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## Tribe seeks maximum penalties for poachers

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

On June 23, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors approved a resolution, *In Defense of Treaty Ceded Lands*, calling for the federal government, state attorney general and local prosecutors to seek the maximum penalties against Kurt Johnson Duncan and Linda Duncan for their “reprehensible crimes against mother nature, exploitation of wildlife and illegal harvest of protected and endangered species.”

The resolution also immediately and permanently bars the Duncans from all Sault Tribe lands.

“The Anishinaabe are hunters but we only hunt for sustenance or ceremony,” Sault Tribe

Chairperson Aaron Payment said. “The wanton disregard for wildlife and protected species is unethical and savage. It is our hope that the evidence leads to a serious outcome and consequence.”

Johnson, 56, of Pickford, Mich., was arraigned May 20 in Chippewa County’s 91st District Court on 125 wildlife misdemeanor charges, following a months-long investigation by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division. Duncan faces charges including illegally harvesting 18 wolves over the past 18 months.

According to a DNR press release, other species involved in the charges include deer, turkey, bear and bobcat. DNR law



enforcement detectives said that Duncan was using the animals for a variety of reasons, including crafts, selling or disposing of them, and stated he was catching the animals because he could and “likes to do it.”

Johnson also killed three bald eagles, according to the release.

The *Treaty of 1836* reserves the right of northern Michigan tribes to hunt, fish and gather throughout the 13.9-million-acre treaty ceded territory and large portions of Lakes Michigan, Superior and Huron. The 2007 Consent Decree between Sault

Tribe and the State of Michigan agrees the tribe has inland hunting, fishing and gathering rights. These rights are essential to the tribe and its members from a political, social, economic, cultural and subsistence perspective.

Sault Tribe has a duty to ensure the protection of its natural resources and treaty rights, defending them against all threats. The illegal actions committed by Kurt Johnson Duncan and Linda Duncan are a direct threat to the natural ecosystem of the *1836 Treaty* lands and a

direct threat to tribal rights preserved by treaty, court judgments and the consent decree and the tribe.

According to the DNR release, Johnson could face up to 90 days and a \$1,000 fine for each wolf, restitution of up to \$500 per wolf and up to 90 days in jail and \$500 each for all the other wildlife crimes. But according to Michigan law, Johnson will serve no more than 90 days in jail even if convicted on all counts by serving the time concurrently. According to the DNR release, Duncan was charged with “killing and disposing” of the three bald eagles. But those charges haven’t been brought in court. And, although federal laws are much more severe, Johnson has not been charged in federal court.

The Duncans illegally harvested wolves, bears, deer and other species while killing several bald eagles in violation of local, state and federal laws. Sault Tribe seeks to ensure these individuals are prosecuted to the greatest extent of the law.

Sault Tribe encourages other Michigan tribes to join Sault Tribe in this request.

## Incumbents returned to office in Sault Tribe general election

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians conducted its 2020 board of directors general election yesterday evening. The chairperson and directors of units I, II and III were in the running. In Unit IV, incumbent Darcy Morrow ran unopposed.

According to the unofficial results, all incumbents were returned to office.

Chairperson Aaron Payment defeated opponent Jennifer McLeod 3,892 to 2,877.

“I am humbled to have such strong support from the Sault Tribe members,” Payment said. “I absolutely love working for my people and appreciate the opportunity to continue.”

The Unit I vacancy left by

McLeod’s run for chair was filled by candidate Austin Lowe with 1,802 votes. Unit I Incumbent Betty Freiheit was returned to office with 1,956 votes, along with Michael McKerchie with 1,437 votes. Other Unit I candidates were Bernard “Bud” Biron (1,083), DJ Malloy (1,056) and Isaac McKechnie (1,101).

In Unit II, incumbent Lana Causley defeated Kimberly Lee 582 to 322.

In Unit III, incumbent Bridget Sorenson defeated Jim Everson 872 to 557.

The deadline for contests relating to the vote count is June 29, after which the results will be certified and the new directors seated.

## Majority Native law firm hired for general counsel duties

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has contracted with the law firm Patterson Earnhart Real Bird & Wilson LLP as the tribe’s general counsel. The law firm is a majority Native-owned firm that provides a broad range of legal services to Indian tribes, tribal entities and individual Indians across the United States.

As the tribe’s general counsel, Patterson Earnhart Real Bird & Wilson LLP will work under the Sault Tribe Board of Directors to provide legal services to the board and executive director; appearing as needed in court on the tribe’s behalf; conducting research and drafting legal opinions; creating and implementing tribal policies, procedures and agreements; attending the tribe’s board meetings or other public meetings; and monitoring federal, state, and tribal legislation that may affect the tribe and its operations.

Tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment said, “The Tribal Board conducted an exhaustive search including and RFP which invited any number of possible arrangements including an individual as General Legal Counsel or a law firm to perform these functions.”

Payment added, “The decision in selecting a firm was made by our tribal board. I strongly

support this decision. The tribal board including the chair serves as representative with the tribal citizens as client. What impressed me most was the firm’s understanding and intent to provide unbiased legal advice with fidelity to the tribal Constitution and body of codified Sault Tribe laws. This level of professional legal integrity is refreshing.”

Patterson Earnhart Real Bird & Wilson LLP is established in Louisville, Colo., and Washington, D.C. The attorneys in the firm recently reorganized their law practice following the retirement of Tom Fredericks, a senior partner in their previous firm. Firm partners Jeremy Patterson, Alvina Earnhart, Thomasina Real Bird and Rollie Wilson are highly experienced, dedicated professionals who also are aggressive and effective advocates for Indian Country. They have extensive experience serving as general counsel for Indian tribes, working on tribal energy and economic development projects that generated more than \$1 billion in value for tribes and successfully defending clients against legal and political attacks by state and county governments.

“We’ve had opportunities to support and work on a number of groundbreaking tribal initiatives to protect and advance treaty

rights,” Patterson said. “We’ve worked with tribal clients to establish, protect and assert the unique interests of tribes and indigenous nations throughout the United States and beyond, including tribal water rights.”

As a majority Native-owned law firm with ties to the Mnicoujou/Itazipco Lakota, Sicangu Lakota Ihanktonwan Nakota, and Navajo nations, Patterson Earnhart Real Bird & Wilson LLP attorneys hold a deep respect for the traditional values of Indian tribes. Patterson said this is essential in all areas of Indian law.

“We listen closely to our clients’ concerns so we can fully understand and represent each client effectively,” Patterson said. “We know that each tribal community and entity has a unique history and needs. We build meaningful relationships so we can develop responsive, appropriate and culturally relevant solutions.”

The law firm’s goal is to bring all legal work being performed on behalf of Sault Tribe into one cohesive, strategic legal plan where all parties involved are moving in one direction to better serve the board of directors objectives in fulfilling the needs and protecting the interest of tribal members.

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# Elliott joins Legal Department as staff attorney

By BRENDA AUSTIN

The Sault Tribe Legal Department recently welcomed Joshua J. Elliott in filling a staff attorney position.

Elliott will be helping with legal issues such as reviewing contracts, attending meetings to help resolve issues, staying current on federal regulations and drafting tribal policies. His work currently involves acting as legal advisor for all COVID-19 related legal issues.

Elliott is a Sault Tribe member. "This job is my first experience working with tribal law, and my first job out of law school. I wanted to work for the tribe

because it gave me an opportunity to return home and use my services to provide a benefit to the tribe I am a member of, and to the community I grew up in," he said.

He attended Northwood University for his undergraduate studies, receiving a bachelor's degree in business administration studying entertainment, sports and promotion management, along with advertising/marketing. He then attended law school at Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School at their Grand Rapids campus. While attending Cooley, he worked as a research assistant

doing work related to federal tax issues. He also did an internship at a small firm in Grand Rapids, Chase Bylenga Hulst, doing work involving bankruptcy, business law, tax law, estate planning and personal injury.

While in law school, Elliott was very involved on campus, being a part of many organizations and helping plan a majority of the events hosted on campus. He was the treasurer for a mock trial, vice president for moot court, served on a mentorship committee, was the preemption editor for the school's law review and a senator on the student bar association. "I was on

three national mock trial teams competing in the Texas Young Lawyers Association regional round in 2018 in Akron, Ohio, and 2019 in Columbus, Ohio, and the National Trial Advocacy Competition in 2019 in Detroit, Michigan," he said.

Awards he received while on campus included the WMU Cooley Leadership Award voted on by his peers, and the John D. Voelker Award for the most outstanding contribution to law review.

Elliott's parents are Jim and Michelle Elliott of Sault Ste. Marie.



Joshua Elliott

# Frazier transitions into Sault Tribe TAP coordinator post

By BRENDA AUSTIN

Amanda Frazier recently accepted a post with Sault Tribe as the Tribal Action Plan coordinator.

Frazier began working for the tribe about four years ago as a planning specialist in the Planning and Development Department analyzing data from the census and other tribal demographic data, creating graphs and charts to easily communicate the data to others. She helped implement tribal wide strategic planning; including providing assistance writing, editing, and submitting grant proposals. "While assisting with grant writing I became an integral part of writing and coordinating the application for the Tribal Opiate Response Grant," she said. "After this grant was awarded, I assisted in the initiation of recovery house services for Sault Tribe. I then moved to a position as a prevention specialist to work with this grant full time and provide substance abuse prevention services."

In that position, she reviewed and prepared promotional strategies and distributed substance abuse educational materials. She also taught the substance abuse prevention program Positive Action to third and fifth graders. Frazier said she has been an integral part in writing three large grants and assisted in many more. "My experience and education background makes this position a natural fit for me. I have served on the Tribal Action Plan Advisory Board and other TAP subcommittees for almost two years, and I am excited to see this strategic plan progress forward as the coordinator."

The Tribal Action Plan coordinator administrates the implementation of the Tribal Action Plan, a long-term strategic plan to combat substance abuse.

The Tribal Action Plan has seven goals:

1. Prevention education and activities are available throughout the tribe's service area.
2. Substance abuse data collection methodology and plan is implemented and sustainable.
3. Treatment is accessible for all tribal members seeking treatment services.
4. Healing to Wellness courts implemented throughout the seven-county service area.
5. Culture and traditional medicine are integrated in the tribal justice system.
6. Transportation is accessible for tribal members seeking prevention and treatment.
7. The tribe will continue to commit resources to the Tribal Action Plan.

Frazier said in order to implement these goals, she will be providing grants management, strategic planning and project management. She will also write, acquire and manage grants related to the Tribal Action Plan.

Frazier graduated from Michigan State University with high honors in 2015 and holds a bachelor's degree in communication with a minor in health promotion. She said, "My education taught me about public relations and how media messages shape attitudes, values and beliefs. My minor in health promotion is where my interest in working with substance abuse and prevention started. With this minor I studied health psychology and health behavior change (including addiction)."



Amanda Frazier

**Opens June 15th**

## Weatherization Program



The Sault Tribe Housing Authority will be accepting applications for the Weatherization Program beginning

**June 15th thru July 13th, 2020**

The purpose of the Weatherization Program is to provide energy conservation improvements for homeowners in need of repair/replacement to improve the energy efficiency of their home.

Description of services to include:

- Repair/Replacement of Roofs, windows, and exterior doors
- Air-sealing measures such as weather stripping and caulking
- Insulation of pipes, skirting, roof area/attic

- Must be a Sault Tribe Household
- Must Own Home and Land
- Trust Land Leases Accepted
- Must reside in the seven county service area
- Must meet income guidelines

Please contact the Homeownership Program  
 Jamie Harvey @ (906)495-1450  
 or (800)794-4072

## Lock it UP

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Communities that Care are partnering to bring you the following message:

*Children under 6 account for almost 50 percent of all exposure calls to poison control centers. Teach your child about medication safety. Never tell your children it's candy to get them to take it. Keep your medications, even old prescriptions you're not currently using, and vaping materials out of the hands they are not intended for. Count your medication. Lock it up. And dispose of safely by using drop boxes or take back days. Visit UPCNetwork.org for all take back sites in in the Upper Peninsula.*



**Count It! Lock It! Drop It!**



Don't Be An Accidental Drug Dealer

# Partnership ensures tribal access to free naloxone

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc., has partnered with NEXT Naloxone and Grand Rapids Red Project to ensure all tribal communities have access to free naloxone through the mail.

NEXT Naloxone is an online mail-based naloxone program designed for people who can't access naloxone through pharmacies.

Community members who need naloxone can access it at no cost through naloxoneforall.org/itcmi.

## OPIOID OVERDOSE REVERSAL DRUG NOW AVAILABLE FREE BY MAIL

If you are a person who uses drugs or if you have a loved one who uses drugs, use this brief online training to learn how to respond in the case of an opioid overdose emergency.

Enroll to have Narcan nasal

spray or intramuscular naloxone mailed to you at no cost.

This online training system does not interact with health systems, insurance carriers, or law enforcement. Naloxone is sent to your address in a plain, discrete package.

Please direct questions about our program to info@nextdistro.org.

To learn more about in-person trainings, remote trainings, and trainings for organizations, please reach out to Lisa at L Moran@itcmi.org.

## Sault Tribe powwows cancelled due to pandemic

The following Sault Tribe powwows are cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Sault Tribe Traditional Powwow and Summer Gathering in Sault Ste. Marie;
- Sugar Island Traditional Powwow and Spiritual Gathering on Sugar Island;
- Kitchi-Miniss Munising annual powwow in Munising;
- Gathering of the Eagles Hessel Powwow in Hessel;
- Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow in St. Ignace;
- Gathering of the Clans Powwow in Manistique;
- Youth Empowerment Powwow in Rexton.

No firm decisions at this time about the Sept. 12 Newberry powwow, the Nov. 7 Honoring our Anishinaabe Veterans Powwow in Kinross or the Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Powwow in Sault Ste. Marie.

**Please watch for announcements**

# Sault Tribe open employment opportunities

Apply online at [www.sault-tribe.com](http://www.sault-tribe.com) or call (866) 635-7032

## GOVERNMENTAL OPENINGS

SAULT STE. MARIE and KINCHELOE

- Administration assistant (Sault Tribe Construction), full time/regular, open until filled
- Assistant executive director, full time/regular, open until filled
- Case aide, ACFS, full time/regular, open until filled
- Caseworker, Family Services specialist, full time/regular, open until filled
- Caseworker, Binogii Placement Agency specialist, full time/regular, open until filled
- Child Placement Services super-

- visor, full time/regular, open until filled
- Clinical social worker (Health), full time/regular, open until filled
- Clinical social worker (ACFS), full time/regular, open until filled
- Custodian/janitor (Big Bear Arena), part time/regular, open until filled
- Custodian/janitor (Big Bear Arena), full time/regular, open until filled
- Registered dental hygienist, full time/regular, open until filled
- Early Childhood Programs manager, full time/regular, open until filled
- Education director, full time/regular, open until filled
- General counsel, full time/regular,

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- HR employee relations supervisor, full time/regular, open until filled
- Human Resource director, full time/regular, open until filled
- Internal auditor, full time/regular, open until filled
- Licensed practical nurse, full time/regular, open until filled
- Maintenance worker (Big Bear Arena), part time/regular, open until filled
- Maintenance worker-facilities, full time/regular, open until filled
- Medical technologist, full time/regular, open until filled
- Painter II, full time/regular, open until filled
- Physician, full time/regular, open until filled
- Prevention specialist, full time/regular, open until filled
- Project specialist, Kincheloe, full time/regular, open until filled
- Project supervisor (Sault Tribe Construction), full time/regular, open until filled
- Senior attorney, full time/regular/exempt, open until filled
- Shelter worker, full time/regular, open until filled
- Shelter worker, part time/regular, open until filled
- Staff dentist, full time/regular, open until filled
- Tribal attorney, assistant prosecutor, full time/regular, open until filled

- until filled
- Licensed practical nurse (St. Ignace), full time/regular, open until filled
- Dental assistant trainee (St. Ignace), full time/regular, open until filled
- Teacher aide (St. Ignace), part time/regular, open until filled
- Community Health educator (St. Ignace), full time/regular, open until filled
- Maintenance repairer, housing- (Manistique), full time/regular, open until filled
- Driver, Marquette/Munising/ Escanaba/Manistique, part time/regular, open until filled

## KEWADIN CASINO OPENINGS

SAULT STE. MARIE

- Cage cashier, full time/regular, open until filled
- Chief executive officer, full time/regular, open until filled
- Lead groundskeeper, full time/regular, open until filled
- Maintenance specialist, full time/regular, open until filled
- Surveillance manager I, full time/regular/exempt, open until filled

ST IGNACE

- Surveillance manager I, full time/regular, open until filled
- Gaming dealers (5), full time/regular, open until filled
- Cafeteria cashier, full time/regular, open until filled
- Deli cook, full time/regular, open until filled
- Prep cook, full time/regular, open until filled
- Guest room attendant, full time/temporary, open until filled
- Bar servers (2), full time/regular, open until filled
- Front desk clerk (2), full time/regular, open until filled
- Front desk supervisor, full time/regular, open until filled
- Gift shop cashier, full time/regular, open until filled

- Casino porters (2), full time/regular, open until filled
- Players Club clerk, full time/regular, open until filled

MANISTIQUE

- Surveillance manager II (Manistique and Christmas), full time/regular, open until filled
- Surveillance operator, full time/regular, open until filled
- Restaurant server, part time/regular, open until filled
- Bartender, part time/regular, open until filled
- Maintenance worker, full time/temporary, open until filled
- Slot technician, full time/regular, open until filled
- Gift shop cashier, part time/regular, open until filled
- Vault cashier, full time/regular, open until filled

CHRISTMAS

- Bartender, full time/regular, open until filled
- Bar server, part time/regular, open until filled
- Casino porters (2), full time/regular, open until filled
- Gift shop cashier, full time/regular, open until filled
- Line cook, full time/regular, open until filled
- Line cook, part time/regular, open until filled
- Vault cashier, full time/regular, open until filled
- Surveillance operator, full time/regular, open until filled

## ENTERPRISE OPENINGS

- Guest room attendants (4), White Pine Lodge, Christmas, full time/seasonal (May 15-Oct.15)
- Lead guest room attendant, White Pine Lodge, Christmas, part time/regular, open until filled
- Bookkeeper, White Pine Lodge, full time/regular, open until filled

## Training opportunities available for eligible applicants

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

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

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

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

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

## Tribal members: need assistance?

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

Office of the Chairperson, Sault Ste. Marie, (906) 635-6050, (800) 793-0660, sberger@sault-tribe.net

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

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

HESEL, ST. IGNACE, ESCANABA, MANISTIQUE, MARQUETTE, MUNISING and NEWBERRY

Caseworker, Binogii Placement Agency specialist (Manistique), full time/regular, open until filled

Casework, Family Services specialist (Manistique), full time/regular, open until filled

Dietitian (St Ignace), full time/regular, open until filled

Student Services assistant (St Ignace), part time/regular, open

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# Coalition pushing for police accountability

BY RICK SMITH

The National Congress of American Indians is among more than 220 diverse national organizations having membership in the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, a coalition joined by 452 other organizations in calling for “swift and decisive legislative action in response to ongoing fatal police killings and other violence against black people across our country.”

In a June 1 letter to both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, the organization said recent police killings of residents across the country are only part of a longer history of police inflicted fatalities of

Black people in the United States requiring immediate congressional action.

The coalition called on Congress to adopt legislative measures mandating police officers carry out their oaths to protect and serve the public. Among the measures:

- Institute and support training and incentives for a federal standard reserving the use of force only when necessary as a last resort after exhausting other optional techniques.
- End federal programs that provide military equipment to law enforcement agencies.
- Abolish no-knock warrants, particularly in cases involving

drug searches.

- Establishment of databases to track misconduct among law enforcement officers.

- Abolish doctrines that prevent police accountability when the law is broken by police officers.

“Now is the time for Congress to pass meaningful police reform legislation,” the organization wrote. “While we appreciate hearings and resolutions, we need comprehensive measures enacted. We need Congress to advance meaningful legislation to protect Black communities from the systemic perils of over policing, police brutality, misconduct, and harassment, and

end the impunity with which officers operate in taking the lives of Black people. It is your moral and ethical duty to ensure Black people and communities are free from the harm and threats from law enforcement and to curtail state sanctioned police violence and militarized police responses. We welcome the opportunity for members of Congress and the principals of our organizations to meet and confirm next steps to advance federal legislation that will save the lives of countless Black people.”

In a separate letter published on June 1, the National Congress of American Indians added the

collaborative calls for swift, full and impartial justice for George Floyd and his family. In addition, “We call for justice for the many other Black, American Indian, Alaska Native, Latino, Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander people of color who have suffered the same fate at the hands of law enforcement across this country.”

The NCAI also called for justice for future victims from the aforementioned communities who will lose their lives unless all Americans come together to bring changes in federal, state and local governments as well as a number of measures to address the murder of George Floyd.

# NCAI concurs with Columbus statue removals

BY RICK SMITH

As a growing number of municipalities and even some state legislators nationwide reconsider their monuments to men who some see as heroes while others see as villains, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) recently announced support for the removal of “symbols that represent hate, genocide and bigotry” in general, and the removal of Christopher Columbus statues in particular.

Cities and towns across the country are removing statues of

figures from history long considered as heroes of some sort, but also contributed to the subjugation or genocide of people of differing races.

One such controversial individual, Christopher Columbus, is arguably credited with “discovering” the edges of lands already inhabited by many and varied human populations. What cannot be argued is the oppression, slavery, atrocities, death and disease he brought forth to the inhabitants of these yet-to-be-named American continents.

The NCAI cited a passage

from *A People’s History of the United States* by Howard Zinn in its statement of support for the removals of statues honoring Columbus. The passage told of the ruthless treatment Columbus used on indigenous men, women and children.

“This growing movement across the country to rid our shared spaces of symbols that represent hate, genocide and bigotry illustrates that it is past time for all cities to stand on the right side of history moving forward,” NCAI President Fawn Sharp said in the announcement.

Columbus is one of several figures at the heart of the movement to remove objectionable statues. Statues of anyone from the past who owned slaves or contributed to the oppression of others in some form seems to be considered fair game.

NCAI further declared support for the worldwide movement calling for proper law enforcement reforms and respect for the basic human rights of Afro-Americans and other communities of color. “We are humbled that these voices are including Indian Country per-

spectives.”

On another matter, the NCAI commended the mayor of Washington, D.C., Muriel Bowser for his recent declaration that it is past time the local National Football League franchise, the Washington Redskins, to change its name and mascotry that offends so many people.

The organization called upon the heads of professional sports, school systems, state and local governments nationwide to condemn and abolish the practice of using American Indian characterizations as sports mascots.

# Resolutions passed during June board meetings

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors met on June 2 with all present.

**Resolution 2020-106 — Performance Resolution MDOT Permits** — Granted an agreement between the State of Michigan Department of Transportation and Sault Tribe surrounding permits for infrastructural activities where state and tribal properties are in

vicinity of each other.

**107 — Acceptance of the 2019 Housing Authority Audit** — Accepted and approved the audit as presented to the Sault Tribe Audit Committee by Anderson, Tackman and Company, PLC.

**108 — Amendment to Authorize to Retain Law Firm Interim General Counsel Patterson Earnhart Real Bird and Wilson LLP** — Amended and

superseded in part **Resolution 2020-97** to retain the aforementioned law firm to act as interim general counsel for Sault Tribe, Sault Tribe Gaming Authority, the tribe’s Economic Development Commission and to attend, telephonically or otherwise, board meetings and workshops to advise the board.

The board reconvened on June 16 with all present.

**109 — Tribal Attorney FY 2020 Budget Modification** — Approved to change the personnel sheet, increase expenses and increase tribal support funding to \$61,393.89.

**110 — Traditional Medicine FY 2020 Budget Modification** — Approved to change the personnel sheet and reallocate expenses with no effect on tribal support.

**111 — FY 2021 and FY**

**2022 Budget Document 001**

— Approved the FY 2021 Budget Document 001 totaling \$13,460,325 of which \$58,184 comes from tribal support.

Also approved the FY 2022 Budget Document 001 totaling \$12,584,417 of which \$65,182 comes from tribal support.

**112 — Amending Resolution 2017-231 Authorization to Purchase Multiple Parcels of Land Sault Ste. Marie** — Authorized tribe’s EDC director to negotiate and enter into an agreement to purchase 55 properties with previously approved funds.

**113 — ACFS — Victim’s Assistance FY 2020 Budget Modification** — Approved for an increase in Michigan Department of Health and Human Services funding of \$121,176 with no

effect on tribal support.

**114 — Approving and Authorizing Tribal Entity to Manage and Oversee Tribe’s Internet Gaming and Sports Betting Operations** — Approved the “Sault Tribe Online Gaming Term Sheet” and incorporation setting forth the applicable terms from which the tribal entity will be managing and overseeing the tribe’s Internet gaming and sports betting operations pursuant to applicable Michigan state licenses.

Further, authorizes all necessary documents and actions to establish a tribal entity to manage and oversee the applicable tribe’s Internet gaming and sports betting operations.

See voting records and resolutions in their entirety at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com).

# Sean VanDyke hired as cultural activities assistant

Sean VanDyke, the son of Annette “Annie” Thibert and Bob VanDyke, accepted the position of cultural activities assistant with the Sault Tribe Culture Department.

The 20-year-old graduated from Rudyard High School in 2018, and plans to attend Bay Mills Community College for two years, before finishing his degree at a state university. His long-term goal is to become a teacher and he plans on majoring in mathematics and minoring in Native culture.

He said that due to the COVID-19 virus, the camps on



Sugar Island normally scheduled and conducted by the tribe’s Culture Department had to be canceled. He has been working with the department’s cultural activities coordinator, Josh Biron, in making PowerPoint presentations for language lessons and

traditional crafts. VanDyke attended some of the same camps as a youth that he will now be helping with as the activities assistant. He participated in the tribe’s Youth Education and Activities program and was on the Tribal Youth Council during high school.

— Lana Causley-Smith,  
Unit II Representative,  
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Chi Miigwech  
for all the Help  
& Support.



Paid for by Lana Causley-Smith.

## Miigwech

Thank you for all the support the past four years. I have been honored

to represent our Tribe and I have worked hard to do it in a good way. No matter who won the election, let’s keep our tribe moving forward in a good way.

Miigwech,  
Michael McKerchie

Paid for by Mike McKechnie



Chi Miigwech



Thank you for all the members who believe in me and support me!

I am humbled by the overwhelming support I have received. I will continue to be your strong voice at the table.



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# Google offers free online digital skills training

By Rick Smith

Ever feel like you're getting left in the dust because of the rapidly evolving nature of the digital age? And now, to make matters worse, this whole COVID-19 pandemic mess is really interfering with folks getting together for classes to keep abreast of digital developments? Well, whatever your walk of life, you might want to kick your feet up and log onto Grow with Google at [grow.google/intl/](http://grow.google/intl/)

all\_au/.

The popular search engine Google recently expanded its online Grow with Google training and education sessions with a new series designed to help folks through some of the inconveniences of the times to learn basics and keep up with the latest in digital developments. Just about anyone — business folks, employment seekers, military veterans, teachers, students and many others — could benefit

from Grow with Google offerings.

"Since 2017, more than four million Americans have grown their business and careers with help from Grow with Google's trainings and in-person workshops," the company notes on the program website. "And through a network of more than 7,000 partner organizations — including local libraries, schools and non-profits — more people across the country have access to

our free online tools and flexible programs."

Google also operates the services in partnerships with well-known and respected national organizations. Of particular interest to citizens of Indian Country would be Google's partnership with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), forming the Indian Country Digital Trainers initiative for tribes and their members.

Another initiative, the NCAI

Indian Country Digital Trainers program, aids small businesses and those seeking jobs in American Indian environs.

Those who would like to experience a sample of the training may go online and watch a video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YmIGniUZ25Q>

The Grow with Google training is conducted with interviews, workshops, courses and personal assistance from Google employees.

# Harbor View Assisted Living celebrates grand opening

DeTour, Mich. — A dream more than 10 years in the making came to fruition when the Harbor View Assisted Living Home (HVAL) recently celebrated its grand opening in DeTour.

A HVAL steering committee that formed less than two years ago began raising funds for a six-bed home operated by Superior Health Support Systems. The home will provide assisted living and hospice care for residents in DeTour Village, Drummond Island and Raber Township. The home sits on a beautiful lot donated by Mr. and Mrs. David Gray.

HVAL Board of Directors Chair Dave Henderson noted that "it wasn't all smooth sailing" getting to the ribbon cutting, but he commended the small community for completing an impressive project that will provide access to long-term care close to home.

"Never has a harbor looked safer," Henderson said. "Many were looking out different windows, but all saw the same thing. It's taken over 10 years. Tracey and her people helped bring it home."

Superior Health Support Systems President Tracey Holt and her staff now manage assisted living homes in Sault Ste. Marie, DeTour and Pickford (Pennington Home), and Rudyard's White-Wiles Home is under construction.

All three rural homes have a bed devoted to hospice care.

"The Harbor View Assisted Living Home truly is a home," noted Hospice of the EUP board secretary Abby Christensen. "From the moment you walk in the door you have a sense of family and love. It was such an honor to be a part of the ribbon cutting ceremony on behalf of hospice. Within our community we are continuously amazed at the generosity and



**Harbor View Assisted Living Home ribbon cutting: (from left) Hospice of the EUP Director/Superior Health Support Systems President Tracey Holt, HVAL board members Bob Vaught, Cornelia Miller, Rob Bloch, Laura Masters, Dave Henderson, Ross Woods, Marilyn McGuire, SHSS Director of Nursing Delores Kivi, Hospice board secretary Abby Christensen.**

support that is in Chippewa County. Having a partnership with Superior Health Support Systems has allowed us to have a room free of charge for those at the end of life. This home will provide needed care closer to home for so many people. It truly warms my heart to see so many amazing people

come together for such an amazing reason."

The Harbor View will officially begin taking residents on July 7.

"Superior Health Support Systems has developed a blueprint that works for our outlying communities, and we are honored to deliver much-needed health

services to the southeast corner of the Eastern Upper Peninsula," Holt said. "Congratulations to the HVAL board and DeTour, Drummond and Raber communities for not giving up on a dream and seeing this project through to completion. And we thank the generous donors who financially supported this project."

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# Anishinaabemowin 2020

I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. Twenty six times I've been trusted to take the game-winning shots and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life, and that is why I succeed.

— Michael Jordan

## Dinakmigziwinan - Games

Say it this way: di-nak-mig-zi-win-an

Emphasize the “nak” and “mig.”

Use the pronunciation guide below.

*Dinakmigzi* says he or she is playing a game or activity.

Adding “win” at the end - *dinakmigziwin* - says “a game.” The final “an” makes it more than one game: *dinakmigziwinan*.

*Dinakmigzidaa!* Let's play a game!

Traditional games for our people had a number of purposes. They brought people together and strengthened social interaction. They entertained. They also taught the skills people living from the gifts of *Shka-kimikwe* (Mother Earth) needed...patience, coordination, strength, endurance, humor, being observant and developing strategies. We included games of chance and strategy, but of course LaCrosse and target practice are among the many physical games our people played. Today we enjoy playing lots more types of games, all for the same reasons our ancients did.



## Blueberry picking puzzle

Draw the shortest way from the **blueberries** to the **basket**. You can only move horizontally or vertically, and only for the number of spaces shown in the box. You can only change direction once you land on a box. You can't land on a **mosquito**, other **insects**, or a patch of **sweet grass**.

2	4	1	5	1	
1	0	4	4	3	
4	3	1		2	3
5	3	0	3	2	5
5	1		3	2	
	4	1	2		3

Blueberries	miinan
Insects	manidoonhsak (little spirits)
Basket	kookbinaagan
Mosquitos	zigimek
Sweetgrass	wiingashk

## Pronunciation Guide; How to Sound Really Good:

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

a sounds like U in cup	i sounds like I in pin
aa sounds like A in fall	ii sounds like EE in seed
o sounds like OO in book	e sounds like E in bed
oo sounds like O in grow	g sounds only like g in go
<b>nh has no sound at all; it is only a SIGN that the vowel in front of it is said in a nasal way.</b>	

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.



## Miin Giizis Blueberry Moon

by Susan Askwith

### Chippewa stick dice game

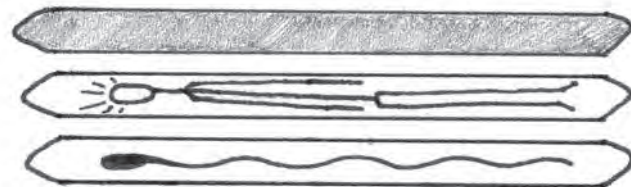
*This game often involved betting, but was also done by awarding points.*

The dice are decorated sticks, bone or pottery discs. Each has a plain side and a decorated side. The decorated side will be a snake or a stick figure of a man. A set of 4 dice will have 2 with a snake side and 2 with a man side.

The player picks 3 of the 4 sticks from a bowl or birchbark dish, holds the 3 sticks in both hands and tosses them in the air. Scores are based on how the dice fall.

All 3 plain sides up	4 points
2 snakes and 1 plain	6 points
2 plain and 1 snake	6 points
2 men and 1 snake	6 points
1 plain, 1 snake, 1 man	0 points
1 man and 2 plain	4 points
2 snakes and 1 man	4 points
2 men and 1 plain	4 points

Players take turns till someone reaches 50 (or some agreed upon number) points. Sometimes they had a basket of sticks to use as counters.



### Some words to use in the game:

Dice	pagajigaanhsan (this means small things you throw) pa-ga-ji-gaanh-san (note the nh is only a sign to you)
Sticks	mitigoonhsan mi-tig-oonhs-an
Your turn	Giin tam
How many?	Aaniish minik?
1	bezhik be-zhik
2	niizh
3	nswe n-swe
4	niiwin nii-win
5	naanin naa-nin
6	ngodwaaswi n-god-waas-wi
Nothing!	Kaa gego!
OK! I win!	Nahaaw. N'bakanaage! Na-haaw! N-ba-ka-naa-ge!

### Fun with Games

Why do basketball players love cookies?

— *Because they can dunk 'em!*

What do you call a flying insect that hits home runs?

— *A fly swatter!*

Do you like my secret fishing hole?

— *Yah, even the fish don't know about it!*



# Analysis shows Whitmer's COVID-19 action saved lives

LANSING, Mich. — A new report released by the Imperial College COVID-19 Response Team shows that the aggressive actions Governor Whitmer took to protect Michigan families from the spread of COVID-19 have significantly lowered the number of cases and deaths that would have occurred had the state done nothing. The data shows that very few states dropped their infection rate as low for as long as Michigan.

“Throughout this crisis, the vast majority of Michiganders have done the right thing by staying safer at home. Those who have done their part, especially the brave men and women on the front lines of this crisis, have helped us flatten the curve and save lives,” said Governor Whitmer. “Our action is working, but we must stay vigilant and flexible in order to

lower the chance of a second wave. We owe it to the heroes on the front lines to keep doing our part by wearing a mask when in public and practicing social distancing. We will get through this together.”

“The data shows that our aggressive actions against this virus are working, and that implementing them has saved lives,” said Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Chief Deputy for Health and Chief Medical Executive Dr. Joneigh Khaldun. “We will continue to closely monitor the data and work with experts to ensure we lower the chance of a second wave and further protect Michigan families.”

“The Imperial College analysis underscores the importance of social distancing measures in reducing transmission and flattening the curve in Michigan, and

illustrates why continued careful monitoring and mitigation is critical to avoiding a resurgence in transmission,” said Dr. Marisa Eisenberg, associate professor of epidemiology, complex systems and mathematics at the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

As the governor announced the Stay Home, Stay Safe order and other measures to combat the spread of COVID-19, the rate of infection fell. The data shows that before public health measures were put in place, the average Michigander spread the virus to three other people. As measures were implemented and adherence grew, Michigan's infection rate decreased to 2.5 people, then 1.25, then 0.8. Throughout April, a person with COVID-19 infected an average of less than one other person, allowing the curve to fall.

Michigan has significantly

ramped up testing for COVID-19, with more than 250 testing sites across the state. In May, Dr. Joneigh Khaldun announced expanded testing criteria to include any Michigander who exhibits any symptom of COVID-19, has been exposed to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 or has symptoms, has been working outside their home for at least 10 days, or resides or works in any congregate setting, such as a long-term care facility, prison or jail, homeless shelter, or migrant housing facility. The percent of positive diagnostic COVID-19 testing in Michigan has significantly decreased while testing continues to ramp up.

To find a test site near them, Michiganders can visit Michigan.gov/CoronavirusTest.

Early on, the governor took a number of aggressive actions to flatten the curve and protect Michigan families from the spread of COVID-19. After

the first positive case was discovered, the governor closed school buildings to Michigan students, limited public gatherings, and issued a Stay Home, Stay Safe order to slow the spread of the virus.

Over the past several weeks, Whitmer has worked with experts in health care, business and labor to safely reopen sectors of Michigan's economy in a way that protects workers and their families. The governor recently announced that MERC regions 6 and 8 have moved to phase 5 of the MI Safe Start Plan, and that businesses like restaurants, retail and office work that cannot be done remotely may reopen across the state. On Monday, June 15, personal care services including hair, massages and nails will reopen statewide. The governor announced that she hopes to open more of the rest of the state to phase 5 by July 4.

# Whitmer announces police reform plans to promote racial equity

LANSING, Mich. — Governor Gretchen Whitmer recently announced her support for a series of policy plans for police reform in Michigan, calling on Michigan law enforcement agencies to enhance their training and policies to help create a police culture where all Michiganders are treated with dignity and respect under the law. Governor Whitmer also voiced her support for measures that require law enforcement officers to complete training on implicit bias and de-escalation techniques, and applauded the Senate for taking up Senate Bill 945, sponsored by Sen. Jeff Irwin, which addresses many of these issues. The governor also urged police agencies to require their officers to intervene when they observe an excessive use of force by another officer, which will save lives and help to keep people safe.

“The deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor were a result of hundreds of years of inequity and institutional racism against Black Americans,” said Whitmer. “Here

in Michigan, we are taking action and working together to address the inequities Black Michiganders face every day. That's why I'm calling on Michigan police departments to strengthen their training and policies to save lives and keep people safe. I am also ready to partner with the Michigan legislature and law enforcement officials to pass police reform bills into law.”

“We recognize the shortcomings of the systems in place today — systems that have left Black, Latino and other communities of color feeling underserved, even threatened by law enforcement,” said Lt. Governor Gilchrist. “People across Michigan have been calling for changes to police practices, and these actions are clear steps in the direction of needed reform. We are not done, and we strongly encourage cities and counties to adopt and enact local measures that build trust, accountability and a comprehensive, non-discriminatory experience of safety for everyone in our state.”

“The role and responsibility

of police officers in our society is a great one; one in which our authority is derived from the trust and support of the people we serve,” stated Col. Joe Gasper, director of the Michigan State Police. “Our members take an

oath to protect and serve all people, and in this time, we cannot stand on the outside looking in. We must listen and take action, reviewing our policies and practices to work together to pave a path forward where everyone has

a voice and all are treated equally as human beings.”

“I strongly support requiring the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards re-examining, recruiting, hiring, *See “Whitmer,” page 9*

## Down Payment Assistance Program

**Application Period Open June 15, 2020 through July 13, 2020**

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

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

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

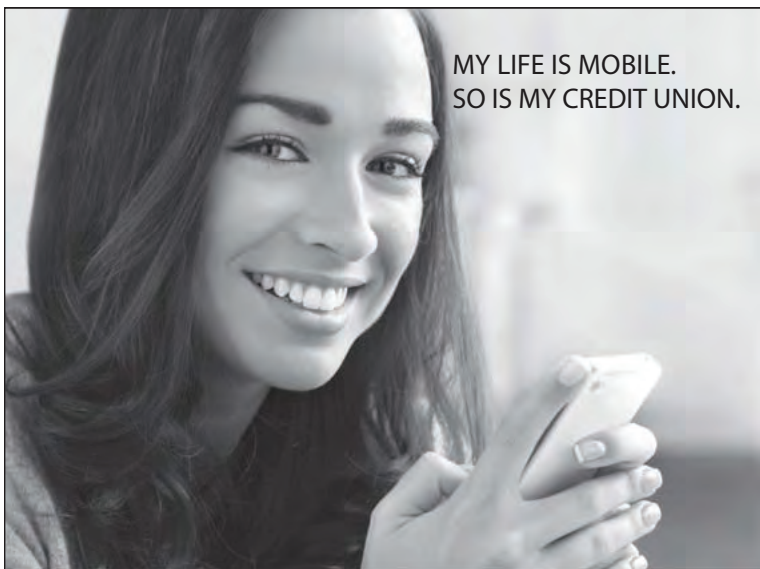
Trained staff will assist eligible applicants in successfully working through the process of making an application to a bank/lender for a mortgage loan, assist with inspection concerns, and aid in the real estate process.

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

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

**Application period ends July 13, 2020 @5:00 p.m.**

1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
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If you think you've been hurt by Purdue Pharma L.P., a U.S. limited partnership, its general partner and its subsidiaries, including Imbrium Therapeutics L.P., Adlon Therapeutics L.P., Greenfield BioVentures L.P., Avrio Health L.P., Rhodes Technologies, and Rhodes Pharmaceuticals L.P. ("**Purdue**"), or Purdue prescription opioids, like OxyContin®, or other prescription opioids produced, marketed or sold by Purdue, you can file a claim for compensation in the Purdue bankruptcy proceeding. The deadline to file a claim is **July 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**

## WHAT IS A CLAIM AND WHO CAN FILE?

A "claim" means a right to seek payment or other compensation. You must file a Proof of Claim Form so it is actually received by the deadline. It can be filed by you, by a legal guardian, by survivors, or by relatives of people who have died or are disabled. **All Personal Injury Claimant Proof of Claim Forms and any supporting documentation submitted with those forms will be kept highly confidential and will not be made available to the public.** You do not need an attorney to file a proof of claim for you.

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Go to **PurduePharmaClaims.com** to find a complete list of instructions on how to file a claim. You will also find a list of the opioids produced, marketed or sold by Purdue.

You may file a Proof of Claim even if a settlement is contemplated in the Purdue bankruptcy so that your claim can be considered as part of any settlement.

## WHO DOES THIS AFFECT AND WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

If you think you've suffered harm from Purdue or its prescription opioids, you have the right to file a claim even if you may also have received reimbursement from insurance. Examples of claims that may be filed in the Purdue bankruptcy include death, addiction or dependence, lost wages, loss of spousal relationship benefit for things like child-rearing, enjoyment of life, etc., or Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (sometimes referred to as "**NAS**"), among others.

**The deadline to file a claim is July 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.** If you do not file a claim by the deadline, you will lose the right to file a claim against Purdue, and you will lose any right to seek payment or compensation you may have had. Proof of Claim Forms, a list of opioids produced, marketed or sold by "Purdue," and instructions for how to file a claim are online at **PurduePharmaClaims.com**. You can also request a claim form by mail, email or phone:

**Purdue Pharma Claims Processing Center  
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850 Third Avenue, Ste. 412, Brooklyn, NY 11232

**Email: [purduepharmainfo@primeclerk.com](mailto:purduepharmainfo@primeclerk.com) - Phone: 1.844.217.0912**

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**[PurduePharmaClaims.com](http://PurduePharmaClaims.com), or call 1.844.217.0912.**





# Groups urge state delegation to pass clean energy aid

LANSING, Mich. — A coalition of 42 diverse local groups and elected officials sent a letter to Michigan's Congressional delegation today, asking them to ensure that the hundreds of thousands of clean energy and clean transportation workers in Michigan be protected and supported during the COVID-19 pandemic. Companies across Michigan's clean energy economy are seeing devastating job losses, with projections worsening over the coming months.

"In addition to helping front-line workers and vulnerable communities, clean energy and clean transportation workers in Michigan need their representatives in Washington, D.C. to stand up and fight for them, said Mike Berkowitz, a campaign representative to Sierra Club's Beyond Coal campaign. "Clean energy and clean transportation companies have been severely damaged by this pandemic, and they need changes to existing tax incentives to make sure that their workers are paid, and that their projects have the support to both

move forward at the appropriate time and be completed."

Before the pandemic, the clean energy sector boasted a workforce of roughly 3.4 million Americans nationwide, including over 126,000 in Michigan, with clean energy workers outnumbering fossil fuel workers by 3 to 1. Now, however, those numbers are crumbling. A devastating report from E2 showed that the clean energy sector lost 27,000 jobs in May and more than 620,000 jobs since the pandemic swept the United States, including more than 31,000 in Michigan.

"Michigan's clean energy industry employed more than 126,000 workers before this horrible pandemic struck, but now those workers' livelihoods are in jeopardy through no fault of our own," said Mike Linsea, owner of Solar Winds Power Systems. "Our Congressional delegation must do more to protect clean energy workers like me, by making sure companies have the support they need from tax incentive

programs."

Before the pandemic struck, Michigan had 254 solar companies that employed roughly four thousands workers. Up until then, the Great Lake State had installed enough solar capacity to power 29,600 homes. Wind energy was also in a strong position. Michigan had more than 1,200 wind turbines functioning at the beginning of the year, producing enough electricity to power more than half a million homes. Employment in the wind industry was estimated at 5,000 workers before the pandemic swept the United States. Now all clean energy jobs are at risk.

"Scientists recently concluded that long-term exposure to unsafe levels of air pollution, specifically the tiny toxic particles emitted from coal-fired power plants, vehicles and industries, increases the rate of death from COVID-19, exacerbating the already dire threats facing communities in environmental injustice hotspots" said Kindra Weid, a registered nurse and coordinator for MI Air MI Health. "Renewable energy,

efficiency, and clean transportation can serve as a solution for mitigating air pollution, preventing future mortality, and putting people back to work during this crucial period threatening impacted communities."

It's clear that protecting and sustaining good jobs through federal relief packages and stimulus legislation is a crucial opportunity to protect the health of our communities and local economies. In particular, we must ensure that clean energy companies, and the millions of workers whose livelihoods depend on

them, receive the support they need to sustain themselves.

"This would be a catalyst, bringing new infrastructure investments and high quality jobs to communities across Michigan" said Jenn Hill, Marquette mayor pro tem. "Our great state is filled with clean energy potential, from rural communities, to bustling cities, and communities like mine in the Upper Peninsula. Whether its jobs, cleaner air, sustainability, or royalties for land-owners and communities, we all benefit from investing in clean energy."

**Negative test results for weekend testing**

CHIPPEWA COUNTY, Mich. — The COVID-19 tests conducted by the Michigan National Guard on June 13-14, 2020, were all negative for the resulted tests; 298 tests were administered over that weekend.

Chippewa County Health Department staff have been contacting individuals of their results.

Chippewa County residents should assume the virus is present when they are in public places and take all recommended prevention measures.

For the most current information regarding COVID-19, please visit [chippewahd.com](http://chippewahd.com) or [Michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://Michigan.gov/coronavirus).

# Whitmer announces police reform plans continued

From "Whitmer," page 7 training and retention requirements for Michigan's police officers," said Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon. "This examination is not only long overdue but it is absolutely imperative."

"Police officers must have policies and training systems in place that encourage and mandate they take immediate action to intervene when observing any form of police brutality," said Lansing Police Chief Daryl Green.

"We look forward to partnering with Gov. Whitmer and Lt. Gov. Gilchrist to reform the systemic racial inequities in this country," said Michigan Legislative Black Caucus Chair and Senator Marshall Bullock (D-Detroit). "This is a time for rational thought and actions, exemplified by those using their voices and feet to march for justice and we look forward to working with leaders in the legislature to address these critical issues. Silence is no longer an option"

despair, and widespread anger at the tragic murder of George Floyd has arisen a powerful, united voice," said Detroit Caucus Chair and Representative Sherry Gay-Dagnogo (D-Detroit). "We know that we can do anything when we do it together, so let's keep talking and moving the arc to bend toward justice because the world is listening."

"I am grieved by the murder of George Floyd and countless other Black men and women at the hands of police," said Grand Rapids City Manager Mark Washington. "The outrage and hurt felt by members of our community is real. The City of Grand Rapids is committed to continuing to implement actionable steps to create change that leads to increased accountability, justice and safety for all Grand Rapidians."

**ACTIONS THE GOVERNOR IS TAKING:**

- Requesting the Michigan Commission of Law Enforcement Standards provide guidance to law enforcement agencies on continuing education that will help

officers keep up with the ever changing landscape of new laws and issues facing the community, including diversity and implicit bias training.

- Encouraging police departments to participate in efforts that are underway on comprehensive reporting on the use of force by police departments.
  - Urging law enforcement agencies to implement duty to intervene policies.
  - The governor applauded Southfield Police Chief Elvin Barren and Lansing Police Chief Daryl Green for their efforts in ensuring their officers intervene when an officer observes another officer doing something inappropriate or illegal.
  - Calling on the Legislature to act on SB 945.
  - Under Senator Irwin's bill, SB 945, incoming law enforcement officers would be required by law to go through training on implicit bias, de-escalation techniques and mental health screenings.
- Under the leadership of Governor Whitmer and Col. Joe

Gaspar, the Michigan State Police (MSP) has already taken a number of actions to reform policies that will ensure MSP members treat all Michiganders with dignity and respect.

**ACTIONS MSP HAS TAKEN:**

- Created an Equity and Inclusion Officer position in the department.
- Set a goal to increase the racial minority trooper applicant pool to 25 percent and the female trooper applicant pool to 20 percent, in an effort to diversify the department.
- Established community service trooper positions to institute a community policing concept statewide.
- Posted all non-confidential department policies online to increase transparency.
- Implemented recurring implicit bias training for all enforcement members and assisted in the development and pilot of a nationwide implicit bias training for civilian personnel.
- Generated a public-facing transparency web portal for FOIA requests.

- Revised the department's pursuit policy to limit the circumstances in which MSP members can engage in a vehicle pursuit.

Whitmer has been committed to enacting criminal justice reforms since the day she took office. In April of 2019, she signed an executive order to create the Michigan Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration, chaired by Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, which has reviewed the state's jail and court data to expand alternatives to jail, safely reduce jail admissions and length of stay and improve the effectiveness of the front end of Michigan's justice system. The task force has produced a report and made recommendations that are awaiting action by the legislature.

In January of 2019, the governor signed Executive Order 2019-9, which requires each director of a state department and head of an autonomous agency to designate an equity and inclusion officer to help strengthen non-discrimination protections for state employees.

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# Explore Indian Country online at Native Knowledge 360°

BY RICK SMITH

The National Museum of the American Indian offers an online educational resource for learning about American Indians. The site also serves to dispel common myths about American Indians brought on by years of erroneous portrayals in popular books, movies and television shows. Lessons cover Indians of the American continents in a variety of formats.

Part of the goal of the site, Native Knowledge 360° (NK360°), is to “transform teaching and learning about Native Americans” in classrooms

from kindergarten to high school and beyond. But anyone with any interest at all in learning about American Indians would find a visit to NK360° well worth the time. Even a casual visitor would find a visit to [americanindian.si.edu/nk360](http://americanindian.si.edu/nk360) an enjoyable experience.

After arriving on the site’s home page, visitors have six menu options, some designed for all visitors and some meant more for educators. A casual visitor would most likely find the “Essential Understandings” option a good place to start. Once the option is selected,

another page appears with a selection of 10 areas about American Indians to explore “key concepts about the rich and diverse cultures, histories and contemporary lives of Native peoples.

On the next page to appear, a single-click on the bar marked *Framework for Essential Understandings about American Indians* takes visitors to a book version of the 10 subjects. A double-click on the square button designated as *American Indian Cultures* brings up key concepts about American Indian cultures, including a general descrip-

tion of cultures found among the citizens of Indian Country. “Culture is a result of human socialization,” the description reads. People acquire knowledge and values by interacting with other people through common language, place and community. In the Americas, there is vast cultural diversity among more than 2,000 tribal groups. Tribes have unique cultures and ways of life that span history from time immemorial to the present day.

The eight key concepts in the section include facts such as Indian Country has no single culture or language and cultures

have always been dynamic and changing.

Other areas explored in the Essential Understandings section are *Time, Continuity and Change; People, Places and Environments; Individual Development and Identity; Individuals, Groups and Institutions; Power, Authority and Governance; Production, Distribution and Consumption; Science, Technology and Society; Global Connections; and Civic Ideals and Practices.*

The National Museum of the American Indian is part of the Smithsonian Institution.

## COVID-19 and indoor air quality, disinfectants and VOCs

Due to the new coronavirus pandemic and the subsequent lock downs that followed, people are spending more time than ever indoors. This is significant if you take into consideration pre-pandemic days when people in the USA were estimated to spend up to 90 percent of their time inside.

This brings to light an important question that is not discussed often enough. Why it is essential to have good indoor air quality during the coronavirus pandemic? When air quality is compromised by pollution, it has been linked to an increase in cardiovascular and respiratory death rates according to a study conducted by the Monash

University. It is one of the largest studies of it kind currently that analyzed data from over 24 countries and regions for the past 30 years.

A new study published by Harvard University seems to show these same trends discussed above for the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The study analyzed COVID-19 patients’ long-term exposure to particulate matter 2.5 (PM2.5), which refers to tiny particles or droplets in the air that are two-and-one-half microns or less in width. They found that an increase of only 1 µg/m3 (micron per cubic meter) in PM2.5 is associated with an eight percent

increase in the COVID-19 death rate. Which builds the case of keeping ambient and indoor air quality as pollution free as possible.

A few ways we can help protect our air quality is by making sure to have proper ventilation when using disinfectant sprays and wipes. This is because disinfectants off-gas volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which can weaken the immune system and irritate the lungs. The use of these cleaning products also can be especially harmful for people with respiratory issues such as asthma. Great care must be taken around these vulnerable populations. Please consider opening

a window to allow any trapped gases to escape and in turn dilute any remaining VOCs with some fresh air.

If you live in a polluted area (go to [airnow.gov](http://airnow.gov) to see your local air quality) or have poor ventilation, consider purchasing an air purifier. The U.S Environmental Protection Agency has a great informational booklet, titled *Guide to Air Cleaners in the Home*, that will point you in the right direction. It can be found online at [https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-07/documents/guide\\_to\\_air\\_cleaners\\_in\\_the\\_home\\_2nd\\_edition.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-07/documents/guide_to_air_cleaners_in_the_home_2nd_edition.pdf)

If you are a smoker or live

with someone who smokes cigarettes indoors, please consider either quitting or only smoking outside away (at least 10-15 feet away) from open windows and doors. This will greatly improve indoor air quality for you and all occupants. If you need resources on quitting, please reach out to the Environmental Department and we can point you in the right direction.

If you have any question in regards to this article or an inquiry involving anything related to air quality, please contact the Sault Tribe environmental specialist, Robin Bouschor, at [rbouschor1@saulttribe.net](mailto:rbouschor1@saulttribe.net) or by phone at (906) 632-5575.

## U.S, Canada release 2019 State of the Great Lakes report

MUSKEGON, Mich. — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Environment and Climate Change Canada released the 2019 State of the Great Lakes report on June 3, which provides an overview of the status and trends of the Great Lakes ecosystem.

“The Great Lakes is home to one of the world’s greatest bodies of fresh water and while progress on water quality is happening, there is still work to be done,” said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler. “This report shows that invasive species and excess nutrients continue to undermine ecosystem health. These status reports directly inform state and federal policies toward the Great Lakes.”

“The State of the Great Lakes report provides a snapshot of the health of the Great Lakes and is another assessment to help us prioritize how we work to continue to protect and

restore them,” said Regional Administrator and Great Lakes National Program Manager Kurt Thiede. “We look forward to a continued partnership with Canada to ensure the Great Lakes remain an environmentally and economically important resource for both nations.”

“The Great Lakes are an important part of both the Canadian and U.S. economies,” said Canadian Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson. “The ongoing protection and maintenance of this valuable freshwater resource is a great reminder of what we can accomplish by working together. Canada looks forward to continue collaborating with our American neighbours to safeguard the Great Lakes for generations to come.”

The report is developed in

accordance with the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement and provides a summary of the health of the Great Lakes. The assessment is made based on indicators of ecosystem health, such as drinking water, fish consumption and beach closures. Over 180 government and non-government Great Lakes

scientists and other experts worked to assemble available data and prepare the report.

Overall, Great Lakes water quality is assessed as “fair and unchanging.” While progress to restore and protect the Great Lakes has occurred, including the reduction of toxic chemicals, challenges cited in the report

include invasive species and excess nutrients that contribute to toxic and nuisance algae.

For more information about state of the Great Lakes reporting and to access the State of the Great Lakes 2019 Report, visit [www.binternational.net](http://www.binternational.net), [www.epa.gov/greatlakes](http://www.epa.gov/greatlakes) or [Canada.ca/great-lakes-protection](http://Canada.ca/great-lakes-protection).

### 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.**

## Traditional Medicine Program July clinic dates

Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program July 2020 clinic dates follow. Please call for questions or to schedule an appointment. At this time the Traditional Medicine Program is unable to accommodate walk-ins.

Joe Syrette — Sault Ste. Marie Health Center — July 2, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and 31.

St. Ignace Health Center — July 15; (906) 643-8689 or (877) 256-0135.

Gerard Sagassige — Sault Ste. Marie Health Center — July 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28.

St. Ignace Health Center — July 1; (906) 643-8689 or (877) 256-0135.

No Dates at this time for Munising Health Center and Manistique Health Center.

For appointments or questions, call Lori Gambardella at (906) 632-0236, Annie Thibert at 632-0220 or Laura Collins-Downwind.

# StrongHearts Native Helpline's chat advocacy feature a good option if you are unable to call

BY STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE STAFF

If it's not safe to call, StrongHearts Native Helpline's new online chat advocacy sessions might be a better option. Users receive one-on-one, real-time, confidential information from a trained advocate. Visit [www.strongheartshelpline.org](http://www.strongheartshelpline.org) to get started.

Unfortunately, StrongHearts Native Helpline is not able to provide internet-based services to people younger than 13. While our chat advocacy is not available to people 12 and

younger, our phone services are available to people of all ages.

All of StrongHearts Native Helpline's advocacy services are available daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT.

Chatline users reaching out after hours will receive a message re-directing them to reach out during operating hours or to reach out to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, a non-Native based 24-7 domestic violence helpline.

WHAT TO EXPECT ONLINE

Click on the purple Chat

Now button, on each page of the website in the same location, to connect with an advocate.

There is no need to download anything.

This is not a public chat room – it is a private one-on-one chat.

It is completely confidential and anonymous.

Chatline users are asked to complete a series of non-identifying demographics questions first.

These questions are optional and not required before beginning a chat session. To opt-out, just leave the answer blank.

When the answers are complete (or left blank), click on the Start Chat button to open a chat session with an advocate.

To close a chat at any time, click on the X in the top right corner of the chat window, followed by End Chat.

SAFETY

As always, your safety is most important to us at StrongHearts Native Helpline and it could be helpful to remember to click out of the site when you're done chatting and clear your online history. To learn more about staying safe

online, we recommend reading, *Behind the Screens: Reducing Tech Footprints* by the National Domestic Violence Hotline at <https://bit.ly/2BhRXL9>.

The StrongHearts Native Helpline, (844) 762-8483, is a culturally-appropriate domestic violence and dating violence helpline for Native Americans, available daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a collaborative effort of the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center.

# Recognizing male domestic violence survivors

BY STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

Men can be victims of domestic violence. Domestic violence can happen to anyone. Media and socialization may lead you to believe otherwise, but the truth is men and people of all genders can be and are victims of domestic violence.

Abuse against men can start at a very young age and the effect carries on with them into adulthood. When it comes to sexual violence, domestic violence and dating violence, men who reported abuse have indicated that not only were they sexually assaulted both as a child and as an adult, but also their struggles with intimate partner violence continues indefinitely as victims or perpetrators.

Increased rates of violence in Indian Country — According to the recent National Institute of Justice report, sta-



men to heal.”

**Eliminating barriers** — As a mental health therapist, Hayes works with children, adults, Native people, two spirit and LGBTQ individuals. He remains adamant that males need to break down the barriers of silence and the stigma of being a victim of sexual violence. Regardless of

a measure of a victim's strength and ability to survive.

Here are a few ideas to help men affected by domestic violence:

**Believe victim-survivors:** One of the most important things we can do to support male victim-survivors is to simply believe. Listen without questioning the victim's experience.

**Document the abuse:** Suggest they keep track of the abuse. They can take pictures, keep a calendar or start journaling as a way to document the abuse. Documenting the abuse can help in two ways: It can be a cathartic way to deal with negative emotions and it may also help the victim to obtain legal aid later on. Remind them that if they decide to document the abuse, to keep their document secure so their partner can't destroy the evidence and so they can remain safe while they figure out the next steps in the relationship.

**Find a support system:** Perhaps there's a good friend or relative they can confide in when talking about what they are experiencing. Having a strong support system could be vital to their emotional wellbeing. Creating and nurturing healthy relationships can help heal some of the mental trauma from abuse.

**Encourage them to take a proactive approach to their own safety:** Keeping their mental, emotional and physical sanity in check are great ways for them to remain grounded during and after a situation of abuse. Perhaps they like to play basketball, create art or read. Encourage them to do things that make them happy and feel good about themselves.

**Reach out:** To explore your options for safety and healing,

support all victims regardless of gender, sexual orientation or relationship status.

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tistics show an increased rate of violence among intimate partners in Indian Country. In the male category alone, four out of five men experienced violence in their lifetime, one in four experienced sexual violence, one in three endured physical violence by an intimate partner and nearly three in four experienced psychological aggression by an intimate partner. Fortunately, there is work being done to reduce this rate of violence.

“There isn't a lot of research out there, especially when it comes to Native American men,” Tate Topa Consulting Executive Director Lenny Hayes said, explaining that even the highest rates of violence recorded are most likely underestimated due to the stigma associated with men and boys being sexually abused. “I feel that within the Native community, we haven't even begun to acknowledge or create a safe space for Native

gender, all victims need to be acknowledged, supported and have resources available to them.

“If men weren't brought up in a healthy environment, they don't know how to have a healthy relationship in adulthood. We need to create a safe space for men in our communities to heal,” Hayes said.

Hayes is encouraged by Native men who have thanked him after they told him about their own personal experiences. “My response is to acknowledge [them] and express that I believed [them],” Hayes said, adding acknowledgment is an important first step to finding the help they need.

**Moving forward** — Understanding that males are victims of sexual, domestic violence and dating violence includes breaking the silence and breaking down barriers. Being a victim is not a sign of weakness. Acknowledging a need to heal is

click on the “Chat Now” icon on this page to open a one-on-one chat with an advocate or call (844) 7NATIVE (844-762-8483) daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. Callers reaching out after hours may connect with the National Domestic Violence Hotline by selecting option one.

StrongHearts Native Helpline understands it can be difficult to talk about domestic violence in tribal communities. The alarming rates of Native Americans and Alaska Natives experiencing domestic violence demands that we unite, acknowledge and

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# Jim Ailing Memorial Scramble tees off August 15

The Jim Ailing Memorial Scramble will be held Aug. 15 at Tanglewood Marsh Golf Course in Sault Ste. Marie.

Jim was an avid golfer who enjoyed the game. He was diagnosed with lung cancer in January 2011 and lost his battle on July 16, 2013. Jim was always willing and wanted to help others. He would want

to continue to help others by contributing to the charities that helped him and his family throughout their difficult time.

Four person teams, \$60/person. Includes 18 holes, cart and BBQ dinner. 9 a.m. registration and 10 a.m. tee off.

Profits will be split between Hospice of the EUP and Road to Recovery.

Prizes for 1-2-3 place, raffles, and door prizes, including a 50/50 drawing.

Proceeds from the 50/50 drawing is going to the children of my friends Mike and Kathy Williams who passed away in January from a car accident. Kathy had been my voice the last couple years and I'm honored to help her children.

Accepting donations for raffles, prizes and door prizes. Sponsor a hole! \$50 gets your name, message on a sign next to the hole for everyone to see.

Don't golf? Join us about 3 p.m. for dinner, \$15 a person.

Contact Sheri Ailing at (906) 203-5597, or by email: jimailingmemorial@yahoo.com



## Matthew Beckman on USS Harry S. Truman

**Photo by Seaman Kelsey Trinh**  
Air Traffic Controlman 3rd Class Matthew Beckman, from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., operates a case I Marshall system in the carrier air traffic air control center aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) in the Atlantic Ocean on May 28, 2020. The Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group remains at sea in the Atlantic as a

certified carrier strike group force ready for tasking in order to protect the crew from the risks posed by COVID-19, following their successful deployment to the U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet areas of operation. Keeping group at sea in U.S. 2nd Fleet, in the sustainment phase of optimized fleet response plan, allows the ship to maintain a high level of readiness during the global COVID-19 pandemic.



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## Tribal member family makes and donates masks

*The following letter was shared with Win Awenen Nisitotung by the Sault Tribe Enrollment Department:*

Enclosed you will find 90 homemade masks that my daughter, Marie Morse and I made. She actually made the majority of these. They are three layer masks with a nose wire. The soft flannel material is the inside layer. These can be hand washed and then dried in the sun to sanitize.

My daughter and her husband live in a small house on our farm. Her husband is James Dean Morse. He is a member of your tribe. We have made masks for the Rose Bud Indian Reservation in Mission S. Dakota. After we shipped those off, James' sister called your office and asked if you'd like some masks, also. Her name is Kathy Morse. The person

she talked to said yes, they could use some. So here they are.

Of course, no charge for the masks! We had the extra fabric here from years of sewing for my daughters and husband, so it only took our time. I have made masks for local organizations but decided that they get more help than the Native American populations do. I was raised by my father who said we have a little bit of "Indian in our wood pile." I was raised in the tradition of taking care of others.

If you know of anyone or any group that could use masks let us know. If you find you can't use the masks, please send them on to someone who can.

Love to you all and stay safe!  
Judith Michels,  
Marie Morse,  
Fond duLac, Wis.



**Some of the donated masks made by Judith Michels and Marie Morse.**

## Make a difference in the life of a child: Become a foster parent!

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) is in need of caring individuals who can provide a safe and nurturing home environment for children who have been placed out of their home due to abuse or neglect. Foster care is founded on the premise that all children have the right to physical, educational, emotional and cultural nurturance. The foster care program is designed to provide a substitute family life experience for a child in a household that has been approved and licensed. A relative may become licensed or may be unlicensed. ACFS makes every effort to place children with a

relative if possible.

A child may need foster care for a temporary or extended period of time. The primary goal during foster care is to reunite the child with his or her parents. The foster family plays an important role in the treatment plan for the child and family. Under the "team" approach, foster parents or relatives, together with the worker, attempt to provide the specific kind of help a child and his or her family needs for reuniting the child with the parents. When the child cannot be reunited with the parents, the child is prepared for permanent placement, with relatives or

non-related adoptive families. The majority of adoptions done by ACFS are with relatives or other Native American families.

ACFS needs committed foster parents. You are not required to own your own home, be married or give up your job and stay home full time in order to foster children. You may apply for day care payments for the time you are working or continuing your education. You will work with the agency to determine what will work best for you and your family.

For further information on becoming a foster parent, contact ACFS at 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093.

## Walking on . . .

**TODD R. CAIRNS**

Todd Raymond Cairns, age 47, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on March 28, 2020, at his home.

Todd was born on March 8, 1973, in Sault Ste. Marie. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, ice fishing and snowmobiling. He also enjoyed working on his cars and snowmobiles. He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Todd is survived by his mother, Barbara J. Cairns-Gould of Sault Ste. Marie; four children, Natasha (Rob Williams) Cairns, Kyle Cairns, Anthony Cairns and Alexis Cairns, all of Kincheloe, Mich.; and one granddaughter, Sophia Williams; two brothers, Terry Gould of Sault Ste. Marie and Jason (April) Gould of St. Ignace, Mich.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Todd was preceded in death by his father, Glen Spencer.

A private family viewing took place at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to help with funeral expenses. Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

**CYNTHIA J. VALLEE CARROLL**

Cynthia Jean "Cindy" Vallee Carroll, aged 71, of LaMoire, N.D., passed away on April 17, 2020, in Fargo, N.D., with family by her side. Cindy was born on Oct. 15, 1948, in Connecticut to Theodore Joseph Vallee Jr. and Anna Lillian Blomquist Vallee. She was a



member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Upon graduation from Granby Memorial High School with the Class of 1966, she went on to Northwestern Community College. She married William F. Carroll Jr. on July 22, 1967, at the First Congregational Church of Granby, Conn.

Cindy's family was her pride and joy, sharing lots of phone calls, visits, holidays and vacations together. She loved reading, gardening and caring for their horses, llama, guinea hens, dogs and numerous cats who always seemed to find her kind heart and a good meal. As a Coast Guard member's wife, she and their children lived in many states including New York, California, Alaska, Oregon, Hawaii and North Dakota where they bought a house and created a farm.

After the children finished school and left home to be on their own, Cindy worked many years for the LaMoire Credit Union. Following retirement, she and her husband traveled many times between the west coast and the east coast. Their trip to England was an exciting adventure.

A long-time resident of LaMoire, she was preceded in death by her parents and son-in-law, Elijah Newman.

Cindy is survived by her children, William Carroll III, Bethany Carroll, Gillian Newman and Anna Carroll; grandchildren, Monte Renn, Alfred Newman and Beatrice Carroll; siblings Nancy Pelczar, Sylvia Vallee and Patricia Greenwood; two nephews, a niece, a great-nephew and four great-nieces.

Memorial and burial services are at the convenience of the family.

**JOAN L. KARLSON**

Longtime Newberry resident, Joan Lee Karlson, Miskwaa

Dibbigiizis Kwe (Red Moon Woman), 88, died on June 4, 2020 at her residence in the presence of her loving family and the care of North Woods Hospice.

Born on March 20, 1932, in Boyne City, daughter of the late Leslie and Pauline (Kelts) Eddy, Joan was a 1950 graduate of Newberry High School.

On July 19, 1950, Joan enlisted in the United States Army and served until her honorable discharge on Nov. 15, 1951, attaining the rank of corporal. On Nov. 16, 1962, she married William J. Karlson in Newberry.

Joan held several employments including as an attendant nurse at the former Newberry Regional Mental Health Center, sales clerk at Ben Franklin, an aide for Community Action and a program aide for Green Thumb through UPCAP until her retirement.

Joan was a member of the Newberry United Methodist Church, member and elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, former member of VFW Post 4418 in Newberry, former member of the FOE 3701 and an active member of the American Legion Post 74 Ladies Auxiliary.

Joan enjoyed crafting, travelling, bingo and spending time with her immediate and extended family.

In addition to her parents, Joan is preceded in death by her husband William on April

*See "Walking on," page 15*



# Walking on continued . . .

*From "Walking on," page 14*  
7, 1987; siblings Barbara (Ray) Simmons, Sally (Clarence) Burke and Kimball (Judith) Eddy; brothers-in-law, Dennis Stucke and Tommy Smith; and sister-in-law, Helen Ojala.

Survivors include her children, Raymond (Vickie) Severance of Hessel, Lora (Pat) McMahon of Kincheloe, Diane (Martin) Lehto of Newberry, Steven (Cindy) Severance of Kincheloe and Bill Karlson of Newberry; grandchildren, Scott Severance, Robin Lopez, Valerie Edwards, Taylor Severance, Shawn McMahon, Michael McMahon, Stacy Zolfaghari, Jennifer Bleich, Robert Lehto, Steve Severance, Jennifer Woodruff, Lori Jo Severance, Melanie Middleton and Samantha Severance; 27 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; siblings, D. Marie Smith of Newberry, Robert (Louise) Eddy of Newberry and Judith Stucke of Lomira, Wis.; several nieces and nephews.

A spiritual tribal gathering conducted by the members of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians took place on June 13, 2020, at Joan's residence. Graveside military services conducted by the American Legion Post 74 and the United States Army Honor Guard were conducted at Forest Home Cemetery in Newberry.

Memorials may be directed to U.P. Honor Flight, 7508 J Road, Gladstone, Michigan 49837 or at <http://www.upperpeninsulahonorflight.org%20in%20her%20memory/> <http://www.upperpeninsulahonorflight.org> in her memory.

Condolences may be expressed at <http://www.beaulieufuneral-home.com>.

## SALLY M. MACARTHUR

Sally Marie MacArthur, 78, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on June 20, 2020, at the EUP Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie. She was born on April 26, 1942, in Sault Ste. Marie to Glenn and Fay Marble.

Sally was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Bowling Hall of Fame. She enjoyed quilting, crocheting, genealogy, playing women's softball and loved camping with her family.

Sally is survived by her husband of 60 years, Donald MacArthur; children, David (Michelle) MacArthur, Brian (Krista) MacArthur, Francine (Clarence deceased) Mitchell, Karlene (Michael) Mills; siblings, Marlene (Jay) Predmore, John (Janine) Marble, Terri (Randy) Vittitow, Frank (Beverly deceased) Marble; grandchildren, Chantelle MacArthur, Trevor (Becky) Mills, Michael (Jessica) McKerchie, Lindsey (Josh) Petersen, Adam (Kaitlyn) MacArthur, Calvin (Joyce) Mitchell, Kayla Mills, Keith MacArthur, Jessica (David) Gilbert, Sue Ellen Mitchell, Donald John MacArthur; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Sally was preceded in death

by her parents, Glenn and Fay Marble; and siblings, Kenneth (Pearl) Marble and Elaine (Robert) Trestrail.

Visitation and services took place on June 24 at Clark Funeral Cremation Burial Services with Deacon Bill Piche officiating. Final resting place will be Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

Online condolences may be left at [www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com](http://www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com).

## JOSEPH M. MENARD

Joseph Marvin "Joe" Menard, aged 84, of Sugar Island, Mich., passed away on June 7, 2020, at his home. Joe was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on Oct. 30, 1935, to the late Louis and Rose (nee Moyette) Menard.

He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War. Joe married Rose Marie Handziak on April 30, 1960.

He worked as a dredge man, as well as on the maintenance crew with the Mackinaw Bridge Authority and retired from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Waterways Commission. He also owned and operated an excavation company on Sugar Island.

He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, American Legion Post 3, VFW Post 3676, Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 717 and the Michigan Fiddlers Association.

Joe was appointed as the first fire chief on Sugar Island and was one of the original members of the Sugar Island Zoning Committee. He was instrumental in creation of the Sugar Island Fire and Ambulance Corps as well as construction of the island's fire hall and community center and the initiative to clear and build the "Emergency Road Project," now known as South Brassar Road. He was also a founding member of the annual Sugar Island Music Festival, assisted with the building and opening of the Newberry Logging Museum and multiple music festivals across the Upper Peninsula. Joe was a charter member of the Sugar Island Historical Society. He was also the last of the original Sugar Island Boys band, the highlight of his musical career was receiving and invitation and participating in representing Michigan's eastern Upper Peninsula for ethnic music at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

Joe worked with John Mastaw in creating a clearing for the Sugar Island Township Park on the north end of the island.

Joe is survived by his wife of 60 years; children, Jody Menard of Sault Ste. Marie, Randy (Melinda) Menard of Dafter, Mich., and Burt (Tanya) Menard of Sugar Island; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Marlene McDerrmott of Philadelphia, Pa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Raul Menard; brothers, Hector Menard, Gerald Menard and John "Chum" Menard; and brother-in-law,

William "Mac" McDerrmott.

A celebration of his life is scheduled at noon on July 11, 2020, at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building at 11 Ice Circle in Sault Ste. Marie. Burial will take place at a later date on Sugar Island.

The family is grateful to Hospice of the EUP and his godchildren Robert "Buck" Menard and Bernard "Bunzie" Germain.

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

## DWAYNE MORELL

Dwayne Morell, 76, passed away on June 18, 2020, after a prolonged illness at OSF St. Anthony's, Rockford, Ill. He was born in Sault Ste. Marie on July 18, 1943, to Dennis and Marion (Lewis) Morell. He grew up in Sandusky, Mich., attending high school there. He spent most of his adult life as school bus driver in the Chicago metropolitan area.

Dwayne is survived by two siblings, Bonnie Bright of Deckerville, Mich., and Clyde Morell of Colonial Beach, Va.; one son, Dwayne (Dawn) Westley of Algonac, Mich.; one daughter, Julie Kimmel of East China, Mich.; and assorted nieces and nephews across the country.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and twin sister, Elaine Shea.

Dwayne was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

## NANCY J. SCHWARTZ

Nancy J. (Camps) Schwartz, 84, of Bullhead City, Ariz., formerly of Wells, Mich., passed away peacefully on June 4, 2020, due to COVID-19.

Nancy was preceded in death by her loving husband of 65 years, Charles.

She is survived by her four children, Chuck and Arlinda, Dave and Rebecca, Patrick and Ritesh and Lynn and Steve; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A private memorial will be held at a later date.

## LAWRENCE J. THORNE

On the morning of June 11, 2020, eight bells rang out announcing the "end of watch" for Lawrence J. Thorne, 85. He passed away peacefully at home, as was his final wish.

Larry (known by his family as Sonny) was a retired member of the U.S. Navy and a Vietnam veteran. Born in Sault Ste. Marie in 1934, Larry spent his life helping others. He was a proud member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians

and devout member of the Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Phoenix, Ariz.

His mother and father; grandparents; brother, Jim; niece, Trish; and nephews, John and David, preceded him in death.

Larry is survived by his two sisters, Monica and Dolores; four brothers, Don, Bob, Lou and Vic; a multitude of nieces and nephews, cousins and many special friends who will all miss him greatly.

Visitation took place on June 26, 2020, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Phoenix. Please consider making a donation to the American Cancer Society.

## MARIE T. WEAK

Marie Therese (nee McGulpin) Weak of Forney, Texas, walked on June 7, 2020. Marie was born on Mackinac Island, Mich., April 13, 1932.

She attended Thomas W. Ferry School until 1948, when the family moved to St. Joseph, Mich. Marie attended St. Joseph Catholic School and furthered her education with nursing school, finally becoming a registered nurse.

In 1950, she married Edward Moschioni, they had four children and eventually divorced. In 1974 Marie married Horace D. Weak, they moved to Scottsdale, Ariz., in 1994.

Marie loved to play cribbage and was always up for a good party. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Sellev and Lena (Chapman) McGulpin and James C. and Edouige B. (Belanger) Chapman; parents, John and Beatrice M. (Chapman) McGulpin; a brother, John J. McGulpin; and husband Horace D. Weak.

She leaves behind her sister and Sault Tribe elder, Elizabeth Anne (McGulpin) Mainwaring of Cedar Springs, Mich.; a brother, James G. McGulpin of Scottsdale, Ariz.; children, Mario E. Moschioni, John A. Moschioni, Marynella B. Penn, all of Texas, and Denise M. Eaton of Arizona. Marie had nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, 10 nieces and nephews and 33 great-nieces and nephews.

## DONALD A. CAUSLEY

Donald A. Causley, 62, of Grand Haven, passed away unexpectedly on May 1, 2020, at his home. He was born Nov. 9, 1957, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.,

to Andrew and Bertha (Gugin) Causley. He married Valerie Nagelhout on June 9, 1995.

Donald was employed for 14 years at Grand Industries and prior to this, he worked for many years at Rapid Flush. He loved to

watch NASCAR, and the Detroit Red Wings, but most of all, he loved being with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Valerie; two daughters, Mackenzie and Latisha Causley; two sons, Donald Causley Jr., and Randall Causley; two step-daughters, Megan (Ronnie) VanHook and Danielle (Casey) Painter; two step-sons, Joshua Schuitema and Jason Schuitema; four grandchildren, Farrah and Aubrey VanHook and Domminic and Everly Causley; and two brothers, Angus (Kathy) Causley and Raymond Causley.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Lila and Eugene; his mother, Bertha (Gugin) Cartwright; and his father, Andrew Causley.

A Memorial Visitation was held May 7 at Klaassen Family Funeral Home.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

## MICHAEL J. LESTER

Michael J. Lester, 60, of Garden, Mich., passed away suddenly on

Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at UP Health Systems – Marquette. Mike was born Feb. 5, 1960, in Marquette, Mich. He is

the son of John Gerard and Viola Margaret (Raita) Lester. He grew up on the family farm, attended Big Bay de Noc Schools and graduated with the class of 1978.

Mike proudly served in the United States Marine Corp cruising parts of Asia to Australia, and then he was stationed in Hawaii. Upon returning to Garden, he became an Ironworker for Ironworkers Local #8 and was in their employ for over 30 years. He also continued to help on his father's farm and work on neighboring farms.

On Aug. 22, 1992, Mike married the former Patricia Boynton at St. Francis de Sales Church in Manistique. Trish preceded Mike in death on April 26, 2000. Mike enjoyed hunting, fishing, 4-wheeling and riding around the peninsula in his pickup checking out wildlife and being outdoors. He liked spending time with his family and friends — holidays and family events were important to him.

He was a member of St. John the Baptist Church, member of the Garden American Legion and member of the Garden Old Timers organization and baseball team. He volunteered to coach the Garden Woman's softball team for several years and was an avid Lion's fan.

Mike is survived by his stepson, Shaun (Hillary) Peterson of Manistique; grandchildren, Nathan, Jocelyn and Odin; brother, Edward (Brenda) Lester of Garden; sister, Margaret (Calvin) Richard of Garden; cousin and close friend, Theresa Bonecutter of Garden City, Mich.; nephew, Colton Richard of Garden; and several other cousins.

Mike is preceded in death by

See "Walking on," page 16



# Tribal members were still able to access Tribal Court during COVID-19 shutdown

Remote hearings held using online platforms

BY CHIEF JUDGE JOCELYN FABRY

Just like the COVID-19 crisis touched virtually every aspect of life, it also forced changes in the justice system. So, although the physical doors to the George K. Nolan Judicial Building were closed during the stay-at-home orders in effect from March to June, tribal members could still access the Tribal Court, just in different ways.

For the first week of the stay-at-home order, the court adjourned all non-emergency hearings and only held hearings in cases required by law. Tribal Court then quickly “changed gears” and converted to remote hearings using online platforms. Court Administrator/Magistrate Traci Swan led this transition; she worked to implement the technology and resources needed to continue court operations.

The first hearings that we

conducted via video were our Gwiaik Miicon treatment court reviews. The following week, we began holding all hearings online via BlueJeans or the Zoom platforms. Tribal courts across the state of Michigan were fortunate to receive Zoom licenses at no cost through a partnership with the Michigan Supreme Court. With remote hearings, parties and attorneys would connect “into” the hearing via their computers or smart phones, without having to come to the court building, yet the hearings were conducted just as if we were all physically together. Moving to online hearings allowed us to continue to provide essential court services, protect public safety and provide access to justice, while at the same time mitigating the risks posed by COVID-19. In addition, staff working from home still responded to the members and the public via e-mail to the court

and answering the court’s main phone line, now forwarded to staff phones. Staff members were also in the office for scheduled meetings and emergencies, such as meetings with probationers and petitions for personal protection orders.

Because we were able to remain “open” using remote technology, the court was able to keep our criminal and civil case-loads up to date and continue to provide other services for which the court is responsible, such as election filings. For example, we continued to regularly hold all child welfare hearings, as we had children in foster care and parents working services to have their children returned and we wanted to ensure that any delay in reunification caused by the pandemic that could be mitigated, was mitigated.

The court’s physical doors reopened to the public on June

1, with health and safety guidelines remaining a top priority at the court. The court provides masks to clients coming into the courtroom building, ensures the court itself is disinfected before and after every in-person hearing and keeps participants at a 6 foot distance between those not of the same household. We are also limiting the number of people in waiting areas and the courtroom at any given time. In addition, many hearings are still being conducted remotely so that parties and attorneys do not have to physically come to the court building unless necessary.

While it was important to do our part in protecting everyone from the public health risk, it was also important that justice continue. At this point, we simply do not know when things will return to “normal” in the courtroom again, if ever. The pandemic’s disruption forced

the justice system to change – and many of those changes are improvements and innovations that at Tribal Court, we will work to maintain. Some of the changes prompted by the pandemic can better help the justice system achieve its goals of access to justice, fairness and transparency. For instance, in certain cases, particularly when transportation is an issue, remote hearings can continue to be offered to parties. In addition, we hope to have more services and court forms available online, such as payment of fines. Individuals and businesses rely on the court to protect their rights and resolve disputes, and our legal system is meant to serve our people. Tribal Court continues to strive to do that in the most efficient, effective, holistic and accessible ways possible. In a way, the pandemic is helping us to achieve that.

# Caring for our tribal elders during COVID-19

BY JODI THOMPSON, ELDER TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR

The summer season is upon us, but with Covid-19 still being a threat the Sault Tribe Elder Service Division is adhering to the guidelines laid out by the CDC.

We have returned to our regular hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In the Sault, any elder who may need to come into the building to drop off or pick up paperwork we ask that you call and make an appointment, call 635-4971. If and when you need to come into the building have your mask on or we will provide you with one. We will need to take your temperature to assure it is not over 100.4.

Please note that none of this is documented or written down, it is just to keep us all safe and healthy.



Sault Ste. Marie Cooks Glenda Guerra, right, and Marlene Porcaro, left, preparing elder meals with care.

At this time, our meal sites are not large enough to accommodate a large number of elders and practice being at a “safe distance” so we are still offering curbside pickup meals as well as delivering to our homebound elders.

The Sault, St. Ignace and

Hessel meal sites offer curbside pick-up Monday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Manistique meal site is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Our Mackinac Island elders received a boost in their meal vouchers effective 6/1/20 to better cover the cost of their meal. The Sea Biscuit and the Broken Spoke are continuing to provide take-out meals.

Making sure tribal elders get nutritious meals during this pandemic is important to us. We are able to purchase Oliver Food Sealing Systems to seal food quickly and help better preserve meals. The new food sealers will ensure a high quality and safer food delivery system.

In transportation news, we have started providing rides again to and from doctor appointments with guidelines. Drivers

will take patients temperatures before going out to the vehicle. All patient temperatures need to be below 100.4. The driver and elder must wear masks at all times during the trip. If you think you may have been exposed to Covid-19 please let us know before our drivers take you to your appointment.

We do ask you call us in advance as soon as you know you need a ride. All the re-scheduling of appointments are starting up and we are trying very hard to accommodate. All vehicles have been cleaned and sanitized for your protection and are sanitized after every run. We are in process of hiring a driver for the western service area covering Marquette, Munising, Manistique and Escanaba. This should be operational within the month.

Elder Service Division Nurse Mark Willis RN, BSN, stated that

our home health technicians have continued to provide tribal elders with exceptional personalized services in their homes without interruption. From the beginning, home health technicians have taken precautions to provide safety to the tribal elders they serve and themselves. Wearing PPE and taking the clients temperature and their own temperature prior to performing their tasks is a daily routine. I would like to thank Mary Sawyers, Kristina Stoken and Lori Severance for their dedication in providing high quality care for tribal elders throughout this difficult time.

We want all the elders to know WE MISS THEM in the buildings but seeing them in the parking lots is better than nothing. We can’t wait until the day we can congregate back in the buildings safely, healthy while practicing our “new normal.”

# More walking on, continued from page 15

From “Walking on,” page 15 his parents; his wife, Patricia; and his brother, Richard Lester.

Visitation will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2020, at St. John the Baptist Church in Garden. A memorial mass will follow at 12 p.m. with Rev. Fr. John Essel officiating. Burial will take place at the New Garden cemetery in Garden. Memorial contributions in Mike’s name may be directed to the family for future designation.

Fausett Family Funeral Homes of Manistique and Garden is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left on their website at Fausettfh.com.

CHRISTINE MARIE BYRNES

Christine Marie Byrnes, beloved wife and mother, passed away at age 67 on Jan. 14, 2020 in Phoenix, Arizona. She was preceded in death by her son, Shaun. Christine is survived by her husband of 46 years,

Timothy and her son Bryan and daughter, Audrey. She is further survived by her brother Fred and sisters Shirley and Paulette.

Christine was born on Oct. 10, 1952 in Detroit, Mich., to Fred and Audrey Miles. She was a member of the Sault Tribe.

Christine graduated in 1970 from Cass Technical High School in Detroit, Mich. She was married in June, 1973 to her husband, Timothy and moved to Phoenix, Arizona in August of that year. She worked for 30 years for the U.S. Postal Service as a postal clerk. During her years at the post office, she returned to school and after nine years of going to school part time, she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in global business marketing from Arizona



State University in Dec. 2006.

Christine had a love of travel and over the years managed to visit six of the seven continents. Her favorite place to visit was the Hawaiian Islands where she visited 15 times. Her final journey has put her with the angels where she will have everlasting peace and love.

## In appreciation

To our many friends and relatives on the recent loss of Mickey — friend, wife, mother, and aunt to many. We appreciate the cards, calls and texts as the only ways to communicate in this COVID era, thank you all.

Warren, Kim, Kevin and Bill Family of Irene “Mickey” Bailey

## In memory of Christine McDonald

It has been 25 years since the Lord took you home. I have missed you so dearly for this whole time. You were a mother



John and his mother Christine McDonald.

who loved me with all of your heart even though I was adopted out to another family. You always made sure I knew you loved me so much. I miss our

letters back and forth. Your heart will always live within my heart.

You are missed.

Love,

Your son, John

# Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and Conservation: open to the public once again!

SUBMITTED BY ROBERT MARCHAND, CHIEF OF POLICE

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE) is excited to have its doors open to the public once again! Throughout the closure, STLE had staff in the office every day processing licensing applications received through the U.S. mail and scheduling appointments for commercial fishermen who chose to come in to get their 2020 licenses. As of June 1, tribal and community members have been able to come to STLE in person to apply for treaty hunting and fishing licenses. STLE would like to take this opportunity to provide some updates and reminders to tribal members regarding cancelled and/or modified events and activities.

## Announcements and reminders

STLE made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Junior Police Academy due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. STLE felt it was in the best interests and safety of its staff, the youth who attend and the volunteers who commit many hours to the academy each year. STLE hopes to resume its regular academy in 2021.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Sault Tribe issued an executive order specifically related to commercial captains and helpers who held a license in 2019. This order allowed 2019 captains and helpers to fish under their 2019 licenses until July 31, 2020, when the order expires. At that time, captains and helpers who have not renewed for 2020 will need to call STLE to make their appointment to obtain their 2020 licenses. Through this executive order, any captains who fished under it were still required to submit required catch reports as if they held their 2020 licenses.

Subsistence and subsistence gill net license holders are still required to submit monthly catch reports, whether you fish or catch any fish. Even through the closure, this requirement was not waived. Please make sure you are submitting monthly catch reports no later than the 10th of each month. If you did not submit a report for any month you held these licenses, please make sure you get one in as soon as possible. All applicants are provided a copy of Tribal Code Chapter 20 and CORA Code, both of which regulate the subsistence



and subsistence gill net licenses. If you cannot find the answer to your question in either of these laws, please contact STLE and you will be put in touch with an officer. Please note: CORA Code, Section XVII – Recreational Fishing allows tribal members to use their current, up-to-date tribal membership card to fish the Great Lakes following State of Michigan rules. This is only good on the Great Lakes in the treaty area.

The application deadline for bear and elk lottery applications expired on June 1, 2020, at 5 p.m. The lottery drawing took place in late June. Sault Tribe Natural Resources Department (STNRD) will contact the winners of the elk drawing – STLE

will not release any information related to the winners as there are other requirements that STNRD will review with them. For the bear lottery winners, STLE will only call you if you do not have a 2020 inland hunting, fishing and gathering license. If you have already renewed for 2020, STLE will mail your bear tag along with this year's rules and guidance. It is not clear when STLE will have access to the results of the bear drawing, members may call STLE for updates after June 22, 2020.

Members may have noticed a difference on their inland hunting, fishing and gathering licenses and tags. STLE is using a new licensing system for these, which allows the season dates to be printed right on the tags. On the back of the harvest cards, you will now find exactly for what use you have the harvest cards. Stated on the back of both the hunting and non-hunting harvest cards is the language: This card does NOT permit fishing in the Great Lakes. STLE has received several calls asking if this was a new regulation. The answer is no, you have never been authorized to fish the Great Lakes with your inland harvest license. Please be

sure you are reviewing your rules and regulations to ensure you are engaging in allowable activity, regardless of which license you hold. Please also remember that any licenses issued by Sault Tribe are valid only in Sault Tribe's 1836 Treaty Area. There are maps available online to help you determine the boundaries.

Tribal laws that regulate treaty licenses are available online at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com), Government, Tribal Code. Chapter 21 and 23 regulate inland hunting, fishing and gathering activity. Chapter 20 and CORA code regulate subsistence, subsistence gill net and commercial fishing activity. Maps, applications and other resource materials can be found on the website by selecting Membership Services, Natural Resources, and either click the downloads link to the left, or at the bottom of the page, in red letters – For Applications Click Here.

## General information

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.

# Invasive species: what you can do to stop the spread

BY HADLEY REED, SAULT TRIBE ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

Throughout the year, the eastern Upper Peninsula will see dozens of invasive species. An invasive species is defined as a species that will take over an ecosystem and crowd out other species, especially a non-native or introduced species. In the forest you see garlic mustard, in the river you see didymo, and along the roads you see wild parsnip. Each species has a set of characteristics that help it to grow in and dominate the surrounding area, such as dense or connected root systems, increased growth rates, overbearing leaves or chemicals released into the soil to inhibit

native species growth. Whatever the circumstances, control and prevention of invasive species are key to the successful management of our lands.

In order to control invasive species, plans must be tailored to the species and the particular ecosystem. Sometimes you can pull the weed or cut down the tree. Other times, you need to remove the entire plant, including its roots, to prevent it from growing back. A prime example of this would be Japanese knotweed which only requires one small piece of root or stem to begin growth, meaning you must burn the plant or wrap it tightly in thick garbage bags for disposal. At no time should

you compost these plants or they will continue to spread. For larger infestations chemical means may be necessary. When using chemical herbicides you should always follow the instructions on the label to avoid harming other plants, animals or people, and wear protective equipment such as gloves, eyewear, masks, long pants and boots. It's important to use the most current information about control, because some methods can actually stimulate certain invasive species! There are many resources to help. Local groups and agencies can provide information and help to manage invasive species. In our area you can contact the Sault Tribe

Environmental Department, Bay Mills Biological Services or the Michigan DNR.

Certainly the best method of invasive species control is prevention. If the species is not introduced in the first place, controlling it will not be a problem. Preventing invasive species is up to everybody. When hiking, running or walking, we can pick up seeds or plant material on our shoes or clothes without knowing it, and they can ride on our stuff to a new location. It is key to frequently clean your boots and shoes as well as to check your clothes for uninvited hitchhikers. Almost all outdoor gear (backpacks, tents, chairs, bikes, fishing poles, boats, etc.)

can carry or transport invasive species in one way or another, so cleaning and disinfecting your gear is extremely important.

The other thing outdoors-people can do to help prevent the spread of invasive species is to report any sightings. We might have a small window of opportunity to remove and prevent any further spread of the species before it gets a foothold in our ecosystems. If you spot an invasive or see a species you don't know, let us know! Take a photo, if you can, and if you have a GPS enabled camera or app on your phone, even better. We want to check it out, and the sooner the better.

# Spotted lanternfly could be the next invasive species to threaten Michigan's agriculture, natural resources

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is asking the public to be on the lookout for spotted lanternfly, an invasive insect with the potential to seriously affect Michigan's agriculture and natural resources. This insect could damage or kill more than 70 varieties of crops and plants including grapes, apples, hops and hardwood trees. To date, spotted lanternfly has not been detected in Michigan.

First found in the United States in 2014 in southeastern Pennsylvania, spotted lanternfly has been spreading rapidly across the nation. Infestations have been confirmed in Delaware, Virginia, New Jersey, Maryland and West Virginia.

Spotted lanternfly causes



**Spotted lanternfly wings open and closed**

direct damage by sucking sap from host plants and secreting large amounts of a sugar-rich, sticky liquid called honeydew.

This honeydew and the resulting black, sooty mold can kill plants and foul surfaces. The honeydew often attracts other pests, particularly hornets, wasps and ants, affecting outdoor recreation and complicating crop harvests.



**Spotted lanternfly egg masses.**

Spotted lanternfly egg masses "Spotted lanternfly could negatively impact our grape industry," said Robert Miller, invasive species prevention and response specialist for MDARD. "But it also has the potential to damage stone fruits, apples and other crops in Michigan's fruit belt as well as important timber species statewide."

Spotted lanternfly egg masses

resemble old chewing gum, with a gray, waxy, putty-like coating. Hatched eggs appear as brownish, seed-like deposits. Spotted lanternfly nymphs are wingless, beetle-like and black with white spots, developing red patches as they mature. Adults are roughly 1 inch long. Their folded wings are gray to brown with black spots. Open wings reveal a yellow and black abdomen and bright red hind wings with black spots transitioning to black and white bands at the edge.

"Prevention and early detection are vital to limiting the spread of spotted lanternfly," said Miller. "Spotted lanternfly cannot fly long distances, but they lay eggs on nearly any surface, including cars, trailers, firewood and outdoor furniture. Before

leaving an area where a quarantine is present, check vehicles, firewood and outdoor equipment for unwanted hitchhikers."

If you find a spotted lanternfly egg mass, nymph or adult, take one or more photos, make note of the date, time and location of the sighting, and report to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, MDA-Info@Michigan.gov or phone the MDARD Customer Service Center, 800-292-3939. If possible, collect a specimen in a container for verification.

For additional information on identifying or reporting spotted lanternfly, visit [Michigan.gov/SpottedLanternfly](http://Michigan.gov/SpottedLanternfly).

You can also contact Robert Miller at, (517) 284-5650.



# Sault Tribe Thrive's directory of Sault Tribe member-owned businesses to shop 'n' support

We want to thank all the businesses who contacted us or talked with us as we were building the list.

The Sault Tribe Thrive office is dedicated to our member-owned businesses offering resources, research and informa-

**Creative Change**, communication and job performance services, Alan Barr, Manistique, MI, 49854, (906) 286-1922 alanb@creativechange.org

**Tipping Point Solutions**, digital media production, Rick Schmidt, Centennial, CO, 80112, (303) 353-0440, Rick at: Schmidt@tp-solutions.com

**JETA Corporation**, distribution specialist, Linda Grow, Neenah, WI, 54956, (888) 380-0805, lgrow@jetacorp.com

**Irwin Group LLC**, business development, investment, and consulting, Mitch Irwin, Lansing, MI, 48826, (517) 896 6875, irwinmitch@gmail.com

**Moore Trosper Construction**, Ted Moore, Holt, MI, 48842, (517) 694-6310, tmoore@mooretrosper.com

**Sault Printing and Office Supplies**, Ron Maleport, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906) 632-3369, ron@saultprinting.com

**ISHPI Cyber Protection Service Company**, Earl Bowers, Suffolk, VA., 23435, (757) 809-2302, info@ishpi.net

**Matson's Fisheries Fish Market**, Katy Matson, Munising, MI, 49862, (906) 202-0025, matsonfish@yahoo.com

**Timberdoodle**, hand made crafts, Janelle Gross Dudeck, Detour, MI, 49725, (906) 297-1011, Timberdoodle.mercantile@gmail.com

**Ludington Outdoor Services**, landscaping and tree removal, Caleb Bownan, Ludington, MI, 49431, (231) 690-1002, Calebbowman1982@gmail.com

**Derusha Construction**, construction services, David Derusha, Ashland, WI, 54806, (715) 730-0734, Derushaconstruction@yahoo.com

**Burnside Creations**, hand made crafts, Lisa Burnside, Hessel, MI, 49745, (906) 430-7323, Burnsidecreations1@gmail.com

**Bloomco Flowers**, David Lockhart, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906) 205-0275, shop@bloomcosault.com

**Prescription Oxygen**, durable medical equipment, Ron Gordon, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906) 632-3772, ron@prescriptionoxygen.com

**Floor Masters**, flooring and carpet, Art Derry, Dafer, MI, 49724, (906) 322-0252, art.derry@yahoo.com

**Snowbelt Brewing Co.**, brewery, Angielena Muellenberg, Gaylord, MI, 49735, (989) 448-7077, Drinklocal@snowbeltbrewery.com

**Arbor Insight**, conversation management solutions, Scott Lavictor,

tion sharing. We are here to help and this directory is just the first step in a long list of goals we have set.

If your business is not listed, please contact us so we can get you and your business set up with our office and into the Ann Arbor, MI, 48104, (734) 992-7267, hello@arborinsight.com

**Dream Catchers Consulting**, business IT maintenance and management, Bill Pemble, Williamston, MI, 48895, (517) 243-2877, pemblew@gmail.com

**Clear From Here**, music clearance and consulting for film/television, Jennifer Jespersion, North Hollywood, CA., 91601, (818) 415-9025, jennifer.jespersion@mac.com

**Flowers Automotive Vehicle Repair Shop**, Jim Flowers, Sault Ste. Marie, MI., 49783, (906) 632-8074

**Nontrivial Solutions LLC**, health care system software management, James Bearden, Oklahoma City, OK, 73137, (405) 698-3702, james@nontrivial.net

**Iversons Outdoors**, handcrafted traditional snowshoes, Joel Schultz, Munising, MI, 49862, (906) 452-6370, baker.jimr@gmail.com

**Zodiac Party Store**, convenience store, Keith Massaway, St. Ignace, MI, 49781, (906) 643-8643, kmasaway@msn.com

**Northern Wings Repair**, aerospace manufacturer, David Goodreau, Newberry, MI, 49868, (906) 477-6176, dave@nwrepair.com

**Mid American Title**, title agency, Amy Goetz, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906) 379-9555, amy@Mid-AmericanTitle.com

**Mackinaw Trail Winery**, winery, Laurie Stabile, Petosky, MI, 49970, (231) 487-1910, stabilelaurie@gmail.com

**Cedar's Motel**, motel, Tim or Kathy, St. Ignace, MI, 49781, (906) 643-9578, thecedarsmotel@aol.com

**American Dream Builders**, construction, Gary Vallier, Kalamazoo, MI, 49009, (269) 365-1969, garyadbslm@hotmail.com

**Bay Pharmacy**, pharmaceuticals and prescriptions, Douglas Goudreau, St. Ignace, MI, 49781, (906) 643-7725, DGoudreau@saulttribe.net

**Benoit's Glass and Lock Glass Repair Shop and Locksmith**, Rick Benoit, Escanaba, MI, 49829, (906) 786-5281, lisabtigger@yahoo.com

**Bonacci Contracting Construction**, Carmine Bonacci, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906) 632-1425, Bonacci10@gmail.com

**Dress Up and Tuxedo Clothing Outlet**, Jody Bugay, Escanaba, MI, 49829, (906) 789-9796, Jody@dressup906.com

**Muscotts Painting**, painting residential and commercial, James Muscott, Petosky, MI, 49770, (231) 342-2914,

directory going forward. We will update the list as needed and republish every month to ensure new members and changes are seen consistently.

We request the following information:

— Name of business  
jamesmuscott@hotmail.com

**Medical Arts Optical**, glasses and hearing aids, Melanie Cook, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906) 632-2289, melaniebea@aol.com

**Soo Welding**, welding and metal working, Charles Fabry, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906) 632-8241, soowelding@outlook.com

**Upholstry Sewing**, sewing repair shop residential and commercial, Emily McGeary, Escanaba, MI, 49829, (906) 446-3406, mcmilly451@gmail.com

**Greene Environmental Services**, asbestos abatement services, Mike Greene, Livonia, MI, 48154, (734) 272-8434, mgreene@greeneenvironmentalservices.com

**Innes Welding and Repair**, boat props and small metal working projects, Mike Innes, Brimley, MI, 49715, (906) 440-5634, thepropmaster@hotmail.com

**Salon C Hair Salon**, Cathy Mclellan, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906) 635-3964, cathyann906@gmail.com

**Hakola Porta John**, rental of porta johns and tents, Tony Hakola, Cedarville, MI, 49719, (906) 484-6202, tonyhakola@hotmail.com

**Caster Construction**, construction, Ed Caster, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906) 635-3550, elcasterconstruction@gmail.com

**Super 8 Motel**, motel, James Dekeyser, St. Ignace, MI, 49781, (906) 643 7616, jmdeke@sbcglobal.net

**Proline Auto Vehicle Repair Shop**, Mike Pages, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., 49783, (906) 259-0809, mpages73@gmail.com

**Sunset Motel**, motel, Armand Horn, St. Ignace, MI, 49781, (906) 643-8377, sunsetmotel786@gmail.com

**Eversons Furnishings**, residential and commercial furniture, Jimmy Everson, St. Ignace, MI, 49781, (906) 643-7751, info@eversonsfurniture.com

**Mike's Garage**, vehicle repair shop, Mike Cook, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906) 635-5755, mikemike1962@hotmail.com

**lo DuPont Inc.**, engineer, Tony Dupont, Boise, ID, 83702, (208) 908-0630, Tony@7GenCo-Ops.com

**Contain a Pet of EUP LLC.**, pet kenneling and grooming, Melinda Menard, Dafer, MI, 49724, (906) 290-0478, CAPofEUP@yahoo.com

**Farmhouse Restaurant**, restaurant, Patty Basse, Gould City, MI, 49838, (906) 286 9763, jbase2112@yahoo.com

— Address of business  
— Point of contact  
— Phone number  
— Email address  
— Website URL (if you have one) FB pages count  
— Sault Tribe card number  
Please contact the Sault Tribe

**Belonga Plumbing and Heating**, residential and commercial plumbing, Steven Belonga, St. Ignace, MI, 49781, (906) 430-0672, lbelonga@sbcglobal.net

**Massey Fish Co.**, fish market, Jamie Massey, St. Ignace, MI, 49781, (906) 984-2148, masseysfish@hotmail.com

**Sore Arms Fishing**, fish market, Aaron Hendrickson, Gwinn, MI, 49841, (906) 360-6035, sorearmscharters@gmail.com

**Sabatine Appraisals**, appraisals and rental properties, Stephanie Sabatine, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, 906-322-2960, stephsabatine@gmail.com

**Lockview Restaurant**, Amy Goetz, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49784, (906) 632-2772, lockview2019@gmail.com

**Herbal Lodge**, herbal medicines and treatments, Nathan Wright, Petosky, MI, 49770, (231) 622-9063, native14u@yahoo.com

**Lajoie Trucking Service and Freight**, trucking, Marty Lajoie, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906) 647-3209, ltsf1@yahoo.com

**Calderwood Wood Products and Services**, wood products and design, Fred Sliker, Trout Creek, MI, 49967, (906) 852-3232, fredsliger@jamadots.com

**McCabes Flooring**, flooring, Bill McCabe, Marquette, MI, 49855, (906) 228-8821, mccabesflooring@aol.com

**Manleys Famous Smoked Fish**, fish market, Don Wright, St. Ignace, MI, 49781, (906) 430 0937, dwright@clmcaa.com

**Regal Home Health LLC.**, Breana Eby, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (620) 308-0277, regalhomecare@outlook.com

**Penzoil Oil Change/Car Wash**, Tracy Smart or Mickey, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906) 635-3018, tsmart1218@gmail.com

**Briila Marketing**, marketing and web design, Jackie Debusschere, Oxford, MI, 48371, (248) 429-7246, Jackie@briilamarketing.com

**Anchor Systems LLC**, computer security service, Fredrick Carr, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (202) 306-1365, frederick.t.carr@gmail.com

**Barbeaux Fisheries**, fishing, Paul Barbeaux, De Tour Village, MI, 49725, (906) 297-5969, barbeauxfish@gmail.com

**Long Ships Motel**, motel, Scott Albon, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906)748-0589, scotty\_joce@yahoo.com

**Hilltop Bar/Restaurant**, restaurant,

Thrive Business Office with any questions you have.

Justin Emery  
Business support coordinator  
Sault Tribe Thrive  
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Brandon/Tracy Mckerchie, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906) 259-2621, mckerchiebrandon@yahoo.com

**The Palace Saloon**, restaurant, Doreen Goetz, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906) 632-7721, palacesaloon1903@gmail.com

**Eagle HVAC Services LLC**, residential or commercial insulation, Bryan Goudreau, Garden, MI, 49835, (906) 450-0409, groundsourcehtg@gmail.com

**St. Ignace in Bloom**, flower and plant shop, Alex or Samantha Belonga, St. Ignace, MI, 49781, (906) 643-9480, greenhouse@stignaceinbloom.com

**TickledPinkAntiques**, antique shop, Carole Prisk, Negaunee, MI, 49866, (906) 475-4567, caroleprisk@yahoo.com

**DeMawating Development**, property mangement company, Theresa Germain, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906) 495-2800, TGermain@saulttribe.net

**Northern Hospitality**, flooring service and furnature sales, Jennifer Menard, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906) 635-4800, jmenard3@saulttribe.net

**Gitchi Auto**, used car/mobile home dealer, Mike Brown, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906) 203-4491, mikebrownells@gmail.com

**Big Bear Arena Recreation Center**, Tammy Graham, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906) 635-4785, tgraham@saulttribe.net

**MidJim Convenience Store**, convenience store, Sheryl Mckerchie, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906) 635-4782, SMckerchie@saulttribe.net

**MidJim Convenience Store**, convenience store, Sheryl Mckerchie, St. Ignace, MI, 49781, (906) 643-9906, SMckerchie@saulttribe.net

**Sawyer Village**, rental apartments, Theresa Germain, Gwinn, MI, 49841, (906) 346-3919, TGermain@saulttribe.net

**Riverside Village**, mobile home placement and rentals, Theresa Germain, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906) 495-2800, TGermain@saulttribe.net

**Chocolay Storage**, storage units, Ace Hardware Staff, Marquette, MI, 49855, (906) 249-2223, chocolayace@gmail.com

**Chippewa Storage**, storage units, Theresa Germain, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906) 495-2800, TGermain@saulttribe.net

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# Sault Tribe officials say shut down Line 5!

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Recently, on behalf of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and its board of directors, tribal board Chairperson Aaron Payment repeated the tribe’s longstanding calls to shut down Line 5.

“Enbridge shut off the oil flow in the line at the straits in response to its discovery of damage to an anchor support,” Payment said. “This damage follows on the heels of last month’s

discovery of damage to the pipeline coating. It’s past time this old line was shut off for good.”

The twin pipes at the straits, installed in 1953, were designed to rest on the bottom of the lake bed at the straits crossing. Terms of the bottomlands easement with the State of Michigan require that any unsupported spans be less than 75 feet in length. Under scrutiny in recent years, it has come to light that many unsupported spans

exceeding that length have existed throughout the pipe’s history, and it is possible that the pipe never met the easement terms.

“Enbridge keeps installing these screw anchors, 20 or 40 at a time, which are a complete redesign of the pipeline system without any overall examination and public approval of this new design,” Payment said. “The Sault Tribe has strongly objected to this short cut of regulations and now we see the fault in it.

No one had a chance to examine expert evidence predicting how these anchors could fail.”

Sault Tribe has called on any government to permanently stop the flow of oil in these lines since February 2015. For more than five years, the tribe has asked the State of Michigan to end this threat to the treaty fishery in these waters.

Governor Whitmer said Enbridge must proceed with caution. Payment said, “That

is not good enough. Enbridge must stop threatening our treaty fishery, our livelihoods, Pure Michigan and our state’s tourism economy. Enbridge must stop pumping oil through the straits.”

The chairperson added, “Governor Whitmer, you carry an immense burden to protect this priceless treasure. The tribes are asking yet again. Do not wait until it is too late. Shut down Line 5.”

# IllumiNative, Sundance Institute, The Black List collaborate for indigenous screenwriting list

The Black List recently announced a collaboration with IllumiNative and Sundance Institute to create the Indigenous List, highlighting the very best indigenous screenwriters from both feature films and television.

Filmmakers and content creators are invited to submit scripts

for consideration by uploading it to the Black List website.

Submissions will be accepted until Sept. 27, 2020, (Evaluation purchase deadline: Aug. 27, 2020). Submissions are now open for this partnership via [blcklst.com](http://blcklst.com). Eligible writers should be Indigenous film artists working in the United States.

The requirements for the 2020 Indigenous List are: Indigenous film artists working in the U.S. are eligible to submit scripts to this partnership; Any kind of story is eligible and will be considered; Feature film scripts, half-hour scripts and one-hour episodic scripts will be considered for this partnership

- no webseries, please. All levels of experience considered for submitting writers; Scripts submitted should be as free from attachments as possible; and submitting writers should be prepared to answer the following question: *What is your Tribal Nation/First Nation? Please describe how your Native culture*

*has supported your ideas and process as a screenwriter?*

Writers selected for the Indigenous List will be notified of their placement in the fall of 2020, with a public announcement to follow.

For more information, please contact Kate Hagen at [kate@blcklst.com](mailto:kate@blcklst.com).

# Appellate court judge, licensed attorney needed

## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS APPELLATE COURT JUDGE

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., seeks a licensed attorney for the position of judge on their appellate court in its tribal court system.

Judges at the appellate court level hear appeals primarily focused on a variety of civil matters and criminal matters.

The successful candidate will be one of five appellate judges. Additional candidates may be

appointed as reserve judges.

Pursuant to *Tribal Code Chapter 82.134(2)(d)*, the successful candidate(s) will be based on integrity and moral courage, legal ability and experience, intelligence and wisdom, culturally oriented, deliberate and fair minded in reaching decisions, industrious and prompt in performing his or her duties as a judge, personal habits and outside activities compatible with judicial office as well as courteous and considerate conduct on the bench

Applicants shall have the highest moral and ethical character, be licensed to practice law in state of the United States, have experience as a practicing attorney and/or judge in tribal courts and have significant experience

and knowledge of federal Indian law and tribal law. The successful candidate will also demonstrate the ability to analyze difficult and complex facts and issues and have knowledge of the appellate standard of review over lower court and administrative decisions. Prior appellate litigation or judicial experience is preferred.

This position is a contract position. Native American preference will be given.

Application deadline is July 10, 2020.

Applications can be found at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com), under government/tribal court tab, downloads section or by contacting the court below.

Qualified candidates should send a letter of interest, resume and completed application to

Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court

Attn: Traci Swan  
2175 Shunk Road  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
(906) 635-7747  
[tswan@saulttribe.net](mailto:tswan@saulttribe.net)

# Sault Tribe Thrive directory of member owned businesses

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**Odenaang Storage**, storage units, Theresa Germain, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906) 495-2800, [TGermain@saulttribe.net](mailto:TGermain@saulttribe.net)

**Mackinac Trail Storage**, storage units, Theresa Germain, St. Ignace, MI, 49781, (906) 495-2800, [TGermain@saulttribe.net](mailto:TGermain@saulttribe.net)

**Trim & Tan**, hair salon with tanning beds, Kelly Hatinger, Manistique, MI, 49854, (906) 341-8746, [khatinger@centurytel.net](mailto:khatinger@centurytel.net)

**The Ice Cream Shoppe**, ice cream and treats, Jill or Jeff Mcleod, Cedarville, MI, 49719, (906) 484-5525, [jmcleod@eupschools.org](mailto:jmcleod@eupschools.org)

**The Bunker Bar and Grill**, golf course/restaurant, Helen Wilkins, Kincheloe, MI, 49788, (906) 322-3369, [hwilkins5@gmail.com](mailto:hwilkins5@gmail.com)

**Denny’s Auto Body**, auto body shop, Denny Aho, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (906) 635-3040

**Red Sky Woman Designs**, hand made crafts, Helen Wilkins, Kincheloe, MI, 49789, (906) 322-3370, [hwilkins5@gmail.com](mailto:hwilkins5@gmail.com)


**Wicked Walleye Tackle**, hand made lures for walleye fishing, Mendy Kolbus, Rapid River, MI, 49878, (906) 286-1886, [wickedwalleyet@yahoo.com](mailto:wickedwalleyet@yahoo.com)

**Preimer Learning**, tutoring and tutor training, Colleen Ford, Swartz Creek, MI, 48473, (810) 732-6493, [cgkford@comcast.net](mailto:cgkford@comcast.net)

**IvyTek Inc.**, loan management software services, Sandy Griggs, Jacksonville, FL, 32245, (337) 212-0994, [sales@ivytek.com](mailto:sales@ivytek.com)

**A Little Golden Studio**, photography/video and hand made gifts, Kaitlin Lenhard, Lansing, MI, 48826, (616) 902-0191, [alittlegoldenstudio@gmail.com](mailto:alittlegoldenstudio@gmail.com)

Remember we live in  
**Mukwa Country**



and a Fed Bear is a Dead Bear


- Would you like some advice on how to make your home bear smart?
- Have a bear to report?

Call Sault Tribe Natural Resources Department  
@ 906-632-6132

Call Sault Tribe Law Enforcement  
@ 906-635-6065

Bears have a keen sense of smell and are attracted to the smells of food scraps commonly found in household garbage. When bears have a steady supply of garbage around residential areas they can become dangerous to humans and in turn themselves.

Please respect our brother and pay particular attention to how you handle your garbage, scraps, and other bear attractants.



- Store garbage indoors or in bear-resistant garbage cans
- Do not leave food, scraps, garbage, recycling, or pet food accessible to bears.
- Place feast scraps in the woods as far as possible from residential areas
- Put garbage out for pickup service the morning of pickup – not the night before.
- Remove bird feeders through the summer months.
- If you are leaving home several days before pickup haul your garbage to a dump or ask a neighbor for help
- Be particularly aware of very odorous food scraps such as fish and meat bones/scraps – store them in the freezer before garbage day.

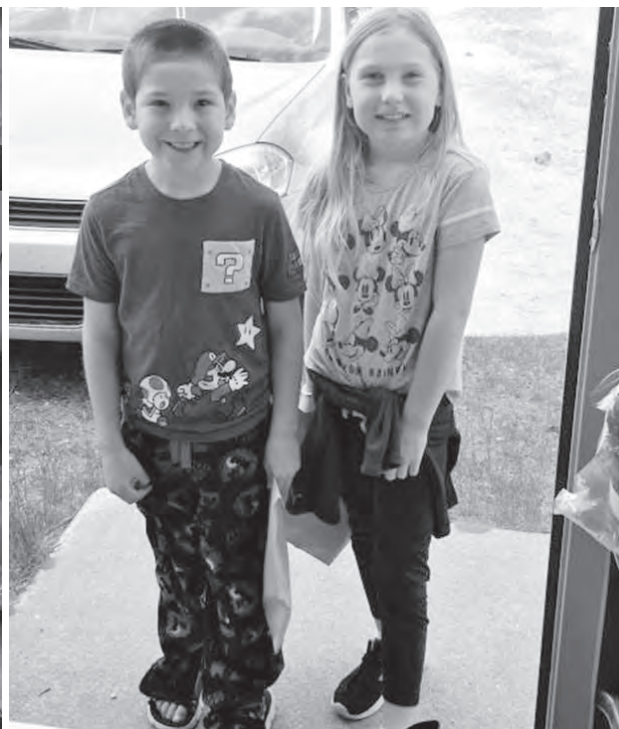
# Early Childhood Programs accepting applications



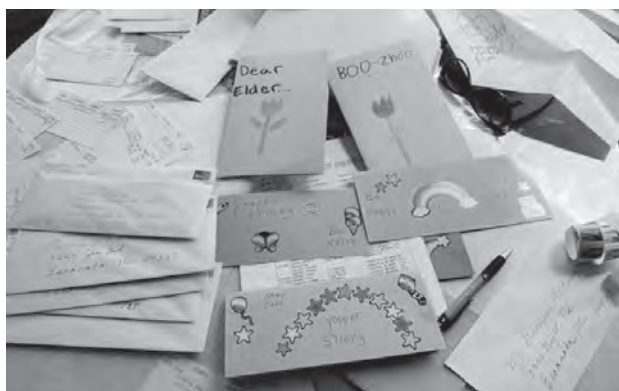
Sault Tribe Early Childhood programs are now accepting applications for the 2020-21 school year, which begins on Sept. 8, 2020. Applications for all sites (Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace) are available by calling (906) 635-7722 or emailing Karla McLeod at [kmcLeod@saulttribe.net](mailto:kmcLeod@saulttribe.net) or Lisa McGlinch at [lmcglinch@saulttribe.net](mailto:lmcglinch@saulttribe.net).



YEA St. Ignace Student Services coordinator Sue St. Onge said it takes some organization and lots of back work to prepare, package and deliver meals to St. Ignace area school students. Each week, five breakfasts and five lunches are sent home to 300 students.



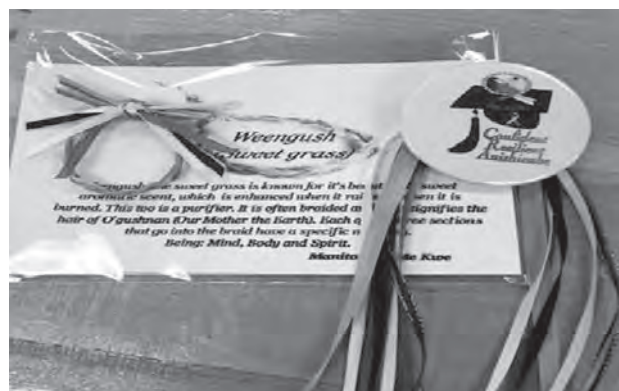
YEA Manistique Youth Services coordinator Janet Krueger said snack bags, craft kits and mishomis books were delivered to 42 kids, backpack buddy food bagged and given out to 84 students, made 1,400 masks, which have been sewn and given away, garden kits received and started to disburse to students, and student worker applications for WIOA program.



YEA Escanaba/Gladstone/Rapid River/Gwinn/Negaunee/Ishpeming Youth Services coordinator Kelly Constantino dropped off colored paper to students at their homes and had students make cards letting tribal elders know that they want them to stay safe and that they are there for them through this COVID-19 time.



YEA Sault Ste. Marie Youth Services coordinator Jill Lawson said they have been putting kits together to send home to children and their families. She said, thanks to the TED grant, they have lots of supplies to keep families busy. They are now working on getting seed beads together and looms to make bracelets.



YEA Newberry/Engadine/Pickford/Cedarville/Hessel/DeTour Village/Drummond Youth Services coordinator Lisa Burnside, has been designing and making buttons for YEA graduates, helping with the Feeding America Food distribution in Newberry and developing fun and exciting summer program activities for families.

## BMIC gets USDA loan to build new health center

BAY MILLS, Mich. — Bay Mills Indian Community (BMIC) was approved for funding to construct the new Bay Mills Health Center. BMIC Tribal Chairman Bryan Newland recently received notice that the tribe's U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development loan application was approved for \$6 million.

Officials from BMIC have been laying the groundwork for the project throughout the last year, with the assistance of the Indian Health Service. The health center will be in the heart of the reservation, near the tribal justice center. The grounds for the project were cleared last year. DSGW of Duluth, Minn., designed the new facility, with input from tribal leaders and health center staff. The firm has developed tribal health centers throughout the Great Lakes region.

Bidding the project out is the next step. Once a contractor is selected, a timeline for groundbreaking and completion will be determined.

Plans for the 34,660-square-foot building include the potential of adding new services such as

optometry and chiropractic services.

"This facility will allow us to improve the wellness of our community and create new career opportunities for our tribal citizens here at home. It will also allow us to collaborate with public universities and other agencies to learn how to improve the delivery of wellness services in Indian Country," said Newland.

Bay Mills Health Center provides medical, dental and mental health services to both tribal and non-tribal individuals throughout the county.

The overall goal of the new facility is to expand integrated health care services, which include preventative care, traditional medicine, medical, dental, mental health care, substance abuse treatment and pharmacy services.

"The ongoing coronavirus pandemic reinforces the urgency of addressing health needs in our community. The new Bay Mills Health Center will be a cornerstone of our tribe's development for the next generation," added Newland.

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# IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE: *Chi McGwitch!*



Pictured with my friend & Unit 1 Board Member Betty Freiheit and an inter-faith group who honored me for my service & leadership in following both my Christian and Anishinabe Biimaadziwin (Indian) ways.

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

*Representing All  
Members Everywhere*

*Ahneen, Boozho,*

When I was a little boy, I had a very clear picture of how poor my family was. Some say they didn't realize as everyone around them was poor but I did. I count myself as fortunate, however, to have been born at a time when our contemporary founders filed a Civil Rights lawsuit (1979) to secure basic

sanitation in the Marquette-Shunk Neighborhood. I also recall kitchen table discussions with adults talking about federal recognition and how my Great Uncle Isaac and Aunt Lavina (Boulley) Marshall first tried in 1938, then cousin Ed "Pie" Pine and the Sugar Island Band after WW2. I appreciate leaders like Fred Hatch, Joe Lumsden, Mike Wright, Rose LaVictor, George Nolan, and our first two employees Bernard Bouschor and Bev Bouschor and others who did the ground work to

get our tribe going. I also recognize the hard work and generous spirit of Bonnie McKerchie for spearheading our Gaming. There is a lot of gratitude and thanks to go around. I don't mean to leave anyone out. I am grateful.

It is Sunday, four days before the election ballots are due. By the time you read this, the election will be concluded and the result known. I have no regrets as I have always worked hard for our people. If my legacy alone is the recent \$60 million I

helped secure for our Tribe to address this pandemic, then I will be gratified for having had the opportunity.

There are so many challenges facing our Tribe. We so desperately need a separation of powers, an Ethics Code, Solicitor General, pay redistribution to move those who are paid nearly \$200,000 to those who make minimum wage, and remembering that our Members who live outside of the Service Area are no less deserving. My hope is that we retain and regain our treaty rights and that our gaming developments come

to fruition. If I am not here to continue to lead, I hope someone will pick up the mantle and work just as hard.

It has been my honor and pleasure to have served my people. Not being re-elected last time, re-started my academic career which lead to a doctorate. Who knows what's next. **This is your Tribe, push to make sure your voice is heard.** See you at the pow wows.

*Chi McGwitch, Negee!*

*Aaron*

## Please Donate to ST Dress Down Fund

AARON A. PAYMENT, MPA  
1716 SHUNK ROAD  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MI 49783  
(906) 440-5337

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Pay to the Order of Sault Tribe Dress Down Committee

*Aaron A. Payment*

Soo Co-op Credit Union  
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783

For: Escanaba, Interprie & Sault Tribe Tribal Members' Benefit

Unfortunately, some team members are still in need. That is why I made a donation of \$1,000 to the Sault Tribe Dress Down Committee and urge others to contribute by sending a check made out to:

**Sault Tribe Dress Down Committee**  
523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Call: **800-793-0660** Cell: **906-440-5937** Email: **aaronpayment@yahoo.com** Facebook: **'Aaron Payment'**

## Projects funded with spring 2 percent distributions



**DENISE CHASE,**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

In the spring 2 percent distributions, the following projects were awarded funding this round, with \$47,322.39 available for distribution. Rapid River Schools, betterment of youth; Gladstone Schools, Title VI; Gladstone Schools, Brave Bots team; Escanaba Schools, Title VI; Hiawatha Township,

Fire and EMS rescue UTV; Big Bay de Noc School, coordinating service project and Manistique High School, wrestling mat.

As you are aware, the current agreement with the State of Michigan for gaming revenue sharing, 2 percent of the tribe's gaming revenue is set aside and made available to local units of government as determined by Sault Tribe.

Projects are awarded funding based on a number of factors, the availability of funds at the end of each 2 percent cycle, the project merit and the potential benefit to communities. There may be other factors considered as well, such as project sustainability.

For more information on the funding application process, please call Candace Blocher at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26310 or email [cblocher@saulttribe.net](mailto:cblocher@saulttribe.net).

Weatherization: The Home

Improvement Program opened on June 15. The goal of the program administered by the Housing Authority is to provide energy conservation improvements targeting features of owner-occupied homes that require replacement to make the home more energy efficient.

Types of weatherization assistance considered are roofs, windows, exterior doors, insulation, air-sealing measures, skirting, etc. For more information or to pick up applications, contact home ownership specialist Jamie Harvey at 154 Parkside Dr., Kincheloe, MI 49788, or call (800) 794-4072 or email [jharvey@saulttribe.net](mailto:jharvey@saulttribe.net). You can also contact your local ACFS direct services worker and get an application.

Manistique Gathering of the Clans Powwow is cancelled. The powwow committee decided to cancel the powwow this summer, and we look forward to

seeing you all again next year at our gathering. Take care and stay safe!

Yoopers Fitness: The contract has been finalized and signed with the new Yoopers Fitness Facility. Tribal members will be able to access this facility 24/7 for their exercise and fitness needs.

For more information and to make an appointment to sign up, call (906) 250-9348.

COVID-19 funds: So far, Sault tribe has received \$59,736,610.62 in COVID-19 CARES Act funding. Our executive director, Christine McPherson, and the tribe's executive team of interim CEO of Kewadin Casinos Alan Kerridge, EDC Director Joel Schultz, CFO Robert Schuite, interim General Counsel Jeremy Patterson have formed and make up the COVID-19 Executive Task Force. They have pulled together team members from

tribal divisions and will come up with their recommendations and plans for the use of the CARES Act funding. Any and all funding allocated and disbursed has to be in full compliance with the U.S. Department of Treasury. The executive team updates the board by daily emails and weekly updates at our workshop and board meetings.

Elder units, Escanaba: I am very happy to report that the four new elder houses have been delivered and installed on the Escanaba housing site by Gitchi Homes. If you are interested in applying for elder housing on the Escanaba reservation, call (800) 794-4072 for an application and information.

If you need to contact me, call (906) 203-2471, or email me at [dchase@saulttribe.net](mailto:dchase@saulttribe.net).

Thank you,  
Unit IV Representative  
Denise Chase

## Sault Tribe Committee vacancies announced

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 - two vacancies (4-year term)  
Election Committee - four vacancies (4-year term)  
Higher Education Committee - two vacancies (4-year term)  
Health Board - five vacancies (4-year term)  
Housing Commission - one vacancy - Unit 5 (4-year term)  
Special Needs/Enrollment Committee - five vacancies

(2-year term)  
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 - Naubinway (4-year term), one alternate vacancy  
Unit III - St. Ignace (4-year term), one regular vacancy and one alternate vacancy  
Unit IV - Escanaba (4-year

term) one regular vacancy and one alternate vacancy  
Unit V - Munising (4-year term), one alternate vacancy  
Unit V - Marquette (4-year term), one regular vacancy and one alternate vacancy  
Elder Subcommittee  
Unit I - Sault (4-year term), one regular seat vacancy, two alternate seat vacancies  
Unit II - Hessel (4-year term), two regular seat vacancies, two

alternate vacancies  
Unit II - Newberry (4-year term), one alternate vacancy  
Unit II - Naubinway (4-year term), one regular seat vacancy and two alternate seat vacancies  
Unit IV - Escanaba (4-year term), two regular seat vacancies  
Unit V - Munising (4-year term), one regular seat vacancy, two alternate seat vacancies  
Unit V - Marquette (4-year term), one alternate seat vacancy

# Staying committed and giving members a voice



**BETTY FREIHEIT,**  
**DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Hello tribal members, I have been busy with meetings and

helping tribal members with issues that they needed help with. I love representing our people and giving them a voice and standing at the tribal board level. Now we need to change this so our members have standing in our tribal court system!

I'm going to put this statement right out in the open. I'm not one to sugarcoat anything, but I want the board of directors to know that, being on the board of directors is NOT a license to act arbitrarily or in a covey! I say this because if I suspect or see someone benefiting from nepotism, favoritism or political favors, I'm going to address the issue loud and clear and out in the open!

The State of Michigan is still

under the "State of Emergency" orders, by the Governor until July 16, 2020. The state is slowly reopening. This coronavirus disease has taken a toll on our nation. Please protect yourself and help your neighbor anytime you can!

Our tribe has received millions of dollars in the CARES Act Fund. But, like our tribal chairman stated, "Federal regulations prohibit a check as like a dividend or per capita." And because we accept federal monies, we must follow federal regulations!

Another important issue going on in our tribe is the Treaty Negotiation Team. I am not a member of the team, but I monitor the decisions and I believe

they are doing a wonderful job looking out for our 2020 treaty rights.

I am looking forward to seeing our neighbors to the north. When will they be able to cross the border again? I heard not until the end of July. The Sault Tribe casinos are open for business and are doing well, but are missing our Canadian patrons!

There is an issue that is really bothering me with our Election Committee. This will definitely be addressed as soon as this election is over. Per our Election Code 10.108 #3 clearly states, "If an immediate family member of the Election Committee files as a Candidate, that Committee Member SHALL be disquali-

fied from participating from any action of the Election Committee for which the immediate family member has filed."

I believe this code is being totally ignored by the Election Committee. How does the chairman of the Election Committee, who has a brother who is a candidate, and doesn't recuse himself? Tribal Codes are the tribal laws, apparently this one is not being enforced! I don't care if it's been run this way for years, we need to be in compliance!

Please feel free to call me (906) 379-8745 or bfreiheit@saulttribe.net.

Thanks, tribal members.  
Unit I Director Freiheit  
aka Betty

# Great Lakes fishing negotiations ramping up again



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

Great Lakes fishing negotiations have ramped up—the COVID pandemic delayed how we were

to proceed for a few months and the dynamic of virtual meetings have proven more challenging than expected. I believe some things get lost when not meeting face to face and I believe we were making a lot of progress. With a deadline fast approaching, much work is still needed by all parties. I have learned a lot in the past few years on commercial fishing and will continue to fight for our treaty rights being implemented. To be clear, the treaty right is established law—we are only fighting to see how it gets implemented by all of the parties involved: five fishing tribes, the State of Michigan and the federal government as our trustee.

With all the different moving parts and the nature of negotia-

tions, it's been difficult to know what we can and can't share. Know that much effort has been made to include fisherman both commercial and subsistence and a few are on our negotiating team. Many have attended the meetings both physically prior to the pandemic and virtually since. They have provided invaluable insight and have really helped shape the tribe's stance on many issues. A huge thank you to all those who have attended sessions, given input and messaged us. We have a good group that will continue the fight in the next few months and I have been honored to work with them thus far. I remain confident in a good outcome for all the tribes involved and for future generations.

Our tribe was one of several that recently participated in a virtual consultation with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). Several areas were discussed, such as Head Start and early childhood initiatives programs, child care, community programs such as LIHEAP, etc. Many federal consultations fail or have little impact as many federal agencies do not understand the consultation process. But the past few tribal consultations with ACF and Administration for Native Americans have proven that it can work, and has resulted in positive impact and rule changes helping Native families nationwide. The two-day process also revealed more opportunity to access

CARES Act dollars to help with the COVID-19 pandemic and best strategies currently used.

As I write this, the general election for our tribe is just a few days away. Either way, our tribe will have new leadership and I wanted to wish them good luck. It has been a privilege to serve and represent our tribe. Regardless of the outcome, I wanted to tell the membership miigwech for the support and to "Show your Colors!" It was a teaching I received in my first year on the board that means to show the rest of the world that you are Anishnaabe; stay involved, go to community events, learn our language, go to teachings, share what you know and be kind to one another.

# Morrow congratulates winners of Sault Tribe election



**DARCY MORROW,**  
**DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

Now that the election is done, I would like to see the people who campaigned to cut the board wage, cut their pay immediately just like they campaigned on. There does not need to be a board vote to do it. During the first board meeting during issues, profess what you want to do with your pay, issue resolved! It will be in the minutes and the CFO will help you adjust your pay! The people who say whatever to get elected have no idea what some of us do in our communities! Director Chase and I help members all the time. The difference is we

do not advertise when we help someone; we are not looking for photo ops. It is about helping the membership and that stays between us and them.

Betty Freiheit is vocal, and she says she is against certain agenda items and she even gives her reasons why she is against it, but then she votes YES when the item is on the table to be voted on. Being a board member is not just being at the table on Tuesdays, you also need to be aware of what is in front of you to be vote on and how it affects the overall tribe. We receive hundreds of emails daily and

as a board member it is your responsibility to keep up. When you get to the board table, it is your responsibility to do your homework to ensure you are doing what is right for the membership.

Due to the coronavirus we had to cancel our next two hand drum teachings scheduled for Gwinn and Escanaba. We will reschedule these teachings when we have the ok to resume social gathering activities.

It is with a heavy heart The Gathering of the Clans powwow committee has decided to cancel our August 2020 powwow.

I continue to keep an eye on our fishing treaty rights by attending our weekly Sault Tribe 2020 meetings and monthly 2020 meetings with all five 1836 tribes, the state and feds.

By the time this article comes out the elections will be over. I would like to congratulate the winners!

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

Thank you,  
Darcy Morrow  
Unit 4 Representative  
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# McLeod embracing the future with a thankful heart



**JENNIFER MCLEOD,**  
**DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aaniin Anishnaabek! Eight years ago, my life changed in a dramatic way. It changed from the private life of service as a school-

teacher, to a public life of service as an elected board member of our tribe. As I sit writing this article, I am once more facing a new chapter — on June 25, I will know if I am returning to a private life or entering a life that is even MORE public than the last eight years.

As a classroom teacher, we are taught to reflect on our past so that we may improve our future. Upon looking back, I see tremendous growth in my own education under the tutelage of simply amazing tribal leaders, tribal organizations, tribal members and many of our tribe's team members. I learned so much, from so many.

I saw struggles that we got through (remember sequestration?), challenges we met and were victorious over (law suits

and testifying to "the feds"), and great accomplishments (major additions to our tribal school, cost of living allowances for team members, business expansions). One of the best personal successes I had was working with the Bureau of Indian Education and creating a new, required school subject — tribal civics. I know the future of education for our K-12 students in tribal schools will include being taught with pride, that they are members of two nations and all of the components they need to understand the unique government-to-government relationship that tribes have with the United States. Upon graduation, tribal students will be ready for tribal leadership!

My article this month is filled

with more "I's" than I am comfortable with, but in this instance they are truly necessary, because this Anishnaabe woman is trying to acknowledge all the blessings and lessons she has received, and wants to express a heartfelt MIIGWECH to everyone who has touched her life during two terms as a member of the board of directors. My miigwech is for everyone, those who were kind as well as those who were not. From each of you, I learned.

I also want to say chi miigwech to the tribal members who trusted me, who counted on me and who granted me a great opportunity to serve our people. My life is rich with many new friends.

And so, I sit in the early morning, reflecting upon the last eight

years, knowing that June 25 will begin another chapter. No matter the outcome, I will embrace the future with a full heart. No matter the outcome, I will continue to help those who need me. No matter the outcome, if you see me out and about, please take a minute to say, "Hi, Jen!" It has been a great honor, and I am so proud to be a citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Shawindekaa, minwaa Anishnaabe gagige (Many blessings and Anishnaabe for always),

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# Tribe working to keep team members safe at work



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

Our casinos reopened on June 12 with many safety precautions in place for our staff and guests.

Our government offices opened on June 8 with safety measured established as well. We will continue to make changes as necessary to protect everyone.

The executive team formed a task force and the executive director prepared a resolution for the June 16 meeting, but the board tabled it. The team is working with all departments to find out needs and plans to spend the money to ensure our team members and members are taken care of during this pandemic. It is a huge task and it must be taken seriously and follow the grant guidelines.

The chair is proposing to spend \$6.5 million without a plan or regard to our task force's work. I support our task force and am

patiently waiting to see their plan. I also want the money put out to the members in need but we need to do it right and with a plan so we spend all the funds by the end of the year.

I was sent an anonymous letter from a downstate member with concerns of not benefiting from the tribe. I wanted to address it in case the person reads the paper. This is not a decision that is up to me, or the entire board. Our grant dollars are restricted to our seven-county service area. The \$17 million we take from the casinos is used for programs and services and that doesn't even come close to covering all the need. If we are able to open up downstate casinos or other lucrative businesses, we could have financial means

to help downstate members. So, anyone who says they can provide something to the at-large membership is not being honest.

The tribe has many positive things moving forward such as Internet gaming and the marijuana industry. We continue to review new business prospects and diversify when opportunities arise. The best decision we ever made was hiring an EDC director. We never had a process to vet any opportunities until Joel came on board.

Many, if not all, of our powwows have been canceled this year due to COVID-19 concerns. Our annual golf tournament is also on hold at this time. I hope by the fall we can start our cultural classes again. Prior to the

pandemic, we had many plans of teachings and gatherings we were going to hold.

A reminder that the third Monday of the month at 6 p.m. is our Unit III membership meetings at the McCann Building.

Anyone interested in serving the tribe, please see the open committee seats. It is a good way to learn about the tribe, meet people and give back to the community.

Watch for the letters being mailed to the fishermen about community meetings for input on the 2020 negotiations.

Any comments or concerns please contact me at bsorenson@saulttribe.net, bridgett91@yahoo.com or (906) 430-0536. Stay well and keep your families safe!

## Reviewing recommendations for COVID-19 funds



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

Many things have changed over the past month, including our casinos up and running at full capacity again. The time down was hard

on many, including the community that counts on it for a place to gather and visit. We have also changed how we service and do business. For now, all precautions are in place to practice safety measures and keep guidelines most other casinos are using across the nation. As reported on the news just this a.m. — Michigan is reporting lower numbers on the cases and hopefully things will follow in other states. It's been tough and long.

This coming week we will be presented recommendations on the COVID-19 relief funds our tribe received. We will reimburse our coffers that paid salary and the safety remodels, supplies, equipment, etc., and then the "team" had met and discussed with all

programs on what the needs are for use of the remaining funds. As stated, there are allowable expenses and all dollars must be accounted for to the Department of Treasury. I was careful not to promise the moon and stars out of this funding and will support items that benefit our members and programs. I will also request a full update to be published in the next paper so all are aware of this plan.

Also, during this time, I just want to report that our 2020 negotiations team did not miss a beat and kept moving and working toward the Consent Decree. The meetings are held many days a week and have been consistent and constant. I want to take the time to thank all of them for their hard work and commitment on

this. We have a very strong active presence of fisherman from our unit, our Conservation Committee chair and Director Hollowell. I am very happy with their dedication.

Finally, for our unit and medical service, hopefully in the coming months we can move forward with contracting with others to bring services to areas. This has been on hold due to budgets and the shift due to the pandemic. As always, it's a priority and I will keep on that. Also, requests for proposals are due back from companies that service our housing for heat/gas. Those will be reviewed and we will accept the best for the tenants' service.

Please make sure to follow our official website on summer cancellations this year. The committee

in Hessel has decided to cancel the 2020 summer powwow and we will be looking for others ways to gather and celebrate our people. I will make sure to communicate that and ask for any input and ideas we could do for this area and the others. Newberry has not made a decision yet but I will be sure to communicate that as well. Either way, we can have smaller gathering and a fire at the very least.

As always, thank you, and please contact me to discuss any needs you have or input for me: Lcausley@saulttribe.net, (906) 484-2954, or (906) 322-3818. Baamaapii.

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

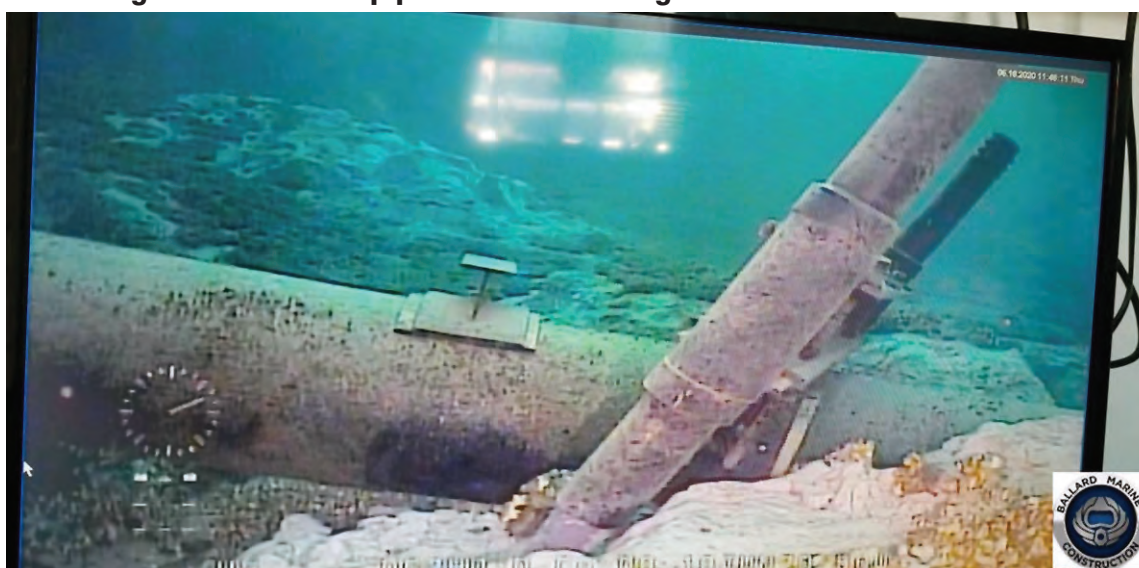
## Judge orders Enbridge to cease Line 5 operations

**June 25 temporary restraining order requires Enbridge Energy to cease all transport operations of its Line 5 and disclose information in its possession related to the recent damage caused to the pipeline's eastern segment.**

LANSING — Ingham County Circuit Court Judge James S. Jamo on June 25 granted Attorney General Dana Nessel's motion for a temporary restraining order requiring Enbridge Energy to cease all transport operations of its Line 5, twin pipelines which carry crude oil and liquid natural gas in the Straits of Mackinac, and disclose information in its possession related to the recent damage caused to the pipeline's eastern segment.

The Michigan Department of Attorney General filed motions for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction Monday after Enbridge's disclosure late last week of significant damage to an anchor support on the east leg of the Line 5 pipelines. The motions were filed in the parties' ongoing case, *Nessel v. Enbridge Energy LP, et al.*, Case No. 19-474, currently pending in Ingham County Circuit Court.

In a six-page order, the court granted the attorney general's request and ordered that the east line of the pipeline to remain shut down and that the west line which is currently operating be shut down as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours of receipt of the court's order. Both lines are to remain closed until the hearing on the attorney general's motion for



**A photo Enbridge provided to the state shows the damaged anchor support on the lakebottom pipeline.**

preliminary injunction is held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30.

"Enbridge has failed to provide the state with information about the cause of this significant development involving Line 5, and so I'm very grateful for the court's decision today," Nessel said. "While the fact that Enbridge reactivated one of the lines before consulting with the state is concerning, the fact that the company has failed to disclose the cause of this damage is equally alarming, considering the impact a breach in the pipeline could have to our state residents and economy. With the continued operation of this pipeline, the risk

of severe and lasting environmental damage to Michigan's most important natural resource continues to grow every day. However, this ruling, while significant, is only a short-term fix. If the lines are put back into operation, one mismanaged incident or accident would result in a historic catastrophe for our state. Work must continue toward complete removal of Line 5 from our waters."

In granting the temporary restraining order, the court noted that the 1953 easement agreement between the State of Michigan and Enbridge required Enbridge to exercise due care and operate the pipelines as a reasonably pru-

dent person would.

Additionally, the court noted that a 2018 agreement between the State of Michigan and Enbridge required Enbridge to share the information related to the recent damage to the pipelines, which Gov. Gretchen Whitmer had requested.

In issuing the temporary restraining order, the court noted that Enbridge's "failure to provide sufficient documentation to the State of Michigan related to the nature, extent, and cause(s) of the newly-discovered damage to Line 5 and its supporting infrastructure has resulted in the state's inability to review or

assess any risk of harm arising from the identified damage."

The court further noted that "the risk of harm to the Great Lakes and various communities and business that rely on the Great Lakes would not only be substantial but also in some respects irreparable."

Enbridge reported the pipeline damage to state officials on Thursday, June 18, and shut down both east and west legs of Line 5 to inspect the damage. The company failed to immediately provide the state with information surrounding the incident — including the cause of the damage — as requested by Gov. Whitmer in a letter sent Friday, June 19.

Enbridge then unilaterally reactivated the west leg of the pipeline Saturday, June 20, without first providing the state with an opportunity to discuss it.

Gov. Whitmer then sent another letter to Enbridge requesting that the pipeline be shut down immediately until the incident could be investigated and preventive measures put in place.

The company provided a brief summary of the damage to the state Monday, but left several critical questions unanswered — including the cause of the damage.

# JOIN US ALL WEEK LONG!

## Mondays - Players Day

Black, Gold, Silver, Valor Card members receive:

- ♦ Black Card \$30 Kewadin Credits\*
- ♦ Gold Card \$20 Kewadin Credits\*
- ♦ Silver Card \$10 Kewadin Credits\*
- ♦ Valor Card up to \$30 Kewadin Credits\*

\* Direct download after earning 50 base points



## Tuesdays - Valor Day

All Valor Card members receive  
\$5 in Kewadin Credits\*

\* Direct download after earning 10 base points

## Wednesdays - Senior Day

Players 50 and older receive \$5 in Kewadin Credits\*

Earn additional Kewadin Credits by  
playing at multiple locations

\* Direct download after earning 10 base points



## Fridays - Ladies Night

5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

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