rest assured, we will work diligently to protect our tribe. We will aggressively appeal this decision, protect our assets, and do everything in our power to minimize the financial impact to our tribe.

Now on to more positive news.

A major goal of mine as chairman is to build government-to-government relationships with other tribal nations. One of the advantages of attending tribal conferences is the opportunity to network with other tribes and their leaders. I recently attended a meeting through the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST). While there, I had discussions with several leaders regarding their food sovereignty programs. Two of these tribes, the Prairie Island Indian Community and the Oneida Nation, have thriving food sovereignty programs with large bison herds. Prairie Island agreed to donate one bison to us, and Oneida agreed to sell us two at a very good price.

These bison will be purchased

by the tribe, and their meat will be provided to our elders at each meal site when the animals are processed this spring. This is estimated to provide at least 600 pounds of organic, indigenous meat to our elders. As you are aware, food sovereignty is a something that I am passionate about. When our tribe starts its own food sovereignty program in the near future, a partnership with Prairie Island and Oneida could be established to start our own bison herd.

I would now like to provide an update regarding the tribe's homeless shelter. The tribe recently completed the purchase of the Plaza Motor Motel. This property will provide emergency and transitional housing for our

members. This is the only tribally owned homeless shelter in the state of Michigan.

It's important to remember that we are tribe and an Ojibwe people first. If our businesses are not there to provide tribal support to create safety nets for our members, then what does that say about us as a people? Nowhere in the seven grandfather teachings does it indicate that we shouldn't address homelessness, which Native Americans are disproportionately impacted by. The positions for the shelter have been posted on the tribe's website. When they are filled, this crucial service will be provided to our membership.

Miigwech for listening!
Chairman Lowes

Director Kim Lee provides overview for Unit II



KIMBERLY LEE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II

tive and healthy outlook. It is also healthy to reflect, learn and grow. It is 2023, unimaginable.

December was filled with holiday events for our youth and our elders. I was given the gift of being invited and attending Newberry and Hessel youth Christmas parties and three of our elder's Christmas parties. To all the volunteers that make these events possible, especially Mr. and Mrs. Claus, Chi Miigwich. Also, to Ken and Susan Lively for keeping the magic of Christmas for our youth.

As many of our elders await their tribal elders' checks this year, the check amount will be \$425 and mailed out on Jan. 12.

The planning phase of the food sovereignty program has begun.



We have the application on the tribe's website for 12 committee members. We are excited to gain knowledge and experience to guide our tribe to success in this initiative.

Another new volunteer opportunity, recently implemented by our tribe's hardworking teams that always put our elders in the

forefront, is RUOK (are you okay), a program to check in on our elders who live alone. This program is much needed and great to see off the ground. Please, if you have the time and are able, reach out to Sault Tribe Housing (906) 495-1450 or Elders Services (906) 635-4971. Chi Miigwech to all involved in this purpose.

Many individuals have been working incredibly hard on going through our ARPA-funded projects with plans in place to execute these projects and ensure they fall under the guidelines required.

Unfortunately, as much as I wish this was not necessary to add to this report, it is unavoidable. The state court's lawsuit regarding the Lansing casino was

not in our favor. There is much blame placing surrounding this deal. The fact remains that the tribe has been sued for \$88 million. Our tribe could not take the land into trust, resulting in a casino that could not be built, revenues that could not be made, and an investor that felt we owed him a significant amount of money.

We cannot change what has transpired, unfortunately. We can only work closely with Legal and strategize on the best approach to appeal the state court's decision.

I hope you find enjoyment each day while staying safe and warm.

Happy New Year,
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Tribal Board of Director plans looking forward



ROBERT MCRORIE
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

have come and to give our elders the credit they deserve. I would like to also give a huge shout out to our amazing banquet staff and all other departments and employees that hosted this event. It turned out absolutely amazing. You guys are the best and are very much appreciated.

On Dec. 12, our sovereign nation closed on a piece of property on our sacred grounds of Sugar Island. This was a significant purchase as it increased our land base by 15%. As a sovereign nation, I strongly believe we should remain vigilant in our approach to dealing and acquiring strategic pieces of property. This land can be used in the future for cultural enhancement, hunting and gathering, fishing, wildlife preservation, food sovereignty initiatives, and many other uses for our membership to enjoy.

During my campaign, the initiative that I promoted that received the most interest from members was, by far, food sovereignty. As I have stated many times, I do not believe there is any better expression of sovereignty and self-sustainability than when a nation is able to feed its own people. It is also important for us to develop the resources to empower our members to learn how to grow and harvest their own food to provide an avenue to become independently self-sustainable. I am very pleased to announce that our Planning & Development Department has been extremely helpful in developing

an application process for the Food Sovereignty Committee. The application process is now live and can be located on the Sault Tribe website or Facebook Page. Sault Tribe Chairman Austin Lowes has formed a working government-to-government relationship with two fellow sovereign nations that will be extremely beneficial moving forward with this project. The Prairie Island Indian Community has offered to donate a bison from their program, and the Oneida Nation has offered two of their bison at very good prices. All three bison will be distributed among our Elders Division within each service area.

There has been positive movement forward within our Sault Tribe Health Services Programs. I would like to take a moment to give a massive amount of credit to Director Tyler LaPlaunt for his expertise and persistence in this area. His knowledge of the healthcare systems and programs has proven to be an invaluable resource to our tribe and I am confident that many of our members will benefit from his advocacy at the board level. At his direction, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors, including myself, asked that a plan be brought to us to initiate a Sault Tribe Telehealth Program. Our Health Director has since worked with his team to develop this plan, which has begun to be implemented. Some of the equipment has been ordered, and we hope to be able to kick off the program in the

very near future, with expansions to our rural healthcare areas. This will allow our members to utilize telehealth services via phone from the comfort of their home for most non-emergency medical needs.

My long-term goal for this program would be to provide services to all of our members across the nation, regardless of where they live, as well as exploring options to capture more third-party revenues; however, this will take time to develop and we must make sure that Sault Tribe members are taken care of first before actively dealing third-party clients. Again, miigwech, Director LaPlaunt, for your hard work in this area and dedication to delivering high-quality healthcare to our members, as well as a chi miigwech to our Health staff that is working to make this project a reality.

The board has also asked HR to develop a work-from-home hybrid remote work policy. This will allow members to work from home when feasible. There are many boots on the ground and front-line jobs that obviously require in person man power; however, with modern day technology, I believe it is time that we have a more accommodating work-from-home policy in place. This will provide our employees with more flexible work hours and help maximize their time with family and loved ones. I am excited to put this plan into action.

We did receive an update on the JLLJ lawsuit that was not favor-

able to our nation. The state court judge ruled that the tribe shall be held responsible to pay \$88 million to the plaintiffs JLLJ. This is not the final judgement, as we will be appealing this judgment to the higher courts. I am confident that we will prevail through the appeals process; however, we must be prepared for all possible outcomes. We are a strong nation of resilient people who are descendants of our ancestors. Together, we can make it through anything. This will be a very trying time for our nation, but as our ancestors and elders have taught us, we will never back down and we will never give up. 100 years from now, our Anishinaabek flag will still stand proud. Although this project failed prior to me taking office, I do accept responsibility to do all I can to advocate for the best possible outcome. I will not point fingers or place blame. Now is the time to stand united and strong. I will provide updates to the membership as this process continues.

Like always, please feel free to reach out to me at any time with questions or concerns. If you have ideas or projects that would benefit our membership, that you would like to see moved forward, please bring them to the board's attention. We are all in this together. I hope you and your family enjoy good health and happiness as we begin this new year.

Chi Miigwech.
Rob McRorie

Aaniin, Boozhoo, fellow members of our great Sault Tribe nation. I hope my report finds you and your families well and in good spirits. I am hopeful that you were able to spend quality time with your loved ones during the holiday season. I feel energized and excited to begin the new year.

The most special part of the month of December was definitely having the honor of being invited to and experiencing the elders' holiday party on Dec. 13. It was amazing and very uplifting to be in the presence of nearly 250 of our elders as they enjoyed their annual celebration. It is because of their sacrifice and dedication to providing opportunities for our generations that we enjoy all of the services we are able to collectively provide. It is extremely important for me to remember how far we

Director McKerchie discusses two referenda



MICHAEL MCKERCHIE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Hope everyone had good holiday and I wish you good health and well-being for the upcoming year. A lot has happened in the last few months and you will be getting ballots in the upcoming weeks. There is a current referendum out regarding Election Code

changes and where the Election Committee attorney reports. You will see many different opinions being shared but at the end of the day, I don't think the Election Code should have been changed without meeting with the Election Committee, without having membership input, or without having a workshop with full legal advice and the whole board — none of which happened and may have been unnecessarily rushed and caused members to invoke their right to referendum. I just ask members to review the changes and see if you agree with them or not.

There will also be another referendum ballot that will be coming out on the recovery hospital and the amount of money that has been allocated. The amount was changed from \$20 million of COVID Funds to \$5 million and the membership will be asked to decide. This is a large

sum of money but it is needed to improve the health of our communities. Native American people disproportionately affected by substance abuse, the highest of any ethnic group. Overall, drug overdoses increased by 30 percent in 2020 compared to 2019. It is my hope that we prioritize the recovery hospital and address the drug epidemic head-on.

In addition to those referendums, a special advisory election will be held also to fill Austin's board seat as he was recently sworn-in as our chair. There is a lot of concern and discussion occurring what happened and how everything transpired. Whereas I don't think it does any good to beat a dead horse, I will say this board's legal strategy to not allow the courts to review constitutional matters is dangerous and scary.

The court's ability to review the case and see if the appoint-

ment process was followed was taken away and illustrated that there is no separation of powers — the board has full authority. To be clear, there was no preponderance of evidence, no debate, no due process for memberships rights — the only thing the court declared was that it (the court) has not been granted the authority to hear "constitutional" matters. Our court has reviewed them before and determined some laws were unconstitutional and thus changed those laws; but it was never challenged that they didn't have the authority. Now it has; and it's been determined only the board of directors can determine if a membership's constitutional rights have been violated.

I wish Austin well in his new role, I wish our tribe continued success. I, like many other members, have concerns of us following our own laws, holding

each other accountable, reducing micro-managing, getting true separation of powers, and having real transparency. I have been encouraged by the increased membership participation at our meetings, and urge more members to provide their input to the leadership.

Progress continues as we move forward on a homeless shelter in the Sault area. This is a much-needed service and I look forward to when we open the doors and help our members in their time of need. Our casinos continue to bounce back and are showing much needed progress. We will be investing in our casino properties in the upcoming year and I look forward to showing the members the new updates.

Any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me at (906) 440-7768. Chi Miigwech.

Tabled Human Resources policies need work



BRIDGETT SORENSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III

I hope everyone got to spend some quality time with their family or friends during the holiday season. Holidays for me are not the same, as my big family has been shrinking with loss the last few years. Now I understand why my grandmother always stressed and dreaded Christmas. Unfortunately, it is all part of getting old, which is why it is so important to cherish the time with loved ones.

A big shout out to all of our team members who worked during the holidays. I remember working every New Year's Eve at the casino and how fun it was, but I used to think it would be nice to be able to not have to work. Needless to say, since I haven't worked for the casino in almost 11 years, I usually choose not to go out, anyway.

The Jan. 3 meeting had some interesting things take place. The board approved a contract for the Court Administrator/Magistrate for a tribal member/team member to continue working for the tribe as a contractor because she needs to work remotely and we currently do not have a policy. I supported this and the resolution passed. I did say that I hoped the next policy HR brought forward was the remote work policy as well as flexible scheduling. Since COVID, many organizations are allowing remote work when it is feasible. With the number of job vacancies, we need to be more flexible with options to keep

staff and be able to recruit.

There were three policies that HR brought forward to amend: the appeal policy, drug free workplace policy and company vehicle policy. I know the appeal policy is not perfect but I believe the composition of three board members, a team member and a supervisor are important. The proposal was to have only one board member. I know sometimes it is hard to get three to commit for various reasons but that is not a reason to change the composition. I am not blaming HR for bringing these forward because there is a Policy Review Committee, which I used to be a part of with my background in HR.

Director McKelvie fully supported the appeal process and felt it allowed the board to find out things that we normally wouldn't know about. I served on numerous appeals with him and many times we learned things that we could use to try and make things better. The number of appeals has gone down tremendously over the years. There have been changes made to avoid conflicts and for a while Kim Gravelle, Mike McKerchie and I were the normal ones that volunteered for it, which I believe worked for consistency. I made a motion to table this policy so that team members could provide input and it was tabled.

The drug free work policy did need to be updated with marijuana being legalized. Our pre-employment drug test no longer tests for this. The problem is with reasonable suspicion testing, and to determine timing of use. This policy and the company vehicle policy were both also tabled.

I had put on the agenda Possession and Return of Public Records, Tribal Records and Documents. The tribe is missing a very important document that someone has in their possession. I asked for this to be returned in December during my board concerns and Betty laughed and said good luck on that. Needless to say, it was a 5-5 vote with Darcy,

Mike, Lana, Kim Lee and myself voting "yes" and Tyler, Issac, Betty, Shawn and Kim Hampton voting "no" and Rob abstaining. Austin unbelievably broke the tie and voted "NO." I was shocked that he would not support something so important to the tribe as its property.

The committee appointments included the newly named chair of the election committee, Traci Kangas resignation as chair. I do not know this person but it absolutely bothered me that the appointment took place the way it did, as it appears it was a setup to swear Austin in. They previously thought the judge could do it but that is not the case. I have no problem with Austin winning the election, but to just name someone that wasn't currently on the committee, had never met with the committee and then they immediately resigned right after looks really bad.

So much has taken place in the last year with the elections. The Election Committee has taken a beating. I heard one committee member had a dead bird placed on their porch. I cannot blame anyone on the committee for resigning after the way they have been treated. Not to mention how the board wouldn't support their attorney's contract renewal. Now we are paying for a firm out of Minnesota. Nothing against the firm, but there was no request for bids in addition to the cost for travel and time.

The board also voted to take the Unit I housing projects that were funded with ARPA dollars from DeMawating Development and give to Housing. They keep playing games with this funding and there was no reason to dump these projects on the Housing Authority without a meeting with all parties involved. With them stopping all projects we are going to have nothing but problems with the foundations that are sitting in this weather as well as the homes that are sitting waiting to be placed on them.

There was an item on the agenda sponsored by Betty titled, "Disparagement of Aaron Payment in Sorenson Social

Media." This for whatever reason was not read into the meeting agenda. I was also told that Aaron was in the audience and was saying he gave all that information to Betty. It is clear that her loyalty is to him rather than Sault Tribe.

During board concerns, Betty went on a rant about me writing lies about her in my unit report. First of all, none of it was lies, I can't help it if she doesn't like what I say or the fact people may see the real Betty. Austin asked her if she was going to make a motion to censure or bring a resolution to change the newspaper policy. She said that nobody would second her motion. At a previous meeting she tried to fine me \$100,000 but nobody would second. I find it comical that her supporters will use "free speech" when it suits them but want to fine me for using mine.

I also write my own report. It is clear that she doesn't. Others have made this same comment and people ask for proof. When you are around people, you know how they talk and words they use. Speaking of proof — there have been many accusations thrown out, especially on social media, that rarely provide truth. I get that when you like or support people, you tend to believe them but wouldn't you at least look at the documents, posts, reports, etc., and think maybe I am being bamboozled? All I am asking is you do research and have an open mind because many people are seeing the truth these days.

Another disgusting thing is how Betty continues to judge a board member that battles cancer and attended meeting by Zoom. Not everyone deals with cancer the same, for many reasons such as different cancers, different treatments, different health conditions, etc. During COVID, they didn't want anyone out that was immune compromised. I know when my dad was diagnosed with cancer, he so badly wanted to see my niece as a candidate for basketball court warming but was told he

could not be around people. It broke his heart but it was in the best interest of his health.

There have been two referenda sent out to the membership. It seems the wording on these is always confusing. In my opinion, the first one violates the Constitution and the second one allows the board to micro-manage the Election Committee. When resolutions are passed, there is a 30-day window for the membership to gather signatures to send it to a referendum vote of the membership. The special election should have been stopped until the referendum vote was taken.

I am shocked that a person who was always an advocate of the Native vote would tell members to throw it away. I heard he even attended the Unit I elder meeting and ripped his up and told them to do the same. Elder meals and meetings are supposed to be for elders to gather and socialize but it seems that non-elders are going to these gatherings to spread hate and campaign. Our elders deserve better!

There should be another referendum coming out to let the members decide whether they support the board taking the \$25 million from the Health Division that was going to be used for a recovery campus. I do not support this; they voted to cut the amount to \$5 million. This should have been included with the other two to save money and get it voted on.

In December, I was notified that I was selected to serve as a member of the first-ever U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (TIAC). I haven't been informed of when the committee will meet but I am excited to have been chosen.

Brace yourself for the next special election to fill Austin's unit one seat. The timeline is very quick.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at bsorenson@sault-tribe.net, bridgett91@yahoo.com or (906) 430-0536.

Director Kim Hampton runs down the issues



**KIMBERLY HAMPTON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

Aniin Kina Waya (Hello Everybody),
I would like to wish you all a happy, healthy, prosperous happy new year, from myself and my family, to you and your family. I look forward to spending 2023 moving our tribe forward in a positive direction. I do kindly ask for some patience as I am settling into my new role as vice-chair of the Tribal Homeland Security Advisory Council, where I will advocate for the safety of our people on a national level.
Special Advisory Election
Austin Lowes took his oath of office for Sault Tribe Chairman on Dec. 20, 2022, making him the youngest Sault Tribe chairman the tribe has ever had. I look forward to leading alongside Austin as we progress forward

into creating the change needed for our tribe to be sustainable. The same night Chairman Lowes took his oath, his Unit 1 board seat was declared vacant, resulting in another special advisory election to fill the vacant Unit 1 seat. The timeline for this special advisory election is as follows:

Jan. 20, 2023: Deadline for voter registration and last day to receive Letter of Intent for potential candidates.

Jan. 27, 2023: Nominating petition deadline

Feb. 1, 2023: List of eligible candidates available

Feb. 6, 2023: Deadline for contests relating to nominations and voter registration

Feb. 24, 2023: Special election ballots mailed to voters

March 20, 2023: Special advisory election day

March 23, 2023: Deadline for contest relating to vote count

Treaty Negotiations

Treaty negotiations are still in litigation and are expected to continue for an indefinite length of time. Sault Tribe is continuing to fight for the treaty rights of our people. This process has endured years already and will continue to be lengthy. I kindly ask you all to be patient with leadership during this time, we will provide updates as allowable.

Powwow Meetings

Unit IV will have a 2023

powwow on Saturday, June 10, 2022, with a ceremonial opening the evening of Friday, June 9, 2022. Meetings scheduled for the Powwow Committee are located at the Manistique Tribal Health Center, 5698W US Highway 2, Manistique, MI, on the following dates:

Jan. 16, 2023 at 6 p.m. EST

Feb. 20, 2023 at 6 p.m. EST

Unit IV Children's Christmas Parties

The Manistique Children's Christmas Party was held on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022, and had a great turnout. There was a confirmed 118 children who attended the Christmas party, along with parents and guardians, and other family members. The party was a great success and was so refreshing to have an in-person event now that the COVID restrictions are mostly lifted. I would like to say chi miigwech to all who helped in the planning, preparing, and day of the event. It is very much appreciated. I look forward to next year's Christmas party.

The Escanaba Children's Christmas Party was a drive through and was held on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022. This year, due to lack of time to plan and availability, the event was a drive through. However, next year I fully intend to have an in-person Christmas party in Escanaba. This year's event had a total of

54 vehicles with an estimated 130 children. I would like to extend a chi miigwech to all who helped with this event as well.

Looking Forward

At this time, during the first half of January 2023, I am setting goals for Unit IV as well as goals for my personal life. With that being said, there are some options being explored pertaining to solar options in Manistique. I feel very strongly that a solar option will be beneficial for the environment as well as a cost savings. For example, the proposed solar system will save a projected 811 tons of CO2 each year with additional environmental benefits for our community. I will provide updates as I am able during this process.

I would like to touch base, briefly, on the looming subject that is prominent on the news and social media at this time. So, regarding the lawsuit against Sault Tribe with investors JLLJ Development and Lansing Future Development, yes, the Sault Tribe is being sued with the most recent court hearing that resulted in the judge determining that Sault Tribe needs to pay back \$88 million for failed casino development plans. I will say this, I am not the type of person to provide information on this issue and point fingers as to who is at fault. Honestly, pointing fingers at this point serves zero

purpose. Sault Tribe needs to move forward in rectifying this situation and that is what the tribe is doing by appealing this latest decision. Sault Tribe will continue to appeal decisions due to sovereign immunity.

I would also like to briefly touch base on a few items. For instance, I am aware that there are other board members who use their unit reports to provide negativity and focus on bashing other people. I will say that I will not participate in "calling people out" as I am understanding of the fact that no two people are the same. The board of directors will continue to see different points of view, and to disagree on items, which is normal and healthy as this provides our tribe the opportunity to see all sides of an issue or situation. I will continue to turn my head to those choosing to spending their time on negative items and will move forward in creating change that will better our tribe. I enjoy working with the entire board of directors in leading this great tribe.

Miigwech for allowing me to represent and advocate for our members. I am always available for questions, comments, and ideas for growth. My number is (906) 440-8138, email is KHampton@saulttribe.net.

Kimberly Hampton,
Unit IV Representative

Newspaper unit reports should stick to business



**BETTY FREIHEIT,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Hello Tribal Members,
The Notice of a Special Advisory Election to fill the vacant Unit 1 seat has been posted. This will be a very short election cycle. Ballots will be mailed to

members on Feb. 24, 2023, and counted on March 20, 2023. Be sure to return your ballot promptly to ensure your vote is counted.

It is time for the board to address the issue of board unit reports that attack other board members, and seek to erode the legitimacy of our government.

Members have been complaining for years that they do not want to see personal attacks in board unit reports. That such attacks are unprofessional, mean spirited, and makes our board look like children. Members state the board unit reports are an embarrassment to our tribe. I have to agree that some of them are.

Board unit reports are done in keeping with a Constitutional mandate that requires board

to provide monthly updates to members.

Per The Constitution Bylaws ARTICLE 1- MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Sec. 8. "It shall be the duty of each member of the board of directors to make monthly reports to the unit from which they are elected concerning the proceedings of the board."

Although the board can use a variety of methods to inform members, putting articles in the tribal paper became the medium of choice many years ago. And the tribe covers the cost of layout, printing, and postage.

Initially, this worked well. But in the last 10 years or so the unit reports have strayed from being reports of board activities. They are now used as political pulpits for various board to

engage in attacks on other board and to denigrate the actions of the government.

These attacks are not only based on false and misleading information, but they are hurtful. I know, as I have been the subject of many, as has our former and current chair. Much of what has been written would never be allowed during an election cycle, as it would be considered negative campaigning.

And most importantly, the tribe is paying for the cost of these attack reports. I do not believe that this is appropriate.

I am not advocating to limit anyone's free speech. I am advocating that board unit reports comply with Constitutional mandate and cover the actions of the board. If board wants to express their personal opinions about

other board, they can do it on their own social media, in unit meetings, or send out a newsletter. Tribal resources should not be used to pay for attacks on other tribal members.

As a solution, I have drafted a resolution for board action to limit unit reports to just actions of the board and unit activities. I have forwarded a draft to our tribal legal counsel and will present it to the board when ready.

I wish all a very happy new year. Please take care of yourself and your family, help your neighbors anytime you can. And please take care of our elders and check on them often.

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Following through on some important issues



**SHAWN BOROWICZ,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

Fellow Tribal Members,
I would like to start out on a positive note and tell you all that our oldest son Joseph and his wife Kynzi had our first grandchild back on Nov. 28. Welcome Landon Thomas to the world to carry on the Borowicz tradition.

I've been on the board six months now and it's hard to believe the issues that get started and never come to materialize or the policies that are in place and are never followed. The biggest one is the new Constitution that was worked on and never passed. The money that was

spent on drafting this and the countless hours the volunteers put into this is amazing and then to just table it is crazy and a total waste of the members' money.

The hiring process needs some updating. First, I would like to say I'm all for the Native hiring process but when the same employee continually leaves employment for whatever reason and then reapplies and again gets the job over a more well qualified individual, something is wrong with this. Hopefully, we can have the HR

Department and the board workshop this issue and come to a better understanding in the hiring and retaining of individuals.

Our Native disabled veterans were being asked to get a second doctor's opinion when applying for a tribal hunting and gathering permit stating what their exact disability was for. I think this could be construed as a HIPPA violation especially since non-Natives applying for a state permit are not asked to do the same, why should our members be held to a different standard? I want to thank Mr. Bill Perrault

for bringing this to my attention. Working with the board and the permit issuing department, this will be corrected.

To end on a positive note, we are in the process of electing a new board member for Unit I. The Election Committee is doing a great job in getting this done, considering the recent shakeup in that committee, and I applaud them for their dedication and continued work.

Respectfully,
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Unit V Director provides overview on issues



TYLER LAPLAUNT
DIRECTOR, UNIT V

Mino nimkodaading! (Happy new year!)

I'd like to start out by again congratulating Chairman Austin Lowes on being officially sworn in as the duly elected leader of the tribe. I am confident in his leadership and his willingness to work with the entire board to move the tribe forward in a good way. The people have spoken through the electoral process and the will of the people must be honored through the electoral process. With Chairman Lowes officially seated, there is now a special election being held for his vacant Unit 1 seat. I'd like to wish all of the candidates the best of luck and remind Unit 1 voters to engage in the democratic process, research the candidates, ask questions, and VOTE!

With Austin moving out of the role of vice-chair and into the role of chair, there was a shift in the executive leadership as well. Chi miigwech to the entire board of directors for nominating and electing me as the vice-chairman of the tribe. It's such a huge honor to serve in the role of vice-chair and a duty that I will not take lightly. Congratulations to Unit I Director Isaac McKechnie for being nominated and elected as the new treasurer. I know that he will do a fantastic job. Unit IV Director Kimberly Hampton will remain the secretary.

Congratulations to everyone and miigwech for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Several months ago, Chairman Lowes and I reached out to Traditional Medicine and offered them a standing invitation to open our meetings with smudge, good words, and prayer. They took us up on our offer and have not missed a single meeting and the energy shift has been positive. The teachings he offers before each meeting are always well received by everyone who attends our meetings both in person and online. I am so thankful that our tribe has such a strong Traditional Medicine Department with so many amazing employees.

With his continued attendance at our meetings, in turn, Traditional Healer Gerard Sagassige offered to hold a pipe ceremony for the board of directors as a reset and bring us together to speak openly and connect. We as a board have not officially responded, but I'd like to take Gerard up on his offer. It's important to return to our old ways and rely on our culture and tradition to connect us and move us forward. We don't need to agree on everything, but we do need to function together

amicably. Sitting in a pipe ceremony together will bring us back closer to the Creator, spirit, and representation of our people. We should make this a regular practice and I'm thankful that Gerard offered this up to us. Chi miigwech.

As many of you may have heard, judgment has come down from the JLLJ case and the Kewadin Casinos Gaming Authority is ordered to pay a judgement in the amount of \$88 million. This is based on the failed Lansing Casino deal that dates back more than a decade ago. I'd like to ask you all, as tribal citizens, to not point the finger and play blame games. I'll do the same as your representative. This is one of many issues we must face together as your elected leadership. It isn't about who did what, or what went wrong where. We are facing a serious issue and it needs to be addressed. This is one of many of the problems we are facing, it's not the first time, and likely won't be the last time.

The point I'm trying to make is that the sky is not falling. We will work together to come up with reasonable solutions and move our tribe forward. I have said this before and I'll say it again, this is why the board needs to do its due diligence with every endeavor. If something fails, admit it, and move on. We waste too much time pointing the finger and calling people out. What's done is done. Spend your energy coming up with great ideas and solutions instead of countless hours trolling people on the Internet. The most powerful slogan that the United States had right from the beginning "United we stand, divided we fall." I don't care who is to blame, the fact of the matter is that it's our problem to deal with and we will.

This case will be appealed and will likely be locked in the courts for over a half a decade. I am optimistic that our sovereignty will prevail. However, in the unlikelyhood that we do not win our appeals, we will work together to come up with several options. This isn't the only bump in the road. Granted, \$88 million is a very large bump, I'm positive that if we work together, we can strengthen our tribe and come out of this in a better place. My original vision still exists. I want to leave the tribe better for the next generation than what we inherited, so on and so forth. We all do.

In better news, the Marquette BP gas station sale is near complete. This will bring in additional revenue on the EDC side of things and give our tribal people a reliable place to use their gas tax credit. It will also start an economic footprint in the Marquette area, which is an area we really need to capitalize on for future investments as well. For now, please be patient with the transition. We will announce the gas tax credit shift when it happens. Please continue to use the Washington Street BP until the tax credit transition is finalized and announced.

Relating to the gas tax credit, I've fielded several complaints from tribal citizens from all units about the pay at the pump mechanism. I tried to address this at the Dec. 5 meeting and again at

the Jan. 3 meeting with no final answer yet. The current problem is that you are required to use the last 6 digits of your social security number to pay at the pump. I asked why it couldn't be just the last 4 or the file number on our Tribal IDs. Still no official response.

One person told me it was an agreed upon secure mechanism. I called the Social Security Administration and after waiting about 90-minutes for a real person to chat with, they assured me they would never recommend using six digits of your social as any type of password. I'm still waiting for an internal response to get this changed. I have been told that you can call the tax office and change the pin on your own. I don't like that fix and I'm sure the tax office won't either, but that's the only option I was given, and I did notify staff via email that I'd be reporting on this in my January report. I'll continue to monitor this and hopefully get a solution in place with the proper departments.

Several months ago, we asked to have a remote work/hybrid/flex schedule policy created for employees across the tribe. I even provided administration with a template policy that they could use as a framework to get started. As of Jan. 3, we still have not had a policy put in front of us to review and ultimately pass. At the Jan. 3 meeting, I requested to have the policy added to the Jan. 17 meeting agenda. We need to get something on the books to benefit our staff, plain and simple. Policy isn't meant to be stagnant, it should constantly be

evaluated and changed along with the changing trends nationwide. I am optimistic that we can get something passed very soon and if it needs to be revised down the road, then so be it. Let's just get it up and running so we can compete with today's job market.

Elders! Attendance has been solid at both the Munising and Marquette Elder meetings and meals the past few months. I'd like to continue to call on the area Elders to attend whenever you are free. It's a great way to build our community. Plus, I make it a point to report to the Elders every month and take feedback from them in everything I do. I'm very thankful for the community that we have, and I'd love nothing more to see it grow.

Marquette Elders, there has been a change to the February meeting due to a conflict with the Holiday Inn. The Elder meeting and meal in February will be at 6 p.m. on Feb. 9 which is the second Thursday. Please get the word out to your friends and family. We had a lot of missing people this month due to illness and weather, so we don't want anyone to feel left out.

I was recently asked by Bothwell Middle School to give a presentation to all of the 8th graders relating to the Indigenous viewpoint of westward expansion. It was a great opportunity to get in front of the students and explain many levels of U.S. policy over the course of the last 200 years that has adversely impacted our communities. I was a little hesitant, but the 8th graders were a great audience and were very respectful. They asked a lot of

really great questions and even wrote a beautiful thank you card. I'm glad the school was open to listening and inviting me in. This is positive for our people's true history, as tough as it may be.


Finally, I'd like to again give a shoutout to TJ Derwin and everyone who made the Teal Lake Drum happen. Last month was our first month hosting the drum practice and TJ and company have been phenomenal. Great music, great teachings, great stories, and more important, building our tribal community up. I also want to give the drum a Chi Miigwech for inviting me along for NMU commencement. It was such an honor, and I am pleased that NMU reached out to have you all do that.

Everyone is invited to join in. We had people doing crafting in the back. We had people stop in just to say hi and hang out. We had youth, adults, and Elders sit on the drum for the first time. We also had plenty of pizza! It was so very heartwarming to be a part of this group and seeing the need and the want to be a part of the tribal community. I appreciate everyone who made this happen. Practice is the second and fourth Thursday of every month from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m., doors open at 5 p.m. Stop in and say "hi." It's a good opportunity to meet me in person if you haven't already.

Stay safe and be kind to one another,

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The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is providing practice and fellowship space in Marquette for anyone interested in learning about traditional Northern-style drumming. Welcoming all levels of ability and experience! These practices will be a judgement-free space to ask questions, make mistakes and learn. Come to drum, craft, or listen!



**Location: Lakeview Arena, Citizens Forum Room
401 E Fair Ave, Marquette, MI**

**When: Second & Fourth Thursday of each month
(Beginning December 8th)**

Time: 5:30 - 8:00 PM

Adults, youth, and elders are all welcome (youth need to be accompanied by an adult)! There may be funding for dinner and possibly drumstick making supplies.

**Contact TJ Derwin for any questions:
906-236-3681**

Causley-Smith provides overview for Unit II



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

Happy new year to all our members. I hope this year brings good health and peaceful times to everyone.

In reflecting on this last year, I have to admit it has been one of the most challenging since I've been elected. During my tenure, I've worked with many, many leaders — change always came — some was good and some was not so good. Today is a time that I feel is filled with uncertain change. I have always prided myself in being about to have a professional working relationship with my colleagues. This time has been a little harder, although I've come to secure some common ground and working respect with some of our council members. I am constantly reminded that I'm the "old board," so I have had to constantly remind back that I'm

respectively elected until my term is complete! I have always taken my position seriously and humbly — many count on me to remain steady and professional (although I have tripped up a few times). I remain solid for the members that I represent and to this tribe as a whole.

We have so many serious items on the table with referendums, special elections, lawsuits and negotiations, that anyone who does not want to prioritize and truly educate themselves on the facts, laws and history on these items and issues is concerning. We continue to spend enormous amounts of our dollars on forensic audits and investigations. It weakens us as a nation. I'm not real sure what is expected to unfold with these but continuing to go after, attack and divide is

not a healthy community for any of us anywhere. I have a commitment to our tribe and it's people so I will not be bullied, disregarded or pushed out.

I'm hoping now that the board lifted the suspension of moving forward on our ARPA projects, Unit II can move forward on additional housing and a community/recreation center. Our projects had not been in question, so the delay was just that, a delay. I'm not sure if we will need to start from scratch or move on what we have worked on the last couple years with input and planning — this will remain my priority as well.

I have also requested that we place discussion in workshops on amending our Constitution once again. I always believed that setting timelines and selecting

an item for every amendment is needed — members will be able to understand and we can properly plan each one. I will keep requesting and advocating for these discussions.

In 2023, we did secure one new home in Unit II and I look forward to more this coming year, we have worked for the last three years on upgrading our powwow grounds and trails and that construction should begin this spring. We also finally opened our clinic back up in DeTour and I hope that members from there and Drummond have been able to easily access more services through our Heath Division.

In closing, I want to address to members that know I normally do not post on social media, for many reasons, the most important reason is that it becomes cruel

and hurtful most of the time. I am always available to speak with members and also attend our Elder meeting monthly to discuss issues. If you want to speak about any items, please reach out to me. I have my home number always listed as well as my cell and email. I will look forward to 2023 and do all that I can with my experience, knowledge and commitment to our tribe. Sometimes "old" knowledgeable common sense, dedication and experience is just what our tribe can depend on.

Baamaapii - Please contact me if you would like to meet or talk: (906) 484-2954, (906) 322-3818, or lcausley@saulttribe.net
Lana Causley-Smith
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
Board of Directors

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Next, in 2011, the board doubled down and entered into a new deal with JLLJ for a casino in Lansing. They agreed to a \$10 million investment for predevelopment cost and a pledge to secure financing or investors. Part of the deal was that JLLJ would get 13% for seven years plus any investments they contributed toward the project.

JLLJ's original investment was meant to reimburse the Land Claims funds used for the land acquisitions. Some think using the Land Claim funds in this manner was outside the boundaries of the grant and should never have been executed, but that's another story. The understanding was that the property would be purchased with money from the Land Claims fund and replenished with interest. The Lansing parcel was purchased for approximately \$300,000 and the New Boston parcel was purchased for approximately \$1.2 million. Reportedly, the remainder of these funds were for property maintenance and other costs associated with these projects.

I have asked for an itemized list of the other expenditures associated with this project. However, the documentation is likely 6 feet under. When the trust status was denied, JLLJ interpreted this as the end of the contract and exited before fulfilling their obligations. To date, JLLJ has contributed just over \$9 million of the agreed \$10 million and they sued the tribe. In my view, the tribe didn't sever the agreement. It was JLLI who walked away. Regardless of what happened and what is speculation, our tribe continues to suffer today due to bad decisions.

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