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## Member donates acreage as tribute to mother

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Brent Fecteau and his family have donated 20 acres on Sugar Island to Sault Tribe. The acreage is located on the island's main road leading from the Sugar Island ferry, on 1½ Mile Road.

Fecteau's mother was Evelyn Hatch, who was very active in the tribe when it was working to gain federal recognition. She was

also involved in Native American health care.

"In 1910, my mother, Evelyn Hatch, was born and raised in the Sault," Fecteau said. "She was the daughter of Lawrence Hatch and Edna Johnson. My mother's uncle Fred Hatch and her cousin Mary Hatch Murray both lived on Sugar Island."

Fecteau said his mother lived

in the Sault until her teenage years, at which time she moved to Detroit. She later married Joseph H. Fecteau, and in 1968 after his retirement they moved back permanently to the 20 acre property on Sugar Island, where they remained until Joseph's death in 1978.

Evelyn then moved back to the Sault. Fecteau said that while on the island, she and her family (including her first cousin Joseph Lumsden) became involved in working toward Sault Tribe federal recognition. She traveled to Arizona as a representative of the tribe to report on conferences on Native American health care, and also sat on the tribal board to determine tribal authenticity by means of blood quantum. Evelyn remained in contact with tribal members until 1998, when she passed. Both her and her husband Joseph are buried at Riverside Cemetery in Sault St. Marie.



Evelyn Hatch Fecteau

Fecteau said, "Because of Evelyn's involvement with the tribe, the family would like to donate our property to the tribe as a tribute to her."

Fecteau and his family would like to see the land used for some type of educational purpose. "At one time, I was told the land could possibly be used as an educational site to teach children how to make and use snowshoes. Because of the Sault

Tribe and my mom's involvement, I was able to receive one of the first tribal scholarships to attend college. After graduating from Wayne State University, I spent two years working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Detroit's Cass Corridor doing remedial education in grades K-12, and American Indian crafts," he said.

Fecteau said the property was purchased in the early 1950s as a vacation place. "It provided many years of memories for immediate and extended family members throughout several decades," he said. "Because of Evelyn's heritage, her involvement with the tribe, and her many hours of work in establishing tribal recognition, we would like to donate the property in her honor. She had passed by the time the present Kewadin Casino was built, but was instrumental in getting the first casino approved (a former VFW hall)."



LeeAnn Sprecker, 8, participated in the I-500 pageant on Jan. 31, 2019, at Kewadin Casinos. She was in the Princess, Petite Miss division and won the "Princess of Kindness" crown. Her proud mother is Sault Tribe member Stephanie Dawn Sprecker.

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## Kibble named Eldercare Services Division director

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe's Eldercare Services Division recently welcomed their new director, Holly Kibble. Although many faces have changed over the past decade in the tribe's Eldercare program, Kibble's is a familiar one. She was the program's director for 14 years, from 1996 through 2010.

In 2010, she accepted the position of senior program manager for the Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Community Action Agency, and in 2013 as deputy director responsible for senior services, Head Start and other state-run programs. She remained with Community Action through 2017, when she temporarily retired.

Kibble was also the Sault Tribe Elderly Program coordinator from 1992-96.

Although administratively it was familiar stepping back into her former position, Kibble said senior programs tend to change every decade, and she is interested in focusing on what is most relevant to today's elders.

"The tribe has done some really beautiful things for their elders, including the Shirley Goudreau Elder Housing Complex in St. Ignace," Kibble said.

As the Eldercare Services Division director, Kibble oversees in-home services for tribal elders, transportation, meal programs and elder committees, among other programs. Kibble said she attends the Elder Committee meetings each month, traveling to Marquette, Munising, Escanaba and Manistique.

One of the more popular services offered by Eldercare is its drop-in meal program, which has also undergone some changes in the past 10 years. "The meal programs were developed to provide



Holly Kibble

elders with social fellowship so they would be connected to their peers and local community," Kibble said. "Today, elders who use smart phones and social media don't need that kind of social interaction to stay connected like they used to. When you look at some of the elders in their 80s, they come here because they want to see other people, have fellowship and have a good meal. The younger elders already know all the social goings-on through Facebook and other online sites and know the news and how people are doing. So when they stop here, it might not have the same meaning for them as it does for some of the older elders," she said.

Kibble added, "We have to work on meeting the needs of both groups of elders. We have to make sure we are sensitive to everything."

The new Elder Service director said she has seen a few trends

develop over the last decade, which could be responsible in part for a decline in the number of elders attending the drop-in meal program. She said she has noticed that some of the younger elders are choosing to work longer and retire later in life. She also sees a trend where younger elders tend not to be "joiners" and participate in groups such as AARP as much as elders in their mid-70s and -80s.

As she attends elder meetings, she is getting to know today's elders and looking to focus on things for them that will fit into their lives. She said the concept of an Internet café environment is something she is considering for the future. "We need to step into 2020 and start looking at what can be done for all elders," she said.

For those elders who prefer not to be online where they can interact with the Eldercare Division Facebook page, Kibble is contemplating the idea of re-establishing the elder's quarterly newsletter with elder events and birthdays. "The 75-and-up group still socializes in a handwritten kind of way," she said. "They like to send each other birthday cards and they don't do the happy birthday emojis on Facebook."

Kibble also continues to serve her second term on the War Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, Recipient Rights Advisory Committee and Patient Family Advisory Council (PFAC), where she has been serving for the past seven years after her appointment by the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners.

Kibble can be contacted by email at [hkibble@saulttribe.net](mailto:hkibble@saulttribe.net), by calling (906) 635-4971 or by dropping by the Eldercare Services building on Shunk Road in the Sault.

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# Fur babies and winged ones enjoying winter



German Shepherds playing in the snow.



Horses at Charlotte Ridge in the Sault had a visitor fly overhead.

Photos by Brenda Austin



St. Marys River Shallows area.



Holly Osburn with Jackson and Wind Walker (right).

The north wind blew  
**BY BRENDA AUSTIN**  
*The north wind blew last night from off the Canadian shore. It crept around the edges of my hood, freeing some of my hair, which danced upon its jagged breath, playing in the setting sun.*

*It seemed to delight in the wicked cold now coming in measurable gusts. For as I turned it bounced and curled, unwilling to be confined. And so I reached up to push the unruly mess back, turning around to find...*

*That the north wind was taking on a manlier task, leaving my hair behind. I bent down near the water's edge to watch its turbulent draught, only to see the setting sun joining in on the fun, and painting a canvas of deep ardent hues, on porcelain crazed shards of ice...*

*That the north wind took it upon itself to send crashing to my feet. And as I raised the camera to my eyes, the wind then held its breath. My finger pressed the shutter release as the sun began to set. My hands had slowed from the biting cold, seeking the warmth of home.*

*As I turned and lifted my foot the north wind took a deep breath, and sent a great gust aimed at my back making the ice pop and crack. It formed new colors and landscapes on the river's now dark slopes. The canvas that was a tandem work, with its audience of one...*

*Now was almost done. And although it grew darker still, the north wind played with a few more strands, and in a fond farewell, above my head and guiding me home were ribbons of dark amber clouds.*

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

Call (906) 635-6050 with any questions.

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

Child Welfare Committee – three vacancies (4-year term)

Election Committee – five vacancies (4-year term)

Higher Education Committee – Two vacancies (4-year term)

Health Board – five vacancies (4-year term)

Housing Commission – three vacancies - Unit 1 (4-year term), Unit -3 (4-year term) Unit 5- (4-year term)

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

Conservation Committee – four vacancies – Inland (4-year terms), four vacancies-fisheries (4-year terms)

### Elder Advisory Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Elder Subcommittees

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan seeks fish consumption study help

To get started, please follow this link to the online recruitment form: [https://is.gd/Gigiigooinaan\\_](https://is.gd/Gigiigooinaan_)



The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan is conducting a study regarding fish consumption in our community. Adults 18 and over who are members of a CORA tribe — Sault Tribe, Bay Mills, Little Traverse Bay, Grand Traverse or Little River Band — are invited to participate.

The study is limited to one participant per household.

Those who choose to participate will record their fish consumption on a user-friendly web-based database once a week for eight weeks. This study will help ITC gather important information it can use to best educate and inform healthy fish consumption practices. The whole study will be conducted online and participants can complete the entire process from their home or on their phone! Completion of the study will also earn participants \$135.

Participants will receive two monetary incentives — a \$60 gift card after completing one month of the study and another \$75 gift card after completing the second month along with a short survey.

Study. After consenting to the study online, participants will receive an email with further instructions.

Please contact Amy Poupart at [apoupart@glitc.org](mailto:apoupart@glitc.org) or (715) 588-1077, or Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan at [fishappcoordinator@itcmi.org](mailto:fishappcoordinator@itcmi.org), with any questions.

For any technical support questions, please contact Tom Chelius at [tcheliu@mcw.edu](mailto:tcheliu@mcw.edu) or (414) 955-8040.

## Learning across generations at the Escanaba Health Center on April 22

Join us Wed., April 22, from 4-6 p.m. at the Escanaba Tribal Health Center in the Penstar Office Building, for an introduction to Native American accessories, the bandolier bag.

Open to Delta County elders and youth, aged 10-15. Pairs will work together to decorate their own bandolier bag to take home. Join us to celebrate Anishinaabe culture by participating in an interactive teaching of the historical and contemporary uses of a shoulder bag.

Door prizes, light snacks and craft supplies provided. Space is limited, call (906) 786-2636 to register.

Sponsored by the Escanaba Tribal Health Center and Sault Tribe Housing Authority Prevention Program.

## Cultural activities in Sault Ste. Marie

Sault Tribe Cultural and Language Department presents the following Sault area activities for February and March 2020.

Feb. 22 at noon, winter ceremony and feast at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building in Sault Ste. Marie. Potluck follows. Please bring dishes to share. Feast bundles welcome. Please bring any baked or preserved goods or handcrafted items for bartering or trade.

March 4 and 18, Bahweting Community Craft and Social Nights at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

March 13, 14 and 15, experience a sugar bush and learn how to make maple syrup at the Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island.

If you have questions or want more information, call the Cultural Department staff at 632-0239.

## What is Cultural with Joe Syrette Feb. 19

The Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program presents traditional healer Joe Syrette to answer the question, “What is cultural? Join us on Feb. 19 at the St. Ignace Tribal Health

Center auditorium from 3:30-5:30 p.m., to hear what Syrette has for answers.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (906) 632-0236 or 632-5268.

## Training opportunities available

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

The program may be able to provide tuition assistance for skills training if it leads to an industry-recognized certification or under OJT, the program may reimburse an employer 50 percent of your wage for a specified training period.

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

Please apply at WIOA office at the Chi Mukwa Community Rec-

reation Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich, or call Brenda Cadreau at 635-4767 for more information.

## FREE snowshoe rentals!

The Big Bear Arena teamed up with the Sault Tribe Housing Authority and the staff of the Tribal Action Plan to provide FREE snow shoe rentals for the Winter of 2020. Snowshoes are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Rentals are available daily, weekly and for the week-end. Details for reserving show shoes can be obtained by emailing Destiny at [dmckechnie@saulttribe.net](mailto:dmckechnie@saulttribe.net) or visiting [www.BigBearArena.com](http://www.BigBearArena.com).

## Sault Ste. Marie Summer Gathering and Powwow apparel design contest and prizes announced

SAULT STE. MARIE — This year’s Sault powwow apparel design will be determined by a contest. There will be awards for first, second and third place entries. The first place entry will be used on Summer Gathering and Powwow apparel and wins a \$50 gift card and choice of T-shirt and hat. The second place entry wins a \$25 gift card with a hat and the third place entry wins choice of a T-shirt or hat.

The tribal-wide apparel design competition sponsored by the Powwow Planning Group for the 2020 Summer Gathering and Powwow calls for a number of design specifics. The design must include:

- The powwow’s name, “39th Annual Summer Gathering & Powwow” along with the dates, July 2-5, 2020;
- The Anishinaabe place name for our area, “Bahweting;”
- The four directions (medicine wheel);
- The Great Lakes; and
- Something highlighting the powwow celebration (dancers, drum/drummers, people visiting/gathering, etc.).

Designs must be submitted by March 15, 2020, by email to [jbiron@saulttribe.net](mailto:jbiron@saulttribe.net).

Any questions, contact Josh Biron at (906) 635-6050 or [jbiron@saulttribe.net](mailto:jbiron@saulttribe.net).

### February traditional healer schedules

Gerard Sagassige — Feb. 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26— Sault Ste. Marie Health Center, call Lori Gambardella (906) 632-0236 or Laura Collins-Downwind 632-5268.

Joe Syrette — Feb. 20, 27 and 28 — Sault Ste. Marie Health Center, call Lori Gambardella (906) 632-0236, Laura Collins-Downwind 632-5268.

Feb. 19 — St. Ignace Health Center, (906) 643-8689

Feb. 21 — Hessel Health Center, (906) 484-2727

Feb. 26 — Munising Tribal Health Center, (906) 387-4721

### Members’ liaisons February schedules

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

**Unit II and III** — Clarence Hudak, (906) 430-2004 (cell); Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sault Tribe Lambert Center, 225 Wa Seh Dr., St. Ignace, (906) 643-2124 (office).

**Units IV and V** — Mary Jenerou, (906) 450-7011; Feb. 19 and 25 at Manistique Health Center, (906) 341-8469; Feb. 18, 20 and 27 at Munising Health Center, (906) 387-4721; Feb. 17 at Escanaba Penn Star, (906) 786-2636; Feb. 28 at Marquette Tribal Health Center, (906) 225-1616.

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# Sharp delivers 2020 State of Indian Nations

By RICK SMITH

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) President Fawn Sharp (Quinault Indian Nation) delivered the 2020 State of Indian Nations on Feb. 20 before a large audience at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., which was also broadcast on Livestream.

Afterward, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Chairman John Hoeven (R-N.D.), U.S. House Representative Democrat Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo) of New Mexico's First District and Democrat Senator Tom Udall of New Mexico delivered congressional responses.

According to a committee statement, Hoeven mostly reflected on past efforts of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in advancing Indian Country under his chairmanship. For her part, Haaland essentially echoed many of Sharp's points, pledged her continued support of Indian Country issues, acknowledged Indian Country team work in the struggle for treaty rights and strongly encouraged Indian Country to respond in full heartedly to the 2020 Census. Udall touched on legislative action he has supported to help Indian Country and acknowledged much more needs to be done to strengthen the government-to-government relationship between tribes and the United States.

After beginning her speech with introductory remarks, Sharp dove into the heart of her presentation. "The purpose of this annual address is to memorialize and affirm the enduring government-to-government relationship between tribal nations and the U.S. government. It provides our assessment of the current health of that relationship, and how it must be strengthened," she said.

She said her words are directed to all Americans, not just elected officials, political and judicial appointees and staff of the federal government along with tribal leaders, employees and citizens. "It is meant for all Americans — especially those who have been disenfranchised and rendered hopeless by racial injustice, economic inequality and the rapid decay of our American political system," said Sharp. "They seek answers during these troubling times, and they need to look no further than tribal nations to find them. In that spirit, I stand before you today — supported by more than 600 tribal nations and governments across this land — to share with you this undeniable

truth: the State of Indian Nations is STRONG."

She said tribal nations across the country are experiencing remarkable renewal in cultural, social, political and economic spheres.

However, too many people still don't understand the unique relationship of tribal nations with the U.S. government. People who don't understand the relationship include those in the halls of Congress and other institutions of the federal and state governments. Sharp said, "They don't recognize the indisputable fact that we are genuine governments with the right — and, more importantly, the ability — to govern our own lands and communities and to govern them in accordance with the values that make us who we are as Native peoples."

She said Indian Country must persist in helping others learn the truth even as tribal nations are coming under growing duress with threats to tribal sovereignty coming in many forms from all parts of federal and state governments. She noted some encouraging legislative developments but called them "exceptions to an increasingly alarming rule." Citing examples of stalled progress, Sharp cited flaws in the

Violence Against Women Act of 2013 that have become clear could be fixed by legislative action, yet Congress is refusing to expand tribal authority to justice under the law.

Sharp said the current federal administration interferes with the right of tribal nations to restore traditional homelands, creating an arbitrary system of placing lands into trust. Further, she said the Indian Child Welfare Act is under growing resistance by special interest groups "intent on stealing Native children from their families, communities and cultures."

Federal inaction and indifference is also contributing to Indian Country difficulties, according to Sharp. She said severe, chronic underfunding of the federal government's trust responsibilities and obligations were powerfully illustrated in the report *Broken Promises: Continuing Federal Funding Shortfall for Native Americans*, a 302-page report by the United States Commission on Civil Rights submitted to the White House and the U.S. House leadership (see story *House hears testimony on Indian Country funding failures* in the Jan. 15 edition of *Win Awenen Nisitotung*).

Sharp called attention to other

problems such as unnecessary interruptions and delays in federal funding, she cited the 2019 government shutdown as the latest example of federal incompetence jeopardizing tribal citizens.

She said it is inexcusable that Congress has only passed one fiscal budget on time in 22 years.

She also called competitive grants a gross violation of the federal government's responsibilities to Indian Country. Other items included the omission of Indian Country in the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act in spite of years of the NCAI advocating for tax reform priorities to build sustainable economies, congressional neglect to pass legislation reaffirming tribal self-determination, permanently reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Indians and other issues.

"But federal inaction and indifference is perhaps no more destructive than with the current failure of the administration and some in Congress to address the rapidly accelerating impacts of climate change — or even acknowledge that it exists," said Sharp. "As Chief Seattle once said, 'What we do to the earth, we do to ourselves.' The damage human beings have done — and continue to do — to this planet

disrupts every facet of tribal life — from our subsistence life ways to our ceremonies to our continued stewardship of the natural world."

Sharp said Indian Country has long held up its end of the government-to-government relationship with the United States and challenged the United States to engage in a new standard of accountability upholding tribal sovereignty and treaty rights in all ways that they are legally and morally responsible. She addressed several other issues before concluding her address.

"In closing, I wish to share this message with my fellow tribal leaders and all Native people across this land," said Sharp. "We are empowered when we make great effort and take great care to tell our stories of strife, resilience, agency, ingenuity and prosperity to all those who will listen. We are strongest when we think and act as one regarding the things that matter most to all of us. When we join together, we are an unstoppable force capable of overcoming our greatest challenges and achieving our greatest and unimaginable futures and aspirations."

The NCAI president delivers the State of Indian Nations address annually.



## Jen McLeod

### Tribal Chairperson 2020

*Aaniin Anishnabek,*

After careful consideration, and with the support of my family, friends and many members of our Tribe, I am humbly asking for your support as Chairperson of our Tribe. I am well qualified for this position. I have years of tribal government experience, overseeing Tribal programs and services with budgets in excess of \$350 million. I have provided Federal testimony on behalf of our Tribe, and have even testified to the United States Congress.

National work is important, but I also serve on many local committees both in and outside of our Tribe. I serve as a member of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority for Chippewa and Luce County. I am a founding member of the St. Mary's River Harbor Safety Committee and have recently been appointed to the Great Lakes Island Association. I believe it is important to have a balance of Federal, State and local impact for the betterment of Tribal members.

I am also an experienced Chairperson. I chair National Tribal organization/committees, and even

Tribal Consultations with the Federal Government. I have a reputation for "running a tight ship" which means I chair the meetings fairly, keep discussions orderly and on point, and accomplish the agenda items. I am offering to share these skills in service to our Tribe as Tribal Chairperson, to stop the chaos in our Board meetings that keep our Tribe from reaching its fullest potential.

At this point in my life, I am considered a Tribal Elder. I am also a mother, grandmother, and a classroom teacher by profession. Using wisdom, education and experience, and especially embracing our old ways in a new time, I have helped guide many to their brightest future. I can do the same for our Tribe... with your support.

I humbly ask you to consider that it's time for CHANGE. In the upcoming election,

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If you need to register to vote, you can go to [www.saulttribe.com/government/tribal-elections](http://www.saulttribe.com/government/tribal-elections) to get a voter registration card, or you can clip the form on this page and mail it in to the Tribal Election Committee, P.O. Box 102, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

**tribe's seven-county service area:** When you live within the seven-county service area you are automatically registered to vote in the unit you live. If you do not know your unit, check the unit listing on this page.

**If you live OUTSIDE the service area:** You can choose which unit to be registered in. Select the unit where you have the closest ties.

Registration is permanent

unless you move in or out of an election unit. You must be at least 18 on election day, June 25, 2020, to vote. **You must be registered by March 27, 2020, to vote in this year's tribal election.**

Any questions about voter registration? Please contact the Enrollment Department at 635-3396 or (800) 251-6597, or Joanne Carr or Linda Grossett at 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660.

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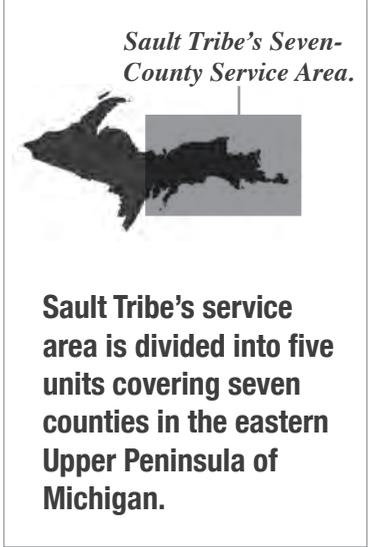
On pages 22-23 is a list of Sault Tribe members who currently have bad addresses on file with the Sault Tribe Enrollment Department.

To update your mailing address so you don't miss out

on any important mailings please call the Enrollment Department at (800) 251-6597.

To view the complete list of bad addresses please visit the Sault Tribe website at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com).

## Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Units



# Information for prospective tribal election candidates

The following is a copy of the letter being sent out to new candidates as they receive their election packets:

Dear Prospective Tribal Election Candidate:

For this election, the list of eligible candidates is due out Friday, April 24, after which the candidates will be placed on the Primary Election ballot for a seat on the Sault Tribe Board of Directors.

This letter is to ensure you have enough time to write and submit your 500 words for the Candidates' Forum in the April issue of the tribal newspaper. This and your photo constitute the quarter page space you are being given by the newspaper as a primary candidate. Your piece is due by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 17.

If for some reason you are not placed on the ballot, we won't publish your forum piece. In order to make press and have the paper published and mailed before the primary ballots are mailed, we must have your pieces by April 17.

Please include a photo if we don't already have it. Call us in advance of the deadline if you need a photo taken. If you email your submission, the text format must be a word processing file such as Microsoft Word, or text in the email window. The photo must be a separate file. We will not accept PDFs or Publisher documents for your 500 words.

For the General Election, unofficial primary results will be announced Friday, May 22. Winners of this election must have their free half page ad at the newspaper office Friday, May 22, by 5 p.m. This letter constitutes your notice to do so. The newspaper staff can design your ad and furnish you a proof via email. We encourage you to have your ad in early in anticipation of winning.

Candidates are also welcome to purchase additional paid ad space in the February, March, April, May and June issues. Call us at 632-6398 or email me at

[jdale-burton@saulttribe.net](mailto:jdale-burton@saulttribe.net). If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to email or call any time. Attached is a schedule of the

newspaper deadlines and a advertising rate card for your convenience. Respectfully, Jennifer Dale-Burton, editor

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## Tribal election unit listing by city and zip code

<b>UNIT I</b>	Germfask 49836	Champion 49814	Traunik 49890
Barbeau 49710	Goetzville 49736	Cooks 49817	Trenary 49891
Bay Mills 49715	Gould City 49838	Cornell 49818	Wells 49819
Brimley 49715	Gulliver 49840	Escanaba 49829	
Dafter 49724	Hessel 49745	Fayette 49835	<b>UNIT V</b>
Eckerman 49728	McMillan 49853	Garden 49835	Arnold 49819
Hulbert 49748	Naubinway 49762	Gladstone 49837	Autrain 49806
Kincheloe 49788	Newberry 49868	Gwinn 49841	Beaver Grove 49855
Kincheloe 49886	Pickford 49774	Ishpeming 49849	Big Bay 49808
Kinross 49752	Rexton 49794	KI Sawyer 49843	Chatham 49816
Neebish Island 49710	Rudyard 49780	Limestone 49816	Christmas 49862
Paradise 49768	Stalwart 49736	Little Lake 49833	Deerton 49822
Raco 49715	Trout Lake 49793	Manistique 49854	Eben Junction 49825
Sault Ste. Marie 49783		Nahma 49864	Forrest Lake 49832
Strong's 49790	<b>UNIT III</b>	Negaunee 49866	Grand Marais 49839
Sugar Island 49783	Brevort 49760	Northland 49869	Harvey 49855
	Mackinac Island 49757	Perkins 49872	Marquette 49855
<b>UNIT II</b>	Moran 49760	Princeton 49841	Michigamme 49861
Cedarville 49719	Pointe Aux Pins 49775	Rapid River 49878	Munising 49862
Curtis 49820	St. Ignace 49781	Republic 49879	Palmer 49871
DeTour Village 49725		Rock 49880	Rumley 49826
Engadine 49827	<b>UNIT IV</b>	Skandia 49885	Seney 49883
Epoufette 49762	Bark River 49807	Thompson 49889	Shingleton 49884
Fibre 49780	Brampton 49837		Wetmore 49895

**SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS  
VOTER REGISTRATION FORM**

Non-resident Members must choose one of the five election units in order to vote in Tribal Elections. They should consider selecting the unit in which they have the closest ties and indicate below the unit they select. Registration is permanent unless you move in/out of an election unit. This form must be received by the Tribal Election Committee ninety (90) days prior to a general election in order for the registration to be valid. The address to which my ballot should be sent is:

**Please Print**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

STREET (PHYSICAL) ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

To verify identity, please include last four numbers of your social security:  -  -  -

**I understand that this voter registration card must be completed and received at least 90 days prior to a general election to be eligible to vote in Tribal Elections.**

I register to vote in Unit \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Must have signature to be Valid.)**

# Michigan League for Public Policy responds to the governor's offer for state budget

BY RICK SMITH

Michigan League for Public Policy (MLPP) President and CEO Gilda Z. Jacobs recently released

a state-ment on Governor Gretchen Whitmer's proposed budget for 2021.

Jacobs said the state's budget revenues face significant constraints due in part to measures passed by former Governor Rick Snyder, such as the 2011 business tax cuts causing state revenue losses and led to long-term disinvestment and deteriorating infrastructure, roads and water utilities.

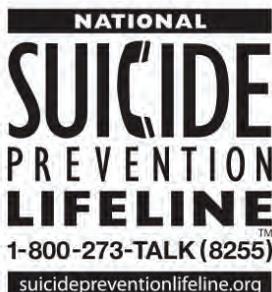
"We don't need more money this year, we need more period," she said in the statement, "whether it's reining in business tax cuts, simply keeping up with inflation or taking bold action to bring in new funds. We don't need to invest in our roads or our schools or public safety or health and human services, we need to invest in all of them."

Jacobs cited comments from the governor's budget director, who said the Whitmer administration remains open to working with the legislature to find solutions. "We echo that, as bringing new money and more of it into the state continues to be the ultimate policy change needed in the state to address everything else," she said.

The statement also comments on issues of child care, maternal and infant health, school funding and family leave.

Further, the MLPP statement provided sources of data on a wide variety of issues online at [mlpp.org/geographic-fact-sheets](http://mlpp.org/geographic-fact-sheets), [mlpp.org/spotlight-on-your-county/](http://mlpp.org/spotlight-on-your-county/) and [mlpp.org/kids-count-profiles-2019/](http://mlpp.org/kids-count-profiles-2019/). A publication of special interest to all Michigan residents is the MLPP's *Owner's Manual for Michigan*, designed with the help of Michigan residents and taken to legislators in every district. The MLPP said several of the manual's priorities were passed in 2019 and more may be passed in 2020 as they are contained in the governors proposed budget.

The MLPP is a non-profit organization established in 1912 to help all Michigan residents with equity and opportunity. Learn more at [mlpp.org](http://mlpp.org).



**Excellent sources for information on county-by-county economic and demographic numbers in state provided**

## SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS NOTICE OF ELECTION JANUARY 31, 2020

The Election Committee of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians would like to inform you that a tribal election will be held for the Tribal Board of Directors this year; with a primary held in spring and the general election held this summer. Below are important dates and information pertaining to the election.

The timetable for the election process is as follows: (All deadlines are 5:00 p.m. ET).

- March 27..... Deadline for voter registration. Last day to receive Letter of Intent for potential candidates. Roll of registered voters prepared and posted. Nomination petitions available.
- April 17..... Nominating petition deadline.
- April 24..... List of eligible candidates available.
- April 27..... Deadline for contests relating to nominations and voter registration.
- May 1..... Blank primary ballots mailed to voters.
- May 22..... Primary election date.
- May 26..... Deadline for contests relating to vote count.
- June 5..... Blank ballots for general election mailed to voters.
- June 25..... General Election day.
- June 29..... Deadline for contest relating to vote count.

### OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

#### Tribal Chairperson

- Unit 1: -3 members-
- Unit 2: -1 member-
- Unit 3: -1 member-
- Unit 4: -1 member-

The term of all officers will be four years.

### VOTER REGISTRATION

Tribal members who will be 18 years of age or older on the date of the general election are eligible to vote. The Tribal Election Code states all Resident Members in an election unit shall automatically be registered and Non-resident Members can choose one of the five election units in order to vote in Tribal Elections. Registration is permanent unless you move in/out of an election unit. Registration forms must be received by the Tribal Election Committee, ninety (90) days prior to the general election, in order to vote in the upcoming elections. Voter registration is open and tribal members who need to register (all previously registered members are considered permanently registered) can contact the Tribal Election Committee at the address given below or call the Executive Assistant at (906) 635-6050 or 1-800-793-0660 or the Tribal Registrar's Office. In order to register, you must complete and return a voter registration form to the: Tribal Election Committee, P.O. Box 102, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783, before 5:00 p.m. on **March 27, 2020**. Registration forms received after that time or not completed will be deemed unregistered for this election.

### VOTING PROCEDURE

All ballots will be mailed to registered voters by first class mail. In order to be counted, ballots must be received by the Tribal Election Committee by 5:00 p.m. at the United States Post Office-Sault Ste. Marie location on **May 22, 2020** for the primary election and on **June 25, 2020** for the general election. A Post Office Box is provided by the United States Post Office for return of the ballots. The address of the box will be included on the ballot.

**Address Correction Requested:** The election will be conducted by mail to the address shown in the Tribal Registrar's records. It is the responsibility of the tribal member to ensure that the address shown for him or her is correct. Please contact the Tribal Registrar's Office for any changes: Tribal Registrar's Office, 2428 Shunk Road, Mailing address: P.O. Box 1628, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 phone: (906) 632-8552 or 1 (800) 251-6597.

### NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Any tribal member who meets the requirements detailed in The Tribal Election Ordinance is eligible for election to office. A candidate for nomination must be eighteen years of age or older by **June 25, 2020**, a qualified voter, and have established one year residency within the Election Unit which they seek to represent. Any member; who holds appointed/elected position in another unit of government, has been convicted of election fraud, misdemeanors involving gambling, theft, dishonesty or fraud, or a felony offense is ineligible for election to office. Any person elected shall voluntarily resign employment position and/or surrender any rights under any contract with the Tribe prior to assuming office. To be nominated, a candidate must file a letter of intent, background investigation forms, nominating petition, campaigning financing forms, etc. with the Tribal Election Committee in accordance with the Election Ordinance. A nomination petition must bear the original signatures of the proper number of registered voters from the unit to be represented. A voter may sign only as many petitions as there are offices to be filled from their unit. Petitions must be submitted on the forms provided by the Election Committee obtained at the designated offices.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

**Election Ordinance:** This letter is a narrative statement of the requirements of the Election Ordinance and the Constitution. Any discrepancies the Election Ordinance and Constitution are controlling and superlative. Questions regarding the election should be directed to the Tribal Election Committee.

**Designated Offices:** Designated Offices are the tribal offices as to which additional election material is available and for delivery of correspondence. Each designated office is defined in the Election Ordinance. Please note: Unit 1 the designated office shall be The Tribal Court Office, located at the George Nolan Judicial Building, and Unit 3 shall be the Human Resource Office, located at 3015 Mackinac Trail.

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# Author Boulley signs seven-figure book deal

*Quits dream job with U.S. Department of Education to be a full-time author*

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe member and former tribal employee Angeline Boulley signed a seven-figure two-book deal for her debut young adult novel, *The Firekeeper's Daughter*.

Boulley's agent, Faye Bender at The Book Group, sold the novel and its unwritten sequel to the highest bidder during a 12-bidder auction in Oct. 2019. *Firekeeper's Daughter* is coming in the spring of 2021, and is being published by Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Macmillan.

Boulley said she resigned as of Feb. 14, 2020, as the director of the Office of Indian Education at the U.S. Department of Education to focus on her new career as an author. "I had intended to provide long-term leadership at the Office of Indian Education," she said, "but my book publishing deal was a game changer. When I was a young reader, I never saw myself in any story. I am so excited to focus my energies on writing contemporary thrillers set in my tribal community and am proud to be part of the Native kid literature world, and blessed to be able to give it my all!"

Boulley said *Firekeeper's Daughter* is a coming of age story about a young Ojibwe woman, 18-year-old Daunis. Her mixed heritage and un-enrolled status made her an outsider in her hometown and her reservation. Instead of spending the summer after high school preparing for her freshman year at the University of Michigan, valedictorian Daunis will be staying home to care for her emotionally fragile mother after back-to-back family tragedies. It doesn't take long for her to meet high school senior Jamie, the newest addition to a local hockey team, who is eager to get to know Daunis better.

Her world is turned upside down when she witnesses a murder, and reluctantly Daunis becomes part of an investigation into a series of drug-related deaths. She is determined to find answers and help a community that hasn't always accepted her, and to do that she must decide what it means to be a strong Ojibwe woman when she has to choose between saving those she loves, helping the FBI and protecting her tribal community.

Boulley said, "2019 was a fantastic year for me. New job, agent, book sold, but people don't see the 10 years that I worked on the book. And that during all of 2018 and the first part of 2019 I would get up at 5 a.m. and write for two or three hours. I would work on my book and do research, then go to my day job. On weekends I had to turn down



Angeline Boulley

invitations from friends to work on the manuscript. People see the success and don't understand the hard work it takes to get there. I love my story; it didn't feel like work or like I was sacrificing anything, it was very joyful."

Boulley credits much of her

recent success to her participation in the highly competitive mentorship program she was awarded in 2019 through the publishing industries nonprofit We Need Diverse Books (WNDB). The WNDB program pairs each up-and-coming author

with an already established author for one-on-one mentorship; Boulley participated in a young adult fiction mentorship with published author Francisco X. Stork.

Boulley said she thinks it's important for young women to have stories with characters that are relatable to them. The main character's father is Ojibwa and her mother is non-Native. The characters live in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and belong to a fictional Native American tribe called the Sugar Island Ojibwe Tribe. "I fictionalized the tribe because I wanted to take creative license with the story," Boulley said. "In the story, the tribe operates a very lucrative gaming casino and also disperses per capita payments to their members. That figures into the story with some of the conflicts that happen."

Boulley worked for the Sault Tribe as the education director and assistant executive director of membership and internal services;

she then took a position with the Great Lakes Boat Building School, before moving to the Washington D.C. area to work for a Native woman owned small business that did government contracting. When her dream job opened up at the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education, she applied for and was offered the position of director for the Office of Indian Education in March 2019.

Excited to begin this new chapter in her career as an author, Boulley said, "As Francisco X. Stork completed his feedback on my manuscript, he asked if I would consider submitting it to his agent. I was stunned and honored by this completely unexpected referral. He is a tremendous resource and has made a difference in my life and my writing career through his kindness, talent, and insight."

You can find Angeline Boulley on Twitter: @FineAngeline or at [www.angelineboulley.com](http://www.angelineboulley.com).



*For Strong Local, Regional, Inter-Tribal & National Leadership ~ Please Vote:*

## PAYMENT

### Sault Tribe Chairperson

**OUR TOP PRIORITIES FOR OUR FUTURE:**

- \* INCREASE ELDERS SERVICES & ELDER CHECKS
- \* EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS (ALL AGES)
- \* MEMBERSHIP DRIVEN DECISION MAKING
- \* AT LARGE REPRESENTATION
- \* ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION
- \* HEALTH CARE & MAIL ORDER PRESCRIPTIONS
- \* PREPARING OUR FUTURE LEADERS
- \* TREATY & TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS
- \* EXPANSION OF SERVICES FOR ALL MEMBERS
- \* SELF-DETERMINATION & SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Paid for by the Community to Re-Elect Aaron Payment, Sault Tribe Chairperson

**January 2020**

*Ahneen. Boozha Fellow Sault Tribe Citizens:*

Growing up on Shunk Rd in the Soo, I never dreamed I'd have the opportunity to serve you at the highest level as Tribal Chair; President of the United Tribes of MI, President of the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes; 1st VP for the National Congress of American Indians; HHS Secretary Tribal Advisory; Co-Chair of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education and on the Tribal Interior Budget Committee. As your Tribal Chair, I have proudly lead in acquiring over \$60 million in additional federal funds!

When I first ran to represent our Sault Tribe Members/Citizens, I garnered 75% of the vote. This was before primaries when candidates were elected with less than a majority of votes. Only Cathy Abramson and I earn greater than 70%. I am grateful for each and every voter. Most importantly, I respect the honor of serving you as Chairperson. There is still, however, so much critical work to do including:

- **Negotiation our 2020 Great Lakes Consent Decree;**
- **Casino Compact Negotiations;**
- **Mandatory Trust & Casino Expansion Projects including Litigation;**
- **Approval of Key Legislation like Advanced Appropriations &**
- **Re-Authorization of the Violence Against Women Act including important Tribal provisions.**

The role of Chairperson in representing our Tribe at the local, regional, intertribal, national and international levels is so important. I have worked hard to build our standing as a Tribal Nation at the highest levels for the benefit of our Tribe. The work I do benefits not only our people but all Indian people. I didn't just show up one day. I have lived my whole life on Shunk Road in the Sault with deep roots on Sugar Island. With strong hometown support, I accepted the challenge to lead. My Uncle lives as far from the Sault as you can and still be in Michigan. He is a full blooded Indian from Sugar Island. He receives no tribal services but proudly gives back as a Firekeeper and Tribal Elder. I proudly advocate for him and ~ All Members Everywhere. This motivation is still in my heart and drives me to support At Large representation and services.

You've watch me grow up and grow older into a more deliberative and cautious leader. I am motivated to serve our Elders, Youth, and everyone in between. With my younger brother's passing, I am raising my 14 year old nephew. As such, my focus on youth is even more inspired to provide them opportunities for jobs, education and recreation past generations never had.

Serving as your Chairperson means a great deal to me. I have worked hard and will work even harder for your trust and vote. May *Gitchi Manidou* (the Creator) watch over all of us.

*~ Chi McQuitch, Negee, Aaron*

# Anishinaabemowin 2020

*Mkwa Giizis  
Bear Moon*

*You are a work in progress, which means you get there  
a little at a time, not all at once.*

by Susan Askwith

## Miinzisan - Hair

- Nda** gaanwaankwe.
- Jim** tkwonikwe.
- Sam** bashkondibe.
- Alan** gwayakwaabiigdikwe.
- \*Biisgindibe.
- Nookmis** waabshkindibe.
- Nda** makadewaankwe.
- N'mishoomis** waabkwe.
- \*Zaawindibe.
- Jim** akiaandekwe.
- Nda** bkondibe.
- N'wii** nsikwedizo.
- N'wii** gziibiigindibe.
- Phyllis** kaadenige.

- I have long hair.
- Jim** has short hair.
- Sam** is bald.
- Alan** has straight hair.
- He (or she)** has curly hair.
- My grandma** has white hair.
- I have black hair.
- My grandpa** has gray hair.
- He (or she)** has yellow hair.
- Jim** has brown hair.
- My hair** is messed up.
- I will** comb my hair.
- I will** wash my hair.
- Phyllis** has braids.

\* When nobody is named, assume it's he or she.

## Wiingaashk —

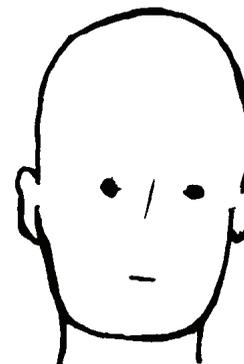
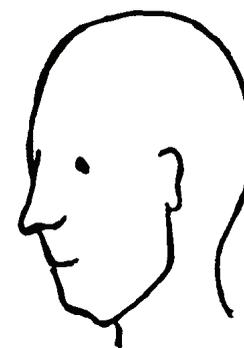
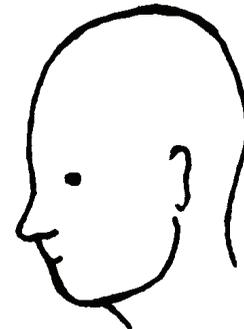
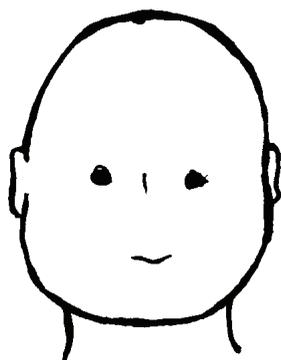
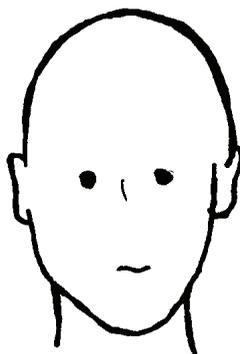
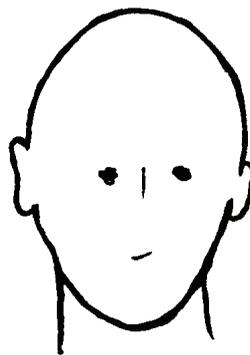
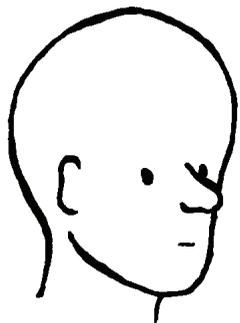
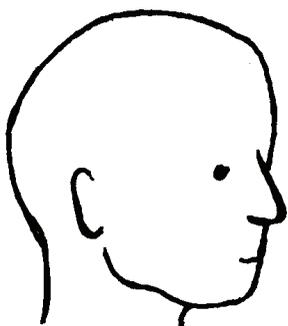
*Sweetgrass* is one of our four sacred medicines. It is said to be the hair of *Mother Earth (Kashinaan Aki)*. Both *wiingashk* and human hair were usually braided - three strands woven together. One teaching says single strands are weak when pulled. A braid creates strength, as does belonging to a family, tribe and all of creation. And the three strands could also represent body, mind and spirit. What teachings have you learned about braids?

**Give each “person” here some hair (or keep them bald!). Under each, write words that describe the color and type of hair you drew.**

## Why did our Anishinaabek ancestors wear their hair long?

Perhaps it reminded them of our connection with the rest of nature. Maybe it had spiritual significance - a source of strength and power. Certainly it was a sign of belonging to a strong vibrant culture where they could feel healthy pride and self respect. Traditional practices and understandings concerning hair varied among tribes and even among tribe members. What traditional practices have you been taught?

Today the way we keep our hair is usually more an expression of personal preference than reflecting our traditional values. But we could choose to arrange it as a physical symbol of our intention to *live in the good ways (mino bimaadiz-iwin)* of our people, and a continuation of our tribal history. Not necessary, but a pretty interesting option to consider.



**CAUTION!!** Just pick one phrase or a couple words from this lesson to learn. Have fun, not stress.

**Little kid:** Mom, why is your hair white?  
**Mom:** Every time I worry about you one turns white.  
**Little kid:** Mom! What did you do to Grandma?

### Pronunciation Guide; How to Sound Really Good:

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

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

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

# Sault Tribe Thrive opens in Tamarack Business Center

**BY SAULT TRIBE THRIVE**

What is Sault Tribe Thrive? Sault Tribe Thrive is a branch of the Sault Tribe EDC. We mean business! We are the business development branch of the EDC. Through board support, the EDC was able to secure a \$485,000 Minority Business Development Agency multi-year grant to develop the Sault Tribe Thrive. Sault Tribe Thrive's objective is to successfully support a Sault Tribe member-owned business environment through outreach and educational efforts.

Additionally, Sault Tribe Thrive aims to develop several model businesses that exemplify the various scenarios in which tribal member business owners can realize the operational benefits of partnerships with Sault Tribe. We want to attract AND start up tribal member owned businesses on Sault Tribe lands AND support growth of tribal member owned business worldwide.

Our goal is to bring consistency in our approach to business development. This includes the formation of the Sault Tribe Business Alliance, a tribal member-owned business directory, a monthly newsletter, monthly updates in the tribe's newspaper, website and social media presence (coming soon) and using regional service providers to share opportunities for business owners and entrepreneurs. Both established businesses and start-ups are encouraged to connect with Sault Tribe Thrive to help

better understand the benefits of doing business on tribal trust lands and within the tax agreement areas. We strive to help our tribal business owners overcome the unique challenges faced by tribes, facilitating job creation and retention, business start-up, relocations to tribal lands, sales growth, government contracting and capital formation. We provide expertise in the areas of property and land management, retail enterprises and business services.

Sault Tribe Thrive operates under a director and business support coordinator, positions directly created by the Minority Business Development Agency grant. Justin Emery was hired as business support coordinator in November 2019. Justin is a Sault Tribe member and native of St. Ignace.

"I could not be happier to support our Native people and I'm encouraged by the direction the Sault Tribe EDC is headed," Emery said.

After graduating from Lasalle High School in 2007, he enrolled at Alma College, completing work for his bachelor's in business in 2012. Emery held customer-forward positions for multiple local financial institutions before coming to work for the Sault Tribe. Emery resides in Sault Ste. Marie with his wife and son.

In December 2019, the Sault Tribe EDC hired David Lockhart as director of business development. "It's exciting to see the

recent progression of the Sault Tribe EDC," Lockhart said. "Business development is an area of significant opportunity for the Sault Tribe and our tribal members due to the benefits afforded to us through the Tribal Tax Agreement and trust land status."

Lockhart is a Sault Tribe member and lifelong Sault resident who has worked for the tribe in many capacities since 2011. After completing work on a bachelor's degree in English and communication at Lake Superior State University, he

began working for the tribe in Human Resources, later moving to positions in marketing and accounting. While working full-time for the tribe he enrolled in Central Michigan University's MSA program, completing graduate work on a concentration in information resource management in 2014. Most recently, Lockhart provided internal audit services for the tribe before moving into his current role.

In 2018, Lockhart fulfilled a lifelong dream by teaming up with his wife, Matty, to start

their locally-focused, sustainable online-floral studio, Bloom Co., LLC. Together he and his wife live in Sault Ste. Marie with their three children.

For additional information regarding Sault Tribe Thrive, contact Justin Emery, business support coordinator, via email at jemery@saulttribe.net, phone (906) 635-6050, extension 26121; or David Lockhart, director of business development, via email at dlockhart3@saulttribe.net or phone, 635-6050, extension 26303.



## My Trusted Friends and Communities,

It is my profound honor to represent you. I would like to take this opportunity to announce to the members of Unit 2 that I will be running for re-election for our tribal nation. I will continue to be a sound, stable voice at the table, at the state and federal levels, for you and your families. Please take the time to make sure that you are registered to vote and, as always, please contact me any time: 906-484-2954.

# Lana Causley-Smith

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Lana Causley-Smith.

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“I am humbled by the outpouring of support the members have given me and hope to once again have your support this election cycle.”

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**As the number of fatal opioid overdoses continue to increase dramatically across America, it is IMPORTANT to have naloxone in the hands of first responders, health professionals, family members, roommates and friends who can save someone's life before it's too late!**

**Who is at risk for an opioid overdose?**

- People who take prescription opioids, especially in high doses.
- People who use alcohol, anti-depressants, or benzodiazepines in addition to opioids.
- People who are addicted to prescription or illicit opioids.
- People who have recently detoxed from opioids, or who are recently in recovery from opioid addiction.

**What is naloxone?**

- Also known by brand names Narcan or Evzio—Safe, FDA-approved medication that has been proven to reverse opioid overdoses in minutes. It comes in forms of a nasal spray and an injection.
- It can reverse an opioid overdose in minutes.

**How does naloxone work?**

- When you take an opioid, it binds to specific receptors in the brain, spinal cord & gastrointestinal tract.
- During an overdose, the drugs depress the user's respiratory system so much that the user stops breathing completely.
- Naloxone is an opioid antagonist used to temporarily reverse the effects of an overdose.
- It binds to the same receptor as the opioid, displacing the opioid in the process & temporarily undoing its harmful effects.
- After naloxone has been administered to an overdose victim, they can begin breathing again within a matter of a minute.

**What is the need?**

- There is a small time period of opportunity to reverse overdose & ensure the person stays alive when they overdose.
- Must be introduced to the body relatively quickly.
- It's only meant to be a first line of defense during overdose, because its antidote effect will wear off in 20-90 minutes.
- It buys time for the victim until they can be treated more thoroughly by licensed medical professionals.

**How do you get naloxone?**

- You may be able to access free or low-cost naloxone kits through community organizations.
- Local Pharmacy—these medications are available in most states without a prescription. (Cost varies)

# Explore American Indian foods at indigikitchen.com

BY RICK SMITH

Bringing traditional American Indian foods to an interface with digital technology is what folks find at indigikitchen.com. The website name is a mash of the words indigenous, digital and kitchen. According to the website, its aim is to use modern digital media to invigorate interest in indigenous foods, help folks to find and prepare food on their own reservations and strengthen cultural ties and well being.

Indigikitchen.com is the brainchild of Mariah Gladstone who has Blackfeet and Cherokee ancestry. In the coming fall, Gladstone is going on the road in a year long search of American Indian cooks of traditional indigenous fare across the continent with recipes to share in order to build a database of recipes. She also wants to build on the cooking videos she currently has posted on the site. She'll buy the goods to make the meals, cooks just have to be willing to be filmed sharing their time and culinary skills in making dishes. And she's looking for people now, those interested can leave



Photo courtesy of Mariah Gladstone

**Left, renowned Sioux Chef and Native foods restaurateur Sean Sherman and indigikitchen.com founder Mariah Gladstone at a collaborative cooking demonstration done as part of a No Kid Hungry function in Billings, Mont. Gladstone is soon embarking on a journey across Indian Country in search of traditional indigenous fare. Pictured here, Sherman speaks as Gladstone is making blue corn crusted lake trout with a lamb's quarter pesto.**

initial information at Facebook/indigikitchen.

Gladstone notes on the website that healthful eating generally involves avoiding processed foods and preservatives.

Indigenous foods like wild game, berries, corn, squash and wild rice are easier to digest than processed foods such as wheat flour, dairy and sugar. Among American Indians, eating the

locally harvested foods of our ancient ancestors has the added benefit reinforcing cultural bonds.

According to Gladstone, Indigikitchen.com is another way of helping of helping Indian Country to be strong. "My path has always pushed me to strengthening resilience within Native communities," she said. "I was drawn to sustainability."

After graduating from Columbia University in New York with a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental engineering with a focus on alternative and renewable energy, Gladstone saw the need for indigikitchen.

"I returned home to the Blackfeet Reservation in Montana after graduation and confronted the realities of living 40 miles from a grocery store that carried expensive and unhealthy goods," she said. "I realized the term 'food desert' only applies to the distances it took to purchase food. We still live in lands that provide for us, but we must relearn how to use those traditional foods. With that in mind, I stepped away

from engineering and created indigikitchen."

Indigikitchen.com features short cooking videos on the site and Gladstone also offers presentations and programs to share knowledge about indigenous foods with local communities.

The Aspen Institute Center for Native American Youth recognized Gladstone as a Champion for Change in 2017 citing her work in decolonizing Native diets through her online cooking videos. The center said, "Mariah's passion for this work comes from the knowledge that the disproportionate rate at which Native peoples are affected by diabetes is due in large part to historical attacks on Native diets carried out by the U.S. government in an attempt to colonize America."

Further, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation selected Gladstone for a Culture of Health Leader fellowship and she was named a 2018 Grist 50 Fixer.

Along with her many functions with indigikitchen.com, Gladstone is active in other endeavors promoting indigenous diets.

## Absentee ballots now available for state's presidential primary

LANSING — Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson recently announced that absent voter ballots are available with clerks across the state so voters can now request an absentee ballot for the presidential primary election.

Due to the constitutional amendment passed by voters in 2018, all eligible and registered voters in Michigan may request an absent voter ballot without providing a reason. They can visit their local clerk's office for

an absent voter ballot application or download one at Michigan.gov/Vote.

There is no political party registration requirement and any Michigan registered voter can participate in the presidential

primary on March 10. At the polling place and on the absentee ballot application, voters will be asked to select a presidential primary ballot for either the Democratic or Republican parties that also may contain local election items. Voters who do not wish to participate in the presidential primary may request a ballot that contains only local items.

Although some of the candidates have suspended their

campaigns nationally, state law required the candidate listing to be finalized in December 2019. To have their name removed from the ballot, candidates had to submit a formal request in writing to withdraw their name to the Bureau of Elections by Dec. 13, 2019.

All voters can visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at Michigan.gov/Vote to view the candidates and questions that will be on their ballot.

## Urban Indian military veterans health bills pending

BY RICK SMITH

Bills that would improve access to health care for American Indian military veterans in cities across the United States pend on the floors of the U.S. Congress.

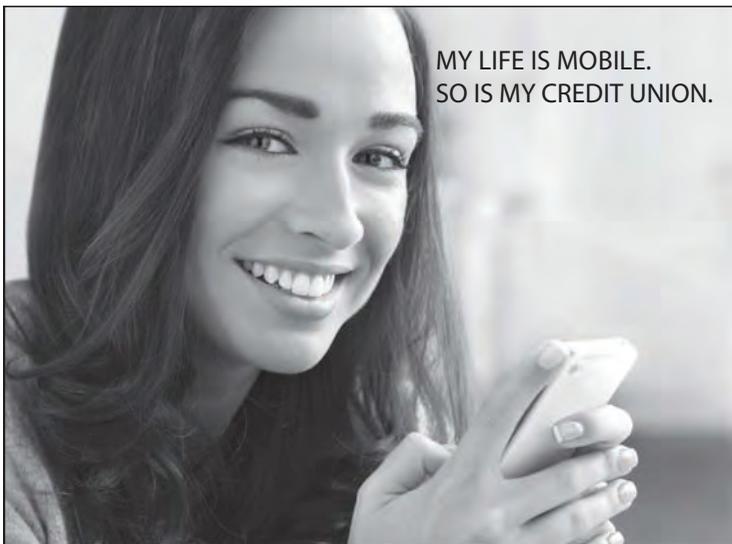
Last August, Democratic Senator Tom Udall of New Mexico and Representative Ro Khanna of California The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives introduced the *Health Care Access for Urban Native Americans Act* (S. 2365 and H.R. 4153). The Senate bill was placed on the legislative calendar in December and the House

version is in committee.

The legislation would improve health care access for American Indian veterans by incorporating U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care coverage at urban Indian health centers. According to a joint announcement from Udall and Khanna, the legislation would help Native veterans get culturally competent care while relieving the burden on the VA health care system.

Currently, federal law permits the VA to reimburse federal and tribe-operated Indian Health Services facilities for care provided to American Indian veter-

ans, but does not include urban Indian health centers. The Health Care Access for Urban Native Americans Act would correct that oversight.



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<p><b>When:</b> Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 5:30-7:00 PM</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Washington Elementary Ryan St., Sault Ste. Marie</p> <p><b>What to Bring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of Birth Certificate</li> <li>• Shot Records</li> <li>• Social Security Card</li> <li>• Proof of Residence (Such as a utility bill)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Age Requirements</b> Age 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2020</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">Sault Area Public Schools "A Great Place to Learn"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tribal Card (If applicable)</li> <li>• Your child</li> </ul>
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If you have any questions regarding Sault Area Schools Kindergarten Roundup, please call Amy Kronemeyer at 906-635-5653.

# Online reporting goes live; 2020 license reminders

**SUBMITTED BY ROBERT MARCHAND, CHIEF OF POLICE**

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and the Natural Resources Department are excited to announce that online treaty licensing reporting is now available for our members, regardless of which license you hold: Commercial, Subsistence/Gill net, or Inland Hunting and Fishing or Non Hunter Harvest card. STLE and NRD would like to thank Sault Tribe's IT Security Department and Sault Tribe's Communications Department for all their assistance in making this happen.

Please note that this new feature is simply adding one more method that our members are able to use to submit required reports. It does not change or add any additional requirements than what are already in place. To review requirements associated with each type of license Sault Tribe issues, please go to [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com), Government, Tribal Code, and access either Chapter 21 or 23 for the Inland Fishing, Hunting and Gathering rules, or Chapter 20 and CORA Code for Commercial and Subsistence/Gill netting rules.



To access online reports for whichever license you hold, please go to [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com), and there are several locations you'll be able to find the electronic reports:

1. The main website page will have a Treaty Licensing Reporting button in the shape of a police badge. Click on it and it will take you to the page that has all three reports available along with instruction pages;
2. Sault Tribe Law Enforcement's Conservation page will have a link on it that will take you to the page that has all three reports available along with instruction pages. On Law Enforcement's main page, click the red Conservation Enforcement option and on that

page, you'll click the red Treaty Licensing Reporting; or

3. Sault Tribe's Natural Resources Department page (where you go to get all Inland related documents – applications, harvest reports, and other information) will have the available reports and instruction pages in their downloads section or by clicking the red "For Applications Click Here" option at the bottom of their page.

Each required report has a set of instructions that should help you get through the submittal process successfully. Please contact our office if you encounter any issues with this new report submittal process and we will be happy to assist. Please note that you are still able to submit required reports through the other methods that have been available: fax, U.S. Mail, drop off at the Sault Tribe Law Enforcement's office in Sault Ste. Marie, and for the commercial and subsistence reports, you can email them to both [ahorner@saulttribe.net](mailto:ahorner@saulttribe.net) and [rlafaver@saulttribe.net](mailto:rlafaver@saulttribe.net) (you must email to both Amber and Rachel and receive a response that your report was received from one of them).

## Inland Hunting, Fishing, and Gathering Licenses

Inland licenses are good for fishing only inland lakes and streams in Sault Tribe's Treaty Area. 2020 Inland Hunting, Fishing, and Gathering and Inland Non-Hunting Harvest cards will be available March 2, 2020. 2019 inland licenses do not expire until March 31, 2020, so if you are still engaged in any allowable activities, please make sure you hang on to your 2019 license until then. Remember that if you held a 2019 license, you will not be able to obtain the 2020 license until you have submitted your 2019 Harvest Report. This report is required of everyone who held a 2019 license regardless of activity during the 2019 licensing season.

## Subsistence and/or Subsistence Gill Net Licenses

These licenses are authorized only on the Great Lakes within Sault Tribe's 1836 Treaty Area. If you have not yet obtained your 2020 Subsistence or Subsistence and Gill Net licenses, you do not have a reporting requirement. If you have obtained your license, please remember that regardless of activity during the reporting month, you are required to submit

a monthly catch report no later than the 10th of each month. For example, if you held your license on any day in the month of February, you are required to submit a report no later than March 10. If you held your license in March, you are required to submit a report no later than April 10, and so on.

Please remember that if you receive the gill net license, you must also have the general subsistence license and carry both while you are engaged in the activity. At any time during the licensing year, if you are no longer fishing under these licenses, you are able to turn them in to Sault Tribe Law Enforcement with a final catch report and you will not be responsible for any further reporting, unless you pick the license(s) back up at any time during that licensing year. Gill net fishers must turn in both the general subsistence license and the subsistence gill net license.

Sault Tribe members are authorized to engage in recreational fishing on the Great Lakes in the 1836 Treaty Area using just their tribal membership cards and abiding by State of Michigan

*See "Reporting," page 12*

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# Board resolutions passed during January meetings

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 7 at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie. All board members were present with the exception of Charles Matson. There were 20 resolutions discussed and passed, 12 by unanimous vote.

Resolution 2020-01 — Third party revenue FY 2020 budget modification — Approved for an increase of transfer monies of \$166,270.60.

02 — Sawyer Village, Harvey, FY 2020 capital expenditures budget modification — Approved for an increase of \$482,500, with funding from the fund balance of Sawyer Village.

03 — ACFS, Family Violence FY 2020 budget modification — Approved for an increase in Federal HHS monies of \$46,296.

04 — Family Violence Prevention and Services Program — The board authorized the application to the Family and Youth Services Bureau for funding of a Family Violence Prevention and Services Program for FY 2020-21.

05 — Natural Resources, Canada Lynx, establishment of a FY 2020 budget — Approved with Federal BIA monies of \$41,050.77.

06 — Facilities Escanaba property establishment of FY 2020 budget — Approved with Tribal Buildings Funds monies of \$15,000.

07 — Facilities vacant lots, establishment of FY 2020 budget — Approved with Tribal Buildings Funds monies of \$30,500.

08 — Facilities Wequayoc

Cemetery, establishment of FY 2020 budget — Approved with Tribal Buildings Funds monies of \$5,000.

09 — BIE Part B and C Funding, FY 2020 — The board supported and accepted the BIE Part C in the amount of \$10,250, and the Part B Funding in the amount of \$141,260.

10 — Authorizing a limited waiver of sovereign immunity as required to obtain a liquor license from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, White Pine Lodge — The tribe agreed to a limited waiver of its sovereign immunity in connection with its operation of White Pine Lodge Enterprises to facilitate the transfer of a state liquor license in the name of White Pine Lodge Enterprises.

11 — Trust land statue, Methodist Mission Reserve, Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County, Mich. — The tribe requested the Secretary of the Interior accept title to the Methodist Mission Reserve in trust for the benefit of the tribe.

12 — Approving contract Ogitchiida Qwe and Associates — The board approved a new contract with Ogitchiida Qwe and Associates, ending Dec. 31, 2020.

13 — Approving Special Counsel contract, Bruce R. Greene & Associates, LLC — Approved for the purpose of providing legal services to the tribe, ending Dec. 31, 2020.

14 — Approving Special Counsel contract Alexis Lambros — Approved for the purpose of providing legal services to the tribe, ending Dec. 31, 2020.

15 — Approving Special Counsel contract, Morisset,

Schlosser, Jozwiak & Somerville — Approved through Dec. 31, 2020, for providing legal services to the tribe related to treaty fishing rights.

16 — Approving contract, Frost Brown Todd, LLC — Approved for the purpose of providing legal services to the tribe, expiring Dec. 31, 2020.

17 — Approving contract, Butzel Long, P.C. — Approved for providing legal services in relation to general civil litigation and related matters, ending Dec. 31, 2020.

18 — Approving contract, Plunkett Cooney, P.C. — Approved for providing legal services in relation to general civil litigation and related matters, ending Dec. 31, 2020.

19 — Approving contract, Miller Nash Graham & Dunn L.L.P. — Approved for the purpose of providing legal services, ending Dec. 31, 2020.

20 — Amending letter of credit to increase limited waiver of sovereign immunity and consent to waiver of tribal court jurisdiction credit agreement with PNC Bank, National Association, authorization to enter into agreements, Sault Tribe self-funded unemployment program — Approved.

The board convened another meeting in Sault Ste. Marie on Jan. 21 with all present.

2020-21 — Partial Waiver of Convictions — Granted for a Jan. 30, 2019, misdemeanor of domestic violence.

22 — Education — Early Head Start and Head Start BIA FY 2020 Budget Modifications — Approved for an increase of Bureau of Indian Affairs funding of \$70,471.77 with no effect on tribal support.

23 — Establishment of 2020 Budget Judicial Services and Juvenile Probation Officer FY 2020 Budget Modification — Established budget for Bureau of

Indian Affairs funds of \$497,992, Tribal Court fund balance of \$38,239.76, tribal support funds of \$106,991.98 and a transfer out to juvenile probation office of \$46,162.16. Further approves modification to juvenile probation officer for a change in the personnel sheet for an increase of State of Michigan funding of \$4,112.83 and an increase of transfer funds from Judicial Services of \$4,112.84.

24-26 — Trust Land Status — Three resolutions requesting the Secretary of the Interior take three parcels of land in trust for the benefit of the tribe. The parcels are at Rabbits Back Peak in the Township of St. Ignace in Mackinac County, 1229 Marquette Ave., in Sault Ste. Marie and A.B. Wilgus Block 12 Lots 24-30 in Sault Ste. Marie.

27 — Authority and Approval for the Chairperson to Execute Memorandum of Understanding and Non-Disclosure Agreement With Batchewana First Nation — Authorized the board's chairperson to enter terms established in a memorandum of understanding and non-disclosure agreement with Batchewana First Nation to pursue collaboration on a cross-border economic development opportunity.

28 — Tamarack Business Center Authorization to Verify Supporting Documentation — Authorized the tribe's EDC executive director or his designee to sign documents verifying the purpose, use, land status and zoning of the Tamarack Business Center.

29 — Authorization to Apply for a Grant From the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) — Authorized the tribal EDC to apply for a grant of up to \$80,000 to obtain strategic consultation and training services to move the Sault

Tribe Inc. initiative forward.

30 — Authorization to Apply for a Grant From the Economic Development Agency (EDA) — Authorized the tribe's EDC executive director to apply for an EDA grant of up to \$300,000 for assessing economic development opportunities for existing lands and develop a plan to move forward with such plan. The application includes the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning as a joint applicant.

No resolution 2020-31.

32 — Sault Tribe Comprehensive Classification and Compensation Study Project 19-053 Contract Award and Budget Authorization — Authorized the selection and contracting with MGT Consulting Group to perform classification and compensation studies of governmental, enterprise and gaming positions with funding of \$270,460 from Human Resources.

33 — Approving Contract Michael T. Edwards — Authorized legal services contract to Dec. 31, 2020.

34 — Amendment of Sault Tribe Purchasing Policy Addendum B for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians — Accepted recommendations of the Audit Committee and approved revisions on the purchasing policy.

35 — Amending Res. 2017-212: US v MI Negotiations — Directs retention of Marc Slonim and Lauren King to represent the tribe in the coming US v MI 2020 negotiations with Mason Morisset of Morisset, Schlosser, Jozwiak and Somerville as lead counsel.

To see the above resolutions, and others, in their entirety, visit Saulttribe.com and go to the downloads section under the "government" and "board of directors" links on the top of the page.

## Online reporting goes live

From "Reporting," page 11 rules, including seasons and methods.

### Commercial Licenses

We would like to remind all Commercial Captains that as soon as you renew your license for 2020, you are required to submit either monthly harvest reports, or, if you fish MM123 areas, you are required to submit a report twice a month. Non-MM123 captains are required to submit a report no later than the 10th of each month; MM123 fishers are required to submit a report that covers the 1st through the 15th — due no later than the 20th — and a report that covers the 16th through the last day of the month, due no later than the 10th of the following month. For example, if you do not fish MM123, but held a license in the month of February, you are required to submit a harvest report no later than March 10. If you DO fish MM123, and you held a license in the month of February, you are required to submit a harvest report covering Feb. 1 – 15 due no later than Feb.

20, 2020; you are also required to submit a harvest report covering Feb. 16-29 due no later than March 10, 2020.

If you advise STLE that you fish in MM123, it is expected that you submit the harvest reports due the 20th and 10th of each month (see above). If you decide not to fish MM123, you must contact STLE and let us know or we will still be expecting two reports each month and you will receive a ticket if both reports are not received by the deadline. STLE has no way of knowing whether you are continuing to fish in MM123 unless you call and let us know.

If you have not yet renewed this year, please remember that you are required to call our office to schedule an appointment.

### General Information

As always, if members have any questions regarding any of the treaty licensing requirements, please feel free to call Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and we will put you in touch with an Officer. We can be reached at (906) 635-6065.

### TRIBAL MEMBER REGISTRATION IN THE TAX AGREEMENT AREA

#### TRIBAL MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

(Including the Issuance of Certificates of Exemptions)

#### INITIAL REGISTRATION AND OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**Under the Tax Agreement between the Tribe and the State, tribal members who live within the "Agreement Area" are able to claim exemption from certain state taxes. In order to take advantage of these benefits, the member must be registered with the Tribal Tax Office and must prove that they do live in the "Agreement Area."**

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

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

#### CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTIONS

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

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

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

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# Snowshoe moon walk - fun, friends and food!



Health educator Charlee Brissette helps a participant don her snowshoes.



Some participants brought their own snowshoes.



Young and old enjoyed the moon walk on the Big Bear Nature Trail adjacent to the arena.



## STORY AND PHOTOS BY COMMUNITY HEALTH

When the days are short and the temps are cold, staying physically active can be a challenge. But, when recreating outside with friends, winter activity can be a lot of FUN!

This is why the Sault Tribe Wellness Collaborative hosted the second annual snowshoe moonwalk on Jan. 30. At the walk, Sault Tribe members gathered together to celebrate the outdoors, eat deliciously nutritious foods and, most importantly, to have a blast in this winter

wonderland!

At the walk, which took place at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, community members enjoyed an evening of snowshoeing on the nature trail and feasting on healthful, indigenous foods.

The Chi Mukwa Recreation Department also provided free snowshoe usage and while many took advantage of this generous offering, some brought their own — a few sported their traditional Ojibwe bear paw snowshoes!

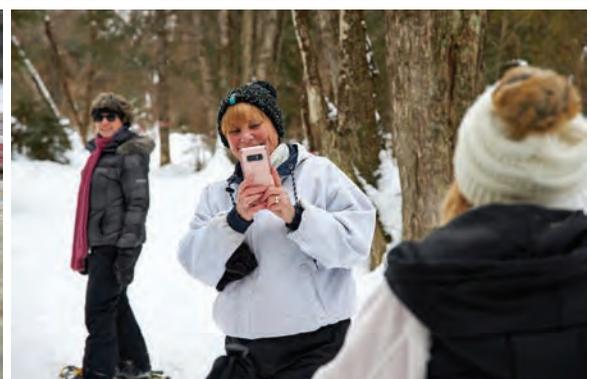
Our Health Education team was assisted by Josh Biron

from the Language and Culture Department, who helped keep the fire, providing warmth during the windy evening, and by Community Health's registered dietitians Kristy Hill and Mary Bunker, who served warm tomato and pumpkin soups, tuna and avocado sliders and hot apple cider to all who participated.

To learn more about great opportunities for winter physical activity, contact Community Health Education at (906) 632-5210 or Big Bear Recreation at (906) 635-7465.



Delicious food awaited the chilly participants.



Of course, the experience had to be documented!



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Market Walk



Walk to earn tokens to spend on locally grown produce at the Munising Farmers' & Artisans' Market!

Visit the Tribal Health Center Walking Track (located upstairs)

The Market Walk is a **FREE** program to promote healthy living. It is open to Tribal Members and all Alger County residents!

Walk at the Munising Tribal Health Center's Walking Track located upstairs at 615 W. Munising Ave. between 4:30-8:00pm M-F, **starting January 27** and ending on May 1, 2020 **or** until all available tokens have been distributed.

For every mile walked, receive a token worth \$1.00 from the track attendant. Tokens can then be redeemed at the Munising Farmers' and Artisans' Market located at Bay Shore Park on Tuesdays from 4:00-7:00 pm May-October.

Please make an effort to redeem tokens within one market season.



The Alger Wellness Coalition, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and the Munising Farmers' and Artisans' Market are partnering to provide local residents an environment to be more physically active and to eat more locally grown fruits and vegetables.



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# Local Girl Scouts energy workshop "Get Moving! It's Your Planet – LOVE IT! Leadership Journey"



Girls open meeting with Girl Scout traditional flag ceremony



Kathryn Jacques, MSUE, helped girls with their smoothie recipe for the energy conversion demonstration.



After a teaching from Colleen Medicine, Rowan helps smudge and then they began with an opening prayer.



Above, demonstrating fuel efficiency. Below, Kathryn Jacques, MSUE, and Cora converting energy into a delicious smoothie!



BY DANI KING, GIRL SCOUT LEADER TROOP 5170

Girl Scouts do amazing things and our local Girl Scout Juniors in grades 4 and 5 are no exception. On Saturday, Jan. 11, local Junior Girl Scout troops met in downtown Sault Ste. Marie at the Ojibway Learning Center and Library on Ashmun Street to learn

about energy.

As they worked on their "Get Moving! It's Your Planet – LOVE IT! Leadership Journey," they were introduced to topics in energy by professionals from MSU Extension of Chippewa County and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (Divisions: Environmental, Culture, Strategic

Planning, and Traditional Medicine) with some additional help from local Girl Scout leaders and parent volunteers. Topics included physical energy, spirit-cultural energy, building energy, efficiency and conservation, environment and water, and outdoor energy. Lasting impacts and connections were made on

international agricultural practices from seed to table with a healthy and nutritious home-cooked lunch provided with no single use items.

Each activity and moment throughout the day supported teaching others to use their personal energy to conserve, preserve, and support our environment.

Girls will be reaching out to share what they learned with their community with a follow-up Take Action Project which requires them to identify an issue and lead a sustainable change.

Girls can join Girl Scouts by logging onto [gsnwg.org](http://gsnwg.org), or by calling (888) 747-6945.



Adriana and Saige enjoying a healthy lunch



Larry Jacques, Sault Tribe Strategic Planning explaining the fuel efficiency experiment before they see it LIVE!



Girls wait in line for their meal, eating with non disposable dinnerware so they do not contribute to landfill. Scraps were composted and dishes washed.



Laura Downwind and Lori Gambardella from Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine teaching Anishinaabemowin phrases with spirit-cultural energy.



Kathie Brosemer, Sault Tribe Environmental Department director with an energy saving activity, window caulking.



Stephanie Rosa, local Girl Scout Leader energizing the girls between sessions with some Yoga.



## 22nd Annual Family Celebration

### EVENT INFORMATION:

Monday March 23, 2020  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Chi-Mukwa Recreation Center  
(Big Bear) 2 Ice Circle  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI

### OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

- FREE Pizza and Snacks
- FREE Ice Skating/Skate Rental
- Cupcake Walk/Games
- Family Fun Grand Prizes

### Celebrate Parenting Awareness Month

Local organizations and businesses will have tables with program information for parents and interactive activities for children. Join us in celebrating YOUR family and attend this **TOTALLY FREE EVENT!**

**\*\*Parental Supervision is REQUIRED!**

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# Winter lessons on Anishinaabek storytelling

## PHOTOS AND STORY FROM HEALTH EDUCATION

Winter is a very special time for the Anishinaabe. It is when our stories are told — when our knowledge and teachings are passed from one generation to the next. So, in order to honor this season and to learn more about the tradition of storytelling, Health Education caught up with Laura Collins-Downwind, Sault Tribe's Traditional Medicine Program supervisor.



### From the Anishinaabe perspective, what is the purpose of storytelling?

LD: Storytelling is a way the ancestors taught our people the history/legends/lessons, which passed to the next generations. They took time to slowly teach our ways through stories; going from creation, to how we live, to how/why we do things.



### Tell us more about passing knowledge and wisdom from generation to generation — how does storytelling tie into this?

LD: Everything (teachings and learning) in our past was done through oral tradition. Our Naanaboozhoo teachings are the Adizookan and folk teachings are other type of teachings and passing on the ways.



### Why is storytelling traditionally done in the winter months?

LD: Storytelling talks of many spiritual things and during the winter months they [the spirits] are more dormant and it protects us from calling them to the location. The earth is at rest during the winter months and it gave/gives the community a time to gather, mend and build relationships to find out what the duties are within our people.

### Why are some stories only to be told in the Anishinaabemowin language?

LD: The stories are told in the language because it is the first language, where words are not translated exactly as what they

are in English. It teaches our people to go back to the original ways.



### What do younger generations need to know about the importance of storytelling and listening to the stories?

LD: They need to understand the relationship between elders and youth in who we are as Anishinaabe. It teaches them patience, lessons and understanding. It is vital to understanding who we are and our identity, relationships and roles we all had within our community.



### What else would you like to add?

LD: Storytelling is a part of our healing as a community. It will bring us back from assimilation and the traumas we have



been through, and it shows our youth the way our community can be and should be.

Health Education is planning a storytelling event for either February or March where the

story of the snowsnake will be shared. More details coming soon.

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TRADITIONAL POW WOW

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020**

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# Nelson presented with eagle feather



On Feb. 6, 2020, at the Munising Elder Committee meeting, Dolores LeVeque, presented an eagle feather to Anita Nelson for her many years of service to the Sault Tribe, starting as a Community Health representative in the seventies, to board member and beyond.

# Wendy Nault recognized



Child Care instructor Wendy Nault was selected Employee of the Month for the Early Childhood programs.

# Anderle twins arrive



Eric and Rachel (née Derusha) Anderle of Grand Haven, Mich., announce the birth of their identical twin daughters, Vera Rae Anderle and Laurel Erin Anderle. They arrived on Aug. 7, 2019, at Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Vera arrived at 9:19 p.m., weighed 4 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 18.5 inches in length. Laurel arrived at 9:23 p.m., weighed 5 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 18.5 inches in length. Both girls spent their first 32 days in the Neonatal ICU at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital before joining their big brother, Asa (18 months old), at home.

Grandparents are Skip Derusha of Conklin, Mich., and Doug and Barb Anderle of Lamont, Mich.

Vera and Laurel are now healthy and thriving!

# Walking on . . .

## TAYLOR ANDERSON

Taylor "TK" Anderson, 26, a lifelong resident of Bonner Springs, Kan., passed away on Dec. 31, 2019, as the result of an automobile accident.

Taylor was born in Merriam, Kan., on Feb. 22, 1993. He grew up and attended schools in Bonner Springs.

Taylor was a very talented professional pool player and had won many tournaments and awards. He was very well known in the local pool community and he had taught in various pool clinics and given pool lessons to many. Taylor enjoyed playing basketball with his friends, working out at the YMCA, shopping at the mall but above all he loved spending time with his family and friends.



Taylor was survived by his mother and father, Terry Ann Anderson and Jason Lightfoot of Tonganoxie, Kan.; his dad, Freddy Anderson of Springfield, Mo.; one brother, Jerron Lightfoot of Tonganoxie; two half-sisters, Tori Saragusa-Hall and Chloe Perkins; maternal grandparents, Terry and Larry Mitchener, of Bonner Springs, and Jerry and Brenda Lightfoot of Rondo, Mo.; maternal great-grandmothers, Bea Wolff and Arlene Mitchener, of Bonner Springs; and the love of his life, Ashley Greene, of Bonner Springs, as well as several other extended family and many, many friends.

Taylor was preceded in death by his great-grandfather, Harold Wolff, and grandmother, Charlotte Anderson.

Visitation took place on Jan. 7 and the funeral was on Jan. 8, 2020, both at the Alden-Harrington Funeral Home with burial at the Shawnee Mission Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Shawnee, Kan.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Bonner Animal Rescue.

## GEORGE A. BODWIN, SR.

George A. Bodwin, Sr., of Cheboygan, formerly of Mackinac Island, passed away on Jan. 18, 2020, at his home in Cheboygan. He had been a resident of Cheboygan for the past four years, moving there from Manton, where he had resided since his retirement.



Mr. Bodwin was born on July 4, 1931, on Mackinac Island to George Patrick and Barbara (nee Perault) Bodwin.

On June 30, 1950, he married Doris Almeda Cowell on Mackinac Island.

Mr. Bodwin was employed by the State of Michigan for 42 years, retiring in 1995 as the Mackinac Island airport manager. He also served on the Mackinac Island volunteer emergency medical services, the Fire Department for more than 40 years, and the school board. He owned and operated B&B Carpet Cleaning.

While living in Manton, he attended Faith Baptist Church in Cadillac. Mr. Bodwin was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and enjoyed rabbit hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Almeda; four daughters and their families, Jacklin and Dennis Bradley of Mackinac Island, Bonnie and James Baker of Corunna, Martha and Darwin Hughey of Cheboygan, and Midge Ginter of Walker; a daughter-in-law, Kathy Bodwin of Cadillac; 17 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; a stepsister, Annette "Tootsie" Gillespie, and a sister-in-law, Candy Smith, both of Mackinac Island; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mr. Bodwin was preceded in death by his parents; a son, George Allen Bodwin, Jr., who died in 2012; a stepbrother, William Smith; a sister, Mary "Monnie" Fisher; and a grand-

child, Dana.

A memorial service is being planned in the spring on Mackinac Island, with burial to take place at the Mackinac Island cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

The Nordman-Christian Funeral Home of Cheboygan assisted the family with arrangements.

## LLOYED BOUSCHOR

Lloyd "Pat" Bouschor, age 78, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Jan. 8, 2020, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital. He was born on Nov. 14, 1941, on Sugar Island, Mich., to the late George and Rita (Hatch) Bouschor.



Pat was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and worked with Sault Tribe Construction for over 40 years. He enjoyed fishing, camping and the outdoors. He also enjoyed playing BINGO.

Pat is survived by his significant other, Michelle Becker of Sault Ste. Marie; five children, Helen Bouschor, Lloyd "Otis" Bouschor, Jr., Abraham "Abe" Bouschor, David "Zip" Bouschor and Keith "Pebbs" Bouschor all of Sault Ste. Marie; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; siblings, Bernadette (Roger) Azevedo of Sugar Island, Bernard (Laura "Sis") Bouschor of Sault Ste. Marie and Beverly (Sandy Willin) Bouschor of Brimley, Mich.

Pat was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Jane Homminga; and three brothers, Alvin "Cootie" Bouschor, William Bouschor and Raymond "Micky" Bouschor.

Visitation and ceremonies took place on Jan. 12, 2020, at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building officiated by a traditional pipe carrier.

Arrangements are being handled by C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

## LUELLA A. BOSSE

Luella Ann (Visnaw) Bosse, age 72, passed away on Dec. 11, 2019, in Muskegon. She was born in Escanaba, Mich., on Feb. 25, 1947, to Abraham H. and Henrietta (Welch) Visnaw and was a member of Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.



Luella earned her high school diploma from Reeths-Puffer Adult Education in 1977 while raising her three children on her own. She had worked for Johnson Technology for several years and was an active member of Club Interactions. Luella enjoyed riding and working on her motorcycle and cars.

She will be lovingly missed by her children, Princess A. (Keith) Nichols, Terry L. (Bonnie) Bosse, and Chad E. (Amy) Bosse; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother, David Visnaw; many nieces and nephews; and her children's father, Terrance L. Bosse.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers; and one sister.

A memorial service took place on Dec. 21, 2019, at the Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores, Mich., with Rev. Doug Stressman officiating.

Memorials may be directed to Club Interactions.

## ROBERT BERKLAND

Robert "Rob" Berkland, 59, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Jan. 8, 2020, at the Hospice of the EUP - Hospice House.

Rob was born on April 24, 1960, in Sault Ste. Marie, to the late Alfred and Evelyn (Aikens) Berkland. He was a member of

the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Rob enjoyed playing the guitar and singing. He also enjoyed nature walks, camping and traveling.

Rob is survived by his daughter, Brandi Aube of Sault Ste. Marie; five grandchildren, Atticus, Frank, Thomas, Seth and Leah; siblings, Leo Berkland and Karen Berkland, both of Sault Ste. Marie, and Brenda (Bruce) Lipponen of Brimley, Mich.



Rob was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Nathan Berkland; and a sister, Pamela Mahanna.

Visitation and services took place on Jan. 13, 2020, at the C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Burial will be at Mission Hill Cemetery in the spring.

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

## KADEN C. COOK

Kaden Chayce Cook, 19, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Feb. 7, 2020, at his home.

Kaden was born on July 29, 2000, in Sault Ste. Marie, to Kevin and Trishann (Horka) Cook. Kaden attended Sault High School. He enjoyed riding on the golf cart, playing video games and spending time on his computer. When his health was better, he enjoyed fishing, camping and swimming. He was a comedian who loved to tell jokes and dance. He also loved to take care of his plants (tomato, etc.), his cats Waffles and Caramello, and his dogs Tido and Midas.



Kaden is survived by his mother, Trishann Cook of Sault Ste. Marie; his father, Kevin

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(Catherine) Cook of Sault Ste. Marie; and seven siblings, Kelsi Burse, Kyle Cook, Kevin T. Cook, Keaton Cook, Khloe Cruickshank, Justin Reid and Macie Pope all of Sault Ste. Marie. Kaden is also survived by his grandfather, David Horka of Sault Ste. Marie; two nephews who loved him dearly, Chayce Dedene and Carter Cook; and a niece, Ariana McCoy.

Kaden was preceded in death by his grandmother, Frances Horka; and grandparents, Floyd and Catherine Cook.

Visitation and a memorial service were held Feb. 15, 2020, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home.

Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

#### BETTY L. ELLIOTT

Betty Loretta Elliott, 79, of Bay Mills, Mich., passed away on Jan. 29, 2020, at her home.

Betty was born on May 29, 1940, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., the daughter of the late Merlin and Thelma (Alcorn) Taylor. Betty graduated from Brimley High School with the class of 1958. She later attended Bay City Community College. On Dec. 9, 1961, she married Donald R. Elliott in Sault Ste. Marie. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and attended Brimley Congregational Church.

Betty enjoyed playing cribbage and being out in her yard gardening. She was a great baker and cook. She also enjoyed sewing and for years she made all of her children's clothes.

Betty is survived by her husband, Donald Elliott; two children, Dale (Tashina) Elliott of Bay Mills and Marcy (Brian) Steele of Brimley; 10 grandchildren, Tiffany, Allan, Shaylah, Zander, Tim, Mike, Rebecca, Kaitlyn, Brian Jr. and Emma; and 10 great-grandchildren, Ava, Kendrick, Kinley, Brooklyn, Jayden, Noah, Ava, Chloe, Domonic and Lily. She is also survived by two sisters, Sally Cremer of Sault Ste. Marie and Nancy Hascall of Bay Mills.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, William Taylor; and a sister, Carol Taylor.

Visitation and services took place on Feb. 1, 2020, at the Brimley Congregational Church with Pastor Rod Case officiating. Burial will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens on a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Hospice of the EUP. Arrangements were handled by C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

#### PATRICK G. ESSON

Patrick Gordon Esson, age 78, of Gaylord, Mich., passed away peacefully on Feb. 9, 2020, at home.

He was born the son of Elmer and Adelaide (Sylvester) Esson on March 17, 1941, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Pat moved to the Gaylord area in 1971 and worked as a journeyman electrician for 55 years.

He enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing for salmon on the Great Lakes. He also enjoyed playing cards with family and friends and could be found beside a cribbage board, cards in hand, most days. Pat will always be remembered for his quick wit and sense of humor.

In 2001, he married his current wife, Carole.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Elaine Million; his parents, Elmer and Adelaide; his stepfather, William Moher; his brother, Lawrence; and his sister, Lois Sage.

Patrick is survived by his wife, Carole; sons, Michael and Anthony; step-children, Kristine Huffman and Thomas Adkins of Fort Worth, Texas; grandchildren, Megan (Sam) Butterwick, Nathan Esson; step-grandchildren, Grayson, Brayden, and Jensen Huffman and Thomas Adkins III; brother and sister-in-law, Richard (Carolyn) Hank Sr.

A celebration of life took place on Feb. 16, 2020, at the Eagles Hall in Gaylord.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding SE, Ada, MI 49301.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Nelson Funeral Home, [www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com).

#### SHAUN J. HORN

Shaun Jacob Horn, 26, of Sault Ste. Marie, formerly of St. Ignace, passed away on Jan. 30, 2020, in Sault Ste. Marie. He was born on March 3, 1993, to James Robert and Colleen (nee Reynolds) Horn in Petoskey. He was the youngest of six siblings.

Mr. Horn was graduated from LaSalle High School in 2011. He attended Central Michigan University; UTI-Phoenix, where he was graduated with highest honors and was the third highest in his class; Mid-Michigan Community College and Michigan Technological University, where he was named to the dean's list all three semesters. He currently had been attending Lake Superior State University, majoring in cannabis business management.

He loved to hike, snowshoe, bicycle and explore the outdoors. He always loved adventure; the more challenging the better. His favorite place to be was the Keweenaw Peninsula. Mr. Horn loved to spend time with his friends and family, and family members recall he was always there when anyone needed emotional or physical support. He was a very caring and loving person and he always made a point to visit as many friends or family needing his love and support, no matter how far away they lived. He loved spending time with his nieces and nephews, family members said, and they all looked up to him with adoration and count-



ed on him for advice. No matter where he was, you would find his best friend, his dog Buddy, close beside him.

He is survived by his parents, James and Colleen Horn of Hessel; siblings and their families, Patricia Horn and Cliff Shigwadja, Armand and Sara Horn, and Nicole and Matthew Bowes, all of St. Ignace, Katie and Robert Lohff of Mackinac Island, and Shannon Horn of Asheville, North Carolina; nieces and nephews, Gage, Shea-Ann, James, Garrett, Dessa, Tayla, Freddie, Quinn, Dylan, Emma, Kayley, Lexi, Amy, Maddison, Steven, Molly, and William; a great-nephew, Carter; his maternal grandfather, James Jay Reynolds of Marcellus, and his dog, Buddy.

Mr. Horn was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Armand "Smi" and Shirley "Mickey" Horn of Mackinac Island; his maternal grandmother, Janice Medd Reynolds of Marcellus, and an uncle, Armand Miles Horn, Jr. of Mackinac Island.

Visitation took place on Feb. 7 at Straits Evangelical Free Church in St. Ignace. Honorary pallbearers, Freddie Lounsberry, Devin Chargo, Gage Litzner, Caleb Litzner, Chris Dumas, Justin Visnaw and Fred Lounsberry. Burial will be at a later date at Ste. Anne's Catholic Cemetery on Mackinac Island.

Dodson Funeral Home of St. Ignace is assisting the family with arrangements.

#### NANCY A. JONES

Nancy Ann Jones (Killips), 84, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends on Jan. 18, 2020, at Hospice House of the EUP.

She was a magnificent sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, friend and neighbor. She was born Aug. 18, 1935, in Sault Ste. Marie to Edward and Thelma Killips.

Nancy is survived by her husband of 62 years, Cecil Lee Jones Sr.; children, Cecil Jones Jr., Patrick (Lynne) Jones and Nancy (Sean) Beebe; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Dick (Mary Lou) Killips; sisters, Mary (William) Conrad and Maggie (Tom) Balgenorth; and sisters-in-law, Annette Killips, Joanne Killips, Marilyn Killips and Rosemary Killips.

She was preceded in death by her son, John Paul Jones; granddaughter, Sara C. Beebe; brothers, Edward (Rose) Killips, Harry Killips, Don Killips, Frank Killips, Toby Killips, Paul Killips and Jack Killips; and sister, Patsy (Burt) Hazen.

Burial will be held this spring with a graveside service at Riverside Cemetery. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at [www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com](http://www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com).

#### SANDRA L. KEMPF

Sandra Lee Kempf (Sebastian) of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away peacefully on Dec. 21, 2019, after a long battle with

dementia. Sandra was born on March 6, 1956, in Sault Ste. Marie.

She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, friends and helping others. She will always be remembered for having an infectious smile and a gentle, caring heart.

Sandra is survived by her sisters, Linda Osborn and Cheryl Moses Glass; her brother, Kenneth Sebastian; a son, Cory Kempf (Katie); daughter, Andrea Kempf (Rob); grandchildren, Jade TenEyck, Mason Vaughn and Breckynn Kempf.

She is predeceased by her mother, Viola Sebastian (Alvord), and father, Kenneth Sebastian.

The family asks that everyone please take a moment to cherish their loved ones as no one is guaranteed tomorrow in this world. Please make an attempt to be kind to one another.

Services for Sandra will be in spring 2020. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left by visiting at [www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com](http://www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com).

#### DORIS J. LATOUR

Doris Jean LaTour, age 78, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away surrounded by her loving family on Jan. 9, 2020, at her home.

Doris was born on Oct. 9, 1941, in Sault Ste. Marie to the late Frank and Rose (Cadreau) LaTour. She was an elder and member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Doris enjoyed taking pictures of landscapes, sunrises and sunsets. Her passion was rock collecting along the shores of Lake Superior for the ever-elusive "Yoopers rock," camping, and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Doris is survived by her children, Warren Pearce of Sault Ste. Marie, Wayne (Heidi) Pearce of St. Ignace, Mich., Walter Pearce (Deb) of Kincheloe, Mich., Cheri (Tony) Goetz of Munising, Mich., and Jennifer (Clint) Michelin of Marquette, Mich.; 11 grandchildren: Jenalee, John, Katie, Gary, Brian, Nicole, Richard, Jonathon, Mary, Aspen, Brooklyn and four great-grandchildren: Kaiden, Verra, Mila and Kendric; and a brother, Raymond (Jan) LaTour of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents and seven siblings, John LaTour, Mary Lou Sayles, Betty Marsh, Theresa LaDuke, Edward (Bud) LaTour and Rita Bazineau.

A celebration of life service took place at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building in Sault Ste. Marie on Jan. 13. A spirit feast and gathering followed the traditional ceremony.

C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services assisted with arrangements. Condolences may be left at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

#### TODD T. SHANNON

Todd Timothy Shannon, 57, of



Kincheloe, Mich., passed away on Feb. 8, 2020, at Boulder Park Terrace, Charlevoix, Mich.

Todd was born on Aug. 15, 1962, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., the son of Kenneth and Evelyn (Kinney) Shannon. Todd was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He enjoyed music and his favorite band was Pink Floyd. He also enjoyed riding his bike, swimming, going for walks, being in the woods and campfires.

Todd is survived by his mother, Evelyn Johndrow of Sault Ste. Marie; two brothers, Tadd (Tammy) Shannon and Aaron Shannon, both of Kincheloe; seven nieces and nephews, Matthew, Stephanie, Chris, Charlene, Kaleb, Hallie, and Miranda; three uncles, Michael (Susan) Kinney of Sault Ste. Marie, Phillip Kinney of Munising, Mich., and Dooder (Julie) Kinney of Sugar Island, Mich.; and his good friend and cousin, Buckshot (Lois) Cadreau of Kincheloe.

Todd was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Shannon; and a brother, Jody Johndrow.

Visitation and services took place on Feb. 14, 2020, at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building followed by a feast. Burial will be in Willwalk Cemetery later this spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to help with funeral expenses. Arrangements were made by C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

#### *This Eternal Day*

By David Houghton

In memory of Pat Ames and Art Selby who have recently traveled to that other side.

Colossians 1:15 - "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

I see the Creator in my mind as the world He starts to conceive; His thoughts above the open sky, higher than the limited universe. I see the beginning, the genesis of all I have come to believe. I feel His blessings in the morning sunrise, unknown, yet of Adam's curse. I see His thoughts of goodness, which is the only thing He can create. I know His wisdom, the power unseen from only His infinite eyes. As I drift apart from myself I enter into His original mind-state, this image of the invisible God, where the path of all true wisdom lies. I enter into that holy space where time does not know of any bound, I see His outstretched hand beckoning me to come through that lit door. I hear a chorus of angels singing an unheard beautiful sound, something that my earthly ears have never heard before. The love I feel knows of no emotion presented in this human land, the explanation of my words cannot conceive of any single type of word; yet in His presence my whole life I can somehow completely understand. This is the One who has made me, whose voice long ago I first heard. Now I am back to my Father who sent me here to this earth, I am back to the place where the little child originally used to play; the purpose has been fulfilled. My spirit comes alive in this new birth, as I open my arms to experience the unknown inside this eternal day.



# Schedule a mammogram at Sault Tribe Health today

By MICHELE BICKHAM

If you are looking for a more accurate mammogram at a low radiation dose, the Hologic 3D Mammography System can provide this!

If you have not had your mammogram in over a year and you have a primary provider at one of the Sault Tribe Health Center locations, you may call and schedule that appointment today. If you are also due for your well-woman exam, you will want to schedule that appointment first. Then, they will put you on the mammogram schedule for that

same day.

The Radiology Department, which was recently re-accredited by the American College of Radiology, has been using the Hologic 3D Mammography system at the Sault Tribal Health Center since November 2017. Nine cases of breast cancer have been diagnosed since then. The C-View (generated 2D software) enables a full 2D and 3D dataset at the radiation dose of a standard 2D mammogram.

These exams deliver a series of detailed breast images, allowing the radiologist to better evalu-

ate your breasts layer by layer. Studies show that the Genius 3D Mammography exam has greater accuracy than 2D mammography for women across a variety of ages and breast densities. And it's the only mammogram FDA approved as superior for women with dense breasts. Greater accuracy means better breast cancer detection and a reduced chance of being called back for additional imaging.

The new FAST compression paddle with slight flexion allows for more even compression of the breast tissue, resulting in a more

comfortable exam. Schedule your mammogram soon. Early detection saves lives!

The American College of Radiology recently renewed the Radiology Department's Gold Seal of Accreditation, ensuring patients receive the highest level of image quality and safety. The accreditation process documents the facility meets requirements for equipment, medical personnel and quality assurance.

**Right: Michele Bickham R.T. (R) (M) ARRT is the Sault Tribe Health Center medical imaging supervisor.**



# Mental Health Court celebrates first graduation

SAULT STE. MARIE — Chippewa County recently held its first graduation ceremony for the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Mental Health Court (EUPMHC). This specialty court has about 50 participants in the five-county service area, with 20 of those in Chippewa County. Three judges preside over the program: Judges Eric Blubaugh, Mark Luoma and William Carmody.

The EUPMHC began in Oct. 2017, and is intended to reduce recidivism by aggressively treating participants' underlying mental health and substance use disorders. The treatment court works closely with Hiawatha Behavioral Health, Sault Tribe Behavioral Health, the Chippewa County Veterans Administration Office, the Chippewa County Department



**Team members from the first Mental Health graduation. From left, Greg Schultz, EUPMHC agent; Nathan Mara, MDOC parole agent; Brianna Johnson, probation clerk; Judge Eric Blubaugh; Karen McDougle, EUPMHC coordinator; Jennifer France, public defender; Abby Burton, EUPMHC agent; Mandy Stec, DHHS; Philip Ferroni, probation agent; Jennifer Obreiter, assistant prosecutor; Jackie Haske, Veterans Service Office; Otto Bacon, pharmacist; NuTasha Moran, Sault Tribe LMSW; Lindsey Cronin, HBH LLPC; and Tina Ojala, court administrator.**

of Health and Human Services, the Chippewa County Prosecutor, defense attorneys, local probation

and parole officers and other local treatment providers and hospitals. Program length ranges from

18 to 24 months and combines intensive probation oversight with intensive treatment for people charged with felonies or misdemeanors.

Judge Blubaugh said, "We utilize the most recent evidence-based practices to have the biggest impact on the participant's life."

Blubaugh added, "The five-county team has been working on this treatment court model for almost five years and that is why we are so proud of Chippewa County's first graduates."

The EUPMHC is funded by a grant from the State Court Administrator's Office, with supplemental support from the county board. The court serves Alger, Luce, Schoolcraft, Mackinac and Chippewa counties.

## Tribal Health Center's December Employee of the Month - Clerc



**Congratulations to housekeeper technician, Wanda Clerc, chosen as the Employee of the Month for December 2019. Wanda was nominated by the Community Health staff for taking such good care of them and all their needs. It was also stated that she did an amazing job with decorating, going above and beyond.**

# MARCH OF THE BIG WINS

SATURDAYS - ALL SITES

Hot Seat Draws 3 p.m.-10 p.m.

**Plus, Win Your Share of \$10,000 CASH in the March 28th Grand Prize Giveaway at 10:30 p.m.**

Guaranteed Cash Winners at All Sites



See Northern Rewards Club to register and for more details. Must earn 50 base points to qualify for promotion.



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**MORE BETTER - All Sites - Fridays in February**  
Hot Seat Draws 2 p.m.-10 p.m. Progressive CASH Draws  
Win up to \$500 CASH

**LEAP INTO CASH - All Sites - Saturdays in February**  
Hot Seat Draws 4 p.m.-10 p.m. Cash Draws start at 10:15 p.m. Win up to \$500  
**Win your share of up to \$68,000 CASH & Credits!**

**PRESIDENT'S DAY LANYARDS - All Sites**  
Beginning February 17  
Receive Kewadin Casinos Lanyard with 50 points earned (*while supplies last*)

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY - All Sites - March 17**  
Hot Seat Draws 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Earn 50 points, get a Horseshoe pin (*while supplies last*)

**CASH COW - All Sites - Fridays in March**  
Hot Seat Draws 4 p.m.-10 p.m. Punch a Bunch draws 10:15 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.  
Win up to \$250 CASH in Punch a Bunch  
**Win your share of up to \$65,000 CASH & Credits!**

**PIRATES GOLD - All Sites - Wednesdays in March**  
Wednesdays 5 p.m.-9 p.m.  
One winner from each card level every hour:  
Black Card - \$500 Kewadin Credits  
Gold Card - \$300 Kewadin Credits  
Silver Card - \$150 Kewadin Credits  
Green Card - \$50 Kewadin Credits  
**Win your share of up to \$20,000 Credits!**

**KEWADIN SAULT STE. MARIE**  
\$22,500 Mega Bingo - March 7  
\$15,000 Keno Tournament - March 13-15  
\$15,000 Video Poker Tournament - April 17-19  
\$15,000 Keno Tournament - April 24-26

**KEWADIN ST. IGNACE**  
\$5,000 Blackjack Tournament - March 21  
\$22,500 Mega Bingo - April 25

Point requirements for all promotions. See Northern Rewards Club to register and for more details.

# MIEA Student Incentive Program information

A student incentive program is being offered by the Michigan Indian Elders Association (M.I.E.A.) to recognize students who achieve all "A's" for a marking period as well as students who achieve perfect attendance for a marking period.

There will be a minimum of \$3,000 available to fund this program this year. \$25 will be awarded for each qualified entry, up to the minimum available funds in the program. In the event that the number of qualified entries exceeds the funds available, the winners will be determined by lottery.

Here are the conditions to qualify:

- The student must be an enrolled member or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the M.I.E.A. constituent tribes/bands.
- The student must be in grades K-12 at a public or private

school. (Home schooling not eligible.)

- A student must be in grades 4-12 to qualify for the straight "A" award. (A-, A, A+)

- For a school system that uses a grading system based on numbers, the equivalent to straight "A's" will be acceptable.

- A student must be in grades K-12 to qualify for the perfect attendance award.

- Perfect attendance means exactly that. A student must be in school or at a school sponsored function each day of the marking period. Excused absences for anything other than a school sponsored/approved function do not constitute perfect attendance.

- The first two marking periods of this 2019/2020 school year will be used to determine the winners for this lottery.

- A student can qualify for both the perfect attendance and straight "A's" for both marking

periods. For example, straight "A's" and perfect attendance for both marking periods would mean four chances to win.

- A parent of the student must complete and sign the Student Incentive Program Application Form in order for the student to qualify for an award.

- A copy of the child's report card signed by the parent or a letter from an administrator of the student's school, must be submitted with the completed application form to verify the achievement of straight "A's" and perfect attendance.

The drawing to determine the winners will be held at the April, 2020 meeting of the Michigan Indian Elders Association hosted by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians in Dowagiac, MI.

**VERY IMPORTANT - NECESSARY!** You must follow these directions for your child to

be considered for an award. The completed application form (this is a different document than this notice), a signed report card or verification letter of achievement

from a school administrator and copy of student's or parent's tribal identification card must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m. on March 22, 2020.

## Grants for women

DENVER, Colo. —Increasing access to women in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields is vital for America to respond to today's economic, infrastructure and environmental challenges. The American Indian College Fund, with the support of a four-year, \$300,000 grant from the Clare Boothe Luce Program at the Henry Luce Foundation, will continue to help grow the number of Native American women—a group with the lowest representation in the STEM fields—by earning a college degree to forge their careers.

Eligible students must be

enrolled during the 2020-21, 2022-23 and 2023-24 academic years and studying in qualifying hard science majors.

In addition to the scholarship award, the program will also provide AIAN women scholars with programs to support their retention, graduation, and career readiness. These programs include internships, mentorships, career readiness programs, leadership development, career readiness, professional development, financial literacy training, coaching and more.

Students can apply online at [www.collegefund.org/scholarships](http://www.collegefund.org/scholarships). Deadline to apply is May 31, 2020.

## Twin City Ballers teammates read to Head Start youth

Twin City Ballers teammates Caleb Castenada, Caydn Castenada, Justin Hammonds, Quinten Miles and Aiden Mohagen visited the Sault Tribe Child Care Center in Sault Ste. Marie to read to some of the youngsters there on Jan. 21.

The Twin City Ballers is a youth basketball travel team based in Sault Ste. Marie.

In addition to playing against teams all over Michigan plus parts of Indiana and Ohio, the Twin City Ballers must maintain

team standards, which include grade point averages of at least 2.8, providing community service at least one weekend each month, and always representing themselves and their team well.

Coach Gabe and assistant Rose Castenada have been guiding the team for over a year and are exploring possibilities of starting local games.

Those interested in learning more about the team or tracking their development can log onto Facebook/Twin City Ballers.



A couple of young girls are intrigued by a story and illustrations as Caleb Castenada reads to them.



A lad looks at the pictures in the book read to him by Justin Hammonds.

## Graduates



Nicole Brock of Manistique, Mich., graduated with summa cum laude honors from Northern Michigan University December 2019, receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in psychology. Nicole is continuing her studies at Northern Michigan University to obtain her master's degree. She is the daughter of Brady and Melanie (Miller) Brock.



Cimanta Veale of Wetmore, Mich., graduated with her bachelor's degree in biology with a concentration in zoology from Northern Michigan University on Dec. 14, 2019. She graduated on the dean's list. Her plans are to continue on to veterinarian school. Cimanta has applied to several veterinarian schools and is waiting to hear in March of acceptance. Cimanta would like to thank the Sault Tribe for their support with the Self-Sufficiency Incentive awards, Michigan Indian Elders Association for the scholarship, Cobell for their scholarships and the BIA grant.

## Member knits items for ACFS foster kids

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe elder Gail Gaynor loves to knit in her spare time. She has been sending hats, scarves, mittens and baby blankets to Anishinaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) for several years. The items are distributed to all ACFS offices in the tribe's service area to give to tribal families. Gaynor recently traveled to Michigan to visit family and stopped by the main ACFS office to deliver more items and to meet ACFS staff.

Gaynor said the first thing she ever knitted for herself was a sweater. Her mother taught her how to knit when she was 8, and she knitted through high school to earn extra money.

She has also been knitting and donating baby layettes for the Navy relief for over 30 years; has knitted hats and scarves for the homeless shelter in Charleston and hats for the cancer society in Cincinnati.

She talked to ACFS Office Supervisor Terri Romano after reading an article in the tribal paper a few years ago and decided she was going to start knitting scarves and hats for ACFS. Gaynor said she sends between 75 to 100 items every two months.

She said that knitting keeps her arthritis in check and she enjoys the creativity it gives her. "I have been sampling some different patterns on the blankets and mixing different colors. The blankets go to tribal foster kids or anybody that needs them," she said. "They leave some out on the



Gayle Gaynor putting items together for shipping (above), and knitting a blanket (right). She has been sending hats, scarves, mittens and baby blankets to Anishinaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) for several years. The items are distributed to all ACFS offices.



table in the ACFS waiting room and if someone needs them they can come and take some. I don't wear hats and scarves myself, but my great-grandchildren love the ones I make for them. I don't do anything with my elder money I get from the tribe, so I use that money to buy the yarn, knit them and send them to ACFS."

Not one to let the grass grow under her feet, Gaynor attended truck driving school and was an over the road driver for two years, and the driver of an 18-wheeler in Charleston, S.C., for eight years, running between Charleston, Columbia and Charlotte. Today she is enjoying retired life in the quaint city of Goose Creek, S.C.

## Lyons makes Dean's List

Brianna Lyons of Kincheloe, Mich., has been included on the dean's list for the 2019 fall semester at Lake Superior State University. To make the dean's list, students must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average. Lyons is majoring in kinesiology at LSSU. She is the daughter of Melanie Middleton of Kincheloe, Mich., and is a member of the Sault Tribe.

Above: Brianna Lyons and boyfriend Jared Biddle



# Bissell grandsons in the U.S. Marines



**A young Chance Anderson.**

Daniel Bissell and Elizabeth Caldwell-Bissell have two grandsons in the Marines. Lance Corporal Chance Anderson is deployed in the Middle East. Pictured above is Anderson, at a much younger age, dancing at Kinross Powwow. His cousin, Hayden Stover, is training in California. Anderson's mother is Somer Anderson and Stover's parents are Rebecca and Adam Stover. Their great-grandparents are the late Theresa Lablance and Captain John Bissell.



**Lance Corporal Anderson today.**



**Hayden Stover**

# Gas appliances require carbon monoxide detectors

## FROM SAULT TRIBE ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

Carbon monoxide detectors are used to warn occupants of a home or building of any unusual build up of carbon monoxide (CO). CO is a colorless, odorless gas that is produced anytime a fossil fuel is burned. The higher levels that a CO monitor detects may occur from improperly maintained, installed or used fuel-burning appliances, backdrafting appliances or fireplaces, and idling cars in an enclosed garage.

When buying a CO alarm make sure the device is certified to the most current Underwriters Laboratory standard 2034 or the International Approval Services 6-96 standard. Follow the instruction manual for installation. In general the CO detector should be placed on a wall about 5 feet from the floor and separate detectors



should be placed on every level of a home, near where occupants sleep.

The CO alarm will require some basic care. It will need to be tested on a regular basis and cleaned according to the manufacturer's use and care booklet. A CO alarm can operate from a battery or be plugged into a wall outlet. If it is battery operated it should be tested on a weekly basis. The Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

recommends replacing the battery each time you change your clocks during fall and spring.

Follow these guidelines from the CDC to reduce the chance of CO poisoning:

- Have your heating system, water heater, and any other gas, oil or coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.
- Do not use portable flameless chemical heaters indoors.
- If you smell an odor from your gas refrigerator, have an expert service it. An odor from your gas refrigerator can mean it could be leaking CO.
- When you buy gas equipment, buy only equipment carrying the seal of a national testing agency, such as Underwriters' Laboratories.
- Make sure your gas appliances are vented properly.

Horizontal vent pipes for appliances, such as a water heater, should go up slightly as they go toward outdoors. This prevents CO from leaking if the joints or pipes aren't fitted tightly.

- Have your chimney checked or cleaned every year. Chimneys can be blocked by debris. This can cause CO to build up inside your home or cabin.
- Never patch a vent pipe with tape, gum or something else. This kind of patch can make CO build up in your home, cabin or camper.
- Never use a gas range or oven for heating. Using a gas range or oven for heating can cause a build up of CO inside your home, cabin or camper.
- Never burn charcoal indoors. Burning charcoal – red, gray, black, or white – gives off CO.

# Keith recognized for excellence

Sault Tribe member Lesley Keith, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) compliance coordinator and training and development manager for the 9th Judicial Court in Douglas County, Nev., received the Recognition of Excellence award presented to county employees who demonstrate "exemplary job performance and commitment," according to a Jan. 3 letter.

She was nominated by Judge Nathan Tod Young because of her "superior performance and significant accomplishments" for her work on a successful PREA audit, among other accomplishments. Keith was awarded a \$3,000 bonus.

A certified auditor, Keith was hired in December 2016 as PREA compliance coordinator and training and development manager for the 9th Judicial Court in Douglas County, Nev. The PREA was enacted in 2012 to address and protect



**Lesley Keith**

sexual safety in prisons, jails, lockups, community confinement and juvenile facilities.

# Random Act of Kindness Week

Random Act of Kindness Week is coming Feb. 16-23. Feb. 17 is also celebrated as Random Act of Kindness Day. Whether you plan on doing good deeds the whole week or just on the final day, it all counts.

There are many ways to spread kindness during this time or any other time of the year. To start, you could make a kind comment to someone or volunteer somewhere. To make a difference in someone's life you don't have to

be perfect, you just have to care.

This is why Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) is asking you to spread the kindness and consider becoming a foster parent.

Foster children are in need of loving, nurturing, safe families. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent and making a difference in the life of a child please contact ACFS at (906) 632-5250.

ACFS provides human ser-

vices or social services for the Sault Tribe and manages 30 grant contracts, with funding from the Sault Tribe, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Justice, USDA and state of Michigan. The contracts are combined to provide the most efficient services within three primary components— Child Placement, Advocacy Resources and Direct Assistance.

# Register online for inter-tribal basketball tournament April 4-5 in Bay Mills; divisions for kids and adults!

## General information, sign up and registration:

The 2020 Inter-Tribal Basketball Tournament is on April 4-5, in Brimley, Mich. Age groups 11-14 will play at the Waishkey Gymnasium, and ages 15-40 plus years, will play at Brimley High School. Cost is \$100 per team and is due by March 20. A late fee of \$25 for any registrations received after March 21 applies and no new registrations accepted after March 30.

Last day to receive registration and be able to play in the tournament is March 30. All teams must show up at least one hour before their first game to register for the tournament. It is encouraged that all teams have team uniforms or at least matching colors on the floor.

Teams must be comprised of at least 50 percent American Indian players. All American Indian players must be able to provide a tribal card or some sort of proof of American Indian descent or tribal affiliation.

Divisions based on ages: 10-12, boys and girls; 14 and under, boys and girls; 18 and under, boys and girls; open, boys and girls. This age group can be 16 through 40. The division is meant to be the top and most competitive.

The size and breakdown of this division will be based on the number of applicants for the division.

Over 40 — men and women Co-ed division: There is the opportunity/chance for co-ed teams. The requirement will be

as followed:

There must be at least a 2 to 3 ratio (girl to boy or boy to girl) on the court at all times.

*Note:* Division will be dependent upon the number of teams registered.

*Note:* Teams cannot have any players on their roster that are older than the age division they are trying to qualify for!

Any older aged team members on team will lead to the bumping up of the whole team to the next age group.

## Handout/prizes:

All players on the first place team of a division will receive a medallion.

There will be team trophies for the top two teams of the division.

Official and team leader meet-

ing:

There will be a mandatory meeting on Saturday (April 4) morning at 8 a.m. This meeting is for all officials and team captains/leaders. This meeting will be to inform everyone on the tournament rules and handout schedules, which will also be posted online and around the gyms. Emergency contact information will also be handed out at this time. The meeting should be no more than 30 minutes.

## Schedule:

The schedule should be done by Wednesday, April 1, and posted online.

Every team is guaranteed at least two games

The elimination format will be determined by the number of teams registered in that division.

The two ways would be: double elimination or round robin into a single elimination.

There will be concessions available throughout the day at the gym. The Inter-Tribal Basketball Tournament website includes a link to the Visitors Bureau, as well as maps of Brimley/Bay Mills indicating gym locations and other hotspots.

Make all checks payable to Bay Mills Community College (12214 W. Lakeshore Dr., Brimley, MI, 49715) For credit card payments, call Wade Teeple at (906) 248-8421. Online registration can be completed at [bmcc.edu](http://bmcc.edu), under "about BMCC," then click the Inter-Tribal basketball tournament link. Contact [astephan@bmcc.edu](mailto:astephan@bmcc.edu), or [mromatz@bmcc.edu](mailto:mromatz@bmcc.edu).

# Check this bad address list for names you know

Below is a list of Sault Tribe members who currently have bad addresses on file with the Sault Tribe Enrollment Department. To update your mailing address so you don't miss out on any important mailings, please call the Enrollment Department at (800) 251-6597. To view the complete list of bad addresses, please visit the Sault Tribe website saulttribe.com.

Ackley, Amanda M  
Adams, Craig P  
Agawa, Joanne L  
Agawa, Thomas A  
Aikens, Andrea M  
Aikens, Jayson J  
Aikens, Michael E  
Akers, Hailee S  
Akers, Kevin S  
Allard, Adam M  
Allard, James G  
Allard, Thomas E  
Amerman, Corinne M  
Anacito, JoAnne R  
Anderson, Lance J  
Anderson, Samantha A  
Anderson, Theresa R  
Andress, Francine J  
Angulo, Mark R  
Annand, Larry J  
Anthony, John R  
Anthony, Kathryn  
Anthony, Stanley W  
Anthony Jr, Daniel R  
Apitz, Dean B  
Archambeau, Chelby M  
Archambeau, David J  
Archdale, Kelly M  
Arntz, Debra E  
Arseneau, Lawrence R  
Atkinson, Joseph A  
Auger, Jacqueline M  
Auger, Jole M  
Austin, Samantha J  
Ayers, Nichole M  
Badger, Alexis A  
Baier, Paul B  
Bailey, Matthew T  
Baker, Daniel V  
Baker, Vince W  
Baker III, Alcide J  
Baker III, Gordon D  
Barber, Jessica R  
Barber, Lori J  
Batho, Douglas J  
Beaudoin, Angela M  
Beaudoin, Jesse D  
Beaudry, David M  
Beaumont Jr, Neal J  
Beauvais, Angela B  
Beckman, David C  
Beckman, Jason J  
Beckman, Kristin A  
Bedell, Brian A  
Bedell, Richard A

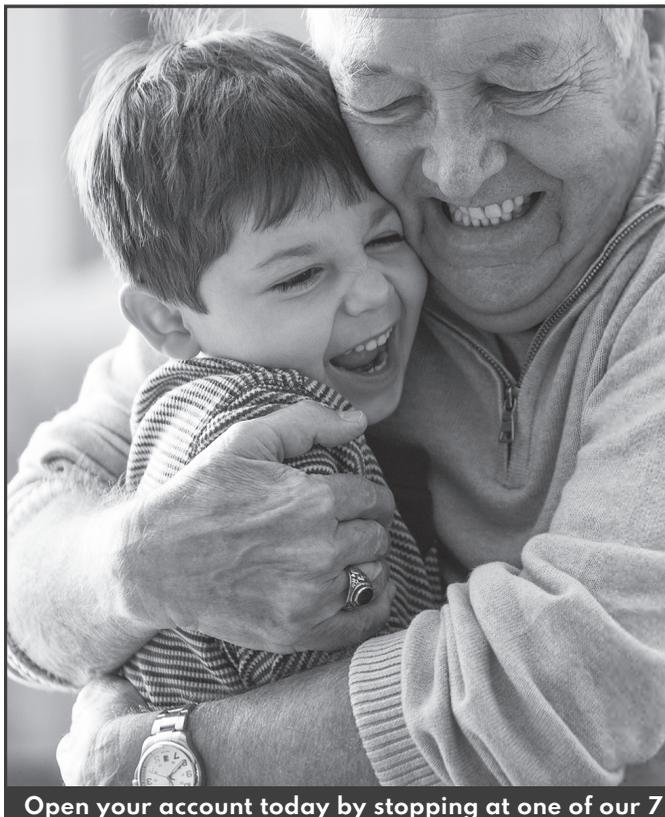
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Belanger, Kyle J  
Bellant, Sandra K  
Bellefeuille, Joshua D  
Belonga, Gregory C  
Belonga, Jill M  
Belonga, Lawrence R  
Belonga, Nathaniel T  
Belonga-Torres, Charles W  
Belonga-Torres, Jacob A  
Benner, Kayla V  
Benoit, Kristi L  
Benzie, Bruce M  
Bernard, Joshua M  
Bernard, Nichole R  
Bernard, Ryan C  
Bishop, Baileah M  
Bishop, Troy A  
Bizeau, Shirley M  
Black, Amanda K  
Blain, Areka A  
Blalock, Roxanne E  
Blaskowski, Kendra L  
Bodwin, Rebecca A  
Boggs, Thomas M  
Boissoneau, Heather A  
Bootz, Alexandra K  
Borland II, William L  
Bosley, Deseree M  
Bosley, Samantha J  
Bosley, Seth D  
Bouschor-Sangster, Raschel M  
Bowen, Cathline R  
Bowerman, Michael B  
Boyd, Adam R  
Boyer, Tyler J  
Brandemihl, Joe K  
Breedon, Tyler J  
Bremer III, James A  
Brigman, Heather R  
Brigman, Rod R  
Brimmer, Samuel L  
Brody, Nicholas J  
Brody, Tara J  
Brougham, Liliana L  
Brown, Bertha  
Brown, Bruce A  
Brown, Crystal M  
Brown, Gregory  
Brown, Jason G  
Brown, Laurie A  
Brown, Makayla F  
Brown, Michael W  
Brown II, Robert L  
Brown III, Benjamin J  
Brown Jr, Loyal E  
Brozzo, Steven J  
Brozzo, Steven E  
Bruce, Justin A  
Bryant, Taylor M  
Bryer, Sarah G  
Burger, Laura E  
Burlew, Kathryn C  
Burr, Chenoa L  
Burton, Oona M  
Cadotte, Jerry  
Cadotte, Patricia A

Cadreau, Michael D  
Cain, Brian A  
Cain, Kelsey A  
Cain Jr, Boyd F  
Cairns, Cecil A  
Cairns, Todd R  
Calderon, Nicole A  
Caldwell Jr, Leland S  
Camp, Alexander  
Campagnola, Thelma E  
Campbell, Barton T  
Campbell, Desiree P  
Campbell, Erica L  
Campbell, Kelsey C  
Campbell, Shawna M  
Captain, Richard L  
Captain, Tamika M  
Cardwell, Karen C  
Carley, Isabelle M  
Carmichael, Jennifer M  
Carnes, Guy R  
Carpenter, Adam S  
Carr, Eugene P  
Carr, Garry L  
Carrick, Holli G  
Carrothers, Michelle C  
Carson, Michelle L  
Carter, Matthew R  
Case, Joseph R  
Caswell, James L  
Caswell, Teandra L  
Caswell II, Shawn T  
Causley, David L  
Causley, Debra S  
Causley, James M  
Causley, Nathan M  
Chambers, Daryn R  
Chase, Clare R  
Cherette, Leon E  
Chevalier, Jamie T  
Chingwa, Catherine M  
Chingwa, Michael L  
Chippewa, Steven G  
Clauss, Mark A  
Claydon, Teela M  
Cline, Casey J  
Cole, Danielle M  
Cole, Michael J  
Collins, Jacob F  
Coons, Ashley N  
Corbiere, Raymond T  
Corbiere Jr, Robert A  
Corbisier, Christopher R  
Corbisier, Megan M  
Corns, Brandon L  
Coveyou, James J  
Coveyou II, Daniel D  
Croad, Gabrielle M  
Croad, Gary M  
Crook, Kellie M  
Cruickshank, Dawn M  
Cruickshank, Samuel E  
Cryderman, Robert J  
Cryderman, Shaun M  
Cryderman, Trevor W  
Cryderman Jr, Darrell J  
Currie, Ryan L

Currie, Tyler M  
Cvengros, Jessica M  
Dale, Devin E  
Davis, Cristine A  
Davis, Shannon K  
Denman, Robert J  
Derouin, Darryl P  
Dessenberg, Billy L  
Desy, Bradley R  
Dickson, Sarah K  
Diedrich, Beth A  
Diehr, Susan  
Dietz, Arthur O  
Dine, Sean R  
Dolaskie, Cheyenne A  
Dollar, Patrick  
Donnay, Chelsea M  
Dorow, Kyle L  
Dougherty, Aaron P  
Dougherty, Daniel P  
Dow, Virginia C  
Drake, Mathew J  
Duff, Robert C  
Dumback, Brandon J  
Dunn, Amy R  
Dunton, Charles J  
Eagle, Dane F  
Eames, Kelly L  
Earl, Zachary L  
Eichhorn, Erik J  
Eitrem, Chloe F  
Eitrem, Scott A  
Eldred, Amy S  
Ellis, Brandi L  
Emery, Eric R  
Erickson, James S  
Ermatinger, Michael D  
Ermatinger III, Kenneth J  
Fallstich, Erich A  
Faulkner, Sheena M  
Feathers, Cooper J  
Fegan, Bobbi L  
Ferrebee, Randi L  
Fish, Nicole M  
Florek Briceno, Geneive A  
Flynn, Patrick  
Foldi, Richelle L  
Fountain Jr, Simeon S  
Fournier, Jazmyn M  
Fournier, Lisa G  
Fox, David R  
Fox, Tyler A  
Franklin, Bryan A  
Franklin, Ryan C  
Fraser, Donald L  
Frazier, William J  
Frechette, Jacob J  
Frederickson, Kaitlin A  
Frederickson, Robert G  
Freeland, Brian M  
Fulcher, Joshua D  
Fuller, Cody L  
Fuller, Dakota J  
Furlong, Ronni J  
Gable, Daniel H  
Gale, Danny M  
Galloway, Diedre L

Gambardella, Keri L  
Ganns, Kevin M  
Gardner, Alyssa M  
Garrow, William A  
Garvin III, Andrew R  
Gaus, Tina L  
Gentry, Amber L  
Gereau, Lawrence E  
Germain, Andrew W  
Germain, Thomas J  
Germain Jr, Michael J  
Gerou, Michael J  
Gersch, Danielle N  
Gibbs, Jesse J  
Gibson, Felicia M  
Gillmore, Brad S  
Glass, Destiny E  
Glass, Marcia A  
Gleason, David J  
Gleason, Jared A  
Goetz, Daniel L  
Goetz, Kevin J  
Goetz, Morgan M  
Goetz, Robert A  
Goffus, Michael P  
Goodmoot Jr, Kenneth D  
Goodwin, Josie L  
Gosseck, Joshua T  
Graham, Julie A  
Graham, Tanya J  
Gravelle, Eugene W  
Green, Donivan J  
Green, Jacob P  
Green, Matthew L  
Green, Rachel L  
Green, Samantha J  
Green, Sheri A  
Green III, Allen R  
Greene, Carla L  
Greene, Riane S  
Gregorini, Jared A  
Gronidin, Curtis L  
Gronidin, Jay W  
Gugin, Adam J  
Gugin, Terry A  
Gwaltney, Angie J  
Gwaltney, Jesse L  
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# FIGHTING THE OPIATE CRISIS HEAD ON



**Dr. Aaron A. Payment,  
Tribal Chairperson**

*Representing  
All Members Everywhere  
Ahneen, Boozho,*

Recently, I traveled to Washington, DC to advocate for a solution to the Opiate crisis. As a Member of the US Health and Human Services Secretary Tribal Advisory Committee, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Ad-

ministration Tribal Advisory, and National Congress of American Indians Addictions Task Force, I was able to address the issue at HHS and testify in Congress for funds to build a regional Sault Tribe Recovery campus. I have previously presented our Tribal Action Plan at HHS and SAMSHA but now we need a federal appropriations to deal with this crisis. What follows in italics is an excerpt

from my Congressional testimony.

*The Tribe operates 8 health clinics across our seven county service area. In these clinics we offer a wide range of services including medical, dental, behavioral health, special diabetes, nutrition, pharmacy, wellness programs, and traditional medicine. We are proud of the healthcare our clinics provide, but we believe there is a void we need to fill.*

*The focus of my testimony today is to request that the Appropriations Committee examine how the Indian Health Service is addressing health care facility needs throughout Indian country. Specifically, whether the facilities that the Indian Health Service is supporting are responding to the needs of Indian country in 2020 or is the Agency adhering to a priority list that was developed in the 1980s. The delivery of health*

*care has changed and the illnesses and diseases that we are seeking to treat have substantively changed. We have learned that health care cannot be provided in isolation rather it must be provided in a holistic comprehensive way, grounded in traditional beliefs and practices.*

*Indian Country cannot keep building outpatient clinics that treat identified medical conditions and then expect the person to heal on their own. The Sault Tribe Recovery Hospital is exactly what Congress was considering when it created the Indian Health Care Delivery Demonstration Project, in the Indian Health Care Improvement Act Reauthorization. We think it is beyond time for Congress to provide funding for this initiative".*

Over the years, I have built political capital and standing at the National level

to be able to deliver on a regional recovery strategy to benefit our Tribe but also Native Americans in Michigan. This didn't just happen but took years of dedication and advocacy at the highest level. These roles are not transferrable. The issue of substance abuse and addiction is very personal to me as I have lost two brothers to addiction and addiction related health outcomes. I live a sober Anishnaabe Biiamadziwiin (good way of life) to support the recovery of my family and others. I like to say that those afflicted with substance abuse deserve our love and support and not our judgment. As long as I am your elective Tribal Chairperson, I will continue to fight this fight to heal our Tribal Community and provide opportunities to all Tribal Members. .

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## Protecting members at federal, state and local levels



**JENNIFER MCLEOD,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aaniin Anishnaabek! In addition to regular board activities, I have worked to protect our tribal members in the food/nutrition, dental and transportation areas.

**FOOD/NUTRITION** — I con-

tinue to serve as the chairperson of the Native American Food Distribution Tribal Leaders Working Group for the USDA food program. I will conduct the coming federal consultation, where tribal sovereignty is expected to receive a boost in a tribe's ability to received federal dollars and purchase food directly, instead of through the USDA. This will ensure food sovereignty for our people, giving access to better quality produce as well as TRADITIONAL foods! This group has taken historical steps in securing food that best serves our peoples' needs.

**DENTAL** — My work as the chairperson of the Community Health Aide Program Tribal Advisory Group is approaching completion as we have made

the final recommendations to the federal government for the dental therapy program (as well as behavioral health). Working with our state, other tribes and Bay Mills Community College, we are exploring the fastest way to bring this dental care to our people to protect their health through access to dental care AND to provide training that will lead to good paying jobs.

**TRANSPORTATION** — Locally, I serve on the Board of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority (EUPTA). I have been battling for a logical, data driven, comprehensive approach to the increase in ferry fares that must occur. EUPTA is not making enough revenue to meet expenses, but the plan that was created did not have the input and

expertise of experts who could evaluate the impact on three distinct island communities where hundreds, if not THOUSANDS of our tribal members live. Fare increases of 40 percent to 500 percent, with zero research, is not a wise approach to this difficult problem. Not only does this new plan create undue hardships for people, I can see that it could ultimately be bad for EUPTA. The EUPTA Board is polarized 3-2 over this plan, and unfortunately the majority has disregarded even a senator's request to do a study. What is so greatly disappointing is EUPTA has lost potentially hundreds of thousands of dollars refusing to consider any other option. A study could show them how to INCREASE services to gain more revenue! And so I stand

up and fight. I am fighting to protect EUPTA's future, as well as the livelihoods of all those who live on the historic islands of our people. This is not over yet!

Due to the coming election, I am limited to just 500 words in this unit report. There is MUCH more I would like to share, but . . . If you would like to know more, or if there is anything I can do to help, feel free to contact me at the resources below.

Please stay safe and warm. Spring is on the way, as is MAPLE SYRUP SEASON! I can hardly wait!

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## Mistruths being spewed on social media sites lately



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

There seems to be many mistruths being spewed on social medias sites lately. One being that our enterprises are not making any money. Our enterprises consist of the three gas stations,

furniture and flooring store, used car dealership, billboards, storage facilities, White Pine Lodge hotel, rental properties, etc. These small businesses will bring in an additional \$14 million to the tribe, which is a 25 percent increase over last year. I have always believed we should diversify, and under the direction of EDC Director Joel Schultz, we are doing just that.

You may have heard the board has this huge lifetime pension as well. The board has not been able to pay into social security; so several years ago, the board retirement was put in place. After five years of service, the amount is \$250, 10 years is \$500, 15 years is \$750 and 20 years is \$1,000. This is subject to a cost of living as well and when a board member

reaches retirement age, they will be paid whichever amount they qualify for. So, if a board member does serve 20 years, their social security amount will be minimal and they would receive the \$1,000 with cost of living. They more than likely would have received more if they could have paid into social security. Many members do not know that we didn't qualify for social security.

We meet every Tuesday in a workshop and twice a month there are meetings, many times being 12-hour days. We also serve on various committees inside and outside of the tribe. In Unit III, we also hold monthly membership meetings and attend elder's meetings. We are basically on call all the time fielding phone calls, emails, text

messages or social media. The board's pay was implemented in about 2000 at \$67,000 a year and included a cost of living increase that the board has never accepted. The board has never raised the pay since then and every board member gets paid the exact same, no matter how long they serve. The board is responsible for about \$220 million in budgets between government, casinos and enterprises.

There are many elder's benefits some may not be aware of such as elder housing, commodities, medical rides to doctor appointments, home nurse visits, home cleaning, free eyeglasses, free \$5,000 hearing aids, heating credits, ramps for their homes, durable medical equipment such as wheel chairs,

canes, commodes, yearly elder checks and some areas have lunches served up to four times a week. Some services require living in the seven-county service area. For more information, please call the Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

The board recently passed a resolution to have job descriptions evaluated and benchmarked by the local markets and tribes. Wages need to be competitive!

The St. Ignace Family Fun Day will be on Saturday, March 21, in the Kewadin Shores Event Center from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Contact me with questions or concerns at bridgett91@yahoo.com, bsorenson@saulttribe.net, or call (906) 430-0536.

# Tribes are intrinsically connected to the land



**CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

*I was recently asked to write a letter of endorsement for Oakland University (Rochester, Mich.) for the university's impending Land Acknowledgment. A Land Acknowledgment is a formal statement that recognizes and respects indigenous peoples as traditional stewards of the land and the enduring relationship that exists between indigenous peoples and their traditional territories. Trade and technical education is an opportunity our high school graduates should consider. But for those who plan to attend a four-year university, consider institutions who recognize the value our tribal students who enroll at their campuses.*

To Oakland University Campus community,

My name is Catherine Hollowell. My traditional name is Wa-pa-no-ka-no-quay (She looks to the east). I am a tribal council member for the sovereign government of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Our territorial jurisdiction encompasses the eastern Upper Peninsula including Lake Superior, Lake Huron

and Lake Michigan. We call our homeland Bawating (the Place of the Rapids). We are the people of the Great Lakes and have strong social, familial, political and geographical relationships with all the Anishinaabe (the First People) of the Great Lakes watershed including Minnesota, Wisconsin and Canada.

In 2015, Oakland University (OU) hosted a symposium on climate change. Co-organizer Professor Andrea Knutson invited me to participate in a panel discussion and bring the voice of Native people to a discussion about the impacts of climate change on diverse populations. I want to express my deep respect to Oakland University for having a vision of inclusion that welcomes diverse perspectives in an ever more complex world.

So, I was delighted, but not surprised, to hear from Andrea once again and learn about the Land Acknowledgment statement your faculty group is crafting for the Oakland Campus. It does my heart good to see institutions of learning recognize the wealth of knowledge and opportunity that exists by building bridges that connect indigenous people to the academic community.

Land Acknowledgment has gained traction in the United States. I jumped off the couch while watching the Oscars last Sunday and cheered when I heard the Academy of Motion Picture and Science acknowledge the indigenous land that Hollywood sits on:

"The academy would like to acknowledge that tonight we have gathered on the ancestral lands of the Tongva, the Tataviam and the

Chumash. We acknowledge them as the first people of this land, on which the motion picture community lives and works."

I promise you that simple recognition ignited pride, hope and inspiration in the hearts of indigenous people, especially our children. To say our name, to say who we are and where we come from, and to recognize that we are still here. Native American actor Wes Studi followed up in his acceptance speech: "I dedicate this award to all the indigenous kids in the world who want to do art and dance and write stories. We are the original storytellers, and we can make it here." I am excited to see Oakland University join the movement among public universities in the state of Michigan by formally adopting a statement of Land Acknowledgment. Andrea asked me to read the draft language of OU's Land Acknowledgment and provide input. It is a simple but formal statement that recognizes and respects the enduring relationship that exists between the Three Fires Confederacy of the Anishinaabe of the Great Lakes and their traditional territories. I especially like the emphasis on building sustained relationships with our Native communities, because that commitment is where the magic of possibilities will germinate and bloom. Across all disciplines, there is a wealth of traditional knowledge that can inform, inspire and enhance adaptation in a changing world.

Who we are as a people is intrinsically connected to the land. Traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) is holistic in nature and is increasingly being valued by sci-

entists and environmentalists. But there is a worry among our people that TEK is being lost through loss of identity and links to the land. Land Acknowledgment goes a long way towards addressing those concerns — to the benefit of our children and next generations, but also to the wider community who lives and learns on the land that holds to Oakland University campus.

The magic of possibilities:

My own educational background is an undergraduate degree in history. I wanted to focus on a body of knowledge related to the Anishinaabe people of the Great Lakes and explore the socio-economic systems that our people developed to sustain themselves for thousands of years across the Great Lakes region prior to colonial contact. I can attest that it was a hard slog because the undergraduate curriculum was restricted to the study of colonialism. Native people were viewed only through that lens of colonialism and it was disheartening. I found myself digging deep in the archives of places like the Library of Congress and the Newberry Library in Chicago. So much unmined information, but I lacked a campus environment and academic assistance that could encourage and guide my scholarship. It is my hope that Oakland University's adoption of a foundational document of Land Acknowledgment will lead to curriculum development that encourages academic exploration prior to the era of colonialism. There is a wealth of untapped primary sources and oral history that deserves reexamination from a new (old) perspective.

In speaking with Andrea,

I learned about a new permanent course titled, *Indigenous Literature of North America*. Oh my gosh, I'm silly with excitement. Unrecognized for too long is a tremendous body of Native literature that is finally getting notice. In the same way that a southern renaissance in literary works by authors like William Faulkner, Katherine Ann Porter and Robert Penn Warren defined and elevated American literature, so, too, have Native authors contributed to an American literary landscape whose time has come. Authors like Louise Erdrich, whose essay, *Where I Ought to Be: A Writers Sense of Place*, was life changing for me and speaks directly to knowing and honoring the land that sustains us all. And, currently, there is an explosion of young indigenous authors who have carved out a literary genre that speaks to the human condition in futuristic landscapes.

Let me conclude by simply stating my full endorsement of Oakland University adopting a Land Acknowledgment statement. We have a traditional saying that our feet grow into the ground. That is an old story but not a yesterday story. It is our way of acknowledging that who we are is intrinsically connected to the land.

Many blessings and best wishes for your initiative. I am confident that magic of possibilities will sprout and blossom and sustain your campus community for many years to come.

Catherine Hollowell  
Unit II Director  
(906) 484-6821  
chollowell@saulttribe.net

## Marquette great growth potential



**CHARLES MATSON SR.,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT V**

Ahnee. Let me start out by saying chi miigwech to our board of directors for a unanimous vote to purchase a business and property in Unit V.

The community is grateful for this acquisition. Not only is this a great opportunity for the tribe to diversify its business portfolio, but it is also the first step towards expanding much needed services and secure an area to promote our cultural activities.

The Marquette area has great potential for growth and provides us with an opportunity to move the tribe along a path of becoming less reliant on just our gaming industry.

Let me also say thanks to our staff of our EDC for working so diligently to complete this purchase. It is our hope that not only will this purchase bring revenue into our tribe but will also establish a more permanent place for the community to develop and hold our cultural activities that are so crucial to promoting and preserving our identity as Anishinaabek.

We are holding cultural enhancement classes in Unit V. There will be a Seven Grandfathers teaching in Marquette Feb. 22 and in Munising Feb. 23.

There will also be a Creation Story teaching in Munising March 14 and Marquette March 15.

These are very informative teachings and are a great way to preserve and enhance our teachings for our communities. I hope to see everyone there.

To register, or for concerns or questions, contact me at (906) 450-5094 or CMatson@saulttribe.net.

Respectfully,  
Charles J. Matson Sr.  
Board of Directors  
Representative, Unit V

## McKerchie updates Unit I



**MICHAEL MCKERCHIE,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Last month, I ended my report thanking team members for remaining on even in difficult times and I wanted to restate that. It isn't always easy working for a tribe or any big organization, but working for your own tribe adds layers. You want your tribe to succeed, and you want your people to do better; with that comes a level of loyalty. Similarly, those who have worked for us for many years who aren't tribal also have a great sense of duty and wanting to see our community thrive. I want to be part of continuing that success and never taking our most valued asset, our people, for granted.

I worked for the tribe for over 22 years prior to getting on the board. I've seen administrations come and go, I've worked with some great directors and some not-so-great directors. I've seen the board get over-involved and not get involved enough. Finding that balance is always a struggle, but usually when the tribe lets the managers manage and holds them accountable, things work out. We have talented team members willing to work things out, we just need to give them the proper tools and get out of their way.

In giving them those tools, several roadblocks exist. The number one being compensation — our HR is still without a director. In that absence we have been unable to move forward with overhauling our compensation package. Last year, I strongly voted to not utilize a company to tell us what we already know, many positions are underpaid. Several board members requested additional options, but without a director overseeing HR this was unable to get done. Having no other options presented, last month a majority of the board voted to hire a company to help facilitate a new wage grid for all positions.

This isn't ideal, but unfortunately it was the only consideration presented to us. It is difficult because it delays the overhaul, but it doesn't prohibit us from making any changes now. The board has discussed various options and will continue to until we can resolve this issue. Several positions have been raised to address immediate need, but many more still need to be addressed.

With our tribal election started, I want to remind members that we are all on the same team, we want to see our tribe do better. With as divisive as national and state politics have gotten, I want to say that we as a tribe are better than that. We can disagree on how to better our tribe or who should lead the way, but we mustn't succumb to dividing us as a people. Our tribe is a representative government, not just representing the people who voted you on - but all members. We shouldn't resort to tearing each other down just to get ahead. Our job as leaders is to support our members; our job as Anishinaabe is to support each other.

If anyone wants to discuss concerns, contact me at (906) 440-7768. Chi miigwech.

# Tribes united - protecting Great Lakes waters



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

As many of you know, the coming tribal elections have begun, which means I am limited to a 500-word unit report. As many also know, my reports are

long winded so I will highlight what I can throughout the time-frame.

We have very good news to report. We learned this past week the Ontario nuclear plant wanting to build a waste station near our Great Lakes has backed out of the project. Our tribe, along with the other Michigan tribes, were strongly against this and united in our protection of our waters. I'm very happy to see our protection for the water absolutely helped this time. We have plenty more work to do to decommission Line 5.

We recently contracted with a consultant to do an in-depth, comprehensive job description and wage study for our team members. I have heard many complaints that we have done

this in the past, but this is not the case. This study will review and update ALL job descriptions based on the work performed in each position as well as give an amount based on each and every position and class, each based on the work. We have never merged the two together to complete this process. In the past, we simply did a wage study, which is outdated and never implemented for numerous reasons. Some departments and team members did not have an opportunity to give input, and the amounts for administration positions seemed to be inflated compared to front line workers. I'm confident we will get to a solution for fair wages and sound job descriptions WITH outside expertise. I do not like having to do this but

the only other solution is to keep the status quo and that is not an option for our workers. Our established COLA and longevity increases help our workforce, and I won't quit trying to figure out a solution for our deficiencies.

Elder distribution checks have gone out — 6,132 checks were issued, which makes the disbursement amount \$3,084,396. I do wish we could send more but sticking to the plan to disperse the earned interest will sustain the Land Claims fund as it was intended. We have many economic endeavors started and many being vetted, and without making promises we discuss future options to add to the fund. I look forward to all the items we have to grow our tribe toward

self-sufficiency and enhanced service. I have initiated a discussion about making a living document of our economic development endeavors (pamphlet) for our members to review. We are growing successfully and I want that communicated to you.

I have asked for a timeline and project plan for all changed services for our Health Division based on the presentation I spoke about in a past report and we are still waiting to pass the 2020 health budget. I'm ready to move forward.

Please call me if you would like to meet or discuss, (906) 484-2954, 322-3818 or lcausley@saulttribe.net.

Baamaapii,  
Lana Causley-Smith  
Unit II board representative

# Freiheit says - still advocating for the members!



**BETTY FREIHEIT,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Hello tribal members, it is my pleasure to report to you that I've been fighting for you behind the

scenes. That's my job, to represent our tribal members.

At this time, I would like to make one thing perfectly clear, I was not elected to please other directors or the chairman. I believe I have a good working relationship with the board, they know where I stand on issues and they also know that I won't walk in "lockstep" with any of them!

As stated in my last unit report, I submitted a resolution for referendum on the board's salary. I made the motion which gives our members the right to vote on the board of directors' salary. The referendum died for lack of support. I'm going to reintroduce that resolution at the next board meeting. I am currently working on multiple resolutions, many of

these resolutions will give the members the right to vote on regulatory legislation that set policy pertaining to our board of directors terms of service.

My service to our members has never been about me, it has always been about us! I am committed to a governmental reform that re-ignites tribal leadership that works for all of the members and not just for those at the top. We have a long way to go, and I cannot do it alone! I ask for all of you, the members to join me in this fight. Whether you live in units I, II, III, IV or V, I ask you to please contact your representatives on the board of directors and urge them to do the right thing. They cannot be allowed to continue to deny the members

their rights to be heard!

In my last unit report, I must have hit a sore spot with the electrical contractor, who doesn't have a contractors builder's license. I have asked the tribal board of directors, "how can you award a BID to someone who doesn't have a contractors builder's license?" There are regulations in place for a reason, regulations are rules made by the government or other authority in order to control the way things are done. If this is the standard operating procedures of Sault Tribe, then the Sault Tribe Construction who doesn't have a builders license either and according to the "electrical contractor who was awarded a federal government bid" we (the

tribe) should do the same. Bid the job! We could sub-contract all the work out just like the electrical contractor is doing, and keep the profit for our elders and youths. I like that! But in the name of fairness, tribal members with contractors builder's licenses are at a disadvantage when the game is played like this. That's my opinion, and in our tribal chairman's own words, "Betty makes a better friend, than she does an enemy!"

On that note, I'm going to Washington, D.C. I will meet our tribal chairman in Washington and witness his work.

Thank you,  
Betty  
Contact me at (906) 379-8745 or bfreiheit@saulttribe.net.

# Poised to enter into new age of Internet gaming



**KEITH MASSAWAY,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

Finally, we are on the cusp of entering into a new age of Internet gaming in Michigan. I have been involved in this area since I first was elected 14 years ago. The saying is, it takes time to get it right but that was a long time in coming.

We have attended many consultations and conventions on this matter only to be told it might never happen. Now, with both the sports betting bill along with the Internet gaming bill, we will be soon able to make wagers from our phones, tablets and computers. I say soon because the system will not go live until 2021.

There are three different aspects to these bills. First is the bricks and mortar piece.

That is to say, our buildings and what new gaming options will be available. We can start now to work on our in-house sports betting but we have to first get our rules and guidelines approved by the National Indian Gaming Commission. After that is accomplished, then we can remodel to set up a sports betting area. This type of sports betting can start before the 2021 date, but we can only take bets in person on the casino floor. The major hurdle in this piece is the odds making part. Many different gaming companies have shown us that improper odds can lead to big losses. We will have to find a way to hire a professional company or a system to minimize the exposure to making bad odds. I think this piece is something that can be accomplished very quickly but will be a huge learning experience.

The second part is the capability to then accept sports betting wagers over the phone or the Internet. This part will have to be licensed by the state of Michigan. We are currently exploring what that actually means for our tribe, but we have till 2021 to get all the pieces in place. The licenses will be only given out to current casinos in Michigan. This means the three large private casinos downstate and all the tribes with casinos. No other entity will be eligible to get one. We are excited that we will be able to expand our

reach to the entire state for gaming. We are in contact with major gaming companies that would have computer platforms and systems set up already that would be able to flip a switch and go live on gaming but we are researching very carefully on what these companies have to offer and what their track records are. New Jersey went live a little while ago on all sports betting and Internet play. Many of those casinos made mistakes and start up errors, those we can now avoid if we are careful. We need to partner with the right people who can compete with the large private casinos downstate who are poised to try and take the entire share of market. We need to be ready and be positioned to take a large piece of that market to be able to make this a lucrative money maker for the tribe.

The third part is, of course, the live casino gaming on the Internet. This piece is also tricky because we will need to have the marketing and appealing platform to be able to compete with all of the other licenses in the state. This piece is also the only piece that the state will be a big player in with the online lottery games. They will not want to be left behind, so they will be competing directly for market share. That is just some of the work that is going on, in earnest, to put our tribe at the forefront and set us

up for the next new generation of gaming enthusiasts.

Thank you very much for all the e-mails and phone calls.

Keith Massaway, 702 Hazelton St., St. Ignace, MI 49781, kmassaway@msn.com, (906) 643-6981.

# STHA hosting member meetings

The Sault Tribe Housing Authority (STHA) seeks input from our tribal membership by hosting community meetings at all nine sites in March.

Members are encouraged to attend and share their community and housing needs with Joni Talentino, STHA director and Mariea Mongene, assistant director.

A \$50 Walmart gift card is to be drawn at each location and light refreshments served. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Smith at (906) 495-1450 or hsmith@saulttribe.net.

Western end meeting schedule:  
**Thursday, March 5:**  
— Newberry: 9:30, Newberry Tribal Center, 4935 Zeez-ba-tkl Lane.  
— Munising: 2 p.m., Grand Island Chippewa Tribal

*Let your voices be heard! Plan to attend a Sault Tribe Housing Authority meeting in your area.*

Community Center, 622 W. Superior St.  
— Marquette: 6 p.m., Peter White Library, 217 N. Front St.

**Friday, March**

**6:**  
— Escanaba: 10 a.m. Chamber of Commerce, 1001 N. Lincoln Rd.

— Manistique: 2 p.m. at the Manistique Tribal Center, 5698 W. Hwy US-2.

Eastern Eend meetings:

**Monday, March 9:**

— Kincheloe: 6 p.m., Kinross Recreation Center, 43 Wood Lake Rd.

**Thursday, March 12:**

— Sault Ste. Marie, Big Bear Arena a, 2 Ice Circle

**Friday, March 13:**

— Hessel: 10 a.m., Hessel Community Center, 3355 N. 3 Mile Rd.

— St. Ignace: 2 p.m., Shirley Goodreau Elder Complex, 3017 Mackinac Trail

# Comprehensive Classification and Compensation Study project



**DARCY MORROW,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

I would like to address the Sault Tribe Comprehensive Classification and Compensation Study project resolution that was passed and why it is imperative to all team members to get this project done so the board can decide how to move forward.

Unfortunately, team members and the board were fed a good line for a long time about how great the pay scale wage-calculating program was. Director Hoffman used the program and showed how word manipulation could raise and or decrease a person's salary. Some team members were able to update their job descriptions and others were not allowed to include all their job duties on their new job description. This information was brought forward to the board several times and we even had a Human Resource team member (no longer in the department) admit to using certain words to increase their own wages. This is one reason we need an outside company to come in and examine classifications and compensation.

Another example is we have many similar jobs with different job descriptions: some examples are 20 different job descriptions for the same secretary job duties, or 20 different administration assistant job descriptions. This is done to increase certain individuals' wages, while others who have been in the same positions for several years and have only received their COLA and percentage approved by the board the last few years.

As a board member, I have seen certain job increases come forward inside a bigger budget modification, so the public tribal members do not even notice. I have had many team members through the years tell me they asked their supervisors for a wage review and them being told no they can't do a request for a wage review for them. Currently, there is no policy that prohibits your supervisor from requesting a wage review from Human Resources.

This study is the only way all team members wages will be looked at! I am sick and tired of the buddy system playing out and if you party and hang out on your off time with your supervisor, manager and or director, you're golden. I have seen too many times the buddy system wage increases happen, and certain board members continue to pass them through. This is not fair to all the team members who have dedicated their lives to working for the tribe who continue to go to work every day and will not see an increase unless this study is done and the board implements

the recommendations. We need to be better and start looking at the wages of all the front-line team members at the casino, governmental and enterprise departments — they are the ones who need the increase!

I would like to touch on the decrease of elders attending the elder committee meetings. I think back to when I attended elder meetings in Escanaba, I was just a teenage girl. Their group met at an old school on Saturdays; they did potluck and donations (back when the tribe didn't support them financially as a group) they did it themselves. Jerry Miller and Lauri (Dolores) Brackenbury were very instrumental in starting this group. Through their support and encouragement, the elders made all their regalia, discussed issues they were all facing, cleaned the Nahma Indian Pointe Cemetery, and made and sold a cookbook they designed. It was not a political group at all; it was about socialization and bringing issues to area board members to take to the board level. I remember these meetings very well and enjoyed the knowledge I gained from all the elders who attended those meetings. Unfortunately, a lot of those elders have passed away or stop coming and along with them their knowledge and humility will be gone forever.

Throughout the last few years, we have had many elders turn their notices in to remove themselves from elder committees and others have stopped attending due to negative politics. This is a sad situation and not how the original groups started out. We have a new Elder Services director, Holly Kibble. She is working to unify the groups again, so they are moving forward in a positive way. The way the original elder committees were formed and meant to be.

I would like to touch on the inequality at the board level. It seems certain board members can request any item of information they want without resistance. And when myself or Director Chase asks for information the chairman wants to take a consensus on if the information is provided to us or not, this happens consistently! We also have board members who control administration behind the scene, they can get items and projects added to their areas without the board being aware their pet projects are hidden within certain budgets. This is the reason I ask for the budgets to be gone through line by line every year, items being buried inside budgets.

I am glad to announce the Economic Development Corporation purchase in Harvey, Mich., of over 11 acres of property with an additional three commercial leases and five storage facilities that house a total of 156 units and additional outside RV/trailer storage. The property houses Ace Hardware and two smaller commercial leases along with all the storage units. This property was purchased for Units IV and V; in the future, our current tribal health center will be able to move to the new facility. And the elders will have a place for them to be able to hold their monthly meetings and have a catered meal on site.

Many cultural teachings are coming up for Unit IV, please see

the notices below: a March 21 teaching by Traditional Medicine on names, colors and clans in Escanaba at the YEA building; a hand drum teaching by Bud Biron March 7-8 at the Manistique Tribal Center, April 18-19 at the Sands Township building in Gwinn and April 25-26 at the

Escanaba Chamber of Commerce building. Please call or text Darcy Morrow (906) 298-1888 or Denise Chase 203-2471 to sign up for any of these teachings.

The Caring for Our Elders Powwow is scheduled for March 28 at the Escanaba Senior High School, 500 South Lincoln Road,

starting at 10 a.m.

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

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

## Name. Colors. and Clan Teachings

Escanaba Youth  
Education and  
Activities Building  
1226 Wiigob  
Escanaba, MI 49829  
March 21, 2020  
10am-3:00pm

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TRADITIONAL MEDICINE PROGRAM  
WITH JOE SYRETTE  
CONTACT DARCY MORROW @  
906.298.1888 OR DENISE CHASE  
906.203.2471 FOR REGISTRATION



## UNIT 4 HAND DRUM WORKSHOPS



**Presenter: Bud Biron**

**Workshops are limited to 15 participants  
– must preregister**

**March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> workshop to be held at**

**Manistique Tribal Health Center on U.S. 2**

**Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm & 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> workshop to be held at**

**Sands Township Hall 987 S. M-553 Gwinn, MI**

**Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm & 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> workshop to be held at**

**Chamber of Commerce 1001 Ludington Street Escanaba, MI**

**Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm & 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

All workshop materials will be provided for the workshop participants.

Meals and drinks will be provided.



**To register or for more information call/text:**

**Darcy Morrow (906)298-1888 or Denise Chase (906)203-2471**

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# KEWADIN CASINOS ENTERTAINMENT

## MARCH

Rapids Sessions with  
Remnose

Friday & Saturday | 20th & 21st  
10 p.m. | FREE

Sault Rapids Lounge

Black Label Society

Friday | 13th | 7:30 p.m. | \$27.50 SRO  
Sault DreamMakers Theater

Big John's MMA

Northern Comeback III

Saturday | 28th | 7 p.m. | start at \$25  
Sault DreamMakers Theater

## APRIL

Rapids Sessions with  
Peter More

Friday & Saturday | 10th & 11th  
10 p.m. | FREE

Sault Rapids Lounge

Little Texas

Saturday | 4th | 8 p.m. | Start at \$20  
St. Ignace Kewadin Event Center

Candlebox wsg The Lows

Saturday | 18th | 8 p.m. | Start at \$30  
Sault DreamMakers Theater



## MAY

Rapids Sessions with  
Kalie Shorr

Friday & Saturday | 15th & 16th  
10 p.m. | FREE

Sault Rapids Lounge

Remembering Hee Haw  
featuring Kornfield Friends &  
Special Guest T.G. Sheppard

Friday | 8th | 8 p.m. | Start at \$25  
Sault DreamMakers Theater

Grand Funk Railroad

Friday | 22nd | 8 p.m. | start at \$35  
St. Ignace Kewadin Event Center

## JUNE

Rapids Sessions with  
Tripp 'N Dixie & The Lows

Saturday | 13th | 10 p.m. | FREE  
Sault Rapids Lounge