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## New social media campaign promotes Sault Tribe's environmental stewardship efforts

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has launched a series of new social media pages to highlight the work of its Fisheries and Wildlife programs.

The pages launched early this

summer to better tell the story of the work tribal staff does to help maintain the lands and waters around the 1836 Ceded Territory.

The effort is branded "Sault Tribe Seven Generations" after the seven generations principle

central to Anishinaabe culture.

This principle states that decisions are made with an eye to the seventh generation and that planning is done based on how future generations will be affected by one's decisions.

Tribal citizens and commu-

nity members are encouraged to follow the Sault Tribe Seven Generations pages on Facebook and Instagram where they can see up-close photos and videos and learn about the tribe's role in activities like forestry management, wolf tagging, white-

fish rearing, invasive species monitoring and more.

The pages can be found on Facebook at: Facebook.com/SeventhGenerationPrinciple and also on Instagram at: Instagram.com/SeventhGenerationPrinciple.

## 22nd Annual Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic held

Golfers from across the state and as far as New Jersey competed in the 22nd Annual Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic held at the Sault Ste. Marie Country Club in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on Friday, July 28, 2023. The annual event generated over \$95,000 for

the Tribe's scholarship fund.

The two-day event began Thursday evening with a Registration held at Kewadin Casino & Convention Center. The Registration event, sponsored by PNC Bank gave golfers the chance to pre-register for the Classic, place bids at our silent auction and enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

The Classic, the main event, began with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. on Friday morning. The Huntington National Bank team won the Mixed Division with a 61, followed by PNC Bank with a 63 and in third place was U.

P. Engineers & Architects with a 67. In the Men's Division, Rodenroth Motors took first place with a 58, followed by Peninsula Fiber Network with a 61 and in third place following a scorecard playoff was ALTA Equipment Company with a 61.

During the Classic, golfers had the chance to win cash prizes up to \$25,000 and one of two vehicles sponsored by Rodenroth Motors and Soo Motors during our hole-in-one contests. Golfers also had the opportunity to test their skills for a chance to win \$10,000 prior to the Classic at the Putting Contest sponsored by

Meritain Health. While on the Course, golfers were treated to a complimentary lunch with all the fixings sponsored by RSM US. Following the Classic, golfers and sponsors attended the awards ceremony and enjoyed dinner sponsored by Gordon Food Service. Sponsors were recognized for their generous support and contributions towards the scholarship fund. In addition, those attending the dinner had the opportunity to win fantastic door prizes donated by local vendors.

Closing out the night, prizes were awarded to the top teams in each division, Mixed and Men's.

Funds generated by the Classic are placed in an Educational Fund which provides Sault Tribe Members with scholarships to further their education. To date, over 390 scholarships have been awarded.

The 2023 Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic was organized by Miriam Clark, Bill Connolly, Jessica Dumback, Ashley Samuelson and Bob Schulte and was hosted by Kewadin Casinos and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Next year's event is being planned for July 26, 2024.

## Referenda failed due to lack of returned ballots

According to unofficial referenda results, an insufficient number of ballots returned, based on the 30 percent requirement in Tribal Code Chapter 12: Referendum Ordinance, Resolutions 2023-189 and 2023-190 are still valid.

Resolution 2023-189 received 2,349 disapprove and 1,421 approve votes.

Resolution 2023-190 received 2,053 disapprove votes and 1,716 approve votes.

The emergency election committee would like to thank the volunteers and staff who came to help with the count, their assistance was invaluable and very much appreciated.



Mixed Division Winners – Huntington National Bank – Shot a 61.  
L-R: David Kinsman, Allison Kinsman, Liz Scheffers, and Patrick Scheffers.



Men's Division Winners – Rodenroth Motors – Shot a 58.  
L-R: Don Savoie, Craig Stump, Steve Hettinga, and Steve Rodenroth.



Photo by Sherrie Lucas

Sault Tribe hosted a Team-Building Day on Sept. 8 throughout the tribe's service area for employees. Above are employees from Sault Ste. Marie who gathered at the Sherman Park Pavilion for a fun day of activities and food, including a photo scavenger hunt, cake-swag walk, cornhole and cards, among other activities.

## Crane medicine wheel displayed



From left to right, Sault Tribe Behavioral Health, represented by Nicole Kozal, Ashley Young, Karen Alexander, Natausha Bergsma, Kristin Roffers, Heather Lipponen, Shelby Fox, Lori Severance and Jacob Sambrano with the Crane Medicine Wheel at the Sault Tribe Health Center. The individual cranes were folded by Oscar G. Johnson VA staff, veterans and community members with some including personal notes written inside to show support for veterans who may be struggling with mental health issues or suicidal thoughts. If you, or someone you know is struggling, don't wait, reach out, by calling 988 was the message conveyed in the exhibit.

## John Causley Sr. Memorial Invitational



Photo by Melissa Causley

The 40th Annual John Causley Sr. Memorial Invitational Golf Tournament held at the Bear on the Mountain Golf Course in Hessel had 27 participating two-person teams for this year's event on Aug. 12. The 2023 winners included James Bremmer Jr. and Eric Moran with a score of 69, Jeff Causley Jr. and Josh Collia with a score of 70 and Clayton Peffers and Willy LaJoie with a score of 71.

## 22nd annual Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic thanks sponsors

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians would like to thank our generous sponsors, many volunteers and dedicated committee members who helped make the 22nd Annual Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic a tremendous success!

Sponsors included: Triple Diamond Sponsor - Gordon Food Service; Double Diamond Sponsors - CompEdge and Kewadin Casinos; reception sponsor - PNC Bank; lunch sponsor - RSM US; Diamond Sponsors - Automated Comfort Controls, Dynamic Gaming Solutions, Everi Payments, The Huntington National Bank Peninsula Fiber Network, Sault Printing Company, Sault Tribe, Inc., and WynnBET; putting contest sponsor - Meritain Health; Platinum Sponsors - Grewal Law, Light & Wonder, Martin Waymire Morisset Schlosser Jozwiak & Somerville, and UBS Financial Services; Gold Sponsors - Alliant Insurance Services/Tribal First, ALTA Equipment Company, Aristocrat Gaming, Bovia Design, Central Savings Bank, Entrust Solutions, Interstate Maintenance, J&M Digital Print, Khoury Johnson Leavitt LPL Financial, Lume Cannabis Co., Mackinac Straits Health Systems, The Mahoney Group National Painting

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In addition, a special thank you to Colin Miller and his fantastic staff at the Sault Ste. Marie Country Club for their great hospitality! Classic hosted by Kewadin Casinos and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

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As a parent you want to help protect your child. The COVID-19 vaccine helps prevent kids from getting severely ill, and helps protect them from long-term complications. Children 6 months and up can get vaccinated and age-appropriate boosters are available when eligible. To learn more, talk to your health care provider or visit [Michigan.gov/KidsCOVIDvaccine](https://Michigan.gov/KidsCOVIDvaccine).

# Enrollment announcements

**Up to date addresses sought**  
Sault Tribe members whose addresses are not up to date have "bad addresses" with the tribe's Enrollment Department.

Please check over the names and if you see a friend or relative on this "bad address" list let them know they need to update

their address.  
It's simple and quick! Just call 800-251-6597 or email Stacey Synett at [ssynett@saulttribe.net](mailto:ssynett@saulttribe.net). Go to the tribe's website at [saulttribe.net](http://saulttribe.net) and scroll down Membership Services to Tribal Enrollment. Then go to the Information column on the left side of

the Enrollment page and select "Up to date addresses sought."

## Enrollment credit card machine down

For the next two months Sault Tribe Enrollment Department will only be able to accept cash or money order as its credit card machine is down.

# Senior Employment positions

Two Senior Employment jobs are available. If interested, reply to the Elder Employment Program, Attn: Brenda Cadreau, 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or call (906) 635-4767. Applicants must be a Sault Tribe member age 60 or over and reside in the seven county service area. Jobs are 14 hours per week at \$13.072 per hour.

Part-time youth elder worker is needed for the Escanaba YEA Program to assist YEA staff.

A Community Health Program Clerk is needed for the Marquette Tribal Community Health Center. The Community Health Program Clerk will be responsible for providing clerical support and program resource, consultation and coordination services to the

Community Health Program and staff located at the center.

The Hessel Tribal Center is looking for a kitchen aide.

The kitchen aide, under the direction of the cook, assists with the preparation of elder congregate meals for an assigned meal site.

Kitchen aide will help prepare meals, assist with cleaning the kitchen and dining room, perform dishwashing, remove trash from building, clean refrigerator, dishwasher, stoves and freezers, clean counter tops and storage areas and deliver meals daily.

Additional responsibilities include: Assist with inventory counts and assist at other elderly meal sites as needed.

Physical requirements: Lifting of 50 pounds maximum and

frequent lifting/carrying up to 25 pounds. Constant standing, frequent walking, carrying and lifting, reaching.

Must undergo and pass a Criminal background investigation and pre-employment drug test. Must be insurable to drive GSA vehicle.

Experience in home meal preparation and Serve Safe Certification preferred.

## Craft show!

Fall craft show is being held Oct. 6 and 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Avery Square in downtown Sault Ste. Marie.

Tables and chairs are available.

Call Sharon at (906) 253-1399 to register.

# Sault Tribe committee vacancies

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 Lona Stewart at 523 Ashmun Street, 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)

**Conservation Committee** - One vacancy (4-year term)

**Election Committee** - Nine vacancies (4-year term)

**Health Board** - Two vacancies (4-year term)

**Housing/Utility Authority** - One vacancy (4-year term)

**Special Needs/Enrollment Committee** - (2-year term)

Unit I - Two vacancies

Unit II - Two vacancies

Unit III - Two vacancies

**Elder Advisory Committee**

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

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

Unit II - Naubinway - One regular vacancy (4-year term)

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

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

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

**Elder Subcommittees**

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

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

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

Unit IV - Escanaba - Two alternate vacancies (4-year term)

Unit V - Munising - One regular vacancy, two alternate vacancies (4-year term).

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# WIOA funding

Sault Tribe WIOA Department is accepting applications for the Work Experience Program. Eligibility Requirements: Must be Native American between the ages of 16 to 21 and reside within the seven-county service area (Marquette, Alger, Chippewa, Luce, Mackinaw, Delta and Schoolcraft counties). If you are interested in applying for after school employment, applications may be picked up at the WIOA office at 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., or by contacting Brenda Cadreau at (906) 635-4767 or [BCadreau@saulttribe.net](mailto:BCadreau@saulttribe.net). Deadline is Oct. 13, 2023.

**SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT PUBLIC NOTICE**  
BIA Tribal Transportation Program-Notice of Upcoming Transportation Improvements

The Sault Tribe Transportation Department plans to resurface the parking lot adjacent to George K. Nolan Judicial Building located at 2175 Shunk Rd, Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783. Work is scheduled to take place during 2023 construction season. Questions, concerns, or comments on this Project can be sent to Wendy Hoffman, Transportation Department, 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI. 49783 or sent by email to [whoffman@saulttribe.net](mailto:whoffman@saulttribe.net), or phone at (906) 635-6050.

# SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF REVIEW

BIA Tribal Transportation Program – Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Notice is hereby given of availability for public review and comment of the following document; Draft FY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Plan

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Transportation Department invites membership and the public to review and comment on the Draft 2024-2027 TIP. The thirty (30) day review period will begin on Monday September 11, 2023. This notice is in accordance with 25 CFR 17:170.413, 170.422, 170.423. The TIP is the short-term strategic transportation plan detailing the departments planning, maintenance, safety, construction, transit, and administrative projects over the next five years. The Draft 2024-2027 TIP will be available for review at the following location: Tribal Administrative Offices 523 Ashmun St. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

The TIP is a federally mandated document that provides a brief description of each project that will use federal transportation funds. Projects must be listed on the TIP to use federal funding. In addition, this Public Notice satisfies the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians public participation process for the development of its Program of Projects.

The Department will accept comments from the public on TIP until the close of business day on Oct. 11, 2023, at 5 p.m. In addition, comments can be sent to Wendy Hoffman, Transportation Department, 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI. 49783 or sent by email to [whoffman@saulttribe.net](mailto:whoffman@saulttribe.net). For questions or concerns about the TIP, contact Wendy Hoffman at (906) 635-6050.

Special accommodations: The location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for any accommodations can be made by calling Wendy Hoffman at (906) 635-6050 at least 48 hours in advance.

## Need assistance?

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

net or contacting them individually at: Clarence Hudak, Lambert Center, St. Ignace, Mich., (906) 643-2124, [chudak@saulttribe.net](mailto:chudak@saulttribe.net). Mary Jenerou, Manistique Tribal Center, (906) 341-8469; Munising Centers, (906) 450-7011 or (906) 450-7011, [mjenerou@saulttribe.net](mailto:mjenerou@saulttribe.net). Michelle Moore at (906) 635-6050, [mmoore@saulttribe.net](mailto:mmoore@saulttribe.net).

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# Executive assistant hired in board of directors' office

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe Board of Directors Administrator Lona Stewart said she is excited to announce the hiring of her executive assistant, Ashlee Mielke.

Mielke is a tribal member who was born and raised in Hessel, Mich. She moved with her mother to St. Ignace in 2010 at the age of 16, graduating from high school in 2013.

She started working for the Sault Tribe at the Kewadin Shores Casino in St. Ignace as a bar server shortly after graduating from high school, before transferring to Kewadin Shore's Hotel.



She took a short break for the birth of her son, returning to the

hotel in 2016, where she worked as a front desk supervisor.

Mielke earned an associate's degree in business from Bay Mills Community College in 2018, and applied for and accepted a position as a safety officer with the tribe's Safety Department. "During my time in the Safety Department, I traveled all over the tribe's seven-county service area with Dale Joseph, seeing a lot of our tribal buildings and meeting many employees. I also started working on my bachelor's degree from Lake Superior State University," she said.

After graduating with her bache-

lor's degree in business in 2021, she accepted a position with Sault Tribe Early Childhood Education as a health coordinator. "I thoroughly enjoyed my time there, but when the executive assistant position opened up I knew I had to at least apply for it. I have always strived to do better and I knew this position would be a step in the right direction," she said.

As the executive assistant to the board, Mielke will be helping to schedule and coordinate board workshops and meetings. "I will be helping develop agendas for board meetings and workshops,

and making sure that all approved resolutions are sent to the correct departments and managers. I will also be helping to schedule and coordinate specific committee meetings and will be attending those as well," she said.

"Continuing to work for my tribe has always been very important to me. If it wasn't for the tribe and my mother I wouldn't be where I am today. When I'm not working, I enjoy spending time with my family and most importantly my son. I also love taking motorcycle rides all over the Upper Peninsula," Mielke said.

# Angeline Boulley to speak at Repatriation Conference

The Association on American Indian Affairs (the Association) is proud to announce that registration is open for its ninth annual Repatriation Conference, themed "Building a New Fire." The theme invites participants to come together to build a new fire that will support new laws and regulations as well as more collaborative methods for undertaking the return of Ancestors, their burial belongings and sensitive cultural heritage.

Keynote speakers include New York Times bestselling author Angeline Boulley, a citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and former UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Professor of International Law at the University of Colorado Law School, S. James Anaya, who is



Chief Executive and Attorney for the Association on American Indian Affairs, Shannon O'Loughlin (Choctaw); President of the Association's Board of Directors Frank Ettawageshik (Odawa); and Angeline Boulley, (Sault Tribe), NYT best-selling author, attended the 2022 conference.

an Apache descendant. In May, Boulley published, "Warrior Girl: Unearthed," a high-stakes repatriation story that follows a young Anishinaabeg woman who uncovers a plot to sell her nation's stolen

ancestors and sacred items. Anaya is also an author and renowned legal scholar, specializing in human rights law and international Indigenous Peoples' rights, including repatriation.

The Association expects 700 attendees at this three-day hybrid conference hosted by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation at the Grand Casino Resort & Hotel in Shawnee, Okla., on Nov. 7, 8 and 9. This is the leading training opportunity in repatriation of Native heritage and will center on providing training on current issues in repatriation including the expected publication of the new Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) regulations, as well as illegal trafficking and the Safeguarding Tribal Objects of Patrimony (STOP) Act, which was signed into law in December 2022.

"Things have changed. The law has changed, and the public is calling out institutions around the world for their failure to

return Indigenous bodies and sensitive cultural and religious items stolen in the name of science, conquest and war," said Shannon O'Loughlin, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and the Association's CEO and Attorney. "It is time for a radical change of perspective and time to build a new fire."

Native nation officials and representatives can register to attend in-person for free, and registration scholarships are available for in-person and virtual attendance. There are a limited number of exhibitor and vendor spaces for the three-day conference. The hybrid conference will allow registered attendees to access recordings from the three days of training. Registration is available at: [Indian-Affairs.org/9thannualrepatriationconference](http://Indian-Affairs.org/9thannualrepatriationconference).

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# Rattle making workshop held in Escanaba



Rattles made by workshop participants.

*Photos by Cultural Healing Educator Grey Shea*



Liam Williamson with a completed rattle made in the Escanaba workshop.



Karen Corbett (left) and Georgine McKenzie.



Sarah Hoffmeyer with her finished rattle.



Workshop participants putting their rattles together.

On Sept. 1&2, the Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) traveled to Escanaba to facilitate a zhiishi-gigwan (rattle) workshop as part of their 'Culture is the Key to Healing' series.

Cultural Healing Educator, Grey Shea, helped participants sew their rattle heads, fill them with sand for shape, attach their rattle heads to the handle, and wrap their handles.

We would like to give Sarah Hoffmeyer, Youth Services Coordinator for YEA, Escanaba, a chi miigwech for letting us use her beautiful building and for her assistance during this rattle workshop.

Stay tuned to our Facebook page for future Culture is the Key to Healing workshops! <https://www.facebook.com/sault-tribeARC>.



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# Anishinaabemowin 2023

## Waabagaa Giizis Changing Leaves



by Susan Askwith

*Live as if you will die tomorrow. Learn as if you will live forever. M. Gandhi*

### E-Kinoomaagozid n'd-aaw.

I am a learner.

### Pane waa-kinoomaagozid n'd-aaw.

I will always be a learner.

### Binoojiinhik zhaawag kinoomaage-gamig-ong.

Children go to school.

### Shkiniigijig zhaawag kinoomaage-gamig-ong.

Young people go to school.

**Kwewag miinwaa niniwag** Women and men  
**nanda-gikendaan-aawaan\*** they seek to learn,  
**gewiinwaa** they (do) too.

*\*learning means to know about, find out about, realize*

**G'chi-nishnaabek** Anishinaabe elders\*  
**nanda-gikendaan-aawaan** they seek to learn  
**gewiinwaa.** they (do) too.

*\*G'chi nishnaabe* literally says 'great person'. It is the respectful term used in all dialects. We can also say 'Getzijig' which simply says 'old people' but doesn't carry respectfulness in the same way.

### Aaniish e-zhi gikenmang?

How do we come to know about/learn something?

### G'aabajitoonaan mijimenjigan.

We use a computer. (use n'aabajitoon to say 'I')

**G'da gindaasomi** We read.

**G'da bzindaagemi.** We listen\*

*\*to discussions and people talking*

**G'didadbaajmotaadimi.\*** (this can't be changed to 'I')

We engage in lively conversation with each other.

(g-di-da- dibaa-ji-mo- taa-di-mi)

*\*don't be afraid of long words; they smooth out with practice!*

**G'gikinawaabimi.** We learn by watching.

**G'mkoshinimi.** We learn by trial and error.

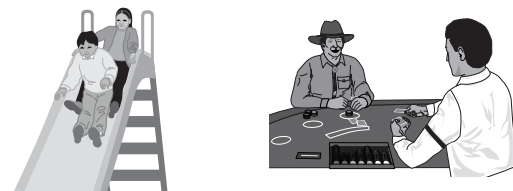
**G'kwejiimi.** We practice. (just drop mi for 'I')

Have fun drawing lines to connect the pictures and the Anishinaabe comments!

E-kinoomaagozid



Binoojiinhik



Kinoomaage gamig

Shkiniigijig



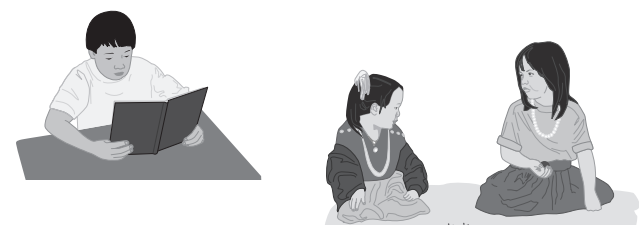
Kwewag

Niniwag



G'chi-nishnaabek

Gindaaso



Write (in Anishinaabemowin) the top three ways of learning that are best for you personally. Replace the initial 'G' with 'N' and drop off the final 'mi', 'omi' or 'imi' to say 'I'. (example: N'gindaas. = I read)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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

[www.facebook.com/SaultTribeLanguageAndCulture](https://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.



I'm still such a lousy cook I can't even boil toast.

*Officer: You were driving erratically.*

*Driver: I'm learning how to drive this car.*

*Officer: Where is the teacher?*

*Driver: This is a correspondence course.*

A music student left a message for his wife:

"Gone Chopin, have Liszt, Bach in a Minuet"  
*I made a lot of stupid mistakes as a kid. Now that I'm an adult, I'm making far more advanced and complex mistakes. It's a life of learning!*

I learned not all construction work is equally enjoyable. Drilling a large hole is boring but fastening 2 pieces of metal together is riviting.

*Fun fact: Sugar is the only English word where 'su' makes a 'sh' sound. At least I'm pretty sure that's correct.*

# Names and colors: A spirit name is important

Everything in Creation has a name. The trees, animals, plants, fish, water and air all have names. When we receive our spirit name, we know who we are in Creation. We are able to identify ourselves when we communicate with the spirit of each thing in Creation.

A spirit name is important for a good beginning, strong prayers and the good life. A spirit name is important for personal protection against sickness and disease. When you have your spirit name, which may be referred to as your Indian name or simply as your name, your communication with the spirit world is strengthened. When the spirits that we talk to and have been given to us hear our name, they see everything about us. They see our life, our future and who we are, and when we offer tobacco to them, they can guide us.

Elders and Healers say that

when your spirit comes to this world, your name and your colors follow you to the spirit door. It is said that our spirit name is the name we had before we came to this world. Spirit names are said to be ancient and some of these names are the names of our ancestors.

Your spirit name is said to be 50 percent of your healing and balance because, with it, you know who you are, you know where you belong, you know where you are going and you know where you came from.

### Receiving your spirit name

Before the arrival of the newcomers, Native people had a way of getting their name. This varied from nation to nation. Today, there are communities where the traditional ceremonies for the naming of babies are still held as they were for thousands of years.

In some communities, babies

are given their spirit names when they are 2, 3 or 4 weeks old. An Elder who has the ability and honor to give spirit names talks to the baby in their Native language and the baby's spirit listens. The Elder explains to the baby what his or her name is and what it means to have that name. The baby hears and understands.

In some Longhouse traditions, a clan name is given to a baby. A Clan Woman who takes care of the names of her clan chooses a name that suits the character of a baby.

It is never too late to get your spirit name and colors. The spirits wait for you to come to them for a name. The Traditional people recognize that because of what has happened in our communities historically, many of us don't know the teachings and they will wait for us to come to them.

Today, we can offer tobacco to a Traditional Healer, Elder or Medicine Person who has the ability to call names and colors through the spirit door. We can also seek our name through the shaking tent ceremony. The person we ask to give us our name may use special songs to call on our name and colors.

### Naming Ceremonies

Naming Ceremonies are held in some communities to announce a person's name. For example, in some Longhouse traditions, children born during the year are brought to the mid-winter or to the harvest festival to receive their names. A circle dance is performed, the father introduces the baby to the community, and the name is given.

In some Anishinaabe communities, the Naming Ceremony would be held before sundown. Food would be placed on a blanket on the floor. The child would be held by the parents facing the person who is going to name the infant. Then, taking the child, this person tells the child his or her name, colors, spirit helpers and what offerings to make.

Many traditional people say that when you receive your name, you should announce it to the community and the Four Directions of the universe. Those attending the ceremony come up to you, shake your hand and call you by your name.

Your family gives out gifts to the people and everyone enjoys the feast you have prepared.

Often you will have three or four sponsors. Sponsors are like grandparents to you. When they accept responsibility for being your sponsor, they know it is for life, both yours and theirs. Your sponsors can be your relatives or others whom you respect.

### Those who give names

A person who gives names has earned that right. He or she should know the spirit, ceremonies and the power that your name carries.

This person will be able to give you instructions on how to take care of your name and what your name means. People who give names say that the spirits give the name through them. We can express our gratitude to the person who gives us our name by our offering of tobacco and gifts.

### Colors

Everything in Creation has a color that represents a certain type of power. For example, a spirit name such as "Bringer of the First Light" has to do with the morning, with the colors purple and yellow which are the first colors that appear in the morning. This is the time that this person would do ceremonies because at this time she will gain strength and gifts.

When you wear your colors, (i.e. ribbons) it is considered the Good Life that keeps you straight and walking in a good way.

Colors are as important as your name. It is said that your colors should come with your name. They represent your powers, you receive guidance from them and they help you focus.

You can hang your colors in your room if you are on a heal-

ing journey. You can make your dancing regalia with your colors in beads and material.

### Honoring your Name and Colors

You need to find a path to honor your spirit name. You can honor it through different ceremonies. You can make food offerings during the year for your name.

These can be monthly with the moon cycle or four times a year, at the changing of the seasons, or once a year.

Your colors are associated with your name and when you feast your name you are also including your colors.

### Getting a referral

There are always those who present themselves as Healers, Elders or Medicine People who have not earned that title and may use the teachings and medicines in the wrong way. It is important for everyone, especially young people, to be aware of this and to exercise caution when they seek healing, teachings or advice. It is advisable to consult with people whom you trust to get referrals to respected and recognized Traditional Healers, Elders and Medicine People.

To obtain a referral to a Healer, Elder or Medicine Person in your area, or to make an appointment in the seven-county service area, call Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine at (906) 632-5200, option 9.

*Special acknowledgement is given to the following healers and elders who contributed their knowledge and understanding of the traditions and culture in the preparation of the brochures from which this article was taken: Jake Aguonia, Garnett Councillor, Harlan Downwind, Roger Jones, Rose Logan, Mary Louie, Dorothy Sam, Nelson (SugarBear) Shognosh, Geraldine Standup and Ella Waukey.*

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## BNAAKWE GIIZIS - FALLING LEAVES MOON - OCTOBER 2023

| NIIZHWAASO GIIZHIGAT                          | NTAM GIIZHIGAT  | NIIZHO GIIZHIGAT                          | NSWO GIIZHIGAT                          | NIUWO GIIZHIGAT                       | NAANO GIIZHIGAT                                | NGODWAASWO GIIZHIGAT   |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1<br>zenbaansag<br>(ribbons)                  | 2<br>Shkaakamakwe<br>(Mother Earth)                             | 3<br>Aandeg<br>(crow)                     | 4<br>Boodwe.<br>(S/he makes<br>a fire.) | 5<br>zhashkwedoonh<br>(mushroom)      | 6<br>shiingwaak<br>(pine tree)                 | 7<br>jiibay<br>(spirit/ghost)                                  |
| 8<br>nbwaakaawkwe<br>(witch [wise<br>woman])  | 9<br>Anishnaabegig<br>Giizhigad<br>(Indigenous<br>Peoples' Day) | 10<br>manidoominenhsag<br>(beads)         | 11<br>niibiishan<br>(leaves)            | 12<br>ziisbaakwadoonhs<br>(a candy)   | 13<br>mishkiig<br>(bog)                        | 14<br>Mina maagwat<br>gojiing.<br>(It smells good<br>outside.) |
| 15<br>Nbwaachwe.<br>(S/he is visiting.)       | 16<br>nboop<br>(soup)   | 17<br>Dibikad.<br>(It is dark.)           | 18<br>jiibay kanan<br>(skeleton)        | 19<br>bgiw<br>(chewing gum)           | 20<br>Minise.<br>(S/he is making<br>firewood.) | 21<br>mndaamin<br>bkwaakwod<br>(popcorn ball)                  |
| 22<br>esbikenh<br>(spider)                    | 23<br>koosmaanan<br>(pumpkins)                                  | 24<br>mkadewozi<br>gaazhag<br>(black cat) | 25<br>Zegis.<br>(S/he is scared.)       | 26<br>niibiishkaa<br>(lots of leaves) | 27<br>mshkimod<br>(bag)                        | 28<br>Mooshkaneshin<br>Dibiki Giizis.<br>(It is a full moon.)  |
| 29<br>jiibay<br>wiikongewin<br>(spirit feast) | 30<br>bkwezhigaanhsag<br>(cookies)                              | 31<br>Tasewan<br>(Halloween)              |   |                                       |  |  |

# Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and Conservation

BY CHIEF OF POLICE ROBERT MARCHAND

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE) issues treaty hunting and fishing licenses to Sault Tribe members to be utilized within the boundaries of the 1836 Treaty Area. If members have any questions regarding these licenses, the criteria for obtaining them, or the regulations governing their use, please contact our office at (906) 635-6065.

## Inland Hunting, Fishing, and Gathering

The bear and elk lottery drawing has been completed and STLE has sent out all winning bear tags to those who already held their 2023 Inland Hunting and Fishing Harvest license. As a reminder, Sault Tribe's Natural Resources Department coordinates everything for the elk drawing; the only thing STLE does is print the tag itself when the time comes.

If you were drawn for a bear tag, you will NOT receive it until you have obtained your 2023 Inland harvest license. We have tried to make contact with anyone who was drawn and still has not picked up their license. Please remember that when you harvest a bear, you are required to have it sealed within 72 hours of the harvest. This can be done through Sault Tribe's Natural Resources Department (906) 632-6132 or at any Michigan Department of Natural Resources check station. Regardless of where you have your bear sealed, you are required to contact Sault Tribe Natural Resources Department and inform them of your harvest. STLE prints some of the bear regulations, hunting and baiting seasons right on the tag for the hunters convenience. For a full list of rules and regulations, please refer to Chapter 21 of our Inland code. As a friendly reminder each hunter MUST have the bear permit on their person at all times. And as always, we wish each of you a safe and successful hunt!

We would like to remind our members that if you held a 2022 Inland Non Hunting Harvest license or an Inland Hunting license, you are still required to submit the annual harvest report prior to obtaining your 2023 licenses. These reports are required to be submitted regardless of activity during the 2022 hunting and fishing seasons.

If you are requesting this license for the first time, you are required to provide a copy of your tribal card along with proof of hunter safety if you want to engage in treaty hunting rights.



STLE does administer a Youth Mentoring program that members under the age of 10 are able to participate in for a maximum period of two years; please note however that once the youth turn 10, they are not eligible for this program and will be required to provide proof of hunter safety. STLE recommends that they begin participation at 8 years of age so there is no lapse in licensing. Please contact our office for more information as there are other requirements to participate and special applications that must be filled out.

Chapter 21 of the Tribal Code regulates Inland licenses. Please remember that if you are using this license for fishing purposes, you are only authorized to fish inland lakes and streams within the boundaries of the 1836 Treaty Area. There are some exceptions on specific bodies of water that you can find more information about in the Tribal Code. All tribal codes may be found online at saulttribe.com, select Government at the top, select tribal code from the drop-down list and choose Chapter 21 for Inland rules and regulations.

Sault Tribe's early deer season begins the day after Labor Day each year; for 2023, this is Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023. During early season, which runs through Oct. 31, 2023, you are authorized to harvest ONLY two of the five deer tags you received, one of which may be antlered. Quiet time is Nov. 1 – Nov. 14 each year; during quiet time you are authorized to use a bow and arrow or crossbow, but cannot use a firearm. Late deer season starts Nov. 15 where you are able to harvest your remaining tags, and

goes through the first full weekend in January, ending on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024.

Sault Tribe's small game season begins Sept. 1, 2023, and runs through March 31, 2024. Fall turkey season begins Sept. 15 and runs through Nov. 14, 2023. Migratory bird season is coming up also; STLE has received the regulations that include seasons and bag limits from the Natural Resource department. These are available online or at STLE's office in the Sault.

STLE issues camping vouchers for national forest campgrounds within Sault Tribe's treaty area. Unfortunately, we have not been issuing a lot of these with the closures of some campgrounds for the summer, but there are some campgrounds still open — if you look up "Hiawatha National Forest Campgrounds" online, you will find a list. You are required to have an Inland hunting or non-hunting harvest license to obtain a camping voucher. These vouchers are issued for the purpose of exercising treaty rights within those

national forests. Camping voucher applications provide more detail on requirements and are available online or at STLE headquarters in the Sault. If you have any questions, please contact STLE.

## Great Lakes Fishing – Subsistence/Netting and Commercial

Commercial licenses – captains and helpers – still have the requirement to schedule an appointment with STLE in order to renew each year. It is important that helpers and captains call to schedule their own appointments. STLE has to obtain specific personal information each year that only the member themselves can provide.

If you hold a subsistence license or subsistence and netting licenses, please remember that you are required to turn in a monthly catch report by the 10th of each month. These reports are required whether you catch any fish or get out to fish. If you fax in your reports, please make sure to call STLE about 10-15 minutes after you faxed it to ensure we received it. Please remember that these licenses are valid only on the Great Lakes within the boundaries of Sault Tribe's 1836 Treaty Area. Chapter 20 of the Tribal Code and Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) code regulate both subsistence and netting licenses. Both sets of regulations may be found

online at saulttribe.com, select Government at the top, select Tribal Code from the drop-down list, and choose either Chapter 20 or CORA code for Great Lakes rules and regulations.

If you are not fishing with your subsistence or subsistence netting license and do not want to have to turn in the required monthly reports, you are able to turn in your license(s) with a final catch report at any time. If during that licensing year you want to start fishing again, you can either pick up your license at STLE or call and we can mail it to you. If you choose to turn in your license for a period of time, during that time you are not authorized to fish under the licenses' rules until you have your license in your possession.

As a reminder, you are authorized to recreationally fish in the Great Lakes within the boundaries of our 1836 Treaty Area with just your NON-expired tribal membership card as long as you follow state of Michigan rules for the activity.

Members are encouraged to educate themselves on the various rules governing our treaty rights; however, STLE is here to help members wade through the sometimes complex rules. If you cannot find the information you are looking for in the Tribal Code or CORA code, please contact our office and ask to speak with a conservation officer.

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# Walking on...

## ANN MARIE FRISBIE

Ann Marie Frisbie, 85 of White Cloud, Mich., passed away Monday, Aug. 14, 2023, at her home.



Ann was born on Oct. 26, 1937 on Sugar Island, Mich., to John Q. and Olive Gertrude (Grant) Lewis and grew up there, later moving to the Augusta/Galesburg area where she graduated from Galesburg High School in 1955 and later graduated from Aquinas College with a teaching degree.

Ann met and married Richard Louis Frisbie on Oct. 31, 1959 in Morley, Mich. She was a school teacher at White Cloud Public School, Pine View School, St. Mary's Catholic School in Big Rapids, Mich., and also worked as a waitress at Wanda's Restaurant in White Cloud and the Cozy Inn.

Ann grew up on Sugar Island and was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in White Cloud where she had served as a Eucharistic Minister for several years and taught Sunday School and had been the housekeeper at the parish for many years. Ann enjoyed cooking, canning and sewing and was an elder with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Richard; her children, Teresa (Donald) Hundt of Chicago, Ill.; Troy (Christine) Frisbie of White Cloud; Tim (Susan) Frisbie of White Cloud; Tony (Kelly) Frisbie of White Cloud; Tom (Shay) Frisbie of Newaygo, Mich.; 13 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; her sister-in-laws, Alice Lewis and Judy Frisbie; several nieces and nephews.

Ann was preceded in death by her grandson, Andrew Hundt; her sisters, Vera Hilton, Olive Guillard, Mildred Kokko, Noelle Lewis; her brothers, Troy Lewis, Ken Lewis; and her special friend, Wilma Cairns.

A Mass of Christian Burial

was held Aug. 25 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in White Cloud with interment in the St. Apollonia Cemetery in Morley Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Holy Angels Historic Mission Restoration Project in Sugar Island, c/o Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church in Sault Ste. Marie.

Friends may send condolences or share a memory of Ann online at [www.crandellfh.com](http://www.crandellfh.com).

Arrangements were handled by the Crandell Funeral Home of White Cloud.

## JOSEPH ALEXANDER BELL

Joseph Alexander Bell, 92, of Port Richey, Fla. passed away on Friday, Aug. 18, 2023, at Gulfside Hospice with his family by his side.



Joseph was born on April 30, 1931, in Saginaw, Mich. The son of the late Arthur and Josephine (Lancour) Bell, he graduated from Saginaw High School and went into the U.S. Airforce and served from 1952 to 1956. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 25 years of service in 1986.

He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a member of the Nature Coast Bridge Club.

He is survived by his wife, Glenda Bell (of almost 67 years), his children Jay (Vicki) Bell of Mayville, Mich., Jeff (Julie) Bell of Brookville, Fla., Jayne Roth (Bell) and Janice Bell both of Freeland, Mich., his brother Edward (Wanda) Bell, and sister Nancy Leach (Bell). He also leaves behind many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by daughter Janine Lind (Bell), and sisters, Peggy LaLonde and Shirley Koenitzer.

He will be cremated and interred in Saginaw.

## BRENDA ANN HAMP

Brenda Ann Hamp was born Jan. 20, 1963 and died July 28, 2023.

She had been suffering from cancer for about a year which



led to complications causing her death. She was a registered nurse for forty years at the Masonic Home of Michigan, nursing homes and the Prison in St. Louis, Mich., and a member of the Mackinac Chippewa Band of Sault Ste. Marie.

Brenda was a kind, compassionate person who loved her family and always smiled. She

enjoyed sewing, crocheting in her spare time and listening to music.

She leaves behind her to grieve, her mother Carol Hamp of Elwell, Mich., daughter Amy Garcia, sons Christopher Lowell of Elwell and Bryan Garcia of Detroit area and ex-husband Douglas Garcia, also grandchildren, Liam, Paisley, and Eli

See "Walking on," page 11



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# 15th Annual Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow

Sponsored by the St. Ignace Events Committee, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Kewadin Casinos, the Straits Powwow was held at the New France Discovery Center at the Father Marquette National Memorial on Aug. 25-27.

The event featured traditional dancing, drumming and singing and was open to the public.

See more powwow photos on page 13.

Photos by Scott Brand  
Below, dancers performed in traditional regalia.



Above, host drum Sturgeon Bay Singers alternated with Mukwa Giizhik (at right) to inspire dancers throughout the three day event.

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## Sault Tribe Community Health

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Thursday, Oct. 5.....9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

#### HESSEL TRIBAL HEALTH CENTER

(906) 484-2727

Hessel Tribal Health Center, 3355 N. 3 Mile Rd.

Monday, Sept. 25 .....9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 16 .....9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

#### SAULT / KINROSS AREA

(906) 632-5210

Big Bear Arena, 2 Ice Circle Dr.

Wed., Sept. 27 .....9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 29 .....9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Nokomis-Mishomis, 2076 Shunk Rd.

Wed., Oct. 4 ..... 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sault Kewadin Casino, 2186 Shunk Rd.

Human Resources Parking Lot

Wed., Oct. 11 ..... 1 - 4 p.m.

Kinross Rec Center, 43 Wood Lake Dr.

Parking Lot

Thursday, Oct. 12 ..... 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Big Bear Arena, 2 Ice Circle Dr.

Wed., Oct. 18 .....9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 27 ..... 12 - 4 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 1 .....9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 15 ..... 1 - 4 p.m.

#### NEWBERRY TRIBAL HEALTH CENTER

\*\*Flu Clinic-October 4 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

\*\*Flu Clinic-Oct. 18 3-5 p.m. (Drive through)

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\*\*Health Fair & Flu Clinic Oct. 13 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

\*\*Flu Clinic- Oct. 16 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.

#### MUNISING TRIBAL HEALTH CENTER

\*\*Health Fair & Flu Clinic-Oct. 2 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

\*\*Flu Clinic- Oct. 24 3pm-5pm (Drive through)

#### GLADSTONE TRIBAL HEALTH CENTER

\*\*Health Fair & Flu Clinic-Oct. 6 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

\*\*Flu Clinic-Oct. 27 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

#### MARQUETTE TRIBAL HEALTH CENTER

\*\*Flu Clinic- Oct. 1 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (Drive through)

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Friday, Oct. 20...9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 27...9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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(Employees Only)

Wednesday, Nov. 1...9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Flu Clinic

Oct. 27...10 a.m.-2 p.m.

## Health Information and goodie bags will be given to all attendees.



CLIP & SAVE

# Walking on continued

*From "Walking on," page 9*  
 Nelson, Ashlyn, Sierra, and Bella Lowell and one great-grandchild, Dean Garcia, her sisters, Diane Kirkey (Dan) of Elwell and Linda Breen (Dave) of Elm Hall, Mich., and many nieces and nephews who also mourn her.

She was preceded in death by her Father Harold Hamp, brothers Ronald Hamp (Patricia) of Elwell, David Hamp (Barbara) of Shepherd, She was cremated and a Celebration of Life was held in her honor in August of 2023.

## DAVID WAYNE HAMP

David Wayne Hamp, 62, of Shepherd, Mich., passed away Friday, July 14, 2023 at his home surrounded by family.

David was born Feb. 26, 1961 the son of Carol (LaLonde) and Harold Hamp of Elwell. He was a member of the Mackinac Band of Chippewa Indians. He enjoyed camping, canoeing, horse shoes and was an avid fan of the Lions. He loved playing on the harmonica.

David was a jack of all trades. For nearly forty years he worked on cars and operated his own "Frame and Collision" shop.

David married Barbara Sumner on April 20, 1985 at Irish Town, Mich. He was considered an excellent father and husband and friend to the many that knew him. He was almost always smiling and known as quite a jokester and epitome of the "DAD" jokes. He kept everyone laughing.

David is survived by his wife Barbara Hamp, his children, Daniel of Shepherd and Ashley of Fort Meyers, Fla., his mother Carol Hamp of Elwell, mother-in-law, Arlene Sumner, sisters Brenda Hamp of Shepherd, Diane Kirkey (Dan) of Elwell, Linda Breen (David) of Riverdale, sister-in-law Patricia Hamp of Mt. Pleasant and his special nephew David Sumner and many other nieces and nephews and in laws.

David was preceded in death by his father Harold Hamp, His brother Ronald Hamp and his Father-in-law, Lawrence Robert Sumner.

## CHERRY MARIA (SASSO) CLOUDMAN

Cherry Maria (Sasso) Cloudman, 82, of Drummond Island, Mich., passed away at MyMichigan Medical Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on Sept. 4, 2023. She was born on April 13, 1941, in Sault Ste. Marie

to Frank Michael and Rosalie Audrey (Church) Sasso. Cherry lived in Sault Ste. Marie until she was thirteen, at which time her family moved back to Drummond Island and made it their permanent home. She attended DeTour High School in DeTour Village, Mich., and graduated with the class of

1960. Cherry met James Bailey Cloudman, and they got married on July 21, 1962, on Drummond Island. She joined him in Pontiac, Mich., where they made their home and started their family. In 1966, when the opportunity arose, they moved back to Drummond Island and made it their permanent home, where they raised their three children.

Cherry valiantly fought Multiple Sclerosis for years, with dignity and grace. She had a kind heart and greeted everyone with a smile. She loved her family and friends dearly.

Cherry is survived by her three children, Lynn (Tim) VanAlstine of Drummond Island, James (Terri) Cloudman of Brimley, Mich., and Kristen (Alec) LaPoint of DeTour Village; sister, Tess Hoey of Drummond Island; grandchildren, James (Brittney) of Neenah, Wisc., John Cloudman of Brimley, Nate (Cody) Gohr of Drummond Island, and AJ and Tessa LaPoint of DeTour Village; great-grandchildren, Dylan, Hunter, and Aubree; and several beloved nieces and nephews.

Cherry was preceded in death by her husband, James; parents, Frank and Rosalie; brother, Frank Sasso; brother-in-law, Alan Hoey; and sister-in-law, Susie Sasso.

Visitation was held on Sept. 10, 2023, at the Lighthouse Christian Church on Drummond Island, with funeral services following.

Memorial Contributions can be made out to the DIAC – Drummond Island Ambulance Crew or Friends of Drummond Island Fire & Rescue.

Her final resting place will be the Drummond Island Cemetery.

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation in Pickford, Mich., is serving the family.

Condolences may be left to the family at [www.galerfuneral-homes.com](http://www.galerfuneral-homes.com).

## EMERY JAMES "DOOD" CORBIERE

Emery James "Dood" Corbiere, 91, of Sugar Island, Mich., peacefully passed away at his home on Monday, Sept. 4, 2023 with his family by his side.

He was born on March 25, 1932 on Sugar Island to Theodore and Janette (McCoy) Corbiere.

Dood married Donna Fay Harriet McFarlane on May 1, 1951 in Angola, Ind., and they would celebrate 65 years together before her passing in 2016.

His early career in 1950's was as a dredge operator for Dunbar and Sullivan working on the Great Lakes and Mackinac Bridge. In 1967, he moved his family to Carleton, Mich., working for Ford Motor Company until he returned to Sugar Island in 1979 and finally retiring from Porier Marine.

He is a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the First Nation Batchewana Band of Ojibway's in Garden River, Ontario, Canada.

He is survived by his five children; Lorali (Larry) Swick of Flat Rock, Mich.; Emery (Sharon) Corbiere II of Wakeman, Ohio; Donald (E. Lisa) Corbiere and Holly Kibble of Sugar Island; and Hope (Bruce) Schlehuder of Moran, Mich.; brothers Wayne (Joanne) Corbiere and Donald (Karen) Corbiere and sisters Arlene King and Judy Knutsen all of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; Aunts: Margie Boissoneau of Sault Ste. Marie, Marie Demerse of Sault Ste. Marie; 15 grandchildren: Larry (Lisa) Swick, Ladonne Glasgow, Lesley (Matthew) Godfrey, Emery III Corbiere, Shannon Corbiere, Shane (Gail) Corbiere, Jennifer Corbiere, Katie Corbiere, Micah Corbiere, Isaac (Caitlynn) Corbiere, Jacob (Rachel) Green, Jessica Green, Joel (Nicole) Collia, Danielle Collia, and 34 great-grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren.

Emery was preceded in death by his parents; wife Donna (McFarlane) Corbiere; son-in-law Jack Kibble; grandson Lance Swick, and great-grandson Zachary Glasgow; Brothers William, Gordon and Gary Corbiere, and sisters Viola Corbiere, Joyce Ann Sanderson and Dee Dee Fisher.

Visitation was held on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Pastor Tom Cash officiating, followed by a memorial service.

Burial will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

CS Mulder Funeral Home is serving the family. Condolences may be left to the family at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com)

## MARY E. PELTONEN

Mary Elizabeth Peltonen (Betty), 98, walked on to eternal life on June 1, 2023.

Betty was born on Aug. 8, 1924, on Sugar Island in northern Michigan to Francis and Celenia Catherine (Leask) Carpentier. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Betty moved to Cheboygan, Mich., as a child and later moved to Flint, Mich., to work in the factories during WWII to help support her family. Betty met her husband Fritz Peltonen in Flint, where they married March 25, 1946. After starting a family, Betty and Fritz moved to Otter Lake, Mich., in 1952 where they could garden and farm while raising their 10 children. There they remained the rest of their lives.

Betty worked several jobs over the years, including helping her father run the Coffee Cup restaurant in Otisville. Eventually, she found her passion in ceramics and making porcelain dolls. After years of perfecting her skills, she created her own company, M.E. Dolls. She taught classes for years in Caro, Mich., eventually moving her classes to her own home. She would sell her dolls at art fairs, except for the ones she made for her own family.

She became known locally as the "Doll Lady." Betty loved to dress up and was always fashionable and trendy with the latest styles and bold accessories. If there was a celebration, she would be the best dressed person in the middle of the dance floor surrounded by family and friends.

Betty was a dedicated member of St. Francis Catholic Church in Otisville, where she rarely missed Sunday Service. She was a member of many organizations over the years, including the Rebekah's of Fostoria and the Red Hat Society. She often took in family members in need of a place to stay over the years. She built a strong sense of family values and caregiving that has been passed on to her children and grandchildren.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the Tuscola County Medical Care Community for the care they provided for our mom. We would like to thank the staff of Hickory Lane and acknowledge Linda and Dawn for the care and comfort they gave during the COVID pandemic. Mother really appreciated it.

Betty is survived by her children, Mary Thompson, Debrah Skank, Donna (Terry) Miner, Denise (Michael) Lehnert, Robert (Lisa) Peltonen, Darlene Weaver, Diana (Thomas) Jobson, Fritz (Joseph) Peltonen, Doreen (Bruce) Keane; sisters, Theresa Kraushaar and Alice Ritchie; and her grandchildren, Tamra, Jason, Aaron, Steven, Dennis, Christina, Brendan, Erik, Molly, Brian, Lauren, Gretchen, Cameron, Benjamin, Jennifer, Matthew, Scott, Gregory, Sara, and Gabrielle. Betty also has 31 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind many extended family members, friends, and a special longtime friend, Betty Campbell.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband Fritz Peltonen, son David Peltonen, granddaughter Stacy Thompson, and great-grandson Brady Dantzer; and siblings, Paul, William, Thomas, Leo and Charles Carpentier, Celenia Martz, and Julia Thompson.

A celebration of her life was held at the St. Francis Catholic Church in Otisville on June 30, followed by a luncheon and then interment at Watertown Township Cemetery in Fostoria, Mich. A visitation was held at Mumford-Hudson Funeral Home in Otisville on June 29.

## PHILIP LEIGH CARSON

Philip Leigh Carson passed away on Aug. 24, 2023, at his home in Spokane, Wash., with his loving family by his side.

Phil was born in Manistique, Mich., on May 29, 1954, to Joseph and Darlene (Peters) Carson. He attended public schools in Michigan, Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming where he graduated from Sundance High school in 1972. He moved to

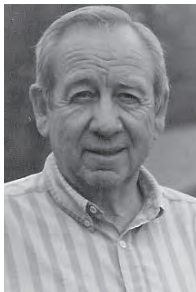
Spokane in February 1978 where he met his wife of 45 years. He married Darlene (Berg) in 1979 and they raised four children together. Phil was proud of his Native heritage and was enrolled in the Sault St. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Phil is survived by three sons, James (Carrie), Nathan (Rhiannon), Matthew; daughter, Bethany (Jason); and siblings, Carol Carson Hull (Scott) of Michigan, Gary L. Carson (Denise) of Idaho, Kathy J. White (Ron) of South Dakota, Joseph T. Carson of South Dakota and Kevin J. Carson (Diana) of Montana; grandchildren, Cole, Garret, Braydon, Adysin, Caden, Kyle, Riley, Kadie, Brianna, Brook-Lynn; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph A. Carson; his mother, Darlene S. (Peters) Cayton; his brothers, Terry A. Carson (Justine LaBlanc) and Richard N. Carson; his sister, Judy M. Cayton; his granddaughter, Kassidae Carson; his nephew, Charles W. Wood, his niece's Michelle Seymour and Shayla Cayton, his great niece Angel L. Duvall and his great nephew Brendon R. Carson.

Phil's family was extremely important to him, and he spent his life surrounded by those he loved. He was passionate, very protective of them, and was not afraid to speak his mind. While growing up with his siblings, he was their guardian, protecting them from bullies. He was a role model and mentor to a lot of young men who did not have a father figure in their lives. He had dreams of being a carpenter however he was disabled at an early age and became Mr. Mom before Mr. Mom became popular. Phil loved to tell stories/jokes and his grandchildren were avid listeners as he acted out the parts and role played. They especially loved the stories about his life growing up with his siblings, their adventures, and his native heritage. He practiced throwing spears and knives and with time he became a provider of wild game and fish for his family of origin and then his growing family after he left home. He respected nature and loved being outdoors. He spent a lot of time fishing, camping, rock hunting and panning for gold. He learned how to tap the trees to extract maple syrup in 1962. He instilled his love of the outdoors in his children and grandchildren who are following in his footsteps. He frequently sat around the campfire with his children telling stories about sasquatch and would sometimes scare them by acting out his stories after they had settled down for the night, pretending to be big foot. Phil spent a lot of time working in the garden growing fruit and vegetables to feed his family. He picked huckleberries in the forest and was always looking down for rocks or gold.

Phil loved the sound of crickets and the smell of bacon and coffee brewing in morning over the campfire. He enjoyed hearing  
*See "Walking on," page 12*



# Malcolm High School hires Native American Advisor - Amanda Handziak

By BRENDA AUSTIN

Amanda Handziak has accepted the position of Native American advisor at Malcolm High School in Sault Ste. Marie. Handziak is a 1994 graduate of Sault Area High School and holds a bachelor of science degree in fisheries and limnology from Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (1998).

She began working for the Sault Tribe in the mid 90's as a student worker for the Enrollment Department and Contract Health. She accepted a position with Sault Tribe Natural Resources Department Fisheries Program (formerly Inter-Tribal Fisheries



**Amanda Handziak**  
Assessment Program) in 1999. During her time with the tribe's

Fisheries Program, she was the assistant biologist and also served as the acting administrator for four months prior to accepting her current position at Malcolm.

Handziak said she has forged relationships with colleagues in many agencies and educational institutions in the 24 years since she started her fisheries career. "I feel these connections will prove beneficial for the 9-12 grade tribal members I will be working with as they look to what their futures may be after graduation. I have also been involved in the Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Ecological Knowledge movements through my former work with fisheries. I

am excited about incorporating these into our school days!" she said.

In her new role, she will be helping to advise and support tribal students while they pursue their high school diplomas. "Sometimes that involves gathering the right paperwork and finding the right agencies that offer any required assistance. Plenty of my time is spent just listening to students and allowing them to talk their way through obstacles they are encountering," Handziak said.

In addition to completing required trainings to be a school system employee, she said she is also having to learn a whole

new vocabulary and a long list of acronyms. "I have really been enjoying learning about all the students that have been stopping by my office to introduce themselves," she said. "It's very inspiring to hear how many of them want to pursue careers that involve advocating for others upon graduation."

Handziak said she appreciates the support she has continued to receive from tribal departments in connecting students with opportunities within the community. "I am looking forward to encouraging the Ojibwe tradition of gratitude and reciprocity at Malcolm High in the years to come!" she said.

## Fitzgerald Public School's Outstanding Teacher of the Year

Sault Tribe member Kelly Weingust was recently awarded Outstanding Teacher of the Year for the 2022-2023 school year from Fitzgerald Public Schools, where she teaches in Warren, Mich. She is very passionate about her job and was recently moved into early childhood special education this school year, according to her daughter, Madison Weingust. Congratulations Kelly!

**Right: Kelly Weingust enjoying her summer vacation on a recent trip.**



## Weingust graduates!

Sault Tribe member Nathan Weingust graduated from the Class of 2022 at Paul K. Cousino High School in Warren, Mich. According to his proud sister, Madison Weingust, he is currently working full time, just bought his first car, and is on the road to becoming an electrician. Congratulations Nathan!



## Tallman graduates magna cum laude



Anna Tallman graduated magna cum laude from L'Anse Creuse High School, in Harrison Township, Mich., with a GPA of 3.7247.

She received honor cords for graduating magna cum laude, performing 80 hours of community service, English, world history and choir. Throughout her school career, she was very athletic and

involved in gymnastics, sideline and competitive cheerleading, volleyball, track and choir. In her senior year, Anna landed the lead role as Cat in the Hat in their high school musical, "Seussical the Musical." She also did many solo performances during other choir events and self-taught herself piano, guitar and ukulele. She is now attending Macomb



| GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD Records |                    |          |      |
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| EVENT                         | NAME               | MARK     | YEAR |
| 100M                          | EMILY LAYFIELD     | 28.11"   | 2001 |
| 200M                          | NICOLA CALLES      | 1:05.57" | 1995 |
| 400M                          | JOCELYN JENKINS    | 1:57.2"  | 2006 |
| 800M                          | MICHAEL MARTIN     | 4:44"    | 2017 |
| 1600M                         | CANDYELLA WOODS    | 1:57"    | 2019 |
| 3200M                         | JARAH WICKETT      |          |      |
| 6400M                         | BRITNEY            |          |      |
| 12800M                        | NICOLA CALLES      | 2:11.2"  | 1994 |
| 25600M                        | NICOLA CALLES      | 4:49.7"  | 1991 |
| 51200M                        | BALLELY MERRA      | 10:41"   | 2006 |
| 102400M                       | STEPHANIE HOERHAUT | 21:01"   | 2009 |
| 204800M                       | VAL LEBRIDGE       | 43:3"    | 1988 |
| 409600M                       | JOCELYN JENKINS    | 85:3"    | 2007 |
| 819200M                       | MICHAEL MARTIN     | 169:0"   | 2017 |
| 1638400M                      | KEVINA FINCH       | 341:46"  | 2019 |
| 3276800M                      | AMY LALICH         |          |      |
| 6553600M                      | RILEY BIEBER       |          |      |
| 13107200M                     | STEPHANIE HOERHAUT | 1:04:5"  | 1994 |
| 26214400M                     | STEPHANIE HOERHAUT | 2:09:42" | 1994 |
| 52428800M                     | MARIE LEONARDI     | 4:42"    | 1988 |
| 104857600M                    | LAYLA BERBERER     |          |      |
| 209715200M                    | MARIE PETTY        |          |      |
| 419430400M                    | KEVINA FINCH       | 95:29"   | 2019 |

Stephanie Masta, Purdue University associate professor of Curriculum Studies, received a \$125,000 grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to study the history of Indigenous scholar involvement in two national education associations. Masta, a member of the Sault Tribe, is an associate professor in curriculum studies in Purdue University's College of

Education, with affiliate appointments in American Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and the School of Engineering Education. The one-year project is titled, "The Role of Indigenous Scholars in the American Educational Research Association and the American Society for Engineering Education" and begins in Oct. 2023.

Community College for her core classes and will be finishing up at Wayne State or another university to achieve her degree in criminology. She is the daughter of Cameron and Christine Tallman and the granddaughter of Donald and Aileen Tallman (both deceased), and Lawrence and Shirley Bliss (both deceased). Congratulations Anna!

## Professor Masta receives \$125,000 grant



## Walking on continued

From "Walking on," page 11 a ticking clock and the whistle of a distant train, water running down a babbling brook, and the wind blowing through the trees in the forest. He loved music and played the guitar frequently with his sons.

Phil inherited special gifts from his mother, he was an excellent artist and cook. Consequently, his drawings, recipes, and wood carvings will outlive us all. He had a keen eye for antiques even though his choice of one of his purchases was eerily haunting.

Phil left us with this personal message: "Remain Positive, have a good heart for others, don't forget my name, do not forget my face, and When the

shit gets deep, put on a good pair of boots."

### DIANNE RAE WEESIES

Dianne Rae Weesies, 73, of Montague, Mich. passed away Saturday, July 8, 2023. She was born April 3, 1950, in Detroit, Mich.

Dianne was a Registered Nurse, receiving her training at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich. She was employed for 25 years with Muskegon General Hospital, where she worked primarily



with the emergency trauma patients, but also assisted with outpatient surgeries and as a visiting nurse.

After retiring from nursing, Dianne joined her husband, Richard, at Weesies Brother's Farms, Inc., and they worked side by side for many years building relationships with their community and customers.

Dianne loved spending time with her grandchildren; attending many sports, plays, and concerts. She also had many hobbies, including crafts such as scrapbooking, ceramics, and knitting; reading; and traveling; some notable travels were road trips with her family, and trips to Alaska and Hawaii with her husband, Richard. Dianne had

a green thumb and enjoyed gardening. She had an appreciation for the beauty of the many variety of flowers and plants.

Dianne is survived by: her husband, Richard Weesies; children, Eric (Rachel) Weesies, Michelle (John) Hamann, and Stephen (Jennifer) Weesies; grandchildren, Kaitlyn Hamann, Cassidy Hamann, Morgan Weesies, Brock Weesies, Briann Hamann, Lauren Weesies, Owen Weesies, Quinn Weesies, and Grady Hamann; sister, Doreen (Larry) Bieber; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Dianne was preceded in death by her parents, Correll and Patricia (Iervolina) Morton and Mary Fish; sister, Nancy

Bennett; and brother, Larry Morton.

Funeral services were conducted at Ferry Memorial Reformed Church, in Montague, with Mr. Jim Tanis officiating. Visitation was held at Beacon Cremation & Funeral Service, White Lake Chapel. Interment was in New Era Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Era Christian School, 1901 Oak Avenue, New Era, MI 49446, or Morgan's Chapel United Methodist Bread Ministry, PO Box 88, Bon Secour, Alabama 36511.

Beacon Cremation & Funeral Service, White Lake Chapel, is in charge of arrangements. www.beaconfh.com

# More pictures from the St. Ignace jingtamok



Above, Luis Sandoval and Inty Muenala put some inspirational paint on a mural before inviting those in attendance to add to the design. Below, Corbin Henriet, 6, adds his flair to the community artwork.



Emma Myers of Muskegon County claimed the first Spot Dance prize money awarded Saturday from Arena Emcee Steve Perry.



Unit III Director Bridgett Sorenson (center) visits with vendors Danette Andrews of Yooper Girl Creations and Annie Becker of Annie's Beaded Creations.



From Left to right, Chelsea Freele spends time with her aunt, Rita Boulley, grandmother, Marion Boulley and mother, Mary Freele.

# TRIBAL ENERGY SOVEREIGNTY GAINS MOMENTUM ACROSS NORTH AMERICA

## Indian Energy, LLC Breaks Ground on Groundbreaking Microgrid on Tribal Lands

By Dr. Craig Reiter  
General Manager and Chief Sustainability Officer of Maada'oozh, LLC

Indian Energy is on the forefront of a revolutionary movement for Indian Country. The past 14 years have been a painful but also rewarding journey for Indian Energy. It's proving that the old adage of *hard work pays off* is true for this Native and Tribal-owned company and its founder, Allen G. Cadreau.

Cadreau, 62, is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and comes from a long lineage of Chiefs that cultivated Sugar Island for centuries, both on the Canadian and US sides of the border. While that fact may not be important to this story, it does explain why Allen Cadreau has had such an unwavering desire to help Native Americans and Indian Country.

Cadreau, an electrical engineer and electrician by trade for the past 40 years, started Indian Energy in 2009 when he was approached by a Tribe who was looking to get out from under the local utility after years of outages and broken promises.



Jan. 2023 - Viejas Enterprise Microgrid Groundbreaking Ceremony

Back in 2009, it was somewhat of a novel concept for anyone to be pitching the idea of a microgrid, let alone on a reservation—but not for Allen G. Cadreau. He understood back then, what most are just starting to realize now, that grid fed electricity is unreliable, unaffordable, and does not benefit the customer.

After a decade of traveling around North America spreading the word to Tribes, the time has finally come for Indian Country to achieve energy independence. Indian Energy has grown significantly in the past two years and is now executing the vision for Tribes that Cadreau has had his entire life. The Sault Tribe saw this vision back in 2010 and invested in the future of energy.

## INDIAN ENERGY'S PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

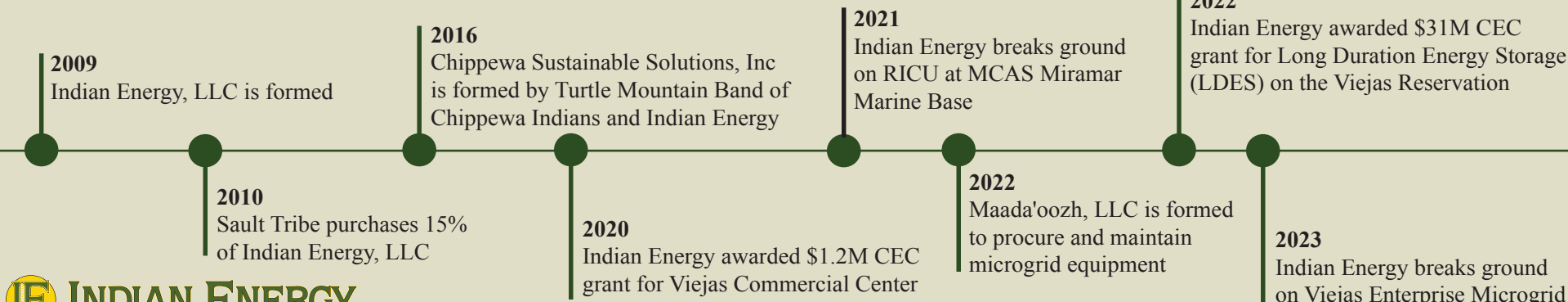


**RAPID INTEGRATION COMMERCIALIZATION UNIT (RICU)**, located on MCAS Miramar Marine Base in San Diego, CA. The RICU is a living laboratory (left photo above) that is used to test and validate Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES) technologies (right photo above) so that the California Energy Commission (CEC), Indian Energy, and the Department of Defense (DoD) can be confident in the technologies that are used for microgrids and energy storage projects. The RICU will begin testing five LDES technologies in late September 2023, with each test running for three months. The second phase of testing begins in March 2024 with five new technologies and phase 3 is in the planning stages.



**VIJEAS ENTERPRISE MICROGRID (VEM)**, located on the Viejas Reservation in Alpine, CA (left photo above). The VEM is a microgrid comprised of 60 MWh of non-lithium Long Duration Energy Storage (middle photo above with Allen G. Cadreau) and 15 MW of carport solar PV (right photo above) that will take the entire Viejas commercial center off the utility grid. Their commercial center consists of two hotels, a casino, several restaurants, and an outlet center. The VEM will provide the Viejas with safe, reliable, renewable, resilient, and cost effective energy for the next 30 years. The Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians are on their way to achieving energy sovereignty. The VEM will be online in 2025.

### MAJOR MILESTONES IN INDIAN ENERGY'S HISTORY



### INDIAN ENERGY'S HIGHLIGHTED ACHIEVEMENTS:

- November 2009** Indian Energy, LLC is formed to bring energy sovereignty to Tribes and the Department of Defense (DoD) throughout North America
- December 2010** Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Purchases 15% of Indian Energy, LLC to support the vision for Indian Country
- July 2014** Indian Energy awarded Solar MATOC by US Army Corp of Engineers, however, this contract never materialized for the military
- September 2015** United States Marine Corps and Indian Energy honor Navajo Code Talkers at Marine Corp Base Camp Pendleton
- November 2016** Chippewa Sustainable Solutions Inc is formed by Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians and Indian Energy
- October 2018** Indian Energy selected by Navy as sole negotiator for competitive Energy Resiliency Enhanced Use Lease at MCAS Camp Pendleton
- August 2020** Indian Energy awarded \$1.2M CEC grant for the Viejas Commercial Center on the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indian Reservation
- September 2020** Indian Energy awarded \$5M CEC grant for Rapid Integration and Commercialization Unit (RICU) at the MCAS Miramar Marine Base
- January 2021** Indian Energy awarded contract to lead the Prairie Island Indian Community's (PIIC) Net Zero Emissions Project
- February 2022** Indian Energy awarded Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with NAVFAC Marine Corps Warfare Center
- April 2022** Viejas Enterprises signs a solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Indian Energy
- May 2022** Indian Energy unified the Ejidos indigenous people and formed Indian Power MX, LLC to develop projects on the US/Mexico border
- July 2022** Indian Energy selected by the Viejas Enterprises to manage and construct a \$22M ARPA grant for energy resilience on the reservation
- September 2022** Maada'oozh, LLC is formed to procure and maintain microgrid equipment for Indian Energy and other energy customers
- October 2022** Indian Energy awarded the \$31M CEC grant for Long-Duration Energy Storage (LDES) on the Viejas Reservation
- January 2023** Indian Energy breaks ground on Viejas Enterprise Microgrid and started building the 15MWs of carport solar PV
- August 2023** Indian Energy, Maada'oozh, EV Passport, and Viejas enter into contract for largest EV Charging Superhub in North America
- September 2023** Marine Corps and the State of California showcase Indian Energy at Miramar Airshow 2023



**LONG DURATION ENERGY STORAGE GRANT CEREMONY**  
(Photo from left to right) Indian Energy's Jessica Cadreau, Henry Boulley, Nicole Cadreau, and Allen J. Cadreau; California Energy Commission's Chairman David Hochschild; Viejas John Chairman Christian, Councilman Gabriel TeSam, and Vice Chairman Victor Woods; Indian Energy's CEO Allen G. Cadreau, and Viejas Councilman Kevin Carrizosa.

*"This solar microgrid project will enable us to create a reliable and sustainable source of clean energy for our gaming, hospitality, and retail operations going forward. In turn, the associated non-lithium battery system supports the environmental protection and cultural stewardship of our ancestral land, thereby ensuring the vibrant future of our children. We are proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with the California Energy Commission (CEC) and Indian Energy in the development and implementation of this forward-thinking technology for the collective betterment of our great State, and the nation at large. We are appreciative of the CEC's financial support, and for the foresight and planning of the Governor's Office, and his personal commitment towards the advancement of clean energy solutions. As a large electricity consumer, we recognize our responsibility to lead by example in lessening our burden on the electric grid, and it is our sincere hope that the demonstrated financial and environmental merits of this project will serve as a repeatable model for others."*

**John Chistman, Tribal Chairman, Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians**

## IE's Vision for Indian Country has not changed since it was formed in 2009.

- Build renewable microgrids on tribal lands that benefit the Tribes
- Create long-term diversified revenue streams and lower costs of energy
- Train a Native workforce to construct, operate and maintain power plants
- Develop an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) for technical career paths
- Form an Indigenous Energy Sovereignty Fund; a syndication of Tribal investments in energy projects
- Improve community health by reducing emissions on reservations and the region

Indian Energy believes this vision should be embraced and supported by all who are looking to unite Tribes, strengthen cultural ties and increase the well-being of all Native Americans. Indian Energy thanks you (Chi Miigwetch) for your continued support in this vision.

**Next Issue: Meet the Indian Energy team and highlights from the MCAS Miramar Airshow**

*"Indian Energy is committed to the Sault Tribe because we are all one people. We want our Tribe to be successful so that all our people can prosper. Indian Energy is working hard, and has been for the past 14 years, to develop these projects and grow the company so that we can generate profits and share it with the Sault Tribe. Our mission is create energy independence for Tribes by providing cost-effective, reliable, renewable, and resilient energy. This mission is proving to take time and money, both of which we take seriously. Indian Energy is grateful for the investment from our Tribe and is excited about the opportunities to come."*

**- Allen G. Cadreau, CEO, Indian Energy, LLC**

**For more information, visit us at [www.indianenergy.com](http://www.indianenergy.com)**

# Change in leadership, but not direction, for the Museum of Ojibwa Culture in St. Ignace

BY SCOTT BRAND

With the retirement of long-time Museum of Ojibwa Culture Director Shirley Sorrels, Tom and Francie Wyers will be taking on new roles at the popular museum in St. Ignace.

"We are just following the path that she's set," said Tom crediting Sorrels for the success of the museum over the last two decades. "She has a vision and we just have to continue that."

Tom was hired by the City of St. Ignace Downtown Development Authority to run the museum. He essentially went from being employed to serve in the groundskeeper/maintenance capacity to the director's position. He does, however, bring a decade's worth of managerial experience at the Burger King in St. Ignace for Northwinds Investments.

Francie will be wearing multiple hats as not only will she be the assistant director, but will also serve as the store manager and cultural director at the museum. Francie has worked at the museum for about 10 years following various stints with the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians including

three years at the Head Start program and seven years with Youth Education and Activities (YEA).

The museum located at 500 N. State Street, is housed in the old Mission Church, constructed in 1837.

"All of the items in our gift shop are hand-crafted by Native Americans," said Francie.

Beyond the gift shop is the Ojibway World Room which houses Native American artifacts and displays. The Reflection Room focuses on the boarding school experience and pays tribute to area military veterans, while the third room serves as an introduction to the Jesuits, fur traders and voyageurs.

The museum will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until its closes for the season on Oct. 31.

Two outdoor parks are also located on the grounds. Mission Park, to the left, is where Father Marquette is buried. On the right, Ojibway Park hosts the clan exhibit, four directions garden, longhouse and the new cultural community pavilion.

"People are more than welcome to come and walk around,"



Francie and Tom Wyers will both be taking on new roles at the popular St. Ignace museum.

said Tom.

The garden features four traditional medicines — tobacco, sage, cedar and sweetgrass — and those are harvested at the end of the season.

"Any member of the Sault Tribe who needs then can come and ask," said Francie for those preparing for ceremonies, "and we will give it to them."

Francie added the Sault

Tribe's Health Department will sometimes direct patients to the museum to pick up traditional medicines.

While the museum is owned by the City of St. Ignace, Tom says the grounds are considered kind of sacred and the tribe is consulted quite often on their thoughts and ideas. This applies to the displays inside the museum and those incorporated in the accompanying parks.

"We always want tribal members to feel welcome," concluded Tom, "and come to us with any ideas they have."

Tom and Francie both graduated from LaSalle High School in St. Ignace and went on to Northern Michigan University. They will have been married for 32 years come October.

Francie (Yellow Butterfly) is the granddaughter of Chief Jake Moses (Chief Gimmewon which means Raining) and the daughter of Ilene Moses (Spirit Dove Woman).

The couple have three children, Matthew (Talking Eagle Man), Olivia (Early Morning Dove Woman), and Joey (Red Sky).

## Portable boarding school wall distributed to YEA coordinators

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The boarding school wall display, which has been one of the featured items at the Ojibwa Culture Museum in St. Ignace, will now be available throughout the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians service area as seven replicas have been created. The recipients, all seven Youth Education and Activities (YEA) Coordinators, gathered at Little Bear East in St. Ignace for a regular meeting with YEA Program Manager Lisa Burnside, before heading to the respective districts with their new display walls.

Two members of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, John Causley and Dalinda Causley-Brissette, were also on hand to share their painful experience having spent time in the Indian Boarding School in Harbor Springs, Mich.

"It has happened and it happened to us," said John. "The important thing is we need to heal now."

"I must have been seven when I was first in boarding school," recalled Dalinda. "I was too young to understand, but believed mom and dad put us there because we were too poor."

Dalinda detailed the intergenerational trauma that came from the boarding schools. Those in charge were very strict, sometimes mean and never played with the children. As a result, at least a portion of those raised in that type of environment seemingly brought their own children in a similar fashion.

"Native people didn't grow up with any family skills or cultural connection," she explained.

"We were taught we have to live the white man's way in order to get something done," added John.

Both John and Dalinda empha-



From left to right, St. Ignace DDA Director Ryan Sigmon, YEA Coordinators Cindy Reimer, Sarah Hoffmeyer, Terri Linacre, Sue St. Onge, Janet Krueger, Jackie Minton, and Kara Windsor, guest speakers, Dalinda Causley, John Causley, Ojibwa Culture Museum representatives Shirley Sorrels, Francie Wyers and Tom Wyers join YEA Program Manager Lisa Burnside.

sized that for them, reconnecting to their culture has played an important role in healing.

"I have 38 grandchildren, whether they want to be involved

in our culture it's up to them," said John. "There's nothing forced on anybody."

Ojibwa Culture Museum Director Shirley Sorrels said that

John and Dalinda played a critical role in bringing the boarding school display to the museum by sharing their stories with the public.

"We didn't create the project to make people upset or angry about it," said Sorrels. "We did it to make them aware, it's all about creating awareness."



From left to right, YEA Coordinators Kara Windsor, Jackie Minton, Janet Krueger, Sue St. Onge, Terri Linacre, Sarah Hoffmeyer and Cindy Reimer prepare to depart with portable boarding school walls to be exhibited throughout the seven county service area.



# SAULT TRIBE thrive

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# Jose's Cantina specializes in Mexican cuisine

BY SCOTT BRAND

Jose's Cantina, located at 1101 N. State Street in St. Ignace, has brought authentic Mexican Cuisine to Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Roberto and Allecia Gallo, the husband-and-wife team who purchased the restaurant in April of 2022, took different paths to get where they are now.

"My family is from Mackinac Island," said Allecia adding that her husband was born in Guatalajara, Mexico. "We met in San Diego and returned here in 2006 when I was pregnant with my son."

Allecia brings a wealth of experience to the hospitality business working 11 years for the Sault Tribe as a lead server at the Horseshoe Bay Restaurant for Kewadin Casino in St. Ignace, and Roberto had been a cook at Jose's Cantina long before the couple pulled the trigger on their purchase. They essentially split their duties with Roberto in charge of the kitchen and food preparation while Allecia handles the paperwork, staff and diners.

There are approximately three dozen employees on the payroll with a portion of them getting their first real taste of work having started there at the age of 14.

"The majority of our staff are tribal members," said Allecia, estimating the number at 20. "A lot of them are kids that grew up with my kids on the reservation and work with us now."

"I have a really good staff," said Roberto. "Those kids are amazing, all of the people who work here are amazing."

"They feel like they have to take care of this place like it's their own," added Allecia.

Roberto's recipes were handed down from his family and won't be found at any fast-food chain, according to Allecia. Birria is traditionally made with goat meat, but Roberto's version, which he learned from his mother, utilizes shredded beef.

"The flavors soak into the shell and then crisp up the shell putting on the meat, cheese, onion and cilantro," said Allecia comparing the dish to a French-dip taco accompanied by a consomme sauce. "Every sauce he makes is made from scratch right here."

To illustrate that point Roberto

calculates it takes 5,000 habanero peppers to make 10 gallons of sauce.

The few things that do come premade — tamales, fries, chicken tenders and tortilla shells — are special ordered to ensure quality. The rest comes in from wholesalers as raw product and is hand-trimmed and marinated in-house.

"We try to incorporate a lot of local stuff," said Allecia noting they utilize tribally-owned operations when possible for merchandise and whitefish.

Feeding hundreds of people a day, including nearly 600 during the car show, requires a lot of extra hands, but Roberto expressed his confidence in the staff.

"They learn the right way to do things," he said of those who work alongside him in the kitchen. "Ninety-nine percent of the time everything is perfect."

Allecia added the establishment is vegetarian friendly, "like our beans and rice, we don't use lard or chicken stock."

Carnivores can choose dishes with beef, pork, chicken, whitefish, shrimp and other seafoods with burritos, both wet and dry, enchiladas, chimichangas and tacos.

Jose's Cantina will remain open throughout the fall as long as the good weather holds out. Once the snow and cold settles in, Roberto said he plans to relax, maybe tweak the menu a bit, try some new recipes, and meet with vendors in preparation for re-opening next April.



Allecia and Roberto Gallo are joined by staff members Nikki Sayles, Gaven Gustafson, Gabby Erickson, Megan McLeod, Brian Pearce, Jayce Causley, Wyatt Ingalls, Alex Neering, Dan Hough, Shayne Green, Jordan Biron, Jayden Biron, Tony Gallo and Ted Olson.

"Me and her, we make a good team," concluded Roberto.

The couple have three children. The two oldest, Angelo, 17, and Tony, 14, also work at the restaurant when they are not attending LaSalle High School, while six-year-old Selene helps some, but is not currently on the payroll.

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Allecia and Roberto Gallo purchased Jose's Cantina in 2022 and combine their talents to operate the business.



Roberto displays some fancy knife work.



Roberto's family passed down many of the recipes utilized on the Jose's Cantina menu.



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Allecia delivers a hot plate of food and an ice cold bottle of Coca Cola to John McClellan.

Finishing touches are put on the authentic Mexican dishes before they are plated up and sent out to the customers, providing a feast for both the eyes and belly.

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# A dive into the United States Clean Air Act

BY ROBIN BOUSCHOR

In a commitment to safeguarding the environment and public health, the United States Clean Air Act has emerged as a pivotal moment of environmental legislation.

It was first enacted in 1970 and signed into law by President Nixon. This comprehensive law has played a crucial role in addressing air pollution and ensuring cleaner air for all Americans. Recognizing the significance of this legislation, let's delve into the history of the Clean Air Act and explore its profound impact on shaping air quality for the next seven generations.

The United States Clean Air Act emerged in response to growing concerns over deteriorating air quality in the 1960s. Industrialization and rapid urbanization led to the release of harmful pollutants into the atmosphere, causing severe health issues and

environmental degradation. As public awareness grew, the need for comprehensive legislation became evident, culminating in the passage of the Clean Air Act.

The original Clean Air Act of 1970 aimed to establish ambitious air quality standards and combat air pollution at its source. It introduced a framework for National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and implemented control measures to limit emissions from stationary sources like factories/power plants and mobile sources like vehicles and airplanes.

Over the years, the Clean Air Act underwent several amendments to address emerging challenges and ever evolving scientific knowledge and give states more time to adhere to the new NAAQS. The 1977 amendments strengthened the Act's provisions, expanding its scope to include additional pollutants and enhanc-

ing enforcement mechanisms. Furthermore, the 1990 amendments brought about substantial changes, most notably by introducing a market-based approach to emissions reduction and establishing the cap-and-trade system. One of the most significant achievements of the Clean Air Act has been the remarkable reduction in major air pollutants. It has targeted pollutants such as sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, lead, carbon monoxide and particulate matter, among others. Through these regulations and technological advancements, emissions of these pollutants have significantly diminished, resulting in improved air quality for all across the country.

The Clean Air Act has also played a critical role in addressing the specific challenges posed by vehicle emissions. The introduction of stricter emission standards for automobiles and the

implementation of catalytic converters have substantially reduced pollutants released by cars and trucks.

Moreover, the Clean Air Act has facilitated the protection of vulnerable populations, including children, the elderly, and individuals with respiratory conditions. By setting standards for ambient air quality, it is assisting in ensuring that all Americans and our animal and plant relatives have the opportunity to breathe clean air throughout the U.S. This act has empowered the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to monitor air quality, enforce regulations, and collab-

orate with tribal, state and local authorities to implement effective air pollution control and monitoring programs.

The economic benefits of the Clean Air Act should also be noted. While some critics initially raised concerns about potential economic impacts, studies have consistently shown that it has not hindered economic growth. On the contrary, it has stimulated innovation and job creation in the environmental technology sector. Investments in clean energy, pollution control equipment, and emissions reduction technol

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# Chairman reports on tribe's business, activities



AUSTIN LOWES  
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

Aniin,

Much has happened since my unit report last month. I'll start with our fisheries. The board recently decided to terminate its relationship with Mason Morisset. Mason is an attorney out of Seattle that was handling our Consent Decree case for the last several years. The judge in this case ruled against every

one of Mason's objections and implemented the Consent Decree, despite staunch opposition from the Sault Tribe. This ineffectiveness, coupled with the astronomical legal expenses we were paying his firm, caused the board to end Mason's contract. Sault Tribe Senior Staff Attorney Ryan Mills will handle this case moving forward. Ryan is a Sault Tribe member, as are all of the attorneys in our Legal Department. I support Ryan 100%.

The board also recently authorized our EDC Director Dan Doyle to sell Malcolm High School, which was his recommendation. This school was purchased by the previous board with no plan how to use it. A study was conducted to determine how much it would cost to renovate the building into apartments. This study determined that the apartments would have to be rented at twice the market value to get an adequate return of investment. This is due to the dilapidated con-

dition of the school and the millions it would cost to renovate the building. At this point, Malcolm High School is a demolition project. I am pleased that our EDC department identified a buyer who is willing to pay a fair price to our tribe. Moving forward, we need to continue to offload properties and businesses that are drain on our financial resources.

I am happy to announce that the board provided fair wristbands to 900 tribal children this year, which allowed them to attend the Upper Peninsula and Chippewa County Fairs free of charge. Many of our families cannot afford to bring their children to the fair. This program allows them to attend at no cost to spend quality time with one another, which is something we strive for as a tribal community. If your child received a free wristband, I hope they enjoyed their day!

I am also pleased to announce that several changes recently took place in the Sault Tribe's

insurance plan. Hearing aids will now be covered. As a parent of a child who was born with profound hearing loss, I am proud that we are covering this for our team members and their families. Our vision plan also become more affordable. Chi miigwech to our Insurance Director Doug Goudreau for spearheading these changes.

I'd now like to discuss our tribe's trailer replacement program. During COVID, 24 trailers were ordered by the last board to provide housing to our membership. Our Housing Department identified several concerns regarding how these trailers were going to be used, which required the "new board" to go back to the drawing board with our Housing and Legal Departments to find a more appropriate way to provide them to our membership. What the board decided was to give them to qualified tribal members free of charge, similar to what

Habitat for Humanity does. To be considered, applicants had to be living in substandard housing conditions, along with meeting the definition of low income at or below 185% of federal poverty level.

The application period for this program ended, and selections will be made soon. Chi Miigwech to Joni Talentino, Mariea Mongene and Veronica Beaumont for their tireless work on this program. I am proud that 12 of these trailers will be provided to tribal elders free of charge.

Relating to housing, our homeless shelter, the Lodge of Hope, remains at full capacity. The shelter's 21 rooms are currently occupied by 38 individuals. There is a 23-person waiting list (12 individuals and five families). This once again demonstrates the great need that our tribal community had for this service.

Austin Lowes  
Sault Tribe Chairman

## Director Causley-Smith reports on Unit II, tribe



LANA CAUSLEY-SMITH,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT II

I have to say it's been another frustrating month.

Our rules and laws have been changing on a whim and it's hard to keep up with the path we are heading down. We have not moved in a direction that has brought us together or all elected representatives being privy to all agenda items and business at hand. The relationships I have made with the board members that are not "old" has proved to me that we are not all communicated with on certain items. I assure you I catch up fast when things come to the table to vote on and I support the items or not after I hear all facts — when all information is given of course. I have learned to navigate these kinds of politics and will do my best to represent Unit 2 and the whole tribe.

We recently voted on some major items when it comes to our treaty negotiations and other items — what is mind boggling is that we simply hear the blame game day in and day out; it has become the normal discussion to just blame everything on the old board. A fact is this board of representatives had 16 months under their belts, other elected over three years, and then the old board, of course. I've heard we are going to moving forward and encourage unity but nothing

has changed, really. No reduction in salary, no constitutional reform (I have placed on the agenda three times for discussion), no increase in hiring time with the workforce, no increased services at broad for members, our Election Committee all quit (after 40 years in existence and one of the greatest strengths for a strong sovereign nation), a workforce now that is extremely afraid of retaliation, certain people being given raises and positions. We are still paying for investigation and forensic audits that are not complete or even information coming forward — I'm careful to be professional here and all the items I speak of are a public vote and are factual as it's public knowledge. As you all see at least once a month there is an agenda item to investigate members in some form or fashion. All the talk to unite and move forward is just that — talk. I will support items that move us toward a steady, healthy tribe. I'm not seeing this — I feel like we went back a decade.

The inconsistencies in the way we are doing business is alarming. This board voted to renew all the past attorneys contracts last year and just recently voted to terminate (Sept. 6, 2023 board meeting) the treaty rights attorney and blamed and bashed the old boards for hiring them, although they voted on this and had months to make a different path. Same goes for other contracts. Facts really do matter and the membership is not blind to the votes or the actions. There's plenty of blame to go around with leadership — own up to your past votes and quit targeting past leadership and hard working staff. It gets us absolutely nowhere. All the things that were promised in this election, count how many things have been worked on or have passed at the board level.

Hell, lowering the board's pay could not even muster up a second on the motion. I think all the campaign literature involved in the last election included lowering the amount. The membership is not dumb — they see what's really happening. I'm frustrated and the abuse and smoke and mirrors is blatant. I really feel like I stepped back in time and feel like it's becoming an easy excuse to blame the old boards and make excuses for now to just do off-the-cuff legislation.

As I've been reporting in past reports. Pre-COVID, we had plans to move forward with a walking path and nature trail and enhanced powwow grounds in Unit 2 (Newberry and Hessel). Those items have been on hold for a couple years now; they have gone nowhere. Most recently, after the last election we had plans to move forward on a community recreation facility, with many member meetings, community input and a planning session. This was all put on hold 15 months ago when we had the election, the

money was suspended and we had to start over. Kim and I did start over and held meetings and gathered additional input from community. Guess what! Now we are moving in a direction that the BOARD will have to vote on a location and plan for Unit 2 — none of the other units had to get an additional vote. This money has already been earmarked for Unit 2 back in 2021 but now there seems to be more delay.

I am concerned we may lose certain funding with all the roadblocks being put in place. I'm saying this now to record that it's like banging my head against the wall. We move a step ahead and then we are two steps back. The controversy is the location that we build the new center — we have land available in only certain locations — on or near our tribal housing communities. That is where the infrastructure exists and where our communities are gathered. I will remain vigilant in getting the new center and our new homes built! We are slated to get Elder units built in

Newberry and Hessel but moving through the process is becoming harder and harder with staffing shortages and support at the board level. I will do everything I can to move forward on the plans we have to enhance our unit and get things moving.

I want to say a special thank you to all who took part in Newberry and Hessel powwows in Unit 2 this past August. Both were very special gatherings and we could not have had all these without the help of many staff and community. I look forward to next year's already.

In closing, I also want to thank the Elderly Advisory Committee coming forward to share their thoughts on constitutional reform and I look forward to helping bring your suggestions and priorities forward for this endeavor. As always, please contact me if you would like to me or discuss issues or concerns: (906) 322-3818 or e-mail [lcausley@sault-tribe.net](mailto:lcausley@sault-tribe.net).

Lana Causley-Smith  
Sault Ste Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians  
Board of Directors

## A dive into the United States Clean Air Act

*From "Clean Air," page 21* ogies have fostered a thriving green economy, delivering both environmental and economic benefits. In addition, the country's economic welfare has also improved due to cleaner air because fewer air-pollution related illnesses occur and therefore less money spent on medical interventions and lower absenteeism among American workers.

Looking ahead, the U.S. Clean Air Act will continue to evolve as new challenges

emerge and scientific research evolves. It is hard to imagine what our tribal homelands would be like today if this law was not enacted over 50 years ago. I am extremely grateful for the people who worked and continue to work together to provide us with cleaner air for all.

The information for this article was procured from the EPA website, to learn more please go to: <https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/summary-clean-air-act>



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# Director Sorenson reviews recent board meetings



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

On Friday, Aug. 25, we had the Unit 3 elders' picnic at the elder complex. The grill was giving us fits but it finally decided to cooperate. Shawn and I purchased, cooked and served the meats and many elders brought a side dish to pass. It was great to be able to do this again, the first time since COVID. Unfortunately, I didn't get a chance to take any pictures but we sure had a good time.

On Saturday, Aug. 26, I attended the Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow. It was a beautiful day that was just the perfect temperature. There was not a chair to be had for the grand entry. I had a great time visiting many people as well as vendors. The biggest disappointment is the fact that we haven't been able to use golf carts the last couple of years because of state restrictions, which makes it hard for elders and some others to walk the distance and hill. I am honestly fed up with the state wanting to use the tribe and our powwow to further their efforts to rebuild Father

Marquette which burned several years ago. We purchased some land last year that we may consider to build our own arena. This could take a few years to do, but it would be our land, we could use golf carts and allow camping. I want to give a huge thank you to the powwow organizers: Daryl Brown, Ron Daniels, Sue St. Onge and Robin Kissinger for all their work for another wonderful powwow! Another shout out to Dave Calder for coming to the rescue with the sound equipment!

On Tuesday, Aug. 15, the

board meeting was held in Hessel. This was the first meeting we held outside of the Sault since COVID. The equipment is not as good as when we meet in the Sault, unfortunately. Staff is trying to troubleshoot and plan for each site but things don't always go as planned. I would like to thank the cooks for lunch and the elders for the fry bread and chili for dinner. Hessel does have the best frybread! LOL.

On that meeting agenda was a resolution to investigate the Election Committee. I have mixed feelings about this, such as I did vote "no" because I believe these volunteer tribal members did nothing wrong, but if there was an outside legitimate investigation into the election of 2022, I believe many things would come to light with the candidates. Plenty of documents have been circulated proving the violations. The investigation did not pass.

The next controversial resolution was amending the 2023-261 resolution on the opening of the tribal rolls. Director McCrorie sponsored the resolution that would essentially not allow for any new Mackinac Band descendants to be enrolled, such as our kids or grandkids. This also did not pass. I believe there is a referendum petition that will be trying to over turn the board vote of opening the rolls by Director McCrorie as well.

Director McCrorie also sponsored the resolution to change the Membership Ordinance in Chapter 11 that essentially will no longer allow for any new Mackinac Band descendants to be enrolled, such as our kids or grandkids. This also did not pass. As our Enrollment Director has stated, half of the current Sault Tribe membership are descendants of Mackinac Band. We are currently not protected under the Constitution.

During the meeting, removal petitions were submitted on Directors McKechnie and Morrow. Prior to the meeting, petitions were being gathered and organized in the parking lot by the petitioner and a circulator on Director Morrow by the person's brother who wants the director's seat.

A special meeting was called on Aug. 29 for action on the removal petitions. Shawn, Darcy

and myself also added Kim Hampton's to the agenda. It was stated that Issacs's didn't have enough signatures but the Constitution states at least 100 signatures and the code states 100 or 10%. I believe there was about 170 and that should have been enough since it should be based on 10% of the person's last election votes not on the entire number of votes cast by all candidates. Needless to say, they did not send it forward. They also would not send on Kim Hampton's removal. I did support moving them both forward because we should not be deciding.

In the case of Darcy's removal, there were a couple of flaws, such as it states in the Removal Code that each petition shall have the petitioner's phone number on each page, which it did not have, as well as a financial report submitted if funds were collected during the collection of signatures. There was no financial report submitted and there was a cash app social media post seeking donations on social media. So technically, the petitions did not meet the requirements.

I did, however, vote to send the removal forward to the Hearing Board because I do not feel it is my job to decide the facts. Darcy also voted to send her removal forward (talk about integrity!). The action did pass. Darcy requested to have the hearing held in Manistique as the last director to have a hearing was held in their unit. Betty very adamantly demanded it be held in the Sault. Needless to say, there weren't enough votes to have it held in Manistique in front of her own unit members. Darcy will remain on the board as normal until the hearing board makes a determination. Betty also tried to nominate Kim Hampton to be the person setting up the judges of the Hearing Board.

The Sept. 5 meeting was held in St. Ignace. The audio was not the best, so hopefully we can continue to rectify this situation. The board voted to terminate the contract of Morisset, which I supported to hire and also terminate. I am going to try and support our now in-house Legal Department to navigate our treaty rights negotiations. Aaron

Schlehuber was our previous treaty rights attorney for several years and is now our general counsel. Ryan Mills is another tribal member who has experience working on tribal treaty issues in the state of Washington and he will be leading the way going forward along with Mr. Schlehuber's assistance. I am hopeful we can build a better rapport with the other tribes going forward than we had previously. Since we are the tribe with the most fishers, other tribes seem to want to disregard us.

There was a resolution to temporarily disband the Election Committee and establish an emergency election committee of executives. This passed, and I voted "yes," but I thought this should have been voted on prior to the referendum ballots being mailed. I agreed to make sure that members voices are heard with the referenda and hope that we then re-establish another Election Committee. I know the past committee was treated very poorly and its unacceptable, but I hope for the sake of our sovereignty that members will put in their letters of support to sit on the committee for the 2024 elections. During the St. Ignace meeting, one such elder from Unit 2 put in her letter. We need several more, and it would be great to get one to two from each unit.

Director McCrorie put a resolution on the agenda to change Chapter 16: The Removal Code to make the change that a removal petition could only be voted on once. I disagree with that in case new evidence is provided. Many on this board did everything they could to put off Kim Hampton's. The vote passed to change the code to one vote per removal.

Director McCrorie also put on the agenda, "Supporting Federal Recognition of the Mackinac Band." There was some discussion on this and I motioned to table it because about 20 years ago the board had a resolution that they would not interfere in the Mackinac Band's recognition and a couple of years ago the board voted to void that resolution because at the time we were doing so to defend our treaty rights since there was a fishing dispute happening. Many

seemed to either not know about this or forgot. The resolution was tabled.

Once again, the meeting got very contentious and it felt like a hostile working environment. Some directors even bring family members around to mean mug the board. I am all for members participating in the meetings but it seems they only come to intimidate some board members. Family members are also storming social media. I have never brought my parents or family to a meeting nor have they stormed Facebook. I am a big girl and can defend myself, if your feelings are hurt easily than, this is not a position for you. Betty continues to be allowed to make threats against anyone who shares a different opinion. I believe if the chair would put her in her place, our meetings would run better.

Attention all college students, please visit the Sault Tribe website ([www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com)) to apply for the TED scholarship — the tribe is giving away 650 of them.

Unit III will be scheduling some cultural workshops beginning in October and throughout the winter months. We are working on having some on Mackinac Island and possibly below the bridge.

Oct. 7-8 will feature Josh and Sarah Homminga with black ash baskets at the St. Ignace Elder Complex. Please message them to get signed up.

Oct. 14-15 will feature Jackie Minton with ribbon skirts and applique shirts at the St. Ignace Elder Complex. Please message her to sign up.

I will also include these on my Sault Tribe Board of Directors Facebook page. These workshops are available to Unit III members only. Each unit has cultural and educational enhancement funding.

I will be attending my second in-person meeting for my HUD TIAC committee that I was appointed to late last year. We will be meeting with HUD staff and other tribal leaders on the committee. I will report on this next month.

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

# Holding on to negativity does nothing for us



**KIMBERLY LEE,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

Aanii,

We see signs of the season's change as we look around us. The cold is coming, which can carry hibernation and loneliness for some of us. We must watch over one another and check in on our loved ones.

I had the opportunity this past month to attend the Newberry powwow and join in on preparing powwow events for Hessel. The gathering and togetherness that our powwows bring to not only Unit 2 but our tribe as a whole are healing and good for our hearts. Miigwech to all who came together and volunteered to make these events great.

Unit 2 participated in providing wristbands for tribal youth at both the UP State Fair and the

Chippewa County Fair. I was blessed to go and pass out those bands for both events. Seeing the excitement in our youth's eyes and the parents' gratefulness was incredibly gratifying. Both days were magnificent. And I hope it is something that we can do again in the future.

The board has been traveling to all units again. It has been fantastic to see and meet new faces. It is within the Constitution to travel to each unit at least once per calendar year. I am grateful that we can fulfill that requirement safely again. The Zoom issue while traveling is still a problem. The IT team continues to address it; hopefully, we can work out all the kinks.

I attended the 18th annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women tribal consultation on Aug. 8-10 in Tulsa, Okla. This consultation allows your tribal leaders to go and provide testimony based on our needs. In hopes that they hear us and make necessary changes at the national level to ensure we are doing everything possible to protect our people against violence and provide safety. Our tribal leadership must attend these events to provide the federal government with the information to ensure we get and keep the funding and programs we desperately need. We not only present oral testimony but send it in writing as well. Sadly, if we

don't go after what we need to provide and protect our people, there is a risk of not getting the required resources.

In closing, I would like to state that, above all else, my number one goal and motivation for our tribe and membership is healing. We have nothing if we can't heal and continue on our destiny.

Holding on to negative sentiments does nothing for any of us. Be bold, begin anew, and be the best version of what the creator, our ancestors, and elders planned for us. Take care, stay safe.

Miigwech for your time.  
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# Hampton gives Unit IV business overview



**KIMBERLY HAMPTON,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

Aniin kina waya (hello everybody).

It is my hope that everyone has had a smooth transition into the 2023-2024 school year. It is surreal to me how quickly the summer went. We are on to Fall, which is a season to remind us that it is okay to let things go. I encourage everyone to take this season to let go of those things which no longer serve your purpose. When a person lets go of things that no longer serve them, it creates space for things that do serve them. As we move through Fall, get outdoors and enjoy the cooler weather before snowflakes arrive. I wish everyone a safe season and for those hunters, good luck.

#### **Katchup with Kim**

During the end of February 2023, I started holding Zoom meetings called "Katchup with Kim" as an avenue for our tribal membership within Unit 4 as well as any of our units including

at-large members, to converse with me and hold discussions regarding upcoming resolutions, ideas members have for our tribe, and current issues. I openly welcome anyone to attend these Zoom meetings as change will take a tribe. Below is the Zoom meeting schedule with Meeting ID and Password:

Monday, Sept. 25, 2023 at 7 p.m. EST; Meeting ID: 906 440 8138; Password: KimHampton

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023 at 7 p.m. EST; Meeting ID: 906 440 8138; Password: KimHampton

#### **Powwow Meetings**

Throughout the upcoming year there will be regularly scheduled powwow meetings to keep the committee on task. However, it was a committee decision to hold off on meetings until January 2024. I also encourage everyone to "like" the Niiwin Noodin Pow Wow Facebook page to keep updated on meetings, etc.

Meetings, **open to the public**, scheduled for the Niiwin Noodin Pow Wow Committee, will be located at the Manistique Tribal Health Center, 5698W US Highway 2, Manistique, MI.

#### **Maamawi (together) Craft Night**

Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023, was the first craft night at the Manistique Tribal Health Center. It was a nice gathering filled with conversation, community and crafting. The next Maamawi Craft Night is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. EST at the Manistique Tribal Health Center, 5698W US Highway 2, Manistique, MI. There are

no skills required to join. Bring a project to work on, work on a group project, or just come to socialize. There will be miscellaneous crafting supplies to get us started. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own snacks and drinks. Everyone is welcome to participate, **open to the public.**

#### **Unit 4 Elder Meetings**

I encourage our tribal elders to attend elder meetings to become involved as well as stay updated on what our elder committees are working on.

The next meeting in Marquette, which is a combination of Units 4 and 5, will be Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023, 5:30 p.m. EST at the Holiday Inn in Marquette.

The next meeting in Manistique will be held Oct. 11, 2023, 12 p.m. EST at the Manistique Tribal Center.

The next meeting in Escanaba will be held Oct. 11, 2023, at 5 p.m. EST at the Delta County Chamber Building.

#### **August Activities**

##### **UP State Fair Wristbands:**

The UP State Fair wristband giveaway had a huge turnout of over 400 youth receiving a wristband on Native American Day at the UP State Fair. I want to thank everyone for all your help in planning this, organizing, and helping at the event. Chi Miigwech.

##### **New Mechanism Creation In Progress:**

On March 14, 2023, I had an item on our workshop agenda regarding mechanisms to provide employees a means of having a process for complaints against the board of directors.

Board of directors is made up of elected officials, so currently, there is nothing in place to allow an employee, or key employee, the ability to file a complaint against a board member. The necessary resolutions, policies and procedures for such a mechanism will take some time to develop and get approved at a board of directors meeting. I want our membership to be assured that I will continue the creation and implementation of such a mechanism in order to provide due process for employees as well as board members. I will provide updates throughout this process.

##### **Tribal Homeland Security Advisory Council (THSAC):**

The THSAC is working on creating collaborative work groups to begin addressing the issues that affect Indian Country. There is information I am not authorized to release regarding the THSAC at this time, but what I can share is that we are working as a collaborative group of various tribal leaders on priorities to help protect and advocate for all tribal nations. I will provide the assurance that task groups have been created to focus on cybersecurity, grants and funding, as well as a group focused on murdered and missing Indigenous peoples (MMIP), which I am assigned to. I have already started reaching out to certain departments to gather information. The task group for MMIP has started gathering data, what is currently being done to respond to MMIP, prevention efforts, educational efforts and how to improve these items in order to stop the targeting of Native

peoples.

**Manistique Fitness Center and Escanaba Community Center:** The Manistique Fitness Center project has begun and is making great progress. The Escanaba Community Center project has made a lot of progress. Throughout the month of August, there were regular progress meetings between all parties involved in both projects. I look forward to seeing these projects move toward completion which will hopefully still be late Fall.

##### **Manistique Dental Expansion**

In August, meetings were held to start planning and preparing for an expansion of the dental clinic in Manistique. The hope is to expand the building to add in additional exam rooms in order to increase the number of patients that are able to be seen. Updates will be provided throughout the project.

##### **Looking Forward**

The last couple of months have been very busy for myself and my family with so many summer activities occurring. I look forward to re-engaging with members during Katchup with Kim sessions, catching up on those messages, voice-mails, etc., that need to be followed up on, as well as moving forward on goals I have for Unit 4 and working with the rest of the board of directors to move Sault Tribe toward unity and success.

Chi 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.

# Morrow reports hostile board work environment



**DARCY MORROW,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

I was glad to hear from the elders they had great picnics this year! I would like to apologize for missing the picnics, I ended up with conflicting events in my schedule. I heard it was a good time.

Unfortunately, I must keep reporting on the hostile work environment we have to endure. It has continued to escalate from Betty Freiheit telling me to get my wig on during my stage 3 cancer treatment throughout the years to her now saying f you b's during our workshops and meetings. Betty swearing at us is on tape and tribal members that were in the audience also witnessed it. The abuse has continued to escalate against certain old board members and Austin, her nephew

continues to protect her and tells us we are out of line. We have tried to bring the issues forward while they are happening but then she will call for one of us to be censured. Then Austin will ask her how much money to charge whoever she is going after at that time.

They have changed our codes to satisfy their vendettas. The last time Kim Hampton and Betty tried to censure me, Director Borowitz voted "no" with the old board members and stopped their censuring. At the very next meeting, they changed the code in Chapter 14 Section 114: Disciplinary Procedures to censure from a **positive majority** to a **simple majority** because Director Borowitz didn't go along with them the last time they tried to censure me.

When individuals take a stand against these conflicts and abuses the "new crew" takes to the offensive to eliminate any and all threats. It is clear that they have targeted me for removal to ensure one of their supporters fills the Unit 4 seat either now, or in the next election.

Two removals for me were turned in at the Hessel meeting by Charles (Chuck) Kinnart from Escanaba. At the same meeting, there were four removals turned in for Issac McKechnie.

A special meeting was called

Aug. 29 for the Morrow and McKechnie removals, and since Kimberly Hampton's removals were tabled or removed from the agenda at the last few meetings, hers were also added to the agenda. Again, the motion to table was done by Rob and Betty on Kimberly Hampton's removal and Kimberly H. voted "yes" to table it along with all the new board members except Borowitz — he voted "no" to table it along with me and Directors Sorenson, Caley-Smith and McKerchie.

When my removal got to the floor, there was no hesitation in sending it forward, even though the general counsel stated it did not meet the requirements. I voted "YES" to send my removal forward; I have nothing to hide! If you did nothing wrong, you would want your name cleared. You wouldn't keep trying to bury it by tabling it like they have done on Kimberly Hampton's time and time again.

Then Issac McKechnie's removals were on the floor and somehow his didn't meet the requirement per the general counsel and they tabled his removals also! As you can see, there is a double standard all the way around.

The Hearing Board for my removal will be selected by the tribe's general counsel and chief judge in accordance with the

regulations contained in Tribal Code, Chapter 16. I motioned the hearing be held in Unit 4 at the Manistique Tribal Center for my unit members to attend and that was voted down. They put a hardship on the members who would attend by holding it in the Sault.

Betty Freiheit attempted to motion to authorize Kimberly Hampton to select the independent Hearing Board. The last sentence was not a clerical error; Betty Freiheit actually made a motion to give Director Hampton the authority to select the Hearing Board for my removal. While this didn't pass, it clearly illustrates the conflicts and abuses that have been occurring within our tribe. These types of conflicts occurred throughout the meeting.

At the special meeting, Rob stated removals should only come forward once and be voted on. They tabled Kimberly Hampton's removals time and time again or removed it from the agenda at the start of a meeting. It has not been voted on a straight up "yes" or "no." And, on the very next meeting agenda, Rob had a resolution Amending Chapter 16: Removal from Office. In Chapter 16.106 Procedure Upon Filing of Petition he added line **seven, "The determination of the Board of Directors on the sufficiency of the petition shall only be heard and voted on once."** And, the

new board voted "yes" to approve this change.

We have a rogue board doing whatever they want, changing code to fit with their agenda, and I hope members start to open their eyes to what is really going on!

As you read my article above, I continue to encourage each Sault Tribe member please to start attending board workshops and meetings either in person or via zoom. Here is the link: <https://fs29.formsite.com/SaultT/q1aksnvjv3/index.html> to attend via Zoom. You just need to fill out the form and verify you are a Sault Tribe member and they will email you the meeting link. You can use the same link each time to attend the workshops and meetings. I think if more members were aware of what is really going on, you would be more vocal and start asking hard questions. To sign up to participate, go to the Sault Tribe's website saulttribe.com, sign up for the Zoom link and then you will receive the invitation to board workshops and meetings.

As always, if you have any questions, or just want to chat, feel free to call me.

Thank you,  
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# Mackinac Band has a right to federal recognition



**ROBERT MCRORIE**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Aaniin to all of my fellow Sault Tribe members.

I hope my report finds you and your families well in both health and spirit. I hope you enjoyed the summer months with friends and family spending quality time and making new memories. As we head into the fall season, I encourage you all to check on those you love, often, as these months can be very triggering to those who suffer with seasonal depression. It is important to let loved ones know that there are people who care about them and are here for them if needed. As a tribe, I believe our number one obligation is to be here for one another and to lend a helping hand to our people in need.

Last month, I attended the Violence Against Woman Act (VAWA) Government-to-Government Consultation, where Director Kimberly Lee gave testimony on behalf of Sault Tribe and advocated for our programs that provide relief for those who are victims of domestic violence. These government-to-government consultations are extremely important as this is where sovereign nations have the opportunity to address the federal government and the Department of Justice. From these discussions we have

gained expansion of court jurisdiction to hold perpetrators accountable for crimes committed against our people, increased funding for our courts, law enforcement, and support programs, as well as increased federal aide to address the missing and murdered indigenous people catastrophe. Our people suffer victimization of these situations at a much higher rate than any others in the nation. Actively participating in consultations has played a key role in many advancements within our programs that assist us in addressing these issues head on.

There is currently some controversy regarding the open enrollment resolution passed by the board. I would like to be very clear about where I stand on this and why. I have seen a lot of misinformation being spread on social media regarding the stance I have taken on this issue. Yes, I am the only director who voted “NO” to opening the rolls. As it stands, the rolls are set to open in February 2024 pursuant to the membership ordinance. The issue I, along with many other members, have with this is that the membership ordinance includes bands of other tribes who are not historically part of our tribe. This is a deviation from our Constitution, which was ratified by membership vote in 1975. The Membership Ordinance was updated in 1978 via a vote of the board to include bands that were not included in the Constitution. I find any addition to the Membership Ordinance, that has never been voted on by the members of the six Historical Bands of Sault Tribe, to be unconstitutional. The authority to make a decision of this magnitude should rest in the hands of the members, not the board. With that said, I do support opening the rolls to the six Historical Bands, as I believe it is a birthright to the lineal descendants of those bands’ members; however, I cannot support the continuation of an unconstitutional

action. This issue must be resolved before moving forward.

I would also like to clear the air regarding some statements that were made by other board members who insinuated that I am against the Mackinac Band of Ottawa Indians. This is simply not true. In fact, I believe the opposite. I stand with the Mackinac Band and fully support their pursuit of federal recognition. I believe our former leaders did the Mackinac Band a great disservice by adding their band to the Sault Tribe Membership Ordinance, which drastically hindered their chances of recognition. I believe this was done maliciously with intent to limit the possibility of a competitive neighboring tribe. As a sovereign nation, I believe we should stand in support of any legitimate tribe that seeks recognition. I also believe, as a current leader, we have an obligation to do the right thing and correct the wrongful actions of our previous leaders. It is time to do the right thing and stand in unity with the Mackinac Band and support their right to federal recognition. They should have the right to have their own tribe, just as I believe the members of the six Historical Bands have a right to protect the foundation of our tribe.

I have submitted a referendum to contest the board of director’s decision to open the rolls pursuant to the Membership Ordinance. As I have stated, I believe decisions of this magnitude should always go out for a vote of the membership. The board of directors are elected to make policy decisions that govern the day-to-day operations of our tribe, not to manipulate the Constitution through unchecked legislative authority.

Once again, I had the honor of being invited to attend the Unit 1 Elders Committee Meeting, enjoy a meal with them, and visit as they conducted their business. It is always a humbling experience as

I recognize we would not have the opportunities that we have available to us now without the sacrifices of our elders many years ago. For that, we should all be forever grateful for all they have done for us. It is always nice to see them and feel appreciated for updating them on the state of the tribe. I truly do enjoy it just as much as they enjoy having us there.

Another important issue that must be addressed immediately is the state of the Election Committee. The board has recently passed a resolution granting temporary authority to a committee comprised of the Legal team and other employees to execute the functions of the referendum process. I have been very clear that I will not support the establishment of another Election Committee, nor will I vote to appoint anyone to such committee. It is my firm believe that we need to move towards a third party firm to execute the formal functions of our elections, such as voter registration, confirming correct addresses, printing, mailing, and counting ballots, as well as dealing with any other functional issues of the process. I believe that any investigative authority dealing with complaints and contests should be delegated to our courts to handle. These duties should have never been in the hands of a volunteer committee with no legal experience. These duties must be directed to legal professionals who are obligated to uphold an ethical standard of their bar certification. This is the only viable option that I feel is appropriate.

On Sept. 8, I attended the Sault Tribe Employee Appreciation Picnic. I would like to say Chi Miigwech to all of the amazing staff at Sault Tribe. It was great to see everyone enjoying a meal to celebrate all of our wonderful employees.

You could work anywhere else, but choose to dedicate your time and effort into making our tribe

strong and prosperous. Because of your hard work and dedication, many of our children, families, and elders receive crucial services that improve their quality of life.

Your tribe is proud of each and every one of you and you are greatly appreciated!

On Sept. 11, the Child Welfare Committee, along with court officials and Legal staff, convened to establish a working timeline to address many important code changes to Chapter 30 that are needed to improve the child welfare process and to give our courts more options to make determinations in the best interest of each child. I would like to thank each and every person who has stepped forward to assist in this process. As the board liaison to the Child Welfare Committee, I believe that these code changes are long overdue. I appreciate everyone who has taken an active effort to address the needed revisions to these codes.

In the coming months, I believe our number one priority should be to focus on governmental reform, specifically election reform, as well as constitutional reform. With the 2024 General Election rapidly approaching, we cannot afford to be unprepared, and we certainly cannot return to the dysfunctional process that was previously in place. We must also begin to look at constitutional reform and a true separation of powers.

We have very important issues to address and we must not shy away from tough decisions out of fear of political backlash. When elected, I stated that I would continue to fight on behalf of our members and that I would not conform to the norm of the board. That is exactly what I have done and will continue to do.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have or ideas that you feel could continue to move our sovereign nation in a positive direction. Chi Miigwech!

# Director McKechnie discusses Sault Tribe issues



**ISAAC MCKECHNIE**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

## Update on the Great Lakes Decree

On Aug. 24, 2023, U.S. District Judge Paul Maloney issued his opinion approving the 2023 Great Lakes Consent Decree. The agreement will define for the next 24 years how the state, the federal government, and the tribes will cooperatively allocate and manage the resources in the 1836 Treaty-ceded waters of the Great Lakes. Since the other parties — the state of Michigan, the United States government, the Bay Mills Indian

Community, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians — chose to exclude the Sault Tribe from negotiations, our only course of action is to appeal. What does this mean for the tribe and our fishermen? At this point, other than for appealing the decision, we are not sure but we are hoping that the other parties will be open to further negotiations.

The “**Bgwasendam Gamigong**,” which translates into the “**Lodge of Hope**,” recently opened to shelter the homeless in Sault Ste. Marie. The facility has 21 rooms, all of which were filled to capacity the same week the lodge opened. Homelessness is not a new issue. However, it is one that often doesn’t receive enough attention. The number of Native Americans living without a place to call home continues to rise at an alarming rate. Opening the lodge was a start, but we still have much more work to solve the homeless crisis.

Another part of the homeless solution is the addition of 20 double-wide homes to be placed

into our homeownership program and 24 single-wide homes to be used for home replacement. You may recall about a year ago, I questioned the ARPA market-based housing project that purchased these homes because they were not going to be used for the purpose they were granted. The Tribe’s Economic Development Commission intended to use the homes as an enterprise and rent them to Soo Locks workers. I understand the intent to create business ventures, but at the expense of our citizens who are in desperate need of housing and do not follow grant guidelines, well, that is just wrong. I caught some heat for pushing to rectify this wrong but it was well worth it to see the tribal members finally on the receiving end.

**Open Enrollment**  
Starting on Feb. 1, 2024, the Sault Tribe Enrollment Department will be taking new applications. I sponsored this resolution to ensure that those who qualify will not be left out. If you meet the criteria in the tribe’s Membership Ordinance, then you should have access to membership — it’s that simple.

## Kewadin Casino’s reinvestment initiative

Recently, the Bay Mills community has broken ground on a massive expansion project. The project includes adding 134 rooms with balconies, a deli, a spa with massage therapy rooms, and a swimming pool with a splash pad among other amenities to the Bay Mills Casino and Resort.

With this in mind, we have been focused on turning our casino enterprises around. In an effort to reinvest in our gaming portfolio, we are transferring the i-Gaming licenses and revenue back underneath the Kewadin Gaming Authority. This strategic move will generate capital improvement funds for physical improvements to our casinos across the Upper Peninsula. This investment will help us catch up and compete with the rest of the industry. Every business needs to have a reinvestment plan in order to be sustainable and thrive. It’s about time our gaming enterprises had one.

**Election Committee rules**  
At a formal meeting of the Board of Directors at Munising on Aug. 2, 2005, the Election

Committee Chairman was requested to provide to the Board of Directors a copy of said rules then in existence with proof that said rules were lawfully promulgated and approved by the board of directors; and that no adverse actions of any kind be taken by the Election Committee against a tribal member until such time as the board of directors approves any such rules. To my knowledge, these rules have never been approved by the board, therefore the Election Committee had no authority to investigate tribal citizens.

I would like to give a shout out to one of my best friends (Cory Jodoin) for helping me with grilling the hotdogs and hamburgers for the JKL Bahweting school’s meet and greet. Between the two of us, we cooked over 300 hamburgers and a couple hundred hotdogs.

There are a lot of positive changes coming, so please keep the faith and place your trust in our hands.

Sincerely,  
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# LaPlaunt reports to the Unit 5 membership



**TYLER LAPLAUNT**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT V

Aanii, Boozhoo!!!

Greetings everyone! As Fall quickly approaches, it's a great reminder that change can be beautiful and it's a constant part of our lives. The beauty that the Fall colors bring is a constant reminder that as the leaves change and begin to fall, it's both an important part of our natural path and our community to bring about change for the better. The trees let go of their leaves only to grow anew again in the Spring. Letting go is a valuable lesson in the changing of the seasons. Nothing can stay in place forever, and everything is cyclical. Let's move forward together as the changes that we are making slowly begin to emerge and gradually bring about new life to our tribe and our future.

Over the past month, in addition to our locals, I've had the opportunity to sit down and share a meal with several Unit 5 at-large members who were traveling through the area to visit family and friends and explore the UP over their summer vacations. I really enjoyed hearing about the tribe through their lenses and making new connections. We have some extremely talented tribal citizens and its heartening to see the level of interest spanning the country from Washington, D.C., on the East Coast all the way to Seattle, Wash., in the West. Our people want to work for and give back to our community and that is always a beautiful thing.

One common theme that popped up was the lack of jobs for tribal members who want to return home after they graduated college or developed skills in the workforce. This is something that we really need to focus on as a tribe, along with being flexible with remote work requests. We have large areas in our budgets where we contract with external vendors from all over the country. There is no reason we can't be as flexible with our tribal citizens to keep the work within our own tribe. We can and will do better.

As I've mentioned in the past, our board will take a heavy look at our health services in the coming months and years. Some of the tribal board will be doing another site visit to Jamestown S'klallam Tribe in Washington to review their state-of-the-art health center and services. Our hope is to really focus on improving our health services in our area and they have a solid model that not only provides services, but it also provides an expanded opportunity for economic development within their communities valued at 10s of millions per year. We hope to improve the quality of our service delivery, timeliness of appointments, expansion of coverages, and enhance the bottom line while doing so. More to come as we continue to focus on Health and see if this model is right for us.

Elders - The next Munising elder meeting and meal will be on the first Thursday, which is Oct. 5. Please note that the next Marquette elder meeting and meal date has changed due to a conflict at the Holiday Inn. The October Marquette elder meeting will be held on Oct. 12 at 6-8 p.m. Both groups are in the process of planning their holiday meals and those dates will be posted soon, so please keep an eye out.

The Marquette Drum group practice that meets on the second and fourth Thursday has become more of a culture night than just drum practice. We are seeing a steady 40 attendees each and every week, with new faces pop-

ping in all the time. Everyone is welcome, so if you're curious, please join us at the Lakeview Arena Citizens Forum in Marquette at 5:30-8 p.m. on Oct. 12 and 26.

We are still looking for someone to help get a culture night going in Munising. If you're interested in helping to host a gathering, please reach out to Phillip Martin at (619) 587-0557. It can be just a few hours once a month just to get it started and can be anything from language to crafts. We just need a few community champions to get the meetings started.

The Unit 5 Powwow will be hosted on Dec. 2 at the Northern Center at NMU this year. We chose the Northern Center because the acoustics in the Dome would have made it difficult with multiple drums. The Elder Committees in both Marquette and Munising formed a powwow subcommittee and are working to bring everyone together in a good way. As soon as we have a few of the details solidified, we will be sharing a flyer. This powwow will be open to everyone, and it will be a nice end to a very busy year in Unit 5.

On the government side, one of the resolutions I'm very happy about from our Sept. 5 board meeting is the authorization to hire five new staff for Facilities. Andrew Lane has been a phenomenal employee and is working on building a team to care for all of our properties across our seven-county service area. He and his department have been working at a limited capacity and this move will help him support the work that needs to be done to keep all of our buildings and properties operating smoothly. I have mentioned this many times in the past and I'll keep saying it, we need to care for what we have and hand off a better tribe for the next generation. I look forward to the continued revitalization and maintenance of our infrastructure and this will remain a focus for us.

Also at our Sept. 5 meeting,

our Insurance Department came forward with several resolutions to improve their workflow and employee benefits. One that I will highlight authorizes them to come up with a sponsorship plan to assist any registered tribal employees on our self-funded plan to access the marketplace for claims that will exceed \$10,000 in a given year. Their analysis shows that this could save the tribe upwards of \$2.2 million per year, which then would become additional revenue generated by the tribe through our self-funded insurance plan. This would be a totally voluntary program and those who opt-in would be covered for all deductibles and co-pays by the tribe, costing them nothing.

This move can only benefit us as a tribe by generating more revenue. If no one voluntarily opts-in, it costs us nothing to have it available to those that qualify. If 50% of those with qualifying events opt-in to this program, the tribe will save an estimated \$1.1 million, so on and so forth.

Again, please note that this is totally voluntary and only available to registered tribal members who are employed by Sault Tribe and take part in our self-funded insurance plan. No one will ever be forced to take part in the sponsorship plan, just note that it helps our tribe.

We are currently undergoing election reform and our Legal Department will be bringing forward various options and recommendations to help us move forward as a tribe. The referendum election that is ongoing will be handled by a temporary internal election committee as passed by resolution that will dissolve once that process is complete. If anything else arises prior to us agreeing on and passing election reform, we can vote to again implement the temporary process that we have set up to continue to handle the work internally.

While I don't agree with the last referendum being sent out, the third party that we contracted with kept the language clear and concise and

the ballots looked nice. It's a good first step in a multi-layered reform. This reform includes the duties of the election committee, written procedure for consistency, investigative protocols, and tightening up the language to be consistent and fair. Regardless of what happens, we will have to come to a compromise very soon in order to ensure stability for the upcoming 2024 election. This is something we are discussing at every workshop to help guide Legal in developing our options.

On a final note, Mayor Cody Mayer of Marquette is on the docket this year for re-election for the Marquette City Commission. Cody is a citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and has devoted his life to serving his community and country. At 17, he enlisted in the Michigan Army National Guard. He has been an enlisted engineer soldier since December 2014 and currently holds the rank of Sergeant. He has many roles in his unit including Bridge Crew Chief, Unit Career Counselor, Equal Opportunity Leader, and Platoon Training NCO / Senior Gunner NCO. Cody volunteered to assist the Houghton / Hancock community when a state-of-emergency was called during the Father's Day flood in 2018, where he immediately volunteered and was activated within 24 hours.

Shortly after being elected to the Marquette City Commission in 2020, Cody was deployed to Washington D.C. following the events of Jan. 6. He video called into every commission meeting for the 2.5 months he was in D.C. Cody has been a strong advocate for our tribe and has made sure that we have been part of the conversation with the city at every turn. For those of you who live in Marquette, please consider supporting Cody the way he has supported his community and his Tribe during his time of service.

Chi Miigwech!

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## Our tribe needs a full three-branch government



**BETTY FREIHEIT**  
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Hello Tribal Members, Fall is approaching! Summer was way too short, but no less busy for our tribal board.

During the Sept. 5 meeting, the board approved an interim Election Committee. I support the need for the committee,

as the prior committee had resigned, and the Tribal Code requires us to have an Election Committee to conduct referendum elections. I just do not support having a committee, even an interim one, consisting of all members who report directly or indirectly to the board. I believe one method would be to establish a lottery, whereby all interested applicant names would be drawn at random, as opposed to having board, recommend and vote on committee members.

Although our board has had a full schedule this past year, it is time we begin focusing on long needed, and promised government reforms. We need to move forward a government structure that ensures accountability and checks and balances against abuse of power. Currently, our board has no real limits on its power as it makes and imple-

ments the laws and interprets the Constitution. We need to pick up that work that was done years ago on a new constitution.

The document was developed by members and left to sit for years until Aaron Payment brought it back to the board in 2012. A new committee then updated it. But this document is now dated and needs to be reviewed, changed, or started anew.

We need a full three branch government: executive (chair duties), legislative (board), and judicial (an independent court). We also need to allow our courts to interpret the Constitution instead of the board. Some board members have suggested we only need a separate judicial branch. That is not enough. You need a full three branches in order to resolve conflicts or there is danger of deadlocks.

And in some tribes, with just a two-branch government, when the courts have disagreed with the board, the board has simply overruled the courts. We do not want that to happen.

I do not believe that the board should be developing the Constitution revisions. We need to remove all real or perceived bias from this document. It should be developed by the members, in an independent committee. And these members should be selected via a lottery of interested members, not just based on the recommendation of board members who have certain tribal members that are tethered to them.

We have several areas where the Tribal Code conflicts with the Constitution and we need to resolve these conflicts rather than just ignore them.

We need to start this work

soon, as it could easily take a year or more and we want to have something complete before our new board are up for re-election.

As most tribal members are aware, I have already demonstrated that I do not support a corrupt tethering system. I have either motioned to vacate an injustice at the board level or exposed it, which I could never do until the membership changed the structure from the 10 to 2 status and that is proof the members will not tolerate a political coup. On that note, I will end this report.

Please keep yourself and family safe. Help your neighbors anytime you can. And please look out for our elders.

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# Many of the same problems still plague the tribe



**MICHAEL MCKERCHIE,**  
**DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

We are over a year into this new leadership and many of the same problems still plague our tribe: micromanagement, board interference, and little account-

ability remain. Many of these issues have grown and continue to stifle growth. Several removal petitions and more referenda prevent us from addressing issues like wage discrepancies and revamping our hiring policies. But I urge the membership to continue to raise your voices until you are heard.

As I write this, there will be a referendum count shortly on recent resolutions changing positive majority to simple majority and the board's decision to give themselves authority to "void" elections. Regardless of the outcome, I believe both these decisions have weakened our tribe. I hope for the best. Not since the formation of our tribe have we held elections without volunteer members providing this service

to their tribe. Members who get appointed and have staggered terms to allow multiple boards to appoint so they are a diverse group. The board had to change our election laws to allow a temporary Election Committee that was composed of employees. I thank those employees but ultimately this is not a good practice for many reasons. Hopefully, we come up with better solutions prior to the next election.

The board recently ended our contract with our lead counsel for our treaty fishing rights appeal. Several factors lead to this decision, but ultimately, it was time to change gears. We will continue to fight for our treaty rights as the current decree was not in our tribe's best interest nor does it honor the treaty that

those rights were achieved. The previous decree was a "consent" decree and this time it's a "legal" decree that is being forced on us. Our tribe (the biggest commercial fishing tribe) was purposely excluded from negotiations and this lead to "majority rule" thinking that the other parties just went with. It was very disappointing that the judge allowed this and ordered the decree despite our many objections. Our legal team will continue the fight and I will continue to be hopeful that we can reach either changes this to decree or win in an appeal honoring the treaty.

I continue to appreciate our amazing employees who do great work. Our Insurance department recently brought forward changes with the possibility of saving our

tribe millions while still providing team members with great insurance options.

Our Health Center employees are looking to build an addition to our Health Complex and will be considering annex designs soon. The additional space is much needed to provide health care services to our membership. Our Sault Tribe Inc. also is doing well and recently garnered a \$24 million contract from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Congratulations to all to help and continue to do great work on behalf of our tribe. Miigwech.

As always, please reach out to me to discuss any of these or any issues our tribe is facing, I can be reached at (906) 440-7768. Chi Miigwech.

# Mackinac Band should be federally recognized



**SHAWN BOROWICZ,**  
**DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

Boozhoo,

I hope this finds you well that you had a great summer and that you are preparing for the fall season with winter around the corner. There is much talk about the board's recent decision to open the rolls. First off, to my knowledge, this was not done to garner votes in the upcoming election, it was done because it is just the right thing to do! We all have relatives who are not enrolled for whatever reason and this should not be. Secondly, the issue with Mackinac Band mem-

bers — according to enrollment, Mackinac Band members make up 51% of the Sault Tribe and there has never been an issue with this until it was brought to the attention of one of the directors. Over the years, this tribe has received a lot of federal dollars based on the total amount of members, including Mackinac Band with no issues. Now is the time to ask the Mackinac Band representatives for their input on us passing the tabled resolution to help in federal recognition as well as to ask if we can be of assistance in any other ways. Until the Mackinac Band gets full recognition we should allow any Mackinac Band person to apply for enrollment.

When their recognition is approved, those Mackinac Band members enrolled in the Sault Tribe should than be given the option of what tribe they would like to stay with. With all the negativity in Indian country these days we all need to stick together for a better outcome for all members.

Timing is everything in certain situations and with the recent horrific findings committed at the

residential boarding schools by the government and the various religious organizations. Now is the time to ask or demand they right the wrongs that our ancestors and elders endured. Its time to get any land in trust for future development, to do away with the blood quantum for education,

to revamp the tax agreement so any tribal member is tax exempt no matter where they reside and there are more issues but these ones stand out and need to be corrected.


This last month has been very busy with the last of the area powwows, the workshops and

meetings, as well as the elder picnic in Unit 3.

I will leave you until next time with the word "integrity," doing what is right even when no one is watching.

Baamaapii


Contact me at (906) 379-8511 or sborowicz@saulttribe.net.



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