By Rick Smith

Over a dozen red dresses hung among the trees along Shank Road in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., appeared as phantoms when first noticed. The display was part of the The REDress Project, an international campaign to call attention to the plight of murdered and missing indigenous women (MMIW) in Canada and the United States. The Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) created the Sault display to further awareness of the injustice of the disproportionately high number of American Indian women believed to have met foul play, and yet cases too often go unsolved or unresolved.

In recent months, Jami Moran, ARC program manager, collected red dresses with a vision to create a display in the tribe’s Sault community. ARC staff helped Moran set up the display, which remained in place throughout the month of May.

Canadian Metis artist Jaime Black initiated the project several years ago, it spread across Canada and into the United States.

In the meantime, the subject of MMIW reached the chambers of the U.S. Congress as well as those of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). In 2016, the NCAI passed a resolution supporting a congressional resolution creating a national day of awareness for MMIW, called for the Department of Justice to fully implement Violence Against Women Act of 2005 program of research and to provide Indian tribes with information on the disappearance and murder of Native women.

The NCAI resolution also advocated for changes in federal agencies to increase safety for Native women and girls. Among the agencies listed in the resolution were the departments of Justice, Interior and Health and Human Services.

Last April, the Not Invisible Act of 2019 was introduced in the Senate. The bill would increase coordination between federal agencies to identify and combat violent crime in Indian Country and of Indians. The bill notes the National Institute of Justice reports more than 80 percent of American Indian men and women have experienced violence in their lifetimes and more than 34 percent experienced violence in the last year; 56 percent of American Indian women experience sexual violence in their lifetimes; and murder is the third leading cause of death among American Indian women; and reliable data on the prevalence of MMIW is not available.

The U.S. Senate also designated May 5 as a national Day of Awareness for missing and murdered Native women and girls. The Sault Tribe Board of Directors passed a resolution sponsored by Unit I Representative Jennifer McLeod recognizing the day. Colleen Medicine of the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan conducted a prayer circle on May 5 as a way of healing, sharing stories and raising awareness for missing and murdered indigenous women and girls.

The ARC staff said they were thrilled to see the community involvement in raising awareness and the REDress display was just a small piece of a much bigger picture. They said the observance was about getting the community to come together in support of one another and to bring awareness to issues that are difficult to discuss.

Tribal elders honored at May 23 women’s gathering

From left, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians elders, Fannie Aslin, Joan Karlson, Nancy Keller and Rosanne Brown, were honored for their contribution to our communities at a May 23 women’s gathering at the Newberry Tribal Health Center.
Sault Tribe T.A.P.

Wellbriety Meeting & Talking Circle!

Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Shedawin Building in front of the casino valet at the Sault Kewadin Casino

12-Step Recovery Group in the Native American Way

Contact: Sault Tribe Behavioral Health, (906) 635-6075
SAULT Tribe committee vacancies as of June 2019

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 Curt or Linda Grossett, Unit V, Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Call (906) 635-6050 with any questions.

Anishinaabe Cultural Committee - six vacancies - three males (4-year term), three female (4-year term)
Child Welfare Committee - three vacancies (4-year term)
Electoral Committee - 10 vacancies (4-year term)
Higher Education Committee - two vacancies (4-year term)
Health Board - five vacancies (4-year term)
Housing Committee - Unit I - one vacancy (4-year term)
Unit IV - one vacancy (4-year term)

Special Needs/Enrollment Committee - six vacancies (2-year term)
Conservation Committee - two vacancies (one non-fisher-term ending 2/2020) (one fisher-term ending 2/2022)
Elder Advisory Committee
Unit I - Sault (4-year term), one regular vacancy
Unit II - Hessel (4-year term), one alternate vacancy
Unit II - Newberry (4-year term), one alternate vacancy

Unit III - S. Igne (4-year term), one alternate vacancy
Unit IV - Escanaba (4-year term) - two alternate seat vacancies
Unit V - Munising (4-year term), one regular seat vacancy
Unit IV - Manistique (4-year term), one regular seat vacancy
Unit V - Munising (4-year term), three regular seat vacancies
Unit V - Marquette (4-year term), one regular seat vacancy, one alternate seat vacancy

Free LSSU sport camps for youth in Sault Ste. Marie

Boy's individual basketball camp at LSSU offers free registration for Sault Tribe youth. The camp is June 24-27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., for males entering sixth through ninth grades. Registration is limited and is first come, first serve. A limit of one free camp per Sault Tribe member is in place. Deadline for registration is June 19 at 5 p.m.

Chippewa County FAN changes meetings schedule

Families Against Narcotics (FAN) Chippewa County now meets on a new night. Meetings are now on the third Wednesdays of every month at 6 p.m. at the new location in the Avery Square conference room, on the second floor (elevators available) in Sault Ste. Marie. Email chipewa@familiesagainstnarcotics.org or visit or www.facebook.com/fanchipp.


The Price Is Right is the longest running game show in television history and loved by generations of viewers. This traveling stage version gives fans the same excitement of winning big and in person. The show gives eligible individuals the chance to "come on down!" to play classic games from the popular game show.

Contestants can win cash, appliances, vehicles and maybe even a new car playing favorite prizes like Cliffhangers, The Big Wheel and the fabulous showcase.

Showing to near sold out audiences for more than 10 years, The Price Is Right Live has given away over $12 million in cash and prizes to lucky audience members all across North America.
Killsip hired as executive assistant in administration

By Brenda Austin
Sault Tribe Assistant Executive Director Jessica Dumback has hired Jenna Killsip as her executive assistant. Killsip is a new graduate of Lake Superior State University’s Lukenda School of Business and holds a bachelor degree in business administration and marketing. Her first day on the job was May 17. Killsip began her marketing journey in high school, when she became involved in Business Professionals of America (BPOA), placing fourth in the BPOA regional competition in her junior year and eighth in the state her senior year.

Killsip will be processing paperwork, working on the annual golf classic in July and updating the membership services booklet, which lists tribal departments with their services and contact information.

Killsip has a background in research methods, market analysis, consumer surveys and sales forecasting; global marketing strategies; consumer behavior and understanding needs, perceptions and demographics; and marketing management, including e-marketing.

She is from Sault Ste. Marie and is the daughter of Paul and Darlene Killsip, and has two older brothers, Brian, 27, and Kevin, 25.

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, 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.

Sault Tribe membership services contacts, (906) area code


CULTURE 630-6505 Language, Mary Murray Culture Camp, Ojibwe Learning Center and Library


ELDERS Administration: 635-4971 or (888) 711-7358 Health Sufficiency Fund, Meals, Transportation, In-Home Service

HEALTH CENTERS AND CLINICS ST. IGNACE 1140 N. State St., Suite 2805 Phone: 643-8689 Toll Free: (877) 256-0135 ESCANABA 1401 N 26th St., Suite 105 Phone: 786-2636 SAULT STE. MARIE 2864 Ashmun St. Phone: 632-5205 Toll Free: (877) 256-0009 HESSEL 3555 N. 3 Mile Rd. Phone: 484-2727 MANistique 5698W US Highway 2 Phone: 341-8469 Toll Free: (866) 401-0043 NEWBERRY 4935 Zeez Ba Tik Lane Phone: 283-8181 MUNISING 622 West Superior St. Phone: 387-4212 Toll Free: (800) 236-4705

MARQUETTE 1229 Washington St. Phone: 225-1616

HOUSING Administration: 495-5555 or (800) 794-4072 Resident Services: 495-1450 or (800) 794-4072 Maintenance: (855) 205-2840 Rental/Leasing: 495-1450 or (800) 794-4072 Home Improvement: 495-1450

RECREATION 635-RINK (635-7465) Youth programs Events Pro Shop Recreation agreements

ENROLLMENT Administration: 632-8552 or (800) 251-6597 Tribal membership cards, tuition waiver certifications, blood quantum certifications, relinquishment requests, enrollment of children, update address changes, assistance with treaty fishing license, family genealogy, eagle feather permits and form BIA-4432 (Indian preference forms)


LAW ENFORCEMENT/CONSERVATION 635-6065 For emergencies, dial 911
The Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Michigan is organizing this special event for families in honor of the Sault Tribe’s 21st annual Family Celebration. The Planning Committee thanks the community and family services for their assistance to lower the burden of child care costs of eligible Sault Tribe households in the tribe’s seven-county service area. How we administer this program is partly determined by YOUR input. The plan is available June 17-21, 2019, for comment at the following ACSF sites:

- ACSF – Sault office, 2218 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
- ACSF Kincheloe, 60 Kincheloe Rd., Kincheloe, MI 49788
- ACSF St. Ignace, 1140 N. State Street 2005, St. Ignace, MI 49781
- ACSF Munising, 622 W. Superior St., Munising, MI 49862
- ACSF Manistique, 5609 W. Highway US-2, Manistique, MI 49854

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Members: You have a voice! The Sault Tribe’s Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) 2019-22 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) plan is available for your review. The CCDF program provides child care assistance to lower the burden of high child care costs of eligible families. The Family Celebration Planning Committee thanks the following businesses and volunteers for making our 21st annual Family Celebration Night a huge success. The Family Celebration Night is an exciting event dedicated to families in honor of “Parenting Awareness Month” in March. Thanks to all who donated their time planning and organizing this special event for our local families!

- Sault Tribe Anishnaabek Community and Family Services
- Sault Tribe Housing Authority
- Sault Tribe Law Enforcement

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future. If choosing a state-licensed child care center, the center must have a valid and current license. If choosing a tribe-licensed child care center, the center must have a valid and current license. If choosing a state-licensed or tribe-licensed family/group child care home provider, the provider must have a valid and current license. If choosing a relative care provider, they must meet the following criteria prior to providing care:

- Must be a relative of the children
- Needing care (grandparent, great-grandparent, uncle, aunt, sibling)
- At least 18 years of age
- Live in a separate residence
- Care only for children to whom they are related
- Obtain a clear MDHHS clearance
- Obtain a clear ICHAT clearance
- A valid ICHAT clearance
- Provide a signed open door policy, provider registration form and a signed client/provider agreement
- Follow the CCDF payment schedule and payment paperwork requirements
- Complete initial home visit with CCDF coordinator
- More criteria may follow in the near future.

If choosing an in-home (aide) care provider, they must meet the following criteria prior to providing care:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Live in a separate residence
- Care only for children to whom they are related
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Obtain a clear MDHHS clearance
- Obtain a clear ICHAT clearance
- A valid ICHAT clearance
- Provide a signed open door policy, provider registration form and a signed client/provider agreement
- Follow the CCDF payment schedule and payment paperwork requirements
- CPR and first aid within 90 days
- CCDF training requirements within 90 days.

Family Celebration Planning Committee express gratitude for help

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 ACSF - St. Ignace office, 1140 N. State Street, Suite 2005, St. Ignace, MI 49781 (906) 643-8869
 ACSF - Manistique office, 5609 W. Highway US-2, Manistique, MI 49783 (906) 341-6993
 ACSF - Munising office, 622 W. Superior Street, Munising, MI 49862 (906) 387-3906

Sault Tribe households in the tribe’s seven-county service area. How we administer this program is partly determined by YOUR input. The plan is available June 17-21, 2019, for comment at the following ACSF sites:

- ACSF – Sault office, 2218 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 (906) 632-5250

ACSFS Child Care and Development fund has openings!

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Anishnaabek Community and Family Services is open to new child care and development fund (CCDF) openings!

You may be eligible for child care assistance if you live in the Sault Tribe service area; employed, going to school or in a qualified job search program; have children who are members or eligible to be members of the Sault Tribe. The Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and meet income guidelines.

You may choose state-licensed child care centers, tribe-licensed child care centers, state-licensed family/group child care home, tribe-licensed family/group child care home relative provider or in-home aides.

See the back of this page for more information on each of those choices or call (800) 726-0093 for more information. Applications available on-line at https://www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/acsfs/direct-services/child-care-devel-opment-fund or pick up applications at any ACSF office listed below.

 ACSF main office, 2218 Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 ACSF-Kincheloe, 60 Kincheloe Rd., Kincheloe, MI 49788
 ACSF St. Ignace, 1140 N. State Street Suite 2005, St. Ignace, MI 49781
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2019 National Forest Camping Voucher Application

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians members who are actively exercising the Tribe’s treaty-reserved rights under the provision of the 2005 Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Forest Service and pursuant to Chapter 23 of the Tribal Code may be eligible for a fee exemption voucher issued by Sault Tribe Law Enforcement. In order to receive a voucher, members must have a current 2019 hunting harvest card or non hunting harvest card and complete the form below and submit it to Sault Tribe Law Enforcement.

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement must be notified prior to the date of the first requested night. If you would like to receive the voucher via US mail, the Sault Tribe Law Enforcement must receive your application 10 business days prior to the date of the first requested night to allow for mail time. For questions, please contact Sault Tribe Law Enforcement at (906) 635-4065.

**Permits for Big Brevort, Soldiers Lake, Monolee Lake, and Lake Michigan campgrounds will be for 5 days maximum PER YEAR, PER PERSON, PER CAMPER.**

**Please describe the gathering activity you will be engaged in while you are utilizing the requested permit. Fishing is not an activity covered under Chapter 23 and does not warrant a camping voucher.**
Coalition conducts foster parent training in Sault Ste. Marie

On April 11, the Eastern Upper Peninsula Foster Parent Training Coalition conducted the annual foster parent training at the Elks Lodge in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The speaker, Kim Seidel, shared her personal story with the attendees. She spoke about what it was like to be an adopted child, trauma survivor, therapist and adoptive parent. Kim specializes in helping therapists and adoptive parents understand what it was like to be adopted.

“Many people have questions about what it was like to be adopted,” said Kim. “There are a lot of different experiences, and it’s important to understand those experiences to be able to support others.”

Kim also talked about the importance of building relationships and providing support to children who have dealt with any level of trauma related to adoption, parental separation, medical issues or other dramatic changes that can alter a child’s feelings of security and protection.

In all, 36 foster parents and 43 staff members in attended the training. Participating agencies included Anishnabek Community and Family Services, Bay Mills Indian Community, Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Department of Health and Human Services, Great Lakes Recovery Center and U.P. Kids.

If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child and becoming a foster parent, please contact Anishnabek Community and Family Services (800) 726-0093 or 632-5230.

“Again,” said Robbins, “this was a significant change from how court hearings were typically held. The judge was no longer the sole arbiter of sanctions for the program non-compliance.

Additionally, we knew that consistent was essential for the success of the program. Robbins recounted the trials and successful passages of a couple of the program’s graduates. She said the program’s first graduate was an individual who had a lengthy substance abuse history with court involvement and was in and out of treatment. Another was an elder who lost touch with his children because of his habit. Both were able to change their own lives, save their family relationships and go on to better things because they weren’t saddled with criminal convictions or records.

“As we had successes in the program and the court resources became available to bring more individuals to the table,” said Robbins. “The public defender became a permanent member of the team. We had Housing and social services join us as well.” By bringing in the various disciplines to the team, they were more equipped to address needs of participants.

Under the Gwaiak Miicon program, Robbins explained, the court viewed participants as whole individuals rather than just criminals. With that view, the team examined how individuals could be helped in a holistic manner outside of just punishing criminal behavior.

“When I look back at my time as a court employee as prosecutor and judge, I am very proud of the role I had in this incredible program,” Judge Robbins said. “I think this program epitomized the best of the Tribal Court and the positive effect it can have on the lives of our community members.”

These days, the Gwaiak Miicon program continues under the second and current chief judge of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court, Jocelyn Fabry. She said the Gwaiak Miicon program continues uninterrupted and maintains the same fundamental framework since its implementation to the present. Weekly review hearings still take place, participants still submit to frequent drug screenings, attend support meetings, participate in community work service and are required to adhere to their treatment plans.

“Culture remains a cornerstone of the program,” said Fabry. “We are fortunate to have representatives from both Traditional Medicine and Culture on our team, who are able to provide valuable input into the program and participant progress.”

Judges Fabry added that since it began, Gwaiak Miicon has had 100 participants. “But the benefits of getting people clean reach far beyond those 100 individuals,” she said. “When someone maintains sobriety, even if that is temporarily, the benefits to their family, their friends and the community are immeasurable.”

Governor appoints Sterling to statewide council

By Rick Smith

Sault Tribe member Patricia Sterling recently received an appointment by Governor Gretchen Whitmer to the Michigan Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC). The council is an independent organization that reports directly to the governor.

According to an announcement from the governor’s office, the council is an independent agency created in accordance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that requires states to establish SILCs to be eligible for federal funding to help citizens with disabilities. The council promotes independent living and full integration and inclusion of people with disabilities into mainstream society.

“As a council member representing Native Americans and as a parent of a child with a disability, I’ll be responsible for assisting in identifying the needs of the independent living community and to assist with developing and monitoring the state’s plans to respond to those needs,” said Sterling.

Previously, from 1995 to 2001, Sterling served as the Native American representative for children with disabilities aged 3 years and younger on the Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council, which is charged with complying with the Michigan Department ACFS of Education and Development Services Child Care and Development Fund coordinator Patricia Sterling was appointed to the Michigan Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC). The council’s primary purpose is to address the needs of Native Americans and non-Indians aged 3 year or younger with disabilities, including behavior, emotional or mental disorders. The council also assists individuals with disabilities to live independently and to develop, maintain, and improve the supports and services that help them maintain their independence.

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Sault Tribe Business Alliance partners with U.S. SBA

By Rick Smith

In what appears to be an historic and exciting development for Sault Tribe as an institution and its members with an entrepreneurial spirit, officials from the Michigan District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) signed a strategic alliance memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Sault Tribe Business Alliance (STBA) on June 6 at the Tamarack Business Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

According to the memorandum, the purpose of the SBA/STBA partnership is to “develop and foster mutual understanding between the SBA and Sault Tribe Business Alliance in order to strengthen and expand small business development in the local area.”

The SBA is a federal agency tasked with fostering small businesses through an array of services and programs. The SBA district offices deliver those services and programs to the public. Each entity, according to the memo, has separate services and resources, which provide maximum benefits to small businesses when delivered in coordination with each other.

The STBA is an association developed by the Sault Tribe Economic Development Corporation and focuses on promoting businesses owned by members of the Sault Tribe. The STBA is sponsored by Chippewa Indians.

Under the strategic alliance memorandum, the SBA and the STBA work together to meet the needs of the small business community, mainly through close teamwork in sharing regular up-to-date information and resources as well as participating in appropriate special presentations, workshops, conferences, seminars, training programs and other functions. The STBA keeps abreast of changes in SBA programs and disseminates current information regarding SBA options to clients and members. The STBA is also tasked with providing speakers for events sponsored by the SBA if appropriate.

“I think this is our first partnership with a tribe,” said Catherine Gase, lead economic development specialist with the Michigan District Office of the SBA.

“The biggest benefit to the potential Sault Tribe entrepreneur is increased awareness of SBA programs, and the different access points for assistance,” said Joel Schultz, Sault Tribe Economic Development Corporation (EDC) director. “This MOU documents the SBA’s and the STBA’s commitment to assisting when possible.”

Schultz observed the partnership could serve as inspiration for business developments, “The MOU does not necessarily create any new opportunities on its own,” he said, “but it should create and inspire potential projects and is a testament to the credibility of both organizations. The Sault Tribe Board of Directors is working hard to create a business environment to foster economic growth for its members, that mission aligns with the purpose of SBA.”

Sault Tribe members who live outside of the tribe’s service area could find vital help in starting or expanding their businesses through the STBA. “The SBA recognizes the Sault Tribe EDC as a key contributor to the eastern U.P. landscape,” said Schultz, “and I’d say they’d most likely define that as our seven-county service area. However, we’d define our service area to wherever in the world that there is a Sault Tribe member interested in services.”

“The Tamarack Business Center is a product of an MEDC operation, the center has four Sault Tribe Board of Directors to help promote the business by giving them a shot at your next purchase, if we don’t have it, we can most likely get it.”

Current activities include an industrial development on Seymour. It is the tribe’s plan to construct a 20,000 square foot industrial facility to create more opportunities for Sault Tribe members to come home to grow their business on trust lands. JETA Coop, which has staff working at the Sault Tribe Business Alliance offices, is already growing with its Sault effort, has committed to leasing 5,000 square feet of space and adding 5-7 employees. We are very close to having the necessary funding in place to give the board of directors what they need to get this project started.

Several additional business development projects are in the hopper and should be public soon. Good things are happening in the economic development world for the Sault Tribe!
The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors convened May 7 in the Sault Tribe Government Center for their regularly scheduled meeting. Absent board members were Michael McKenzie, Catherine Hollowell and Nelson Pentland. Three board resolutions were approved, 24 by unanimous vote.

Resolution 2019-111 — BIA Representative for Sault Ste. Marie The BIA has requested the tribe provide it with an updated list of tribal membership arranged into territories. The resolution states that the tribe will enable the BIA to respond to Indian child welfare inquiries from outside agencies, and in conducting research for adult adoptees interested in researching Native background, and assist the BIA’s staff to locate tribal members interested in having trust monies in individual Indian money accounts. The board approved the resolution by a 24-0 vote.

Resolution 2019-112 — Establishment of 2019 Budget Modifications The board approved a change to the personnel sheet and in increase in federal BIA revenue monies of $70,145. This will include any designation of blood quantum.

112 — Frogbitt, Establishment of 2019 Budget — Approved

— Approved for a grant for Loyola University funding of $21,066 to address Frogbit, an invasive aquatic plant species.

147 — WIOA Work Experience FY 2019 Budget Modifications — Approved to reallocate expenses in the current budget with no effect on tribal support.


149 — Support Of the USDA Reconnect Grant Application By Merit Network — Official support resolved for an application of Merit Network to receive funding from the USDA Reconnect broadband grant program for the purpose of closing the broadband gap in Michigan.

View resolutions and voting grids online at www.saulttribe.com and follow links on drop-down menu. Board of Directors/Downloads/ Meeting Board Votes and Approved Resolutions/2019 and click on a meeting date.
BMPD officer named Ms. Upper Peninsula

By Brenda Austin
Amanda Nemeth of Sault Ste. Marie is the new Ms Upper Peninsula U.S.A. Nemeth was crowned in April, during a ceremony held in the Forest Roberts Theatre at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Mich. Beating out three other contenders for the crown, she will now compete in the Miss Michigan USA Pageant this September in Port Huron.

Nemeth graduated from Lake Superior State University in 2017, and serves as a police officer for the Bay Mills Indian Community.

Nemeth said her career goal is to eventually become a detective. “I like solving puzzles and helping people,” she said. “I like working with women and children, and in the position I am in now I do a lot of work with women and children when we have sexual assault and domestic violence cases. I feel there is a need for more women in law enforcement; when a female victim of a sexual assault or domestic violence comes in they often want to talk to another woman. I think it’s important for every police department to have a woman on the force.”

Nemeth started participating in pageants during high school. It was as a student attending LSSU that she first became aware of the Miss Upper Peninsula U.S.A. pageant. “Miss Upper Peninsula U.S.A. is a preliminary to Miss Universe. I will be competing with other women from Michigan at the Miss Michigan U.S.A. pageant, and the winner from that goes to the Miss U.S.A. Pageant package for winning the crown, her fees ($1,570) to compete at the Miss Michigan U.S.A. pageant are paid, fashion and headshot photo-shoot, unlimited personal runway, hair, and makeup coaching; image consulting and training, public relations training, resume building and interview coaching and jewelry and beauty gifts, among other.

Nemeth said if you are a young lady who might be interested in learning more about the pageant world, you can start by visiting these websites: Missupperpeninsulausa.com; Missmichiganusa.com; and Pageantplanet.com. Amanda Nemeth can be contacted by email at anemeth@lssu.edu, and said she would be happy to answer any questions about pageant competitions or women in law enforcement.

By Brenda Austin
Honoring the Navajo people, who have fought and served in U.S. armed forces in nearly every major conflict, the Navy has named a new class of towing, salvage and rescue vessels in their honor.

The first ship of this class of vessels will be named the USNS Navajo, with an expected completion date of March 2021. Two 650-foot vessels will be constructed and will replace the T-ATF 166 and T-ARS 50 class ships in service with the U.S. Military Sealift Command.

USNS Catawba, USNS Sioux and USNS Apache are in service fleet ocean tugs named after Native American tribes. As far back as the 1860s, a steam-powered warship was named after a tribe in Rhode Island, the Wampanoag. The U.S. Army has several helicopters named after Native American tribes, the AH-64 Apache, UH-60 Black Hawk, CH-47 Chinook and the UH-72 Lakota.


Navy introduces Navajo class salvage vessels

The USNS Navajo (T-ATS 6) which is expected to enter service in early 2021, Navajo class vessels will be used for towing, salvage and rescue operations along with other tasks as may be needed.

By Brenda Austin

LSSU Officer Amanda Nemeth.

Nemeth started participating in pageants during high school. It was as a student attending LSSU that she first became aware of the Miss Upper Peninsula U.S.A. pageant. “Miss Upper Peninsula U.S.A. is a preliminary to Miss Universe. I will be competing with other women from Michigan at the Miss Michigan U.S.A. pageant, and the winner from that goes to the Miss U.S.A. Pageant package for winning the crown, her fees ($1,570) to compete at the Miss Michigan U.S.A. pageant are paid, fashion and headshot photo-shoot, unlimited personal runway, hair, and makeup coaching; image consulting and training, public relations training, resume building and interview coaching and jewelry and beauty gifts, among others.

Nemeth said if you are a young lady who might be interested in learning more about the pageant world, you can start by visiting these websites: Missupperpeninsulausa.com; Missmichiganusa.com; and Pageantplanet.com. Amanda Nemeth can be contacted by email at anemeth@lssu.edu, and said she would be happy to answer any questions about pageant competitions or women in law enforcement.
Executive order creates U.P. Energy Task Force protecting Great Lakes from Line 5 risks

LANING, Mich. — Governor Gretchen Whitmer recently signed an executive order that creates the U.P. Energy Task Force.

The task force will assess the U.P.’s overall energy needs and how they are currently being met, identify and evaluate potential changes in energy supply and distribution and formulate alternative solutions to meet the U.P.’s energy needs and how they will impact alteratives to the current distribution of propane through Line 5, which poses an unacceptable threat to the U.P.

“Our jobs, economy and public health depend on the preservability of the Great Lakes, which literally define us as a state,” said Whitmer. “Enbridge has a disappointing safety record in Michigan, and the dual pipelines that run through the Straits of Mackinac create an unacceptable risk of an oil spill by anchor strike or other means. Such an event would be catastrophic for the Great Lakes and economy, and would send energy costs skyrocketing for U.P. families.

This task force will help make recommendations that ensure the U.P.’s energy needs are met in a manner that is reliable, affordable and environmentally sound.”

U.P. residents are currently incurring some of the highest electricity rates in the nation. Implementing real energy solutions will begin to rein in these high rates and provide relief to hardworking U.P. residents.

Moreover, about 25 percent of U.P. residents use propane for home heating, and much of that propane is delivered through the Line 5 pipeline.

The future of Line 5, however, is uncertain. The National Transportation Safety Board made abundantly clear, only by happenstance did Michigan avoid a catastrophic oil spill in the Great Lakes just last year, when a 12,000 pound anchor inadvertently dragged across the bottomsland of the Straits of Mackinac struck Line 5. The unacceptable threat posed by the continued operation of the pipelines through the Straits, as well as the lack of an established back-up propane distribution system were Line 5 to malfunction, make developing alternative solutions a priority.

Executive Order 2019-14 establishes the U.P. Energy Task Force which will address the significant energy challenges that U.P. residents are facing.

This task force will look for alternative, long-term solutions to rein in U.P. energy rates in regions facing the highest costs and identify alternatives to meeting the U.P.’s current propane-supply needs.

The U.P. Energy Task Force will be an advisory body to the governor in the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, consist of at least 15 voting members appointed by the governor, all of whom must be Michigan residents and possess relevant expertise; formulate solutions for meeting the U.P.’s energy needs, with a focus on security, reliability, affordability and environmental soundness; and complete a final report in two stages — first, by submitting a propane plan to the governor by March 31, 2020, which will focus on alternative means to supply propane in the event of a Line 5 shut down; second, by submitting the remainder of its report by March 31, 2021.

This executive order will be effectively immediately upon filing.

Playing field dedicated to Little Leaguer Silas McTiver

On opening day of Tahquamenon Falls Little League’s 2019 season, the community dedicated their playing field as the “Silas McTiver Memorial Field.”

Coach Ben Rahilly said at the dedication ceremony, “We are proud that Silas was a member of the Tahquamenon Falls Little League organization. Silas epitomized what a t-ball player should be; he played the game with complete joy and simple love of playing the game that should continue only young children possess.”

Tahquamenon Falls Little League member Silas McTiver, 6, had been killed in a 2017 farm accident that left everyone who knew him devastated. In a letter to the community his family wrote, “The pain of losing Silas sometimes seems insurmountable. As friends, family and community, we must figure out how to live with the pain of losing Silas, and continue to celebrate his love of the game, and his dedication to the community.”

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The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) hailed the measure saying it would “cleanly fix” the Carcieri v. Salazar decision; where the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the land into trust process described in the IRA applies only to tribes under federal jurisdiction at the time of enactment in 1934.

Essentially, H.R. 375 changes wording in the Section 19 of the IRA making it effective beginning on June 18, 1934, for any federally recognized Indian tribe. Further, the new measure makes the IRA applicable to any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, tribe, tribe organization, village or community acknowledged by the Secretary of the Interior. Previously, the IRA did not specifically include Alaska Native or Indian nations, villages and communities.

Introduced in the House on Jan. 19, 2019, the amendment passed by a roll call vote of 323 in favor to 96 opposed. In separate statements, sponsors of the bill, representatives Tom Cole of Oklahoma, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, and Betty McCollum of Minnesota, said legislation for a “Carcieri fix” has been introduced in both the House and Senate. This is the first time a bill on the issue passed the House.

Despite a misguided Supreme Court opinion 10 years ago that jeopardized ownership of tribal trust lands and questioned the authority of the Secretary of Interior, I am encouraged progress has been made to reverse it and rightly restore 75 years of past precedent,” said Cole in his statement. “While the federal government and tribal nations have at times had a banded and troubled relationship, this legislative action in the House symbolizes desire to keep the promises made to tribes, respect their sovereign status and repair damage done.”

Said McCollum, “The House voted to ensure that we are able to fulfill one of our country’s most sacred commitments to tribal nations. This legislative fix will make it clear that the federal government’s ability to restore tribal homelands extends to all 573 federally recognized tribes, and I am honored to have worked hand-in-hand with Congressman Cole to lead this effort.”

Along with ongoing support from the NCAI, the bill received support from 26 American Indian organizations in a May 10 letter to members of the House Natural Resources Committee, House Indigenous Peoples Subcommittee and the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

The NCAI applauded the House vote on the measure, calling it a good indication Congress is taking Indian Country issues seriously. “NCAI’s hope is that our champions in the United States Senate will get behind this bill for a swift passage,” the organization said in a prepared statement. “Its passage would be a monumental win for Indian Country as tribal government land bases are part of the foundation of tribal sovereignty. All tribal nations deserve to receive equal treatment under the IRA.”

Senator Jon Tester of Montana introduced the Senate companion bill, S. 732, on March 12, 2015, which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs where it remains as of press time.

By Rick Smith

The U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 375 on May 15. It enacted into law the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 (IRA) to reaffirm the authority of the federal government to allow Alaska Native or Indian nations, tribes or communities to take land into trust for American Indian tribes and preserve existing trust lands. The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) hailed the measure saying it would “cleanly fix” the Carcieri v. Salazar decision; where the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the land into trust process described in the IRA applies only to tribes under federal jurisdiction at the time of enactment in 1934.

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St. Louis joins MSP

Sault Tribe member and newly hired Michigan State Police (MSP) Trooper Curtis St. Louis has been assigned to the MSP Gladstone Post, in Gladstone, Mich. St. Louis is from St. Ignace, Mich., is the son of Joseph and Colleen St. Louis. He attended Northern Michigan University where he earned a bachelor’s degree in marketing. St. Louis was sworn in on April 3 as a MSP trooper after completing the recruit program. He received training in firearms, water safety, defensive tactics, patrol techniques, report writing, ethics, cultural diversity and implicit bias, first aid, criminal law, crime scene processing and precision driving.

Mia Enfelis is 4 years old!
Natasha Myhal selected as a 2019 Cobell Fellow

Applications are being solicited for two one-time $500 scholarships from the Sault Tribe elders for qualified freshmen enrolled in public colleges, universities or trade schools. The deadline for applications is Aug. 30, 2019.

Jodoin (right) talking with the JKL families. Students had fun coloring and making cow related activities during the summer months.

Students had fun coloring and making cow crafts during the Build Your Summer Library on May 7.

Megan Eby earns Doctor of Medicine degree


Eby plans to begin her graduate medical education in July, as she has obtained an internal medicine residency position at the University of Kentucky Internal Medicine training program in Lexington, Ky.

Eby has a Bachelor of Science degree in athletic training from Michigan State University.

She is the daughter of Ted and Connie Eby, and the granddaughter of Patricia Eby, the late Ted Eby Sr., and the late Harold and Helen Finner, all of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

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This month, the public will get an opportunity to see and comment on a draft master plan for enhancing visitor experiences at the Father Marquette National Memorial site in Straits State Park in Mackinac County.

The Straits of Mackinac Heritage Center Collaborative will have an open house from 3 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 18, at the St. Ignace Public Library at 110 W. Spruce St. in St. Ignace.

At the event, the collaborative will share the draft master plan for the west side of Straits State Park.

Starting June 18, there will also be an opportunity for the public to see and comment online at StraitsHeritage.org.

The open house format will allow attendees to look at drawings, plans, and share their thoughts with members of the collaborative and architects from Becket and Raeder.

This month, the collaborative’s vision is to make the St. Ignace region to share their ideas before we begin to finalize the plan. We want to learn what excites people the most, hear any concerns and answer questions.” – Sault Tribe planner, Larry Jacques

The draft master plan encompasses the 80-acre site and environs using a mix of indoor and outdoor gathering places and interpretation.

“Two are important for our donors for offering early support for a project that is in its planning stages,” Sandra Clark, Michigan History Center director, said. “These generous gifts have allowed us to proceed with a draft master plan that captures our long-term vision for the site, knowing that we have the funds to move from that wider vision to specific plans for the first phase of site development and construction.”

The project began in June 2016, when representatives from local, state and tribal governments, along with public and private organizations, convened in St. Ignace to discuss the future of the Father Marquette National Memorial.
Jr. By Rick Smith

Sixth grade students at JKL Bahweting Public School Academy in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., learned about the many facets of the area’s fisheries during the school’s Boat 2 School program during the week of May 20-24.

The students were introduced to facets of regional fisheries and supporting aquaculture, careers available in fields related to fisheries and some of the behind the scenes work it takes in getting fish to tables.

The week started at JKL Bahweting School as fisheries professionals from the Bay Mills Community College Biology Department, Sault Tribe Law Enforcement, Lake Superior State University and the Michigan SeaGrant cooperative led lessons on a variety of subjects from research and hatchery operations to seafood culinary careers. On the following day, the program featured fish stomach dissections. Midweek, the students toured Sault Tribe’s Barbeau Fish Culture Facility to get an overview of operations on how the tribe raises subsistence fish for release in area waters.

“We are happy to be part of this great program that JKL Bahweting gives their students the opportunity to do,” said Brad Silet, lead fisheries biologist for the tribe. “It’s always a fun day getting the students out to help connect those who want to reach out to the school with those in the school who seek real world science experiences for their students.”

On the following day, the students toured the LSU’s Aquatic Research Laboratory where they observed that facility’s operations in raising fish along with learning about the aquatic food chain, invasive species and human impacts on the Great Lakes ecosystems. Later in the day their schedule called for them to visit Massey’s Fish Company in St. Ignace for a tour. The week concluded back at JKL Bahweting School with lessons on seafood nutrition and food demonstrations with whitefish samples prepared by folks from the Michigan State University Extension.

According to its website, Michigan SeaGrant is a cooperative program of the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. It funds research, education, and outreach projects designed to foster science-based decisions about the use and conservation of Great Lakes resources. Sea Grant also provides access to science-based information about Michigan’s coasts and the Great Lakes.

Elliot Nelson, eastern Upper Peninsula extension educator for Michigan SeaGrant, said this is the third year of the Boat 2 School program, which takes place exclusively at the JKL Bahweting School and was initially organized by the middle school science teachers at the school, primarily Heather Purple, and Michigan State University educator for the Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program, Kat Jacques. Nelson said key partners in getting Boat 2 School going were the Sault Tribe Health Education team led by Heather Hemming, the Sault Tribe Natural Resources Department, Michigan Sea Grant and the MSU Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Education Program.

“The Sault Tribe fisheries folks were excited to find ways to do additional outreach to grade schools, and the JKL middle school science teachers were looking for more ways to enhance their students experience with real world science and culturally important wildlife and foods,” said Nelson. “MSU Extension happened to be in the right place to help connect the dots and bring those with similar interests together through our network intersecting with these different groups.”

Nelson called the program a truly collaborative effort. He said he serves as a coordinator to help connect those who want to reach out to the school with those in the school who seek real world science experiences for their students.

Photos by Rick Smith

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Students dig up samples of river water and sift in an exercise to identify some of the small and microscopic aquatic creatures found in the river.

Students and their chaperone listen to a guide talk about the stage of the fish they observe in the raceway at the Lake Superior State University Aquatic Research Laboratory inside the Cowlwood Electric Cooperative hydroelectric plant in Sault Ste. Marie.
Community

Olympian Billy Mills and wife Pat were on hand for annual run/walk named in his honor

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Retired Unit I Representative Cathy Abramson (center) walking with her “team” in support of organ donation awareness.

Patricia Mills running with Lana Carlson of Kennebunkport, Maine.

Billy Mills getting a lift from long-time friend Lisa Corbiere-Moran after the start of the 5K race and walk.

Kacie Corbiere, 6, ran the youth one-mile race in 11:14.

Clark Suggitt, 10, Kamryn Corbiere, 10, and Owen Suggitt, 6.

Bryton Nostrant (back left), 8, and Avery Bumstead (back right), 7, race to catch up to Orran Fazzari, 9.

Johnny Osborn, 12, crossing the 5K finish line.

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JKL Bahweting kids take wild leek field trip

On May 20, JKL Bahweting seventh graders participated in a wild leek field trip in the Hiawatha National Forest. Dani Fegan from Sault Tribe Natural Resource Department introduced the process of monitoring leek populations. “We hope to add classroom cooking activities next year and make “Leek Week” an annual event” said Kat Jacques of the MSU Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program (FRTEP). Questions about wild leeks and climate change driven forest adaptation? Learn more at www.itcmi.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/bagwajizhigaagawinzhiigitcmi.pdf.

Students listened to Michelle Jarvie, MSU Extension, about sustainable harvesting and students harvested a small amount to take home.

Wild Leeks

Did you Know?

Native Americans have used wild leeks or ramps for both medicinal and nutritional benefits for many years. Leeks contain quercetin, an anti-inflammatory antioxidant that can reduce swelling. Leeks are a great source of dietary fiber, iron, magnesium, folic acid as well as vitamins A, B6, C, and K.

Bagwaji zhigaagawinzhiig; Bgwëtth zhegagozhik

Wild leek (Allium tricoccum)

Bagwaji zhigaagawinzhiig is a long-lived herb that grows in rich upland and floodplain forests under the closed canopy of mature beech, maple, and hemlock trees. They are native to North America and provide food and medicine for Anishinaabek, other people and animals. They are also at risk from over-harvesting and certain forest management practices.

How might Bagwaji zhigaagawinzhiig respond to climate-driven change in Michigan?

VULNERABILITY

Growth

Grows slowly as clones and rarely by seed.

Habitat

Grows in rich soils under the shade of mature hardwoods.

Harvest

Harvesting just 5-10% of bulbs in an area may cause population decline.

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Students spread out to harvest a few wild leeks, also called ramps.
The three deadly behaviors of teen drivers revealed

DEARBORN, Mich. — Over the past five years, nearly 3,500 people have been killed in crashes involving teen drivers during the 100 Deadliest Days, the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day, when the number of crash fatalities involving a teen goes dramatically up. New crash data from 2013-17 reveals major factors contributing to fatal teen crashes during the summer driving period include speeding (28 percent), drinking and driving (17 percent) and distraction (nine percent). 

“Crash data shows that teens are a vulnerable driver group with a higher probability of being involved in crashes,” said Dr. David Yang, executive director of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. “And while teens may make mistakes when first learning to drive, it is important to continue educating them about safety behind the wheel so they avoid the reckless behaviors that put themselves and others at risk on the road,” he added.

AAA Foundation research found that nearly two-thirds of people injured or killed in a crash involving a teen driver are people other than the teen behind the wheel. Teen drivers increase significantly during the summer because teens are out of school and driving more. Over the past five years during the “100 Deadliest Days,” an average of almost 700 people died each year in crashes involving teen drivers. The average number of deaths from crashes involving teen drivers aged 15-18 was 17 percent higher per day compared to other days of the year. And reckless behavior like drinking and driving, speeding and distraction are contributing to the alarming number of crash deaths involving teen drivers each summer. 

Speeding significantly increases the severity of a crash and is a growing problem among teen drivers. In the AAA Foundation’s latest Traffic Safety Culture Index, half (49.7 percent) of teen drivers reported speeding on a residential street in the past 30 days and nearly 40 percent say they speed on the freeway. 

“Parents cannot legally consume alcohol, one in six teen drivers involved in fatal crashes during the summer tested positive for alcohol. More than half of teen drivers (52 percent) in the AAA Foundation’s latest Traffic Safety Culture Index report reading a text message or email while driving in the past 30 days and nearly 40 percent report sending a text or email. It is difficult for law enforcement to detect distraction following a crash, which has made distracted driving one of the most underreported traffic safety issues,” said Jennifer Ryan, AAA director of State Relations. “Teens are making deadly mistakes on the road. Parents are the best line of defense to keep everyone safe behind the wheel.” 

To keep roads safer this summer, AAA encourages parents to talk with teens early and often about abstaining from dangerous behavior behind the wheel, such as speeding, impairment and distracted driving. Teach by example and minimize risky behavior when driving and make a parent-teen driving agreement that sets family rules for teen drivers. “Teens should also prepare for summer driving by practicing safety during every trip,” said Dr. Bill Van Tassel, AAA manager of Driver Training Programs. “Storing your phone out of reach, reducing the speed limit, and staying away from impairing substances like alcohol and marijuana will help prevent many crashes from ever occurring.”

TeenDriving.AAA.com has a variety of tools to help prepare parents and teens for the dangerous summer driving season. The online AAA StartSmart program also offers great resources for parents on how to become effective in-car coaches as well as advice on how to manage their teen’s overall driving privileges. Teens preparing for the responsibility of driving should enroll in a driver education program that teaches them how to avoid driver distraction and other safety skills.
Health Education shares Mino Bimaadiziwin and Niimidaa at NIHB Tribal Public Health Summit

By Heather Hemming

Representing Sault Tribe Community Health Education, Lisa Myers, Heather Hemming and Charlee Brissette presented a 90-minute workshop titled, “Mino Bimaadiziwin: Living the Good Life by Reconnecting to Wellness Tradition” at the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) Tribal Public Health Summit Albuquerque, N.M., in May. More than 100 people attended the workshop where our Health Education team members presented a broad overview of their work within the Tribal Practices for Wellness in Indian Country grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. They highlighted Sault Tribe Community Health’s activities that connect health and wellness with culture, language and traditions. Charlee and Heather talked about how they encourage Mino Bimaadiziwin through seasonal cultural workshops (i.e. sweetgrass harvesting, berry harvesting and manoomin (wild rice) processing), and with indigenous physical activity programs including the Nibi Water Teachings Program and the Niimidaa Native Dance Program.

At the end, Brissette led the group in Niimidaa, Health Education’s powwow style fitness dance class, and the team shared key partnerships, future programs and evaluation strategies for continuing success.

Health Education kicks off summer programs and brings cultural, seasonal activities to the community

By Charlee Brissette, Health Educator

Throughout the summer months, our Sault Tribe Community Health Educators work tirelessly to offer an array of programs. This year, thanks to Health Education’s Tribal Practices for Wellness in Indian Country grant from the CDC, we’re capitalizing on strong partnerships to bring these enriching events and activities to our tribal members. Keep an eye out for Skhode: Fit for Life, a 7-week youth running and wellness program made possible thanks to Community Health’s health educators and registered dietitians and Lake Superior State University. Another program is Warrior Camp, a youth culture camp for boys, and OgichidaaKwe Camp for girls. Both are facilitated by the Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine, Cultural, Education and Health Education departments. The Sault Tribe Wellness Collaborative, which is composed of Chi Mukwa Recreation, the All-in-One Fitness Center and Community Health’s dietitians and health educators, is also hosting a youth and community color run in July.

Last summer, Health Education helped coordinate a wiingash (sweetgrass) harvesting workshop, a wild berry harvesting workshop, a youth Native Plant identification workshop, a Sweetgrass Harvesting Workshop summer 2018.

Opioid addiction treatment providers have new program

Medical providers who begin providing or expand opioid addiction treatment are now eligible for student loan repayment through a new Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) program. The goal of the Michigan Opioid Treatment Assistance (MiOTA) Loan Repayment Program is to increase availability of opioid use disorder treatment across the state, especially in areas where treatment is difficult to access.

The MDHHS received a $500,000 grant from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund to implement the program to repay medical education loans.

The program is available to medical doctors and osteopathic medicine doctors, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and substance use disorder counselors who begin offering opioid treatment or expand treatment that is already being offered. Providers who work in a variety of health care settings are eligible to apply. The program has a two-year service obligation.

The application cycle begins on June 1, 2019 and closes on June 30, 2019. For an application and guidance, go to www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551_2945_92784--00..html.

Healthcare providers who apply under either the mental health or primary care Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) score of their site – professional shortage area (HPSA) score of their site – will be given priority; expanded disciplines: Nurse anesthetists, pharmacists, registered nurses, and substance use disorder counselors are eligible.

Key program highlights include:
- Priority funding: Applicants employed at an NHSC-approved site that is also participating in the Rural Community Opioid Response Program (RCORP), an initiative of the federal Office of Rural Health Policy, will be given priority.
- Flexibility: Applicants can apply under either the mental health or primary care Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) score of their site – whichever is higher.
- Support for all treatment team members: providers offering general substance use disorder services to medication-assisted treatment are eligible to apply.

Visit the NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program webpage to learn more at https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loan-repayment/nhsc-rural-community-loan-repayment-program.

Loan repayment for providers in rural communities offered

Participants commit to serve for three years at rural health care sites

A new National Health Service Corps (NHSC) program, the Rural Community Loan Repayment Program, awards up to $100,000 in student loan repayment to primary care and behavioral health clinicians providing substance use disorder treatment in rural communities nationwide.

In exchange, participants commit to serve for three years at rural health care sites. Applications for the program are being accepted through Thursday, July 18 at 7:30 p.m. ET.

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For questions, call (800) 221-9393 (TTY: (877) 897-9910) Monday through Friday (except federal holidays) 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.
Manistique Women’s gathering a learning experience used to motivate participants

BY GAIL SULANDER
The 2019 Manistique Kwewag Mujingan women’s gathering included traditional Anishinaabe teachings for women and girls on water, regalia, dance, hand drums, songs, indigenous foods and more. The organizers included Patty Topees of Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities (YEA), Janet Kraeger from the Manistique Area Schools Native American Education Program, Charlee Brissette from Sault Tribe Health Education and Gail Solander, registered dietitian and diabetes educator at the Manistique Tribal Health Center. The foursome coordinated this gathering as they commonly envision a future of health inspired by the individual strengths of all women being shared to motivate and teach others.

During planning process, a quote by Lori Bregman was kept in mind, “A woman armed with ancestral wisdom is a powerful force. You’ll find her powers come from within; she is in tune with her spirit, and the magic of the universe. She trusts, values and follows her intuition.”

The Community Room in Manistique was quite full as 65 joined in for the teachings and potluck feast. Maribeth LeVeque, Jackie Minton and Charlee Brisette shared various teachings. In addition, many of those in attendance shared their wisdom with the group. An inspiring and supportive Kitchi Ti Kipi Men’s and Youth Drum provided songs for the event and encouraged the women to accompany the drum for a song with rattles provided by the Gladstone Area Schools native American Education Program. Drum keeper, Tim Derwin highlighted his group of young drummers, which includes Michael Ritter, Larry Campbell, Blaze Basse, Kuyden Siewert, Levi Verts and Carson Nelson. Greg Gierke, who is new to the drum, also played for the women.

Information tables on women’s health were available by Adele Price and Renee Anderton of UPHP and Crystal Martin of Manistique ACFS in addition to cultural brochures on a wide number of topics. Indigenous recipes and guidelines for eating a traditional diet were also available.

Words cannot describe the entree’s shared for the potluck feast. There were dishes made with local fruits and vegetables, wild rice and wild game; and, of course, delicious desserts like apple crisp. No one left hungry and many were able to try new foods. Kellie Lakesky, CHT; Jaime Paradise, CHN; and Sharon Hutchinson, elder worker from the Manistique Community Health Program graciously assisted with the feast.

This event was supported by the Sault Tribe Rural Health Program, Unit IV directors, Manistique YEA Program, Manistique Area Schools Native American Education Program and Tribal Practices for Wellness in Indian Country Grant.

Manistique tries to host cultural events like this annually. Feel free to share your ideas on what we could do for future gatherings by contacting gsulander@saulttribe.net. For more information on events sponsored by the Sault Tribe across the seven-county service area, follow the tribe’s Facebook page or go to saulttribe.com.

Health Center Employee of the Month - Rae Ann Brand

Rae Ann Brand, above, with Health Director Dr. Leo Chugunov, was selected as Sault Tribe Health Center’s Jane Employee of the Month. “Rae Ann is one of the most dedicated employees I have had the pleasure to work with; she is a problem solver and a team player,” Operations Manager Joanne Ombrasas said. “Her desire to provide the best care to our membership is very evident.”

Kitchi Ti Kipi Drum played for the gathering.

Women’s hand drum group

Women at the event in their regalia.

July Traditional Medicine healer schedules

Traditional Medicine Program schedule for July:

**Gerard Sagassige**
July 8, 30 — Sault Ste. Marie Health Center; Lori Gambardella, 632-0236; Laura Collins-Downwind, 632-5268.
July 9 — Munising Tribal Health Center, 387-4721.
July 29 — Manistique Health Center, 341-8469

**Joe Syrette**
July 3, 10, 11, 12, 17, 24, 25, 31 — Sault Ste. Marie Health Center; Lori Gambardella, 632-0236; Laura Collins-Downwind, 632-5268.
July 5 — Hessel Health Center, 484-2727
July 18 — St. Ignace, 643-8689
July 19, Newberry Health Center, 293-8181

Grants promote Native American youth-led entrepreneurship activities and projects

LONGMONT, Colo. — First Nations Development Institute (First Nations) has received a $250,000 grant from the 11th Hour Project of the Schmidt Family Foundation in order to boost Native American youth-led entrepreneurship activities, which in turn and over time will significantly benefit tribal communities and other Native population centers, many of which suffer large economic disparities when compared to other communities.

For numerous years, First Nations and its independent subsidiary, First Nations Owesta Corporation (Owesta), which is a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), have been assisting tribes and Native communities throughout the U.S. in conducting much-needed but culturally appropriate financial and investor education programs. Owesta, in particular, also provides professional development services to strengthen other Native American-run CDFIs.

Under the new effort, First Nations will specifically focus on entrepreneurially minded Native American youth. First Nations will link these emerging youth entrepreneurs to accomplished mentors who will help them strategize their business models and develop formal business plans, which is a foundational step in launching a new enterprise. In conducting the project, First Nations will partner with CDFIs and other experienced business professionals to mentor youth finalist and serve as competition judges.

For nearly 39 years First Nations has been working to restore Native American control and culturally-appropriate stewardship of the assets they own and to establish new assets for ensuring the long-term vitality of Native American communities. First Nations serves Native American communities throughout the United States. For more information, visit www.firstnationsof.org.
FREDERICK J. BONNO
Frederick J. Bonno was born on Jan. 12, 1963, and died on May 4, 2019. He was predeceased by his grandfather, Frederick Bonno; grandmother, Josephine Bonno; and his broth- ers, David Bonno and Adolph Bonno Jr.; aunt, Sadie McLeod; and his grandfather, “Poppe” Willis; mother, Barbara Bonno Bartlett; and son, Corey Bonno. He is survived by his father, Adolph N. Bonno; sister, Brooke Bonno; brother, Ronald Bonno; and stepmother, Karen Bonno.

GAIL M. BROWHAM
Gail M. Brougham, age 80, of Wyoming, went home on May 15, 2019. She was preceded in death and she dearly missed by her loving husband, Lloyd Henry DuPont; mother, Agnes Brougham; sisters, Evelyn Joch and Patricia (Howard) Zoet; sister-in-law, Dorothy; and her brothers, Ronald DuPont, Dwight (Monica) DuPont; grandsons, Iaiah and Iaian.

She will be lovingly remembered by her children, Kim (David) Nolan, Kristie (Dick) Oppenphfer, Mark DuPont, and the Brougham family. She was the beloved granddaughter of Lloyd Henry DuPont, mother of Kim (Dave) Nolan, Kristie (Dick) Oppenphfer, and Mark DuPont; great-granddaughter of Lloyd (Francy) DuPont, M.D., Larry (Chris) DuPont, Dwight (Monica) DuPont, Terrance (Dee) DuPont; and nieces and nephews and allies.

A celebration of life took place on June 21, 2019, with Fr. Thomas Held officiating. A luncheon will immediately follow at the Reception Center. Burial will take place in Eastlawn Memorial Gardens in Saginaw. Obituary for the family may be shared at www.lakeshorememorial.com. Condolences may be expressed online at www.beautiealfuneralhome.com. Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry assisted the family.

LILY M. HARRIS
Lila Mae Harris, age 67, of Hartington, died on April 26, 2019, after a hard battle against her cancer. She was preceded in death by her parents, Bertha Causley, and Nevada Cashin; and a brother, Frankie.

She is survived by her husband, Harry Harris of Holland; children, Sean and Adria; grandchildren, Oakley and Drew; and nieces, nephews, and cousins in the Upper Peninsula.

In addition, her dogs—Bella, Hope, and Daisy—will be forever with her. May she rest in peace.

JOYCE M. MERRIAM
Longtime Naubinway resi- dent, Joyce Merrimam, 92, died on June 4, 2019. She was born on Feb. 15, 1927, to Gilbert and Katie (Wright) Merriman of Engadine High School and, on Oct. 4, 1947, married Frederick Merriman of St. Stephen’s Catholic Church in Naubinway.

In addition to hosting a home- making fellowship, Joyce was also employed at Valley’s IGA and Wise’s Laundromat for many years. Joyce was a member of St. Stephen’s Catholic Church, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chipewa Indians and enjoyed crocheting and reading. In addition to her parents, Joyce is preceded in death by her husband, Frank; mother, Maryann; and brother, Frankie. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Diabetes Association, Vietnam Veterans of America or the Upper Peninsula Catholic Missions.

M. L. COLLINS
Michael “Mick” Collins, age 70, of Cheboygan, Mich., died on May 17, 2019, at McLaren Regional Hospital in Bay City, Mich.

Michael is survived by his loving wife, Deanna; sons, Michael (Kelly), Sean (Laura) and Matthew (Karla); five great-grand-children; four great-grand- nieces; and five great-great-grandchildren.

LILA M. HARRIS
Lila was a proud member and Ordway of Holland and Amanda Wesseling of Wisconsin. She spent each day exactly as she pleased. She enjoyed cooking, spoiling her granddaughter and grandnephew, and was willing to share her knowledge and skills with everyone she met.

She liked to pick wild raspberries and strawberries, feed squirrels and birds, go camping, and rake and burn leaves in her yard. Lila could often be seen walking on the island and, at the time of her death, was the oldest house on the island and, at the time of her death, was the oldest house on the island.

Joyce was active in the Spiritual Club, Drummond Island Museum and Drummond Island Library. She was an avid reader of history and politics and was more willing to share her thoughts on politics with you. She liked to pick wild raspberries and strawberries, feed squirrels and birds, go camping, and rake and burn leaves in her yard. Lila never surrendered her independence or personal- ity.

Joyce was survived by her children, Frank (Susan) Coss, Brian (Tara) Collins and Mary Tess Hoey, all of Drummond Island; grandchil- dren, Kimberly (Chad) Cameron, Rebecca (Jerry) Newell, Nichole (Mike Allison) Sasso, Suzanne (Braul) Kusmin, Lynn (Tim) Van Alstine, pineapple (Frank) Smith, Kristen (Alex) LaPoi, Michelle (Mark Fenlon) Hoey and Joyce (Rob) Anderson; great grandchild- ren, Frankie (Smith) Mckinley, Alex Smith, Nicholas Newell, Cory Matakovich, Kurt Mattovich, Claire Kusmin, and Dave Kusmin. Notable nieces and nephews, Rosalie A. Sasso Rosalie Andrey (Church) Sasso, 102, of Drummond Island, Michigan passed away on April 16, 2019. She was born on April 1, 1917, in Freeland and Kingman, Ariz. Rosalie was predeceased by her brother, soldier stationed at Fort Brady, and they were married in 1937. They lived in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and separated in 1955. Frank died eventually began working at the dolomite quarry. Rosalie had a long and successful career, including owning and operating the Drummond Island Runway Club for several years with her sister Terrie. She was proud of the fact that for over 60 years, she lived in the oldest house on the island and, at the time of her death, was the island’s oldest resident.

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Above, Nicholas James Riley is the assistant captain of the Blind River Hockey Pee Wee team. He took the team from last place at the beginning of the season to second place, losing only 3-2 in the championship game for the SPWHL league.

More walking on

From “Walking on,” page 20 took place on May 23 at the Drummond Island Township Hall. Burial will be in Drummond Island Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Drummond Island Historical Museum, P.O. Box 293, or Drummond Island Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 202, Drummond Island, MI 49726.

R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan served the family. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.


Eileen was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and was proud of her heritage. Her Native name was Chi Bi Go Kwe. She loved attending powwows and family gatherings. She enjoyed word games, reading, bingo, going to the casino and cooking for anyone in her neighborhood. She was especially loved by children. Eileen had a generous heart and tried to help anyone she could. She had a great sense of humor and was a fun person to be around. Eileen belonged to St. Joseph’s Shrine Parish in Pontiac, Mich., where she was also a lector.

More walking on


Ralph attended Brimley Area Schools, graduating in 1959. After finishing high school, Ralph went on to work as a dredge man for Dunbar and Sullivan. Ralph was a third-generation commercial fisherman. He and his wife Shirley owned Wilcox’s Fish House and Restaurant for 26 years, as well as sold fish wholesale. Ralph loved to talk about the Great Lakes fishing industry, giving many interviews about the subject. He was even involved in a documentary about this, titled Project Ice.

Ralph was an advisor on the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, and a member as well as past president of the Michigan Fish Producers Association. He was involved in the Brimley Lions Club for many years and was a former fire chief for the Bay Village Fire Department.

He received Brimley Area School’s Distinguished Alumni Award in 2006, giving a speech and accepting the award at the high school’s graduation ceremony.

Ralph married Shirley (McLean) Wilcox on Dec. 10, 1960. They were married for 58 years. Together they operated the fishing business and raised their three children, Jeffrey, Daniel and Kristine.

Ralph was an active member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, sitting on its conservation committee. He attended The Gospel Chapel in Dollar Settlement for many years. Ralph enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his seven granddaughters and three great-grandchildren. He will meet his kids and grandkids in Heaven.

Ralph is survived by his loving wife Shirley; siblings, Kim (George) Full of Gatesville, Texas, and Barb (Bill) Anderson of Brimley; sister-in-law, Sue Malicott of Cairo, Mich.; children, Jeffrey (Cal) Wilcox of Marysville, Wash., Daniel (Kim) Wilcox, and Kristine Wilcox, both of Brimley, grandchild, Rachel Green, Kelly (Jordan) Flores, Cassandra (James MacQuarrie) Wilcox, Lauren (Chris Bjoek) Wilcox, Samantha (Dylan) Schroeder of Everett, Wash., Morgan Osborn and Olivia Wilcox; and great-grandchildren, Aubree Wilcox, Sophie Steele and Jameson Green, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, Woodrow and Hazel Wilcox; sister, Sharon Fegan; mother and father-in-law, Lois and Howard McLean; brother-in-law, Ron McLean; great-grandson, Sebastian Schroeder; and Lewis and Jessie Atkinson.


In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Hospice of the EUP in Ralph’s memory. Condolences may be left online at http://www.csmulder.com.

MCDONALD MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my mom, Christine A. McDonald. On July 9, 1995, your life ended here on earth and a new life in Heaven began. You fought with everything you had to stay here with us, but the illness of cancer won. As the years pass, I hold more closely the memories I have of you in my heart. The best memory I have is that always knew you loved your kids and family beyond anything in your life. I miss you as always, every day.

Love,
Your son, John
Anishinaabemowin 2019

Example is a language everyone can understand. Weweni baamasen. Walk in a good way.

**Mijim-daawegamigoosing**

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<tr>
<th>G’da bakade na?</th>
<th>Are you hungry?</th>
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<tr>
<td>Enh! N’bakade gwa!</td>
<td>Yes! I’m hungry!</td>
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<td>N’wii mowaa aang ootkwaan kwezhiyan</td>
<td>I want to eat fry bread.</td>
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<td>Anishinaabe taco n’wii mijin.</td>
<td>I want to eat an Indian taco.</td>
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<td>N’wii mowaa Wemitigoobii nikii.</td>
<td>I wanttoeatFrenchfries.</td>
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<td>N’wii minikwe mindaaminaaboo.</td>
<td>I want to eat corn soup.</td>
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<td>Eshagboodeek biihikii wiyaas n’wii mijin.</td>
<td>I want to eat a hamburger.</td>
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<td>Menwagamig n’wii minikwe.</td>
<td>I want to have pop.</td>
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**At the food stand**

Grand entry
Men’s traditional
Women’s traditional
Women’s fancy Shawl (butterfly)
Men’s fancy (birds)
Crow (Hop)
Two (step)
Veterans’ honor dance

**Strawberries** are the only fruit to wear their seeds on the outside. They are members of the rose family. Take a whiff of them; they smell as sweet as they taste. Although strawberries grow in every state in the U.S., California produces 80 percent (2 billion pounds a year) of them. They’re so sweet, nature’s candy! They taste good!

**Dances**

(Though “niimi” means he or she is dancing, “zhigaawin” means that someone is dancing a certain way.)

G’chitwaa biingi zhigaawin
G’chi Anishinaabe zhigaawin
G’chi Anishinaabekwe zhigaawin
Memengwaan zhigaawin
Bineshikom zhigaawin
Anderki zhigaawin
Nizhoo zhigaawin
Zhimoongish Minaajaa zhigaawin

**You might hear:**

Miigwech! Thank you!
Nagomowin A song
Kaadenganan Braids
Miigwaan A feather
Miigwaana wiikwaan Head-dress
Naaniibwik Stand up!
Namadabik Sit down
Zenbaanh bbigoyaan Ribbon shirt
Miijigoodenh Dress

What did one strawberry say to the other strawberry?

**Baashkimisigan — Jam**

Baashkimisigan means some fruit is crushed up or preserved, like pickles, relish, a sauce like cranberry sauce, pie filling or jam! One good descriptive word to cover a lot of ideas.

**Greeting each other**

Aanii n’wiijikii’enh! Hello my friend! N’g’chinendam waabminaa miinwaa. I’m happy to see you again. Mii gwa gemit. Me too!

Aaniish naa gegii? How are you doing? Mii gwa aanowi. I’m getting by.

Aapiish namadabiyin? Where are you sitting? Aambe maamwi Anishinaabe Zhigaawin! Niimidaa! Inter-tribal dance! Let’s dance! Biimskwaagag, biimskwashik Anishinaabe zhigaawin! Swing and sway the Anishinaabe way!

**Who are the teachers?**

The earliest and most consistent teachers for some of us were probably our families just speaking the language. The rest of us were lucky to have had some elders still using the language or some teachers our tribe hired so we could attend classes. We have a local priest who uses Ojibwe at some masses. This year we had our ninth Sault Tribe language conference. There are a few lessons on the Internet. Bay Mills Community College has classes and the language is taught at Bay Mills Ojibwe Charter School. These opportunities are usually offered near the Sault and many of our members live away. The saulttribe.com language page is a resource you could look into. And, you can find Anishinaabemowin in this newspaper, which is mailed to members all over the place (8,099 each month). Dr. Chris Gordon wrote the language page over the years (he still teaches it at JKL Bahwetung School) and Ms. Amy McCoy did, too. Because books, magazines, newspapers, radio and television programs in the language are so hard to find, and the fact that Anishinaabemowin is used with so many dialects, well — it isn’t easy to learn. In spite of that, we can all do ourselves the honor of learning a few simple sentences, phrases, or words that fit our lives and our style. What if you learned just one each month from this newspaper? It might make you feel pretty good at powwows and just as you do your day.

**Little chats - Bangii ganoozh!**

Have a little conversation!

Gaaowii na gda minwendamizii? You don’t feel happy? Enh, Gaawin gaa naa minwendamizii. Yes. I don’t feel happy.

To say you *don’t* do something, you put *gaawin* before the action word and *zi* after it. Notice in the question, the “n” in gaawin is missing because “na” right after it already has the “n” sound. Also, zii sounds a lot like sii.

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

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

*Never a day passes but that I do myself the honor to commune with some of nature’s varied forms.*

— George Washington Carver
For more information, email tgraham@saulttribe.net.

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND** in tribe’s service area.

Income-based funding for tribal youth for a variety of activities (income guidelines based on 300 percent of the 2019 HHS poverty guidelines), sports fees (registration, equipment, shoes), music, dance and theatre lessons, instruments (purchase and rental), language lessons, camps (sports, band, art, academics) and related travel fees, education, cultural and class trips, testing fees, driver’s education, senior pictures, school supplies and book deposits (school clothes excluded) and regalia and youth drum.

**APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS:** Must be tribal youth aged 0 through 12 grade living in the seven-county service area (Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Lake, Mackinac, Marquette and Schoolcraft). Applicants may receive funding, up to $150 per academic year (Aug. 1-July 31); qualifying categories for funding are based on tribal strategic directions of the medicine wheel: academic/intellectual, physical, emotional and cultural/spiritual. Applications may be requested via email at kcairns2@saulttribe.net or downloaded at www.bigbeararena.com, under YOUTH PROGRAMS. Submit application fees paid to Town of Big Bear at 118 E. Chestnut, Kalkaska, MI 49646 or email kcairns2@saulttribe.net.

**Recreation** for an appointment to register. 1401 N. 26th St., Suite 118, Sullivan’s Health and Fitness, email kcairns2@saulttribe.net. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or Big Bear Arena, 2 Ice Circle, applications for funding to www.bigbeararena.com, under saulttribe.net or downloaded at requested via email at kcairns2@saulttribe.net. Funding are based on tribal year (Aug. 1-July 31). Tribes: Must be tribal youth in tribe’s service area. No cash may apply.

**FINANCIAL AID** based on 300 percent of the 2019 Income-based funding for Sault Tribe members aged 16 and older, information available on the website. Intramural sports also available to Sault Tribe members aged 16 and older, information available on the website.

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EFFECTS TO SHUT DOWN LINE 5 APPEAR FRUITALFUL
REPRESENTING YOU AT ALL LEVELS

Aaron A. Payment
Representing All Members Everywhere
Ahneen, Boozho, Negee,

First, I want to recognize a long time friend to our Tribe, 1984 Olympic 10K Gold Champion Billy Mills. Since Cathy (Belonga) Baker and I went to high school together, he has been a source of inspiration for me. Over the years, Billy has been a role model for our youth, especially in the running club. He has provided students with a sense of purpose and a sense of accomplishment. This year, he is scheduled to visit our reservation as the Vice Chair of the National American Indian Higher Education Consortium. I am proud to see him excel at JKL, the Native American higher education organization. His dedication to our community is an inspiration.

At the Paddle Out Protest in Mackinac City with my Standing Rock T-Shirt. I am committed to Shutting Down Line 5 to protect our Nibi (waters)

Next, I am happy to report that our efforts to shut down Line 5 appear to be coming to fruition. As the time of high school and college graduation approaches, the timing of the protests is critical. My nephew, Joseph K. Lumsden Bailey, passed in January 2018. I was able to provide him with the opportunity to attend college. He has earned his GED, and I am proud of him. His success is an inspiration to all of us.

JKL GRADUATION
Above is my nephew Armahn Payment waiting to graduate. I was asked to give the graduation address. I shared some of my background and adversity and how I have gained advantage and opportunity because of the quality of our Joseph K. Lumsden Bailey. For those who do not know, I have been raising my nephew since 2015 and have gained permanent legal guardianship—since just before my brother passed in January 2018. I was so proud to see him excel at JKL but this moment is bitter as he will now have to enter 9th grade in the area public school.

While I am grateful for the improvements in the local public schools, I am saddened that I simply to not have the support on our JKL Fiduciary Committee or Tribal Board to establish a high school of our own. Nephew after nephew and niece after niece have excelled at JKL only to drop out of high school. Most have gone on to earn their high school diploma through alternative education or GED. It just makes no sense to me that we could understand our great success at the K-8 level and not support replicating this through to graduation.

In 1992, I conducted the needs assessment including a community survey of our Members’ interests in whether to have our own school system. The answer was an overwhelming “YES” so we included in our application a request for K-12 and were granted approval. In the early days, we operated a K-6, then middle school then intended to add high school. Unfortunately, National politicians halted new school or expansion funding. Years later, I began to advocate for expansion again but the Tribal Education Department did not retain a copy of our original RHA (now RHE) school application. Fortunately, while I was out of office, I found the original drafts of the proposal and provided a copy. With this document, I advocated with the US. Department of Interior to secure 9th through 12th grade funding. I was successful in getting over $300,000 for 9th grade and committed to expand though to 12th grade but the JKL Fiduciary Committee is not yet ready to take this step one of the ways I enjoy giving back is through education. Recently, I was invited to provide an address on leadership to the American Indian Higher Education Consortium conference. Immediately below is a picture with college student Estabon Haynes from the Spokane Nation who served as MC at the conference and with Native college students from across the country. I try to give back and hope that something I said in my lecture inspires them to serve Indian country once they graduate college. If I can do it, so can they.

CRABS IN A BUCKET?
I serve in leadership roles in a number of capacities but face STRIDENT OPPOSITION from some of our own Tribal Board. Examples include: ITC Chair, unanimously elected by other Michigan Tribal Chairs; United Tribes of MI President, unanimously elected; Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes Vice President, unanimously elected; 1st Vice National Congress of American Indian 70% vote; testified in Congress 20+ times; numerous National- Federal committees (unpaid); and a Presidential appointment. Each post provides National prominence for our Tribe and increased access. It is puzzling that if you the Tribal Members and other tribal leaders from across Michigan, the Midwest and across the nation can see and value of these contributions to Indian Country, why can’t some on our Tribal Board see it? Crabs in a bucket is the only explanation.

Chi McGetch, Negee!
Distribution priorities are schools, education

Miigwech to Ogeena Chi Chis teaching

Activating tribes’ corporate charter big step in business

The tribal board is moving forward in a number of areas. We have been progressive, building on our traditions and teachings to our community. Each one of us has a great source of knowledge for our people. We have had more people than we know.

The tribal board is moving forward in areas of our business. We have had members come from up to 300-400 miles away to participate in these workshops. We have heard a lot of positive comments and heartfelt stories from members on how these events have motivated them to learn more and get in touch again with their heritage.

It touches my heart to see participation from youth to our tribal elders. Once again, miigwech, Ogeena Chi Chuck, and we look forward to many more teachings from you, nii.

Currently, I have been meeting with the U.S. Forest Service to bring some of our homelands back into our possession to develop permanent powwow grounds and an area to hold our cultural activities. I have met with the Sault Tribe’s Inland Territory Director Eric Clark, who has been working on a site plan and area identification to see if the roads will be suitable for our community’s needs. The Forest Service has been very receptive to the idea of working between our governments to achieve the vision for this project. The draft plan has been completed and is open for the proper authorities within the Forest Service to seek their input and comments. It is our belief that this project will be crucial in attainment and meeting our cultural enhancement goals for our community in Unit 5.

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Ahnee, let me start out by saying chi miigwech to Ogeena Chi Chuk (Bad Brum) for bringing this information to our tribal members and leaders.

In closing, let me ask all of you to wear multiple layers to stay warm. Try to get out and enjoy what the creator has blessed us with.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at (906) 450-5094 or email at cmatson@saulttribe.net.

Respectfully,
Charles J. Matson Sr.
Unit V Director

Gov. Whitmer signs bipartisan auto no-fault legislation

MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich. — Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Senate Bill 1 on May 30, which passed with overwhelming bipartisan support, to reform Michigan’s auto insurance system and guarantee lower rates for every Michigan driver, protect insurance coverage options and strengthen consumer protections.

“By signing this legislation, we’ve taken concrete steps that will end a decades-long battle and have numerous benefits for our state’s toughest issues to address,” Whitmer said. “This historic deal shows that, when we put party aside, we can work together to find solutions to tough problems and ensure that everyone is treated fairly.”

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The good, the bad and the ugly...

BRIDGETT SORENSON, DIRECTOR, UNIT III

I was requested to stop at some local businesses this month to see what they do so my first stop was at Massey’s Fish Market. Jamie Massey had reached out to me to give me a tour since we are in the process of the 2020 consent decree negotiations. He showed me all the new equipment he has recently purchased and how each step of fish processing takes place. He has grown exponential-ly by processing into many things and they attend many downtown farmers’ markets on weekends. He employees over 20 tribal members and purchases fish from many local fishermen. He makes not just fish fillet but whitefish, trout and salmon pate.

The next stop was our old hospital building that now hosts Hope Network, a place that pro-vides crisis residential services as a short-term alternative to incapacitated psychiatric hospital-ization by creating a home-like setting that is less restrictive than a hospital. Hope treats a wide array of symptoms form thoughts of suicide to mental disorders, and they attend many downstate by processing into many things. The hospital building that now hosts Hope Network was once used for seasonal foreign elders or families. Many houses live outside the downtown area and do not have cars. There is an additional group home. It is great to have them as a community based alternative to substance abuse and disorders.

I attended the St. Ignace Scout Troop 1 meeting. They are one of the few groups that still do a monthly meeting. A boy scout and a girl scout from the Sault participated in the meeting. The kids talked about their adventures and what they have learned about in scouting.

Moving?

TRIBAL MEMBERS!

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Our area has one cab company and a seasonal trolley system. It can be quite expensive to run errands for some people who live outside the downtown area and do not have cars. There is not enough affordable housing in our community for singles, elders or families. Many houses are used for seasonal foreign workers or Airbnb. All the local units of government need to come together and form a transportation authority and also look at ways to establish more housing. We have had a few homeless people who could benefit from a shelter as a transition to getting on their feet as well.

We had our annual Wescuoyw Cemetery clean up on May 18. The cemetery is very well kept so there was not as much work needed besides removing a few seasonal decorations and some graves needed more fill. There were about a dozen of us and unfortunately it rained but we gathered for lunch and conversa-tion anyway. The cemetery is such a peaceful place surrounded by evergreens.

I unfortunately missed out on the Native American festival with attending a funeral and several graduations. When a record crowd from what I saw and heard about. If you haven’t been there please stop and see the new veteran memorial wall that features some of our own tribal members.

I have met with Sue St. Onge and Sally Paquin about doing some workshops possibly prior to our Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow and Heritage Days in St. Ignace as well as some in the fall when people have more time. Jackie Minton is doing a series of workshops on materials this summer in St. Ignace at the McCann School. Please contact Jackie to register at (906) 322-323 or email jackie94minton@gmail.com

Unfortunately, some are changes that need to be made to the JKL Fiduciary Committee. They have been operating for many years with no bylaws even though they have been discussed with the full board. This means that meetings get called at the drop of a hat for what-ever purpose is needed. Tribal board members do not receive meeting minutes. They have been allowed to hire staff at a higher rate than others as well as job title discrepancies. I was also told that staff also received bonuses. We have people from this committee who are pushing to eliminate community members on the housing commission and replacing with all board members. Something has to give.

There is also a lot of bullying going on at the board table to other board members, staff and community members. I have been subjected to this behavior and it upsets me but most of all I despise the disrespect towards the things that are happening in the board room it’s sickening. Nobody is allowed to have a dif-ficult person’s opinion. There is no consistency and decisions are made on who you can’t even get an opportunity to talk. Our workshops and meet-ings are so out of control. There is no consistency and decisions are made on the board which had only two vacancies. Three members were from the Sault and one was from St. Ignace. I suggested we get one and they get one but I couldn’t get agreement. We had two names had to be drawn and both were selected from the Sault. Director Mc Kelvie motioned to appoint one additional delegate to represent the conference but only two as delegates. That motion was sup-ported. Sometimes the games are ridiculous.

Well, I will probably be under fire from my colleagues but at least some staff or members will be off the radar for a minute!

I presented two scholarships this year, one to Gregory Paquin who will be pursuing nursing at MCN College of Nursing, the other to Shyanne Bird who will pursue social work and health adminis-tration at Marian University in Wisconsin.

Congratulations to my niece, Saylor Sorenson and all the other students who will be graduating this year. May the winds of change cross their high school careers! Don’t ever look back, rather always being looking forward!

For questions or concerns please contact me at bsorenson@saulttribe.net, bridge@19@yahoo.com or (906) 430-0536.
Jennifer McLeod, Director, Unit I

Aaniin, Anishnaabek! HURRAY FOR SUMMER! Powwows, graduations, weddings, ceremonies, camping, fishing, berry picking, gardening, saying “aanii” to new babies, and “bamapii” to so many friends on their spirit journey.

This all makes for a busy schedule, especially when combined with all of the other work that I’ve been doing, too, board workshops, board meetings, committees, projects and especially spending time with tribal members in person and via cyber-space. Life these days (for all of us) can be so hectic, and crammed with chaos, but I am reminded of elders in my life who always reminded me to “DO WHAT MATTERS.” I do my best to do just that.

What matters to me is, People First. I’m taking a moment as I type this report, to see if my activity has served “People First.” The committees I work on do serve people first and I believe their work affects the well being of many. My work on the Community Health Aide Program Tribal Advisory Group (CHAP TAG) as its chairperson, has helped our tribe move forward on the Dental Therapy Program, which will provide more direct dental care to our members. As the chairperson for the USDA Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Tribal Leaders Workgroup, relationships between tribes and the USDA have strengthened. The USDA Food Program was in danger of cuts, but this workgroup was a driving force that ensured that not only would the food program not suffer financial cuts, but it would be changed to include foods that are tribal foods. Tribal food access is important, and the actions of this working group matters to our people.

I also think about the tribal members I have served individually (near and far), the children at our school who are served by the JKL Fiduciary Committee, tribal members who rely on me to be their voice to the local transportation authority, and then I also think about all those people who are served by the actions of the tribal board of directors. I think about the many great people I work with, who make certain that great things happen for our people. Individually, we can’t accomplish nearly as much as we can when we work together. I am so grateful for those who, like myself, are focused on doing what matters — not just for now, but for the future. I will never forget my Uncle Owen’s last words to me, “For the people.”

Those words guide me in all that I do. Looking back over this past month, I am thankful for his words, as I have worked hard, and with love, to “Do What Matters for the People.” And it’s easy to know if what I am doing matters — if it puts people first, it matters.

Wishing you all a summer filled with love, good health and bright days. As always, if I can be of any help or service, please do not hesitate to contact me. Hope to see you on the powwow trail! Shawinideeka (many blessings), and Anishinaabe gagiget (Anishnaabe for always), Jen (906) 440-9151 jMCleod1@saulttribe.net jennifer.mcleod.2012@gmail.com Facebook: Jennifer McLeod – Sault Tribe

St. Ignace Head Start holds end of year drum social

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Doing what matters . . .
**Kewadin Casinos Entertainment**

**JUNE**
- Slaughter wsg Autograph  
  Saturday | 29th | 8 p.m. | $10.00  
  St. Ignace Event Center

**JULY**
- Crystal Shawanda  
  Friday | 5th | 8 p.m. | Free  
  Sault Dreammakers Theater
- Cheap Trick  
  Thursday | 11th | 8 p.m. | start at $40  
  Sault Dreammakers Theater
- Travis Tritt and the Charlie Daniels Band  
  Friday | 19th | 8 p.m. | start at $25  
  St. Ignace Outdoors
- Great White  
  Saturday | 27th | 8 p.m. | start at $20  
  Manistique Outdoors

**AUGUST**
- Foreigner  
  Thursday | 8th | 8 p.m. | start at $25  
  St. Ignace Outdoors
- MJ Live  
  Friday | 30th | 8 p.m. | start at $20  
  Sault Dreammakers Theater
- Muddfest with Puddle of Mudd, Saliva, Trapt, Saving Abel & Tantric  
  Friday | 1st | 7 p.m. | start at $29.50  
  Sault Dreammakers Theater
- Tony Orlando  
  Saturday | 23rd | 8 p.m. | start at $25  
  Sault Dreammakers Theater

**AUGUST (CONT.)**
- Drowning Pool wsg Joyous Wolf  
  Friday | 2nd | 8 p.m. | $20 SRO  
  Sault Dreammakers Theater
- Pop Evil and Buckcherry wsg Joyous Wolf  
  Saturday | 3rd | 8 p.m. | start at $25  
  Sault Outdoors

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