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Sault Tribe stands with Standing Rock Nation

(Ed. Note: As we go to press an Alabama pipeline has exploded spewing 250,000 gallons of gas.)

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indian supports Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's opposition to the proposed pipeline crossing of the Missouri River near the northern boundaries of its reservation.

"We support Standing Rock's concern for potential risk to its nation's land and water and share the firm belief that alternative means should be explored for a method of transporting oil to market that has less potential for negative impact to the indigenous people and the lands they have inhabited and historically shared with fellow nations, friends and relatives," Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment wrote in an Aug. 23 letter of support to Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Chairman Dave Archambault II.

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors passed a formal resolution of support and a \$10,000 donation toward Standing Rock's legal fees.

Payment also serves as an executive officer of the United Tribes of Michigan, Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes, the National Congress of American Indians and the chair of the five-tribe 1836 Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority. "I can attest that tribal people at all levels have passed resolutions supporting Standing Rock," Payment said.

Just when Standing Rock and fellow protesters were dealing with the District Court's denial of an emergency injunction stopping pipeline construction, the Obama Administration came out with an amazing joint statement.

In a surprise move, the Department of Justice, the



Photo by Nathan Wright, Northcamp in Cannonball, N.D., Sept. 3, 2016

CRAZY HORSE AVENUE — The encampment where thousands have come to protest the Dakota Access pipeline. The protectors have mapped out the encampment, named the roads, lined them with flags of supporting tribal nations. According to camp sources, as of press time there are as many as 7,000 participants present on the weekends, the number dipping during the week.

Department of the Army and the Department of the Interior issued a statement that "the Army will not authorize constructing the Dakota Access pipeline on Corps land bordering or under Lake Oahe until it can determine whether it will need to reconsider any of its previous decisions regarding the Lake Oahe site under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) or other federal laws."

The joint statement also said the case has "highlighted the need for a serious discussion on whether there should be nationwide reform with respect to considering tribes' views on these types of infrastructure projects."

According to the statement, the Obama Administration will invite tribes to formal, government-to-government consultations

on two questions: (1) within the existing statutory framework, what should the federal government do to better ensure meaningful tribal input into infrastructure-related reviews and decisions and the protection of tribal lands, resources, and treaty rights; and (2) should new legislation be proposed to Congress to alter that statutory framework and promote those goals.

Sault Tribe faces a threat similar to the Dakota Pipeline from Enbridge's Line 5. Every day, nearly 23 million gallons of oil flow through two aging

pipelines in the heart of the Great Lakes, just west of the Mackinac Bridge. Installed 62 years ago in 1953, the two 20-inch-in-diameter Line 5 pipelines owned by Canadian company Enbridge Inc., lie exposed in the water at the bottom of the Straits of Mackinac, one of the most ecologically sensitive areas in the world in the middle of the tribe's ceded territory and its commercial and subsistence fisheries. In 2010, Enbridge's spill into the Kalamazoo River, the nation's largest-ever land-based oil spill, caused over \$1 billion in damage.

A catastrophe in the Straits would be far worse. During the winter months, containing a spill will be impossible as the pipeline is under 5 feet of ice.

"We stand in solidarity with Standing Rock," Payment said. "We understand our traditional role in Indian Country as the indigenous stewards of the land, water and natural resources. We admire and appreciate your stand against corporate greed in the interest of protecting our natural environment."

The chairperson added, "It's a matter of cultural survival."

More than 90 tribes are represented at Standing Rock, and over 200 have lent their support.

Sault Tribe member Nathan Wright was on the ground at Standing Rock and took video of protesters clashing with guards who set loose attack dogs and sprayed some of the protestors with pepper spray.

Wright said, "In a nutshell, they tried to provoke us to violence — but it didn't work."

The joint statement made clear that the First Amendment rights of tribes' will be supported. "In recent days, we have seen thousands of demonstrators come together peacefully, with support from scores of sovereign tribal governments, to exercise their First Amendment rights and to voice heartfelt concerns about the environment and historic, sacred sites. It is now incumbent on all of us to develop a path forward that serves the broadest public interest." (Read more about the Dakota Pipeline and Line 5 beginning on page 18.)

Youth mentoring program coming to Chippewa County

OPEN TO ALL AREA YOUTH MID-OCTOBER

FROM BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF BAY MILLS

A youth mentoring program will soon be coming to Chippewa County. The Chippewa Allied Mentoring Program (CAMP) is a collective effort between the Boys & Girls Club of Bay Mills (BGBC), Sault Area Schools and Chippewa County's 50th Circuit Court-Family Division. The CAMP will be based at Malcolm High School and is open to all area youth in grades 6 – 12. The CAMP will be guided by the Boys & Girls Club with a focus on mentoring.

Sandy Walden, BGBC director, said the idea evolved slowly. "Whenever Club staff is out in the community wearing the Boys & Girls Club logo, we are constantly asked when a club site will open in the Sault. Then, in the spring of 2015, Magistrate/Referee Eric Blubaugh, from the 50th Circuit Court-Family Division, gathered a small group

of community professionals together to discuss the need for a countywide youth mentoring program. It really just took off from there."

From those initial meetings, a core group formed to move the project forward including Blubaugh, the BGBC, Chippewa County's juvenile probation officers Steve Ewing and Brianne Abramson, Malcolm High School Principal Sandy Sawyer and Malcolm High School Native American Advisor Rob McCrorie.

McCrorie said, "The investment we make in our youth today will determine who they become as citizens and leaders in the future and I believe that the Boys and Girls Club will give them the tools and experiences they will need to become successful adults."

Blubaugh said that the CAMP will be open to all area youth, whether they are involved with the courts, or would simply like

to be part of a positive environment. "This beneficial partnership is designed to give our youth consistent and supportive guidance from adults ready to help them succeed," he said.

Programming, which will involve area colleges and schools, will run from mid-October to the beginning of June, with a targeted opening day of Oct. 18, 2016. Club hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:50 to 6:30 p.m.

If you are interested in signing up your youth for membership, or have additional questions or concerns, please contact Sandy Walden at either (906) 248-8575 or sawalden@baymills.org. There will be a small membership fee of \$12 per year. Membership sign-up forms are available at the Boys & Girls Club of Bay Mills, area schools, JKL Bahweting School or the 50th Circuit Court-Family Division. The form is also available at www.baymills.org.

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OMB should stop meddling with tribal water pacts

ED. NOTE: Robert Anderson is a professor of law at the University of Washington School of Law, where he also serves as the director of its Native American Law Center. He is an Oneida Indian Nation visiting professor of law at Harvard Law school.

BY ROBERT T. ANDERSON

How is it that the original owners of a vast continent are now denied access to water for the small amount of land they reserved? And why is it that when water rights for Indian tribes are recognized it is often only after protracted and expensive litigation? The Obama administration has a very positive record on Native American issues, but recent actions by the president's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) threaten to tarnish that reputation and cause long-term harm to efforts to obtain reliable supplies of water to reservation homelands.

Indian ownership of vast territory prior to colonization of the United States has been confirmed by Indian treaties, statutes, agreements and executive orders. Those same legal instruments included implied promises of sufficient water for myriad uses such as irrigation, fish and wildlife habitat protection, and the development of permanent homelands. "Indian water rights are vested property rights for which the United States has a trust responsibility, with the United States holding legal title to such water in trust for the benefit of the Indians." — U. S. Department of the Interior's 1990 Criteria and Procedures for Indian Water Rights Settlements. The federal trust responsibility means that the United States has legal and moral obligations to protect and safeguard Indian water rights, and to assist in developing safe and reliable water supplies.

It is well known, as the Native American Rights Fund and Western States Water Council have reported, that the absence of reliable and clean water supplies "has contributed to [poverty], unemployment and mortality rates on reservations that are much higher than those of adjacent non-Indian communities." Indian water rights settlements can result in the delivery of clean water for reservation residents, and promote economic development in some of the poorest areas of the United States. For this reason alone, the administration should aggressively support settlement of Indian water rights cases — not create new obstacles to them. But recent action by the OMB seems likely to frustrate the possibility of new Indian water settlements — something flatly inconsistent with President Obama's stellar record on Native American issues.

In June 2016, the OMB sent a memorandum to the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Justice setting forth a new process and protocol that it expects the departments to follow when negotiating and reviewing all pending and future Indian water rights settlements. The memorandum essentially prohibits any employee of the Departments of Justice and Interior from recommending a negotiating position to the secretary without first going through the OMB. The

memorandum also purports to give the OMB a significant role in determining whether and when the secretary of the interior should support settlement discussions by appointing a team. The OMB memorandum injects policy and review authority (by the office least knowledgeable about Indian water rights) at the earliest stages of the Indian water rights negotiations and settlement process. This sort of a "command and control" policy is wrong, and will greatly hinder the ability to creatively explore and achieve future settlements. Serious questions also exist for practical implementation of the memorandum, which appears to now require a narrow and rigid application of the 1990 criteria and procedures. Furthermore, it was developed in violation of Executive Order 13175, which requires consultation with and notice to Indian tribes on any matter affecting tribal interests.

The fact is that federal policy encouraged non-Indian settlement of the West, and promoted settler use of water reserved by the tribes. The primary actor in this process was the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which developed large, subsidized irrigation projects at the expense of tribal rights. The pages of history recount the trail of many broken promises to Indian tribes by the United States government. The nonpartisan National Water Commission's Report to the President and Congress in 1973 concluded that, "[i]n the history the United States Government's treatment of Indian tribes, its failure to protect Indian water rights for use on the Reservations it set aside for them is one of the sorrier chapters." The commission recognized the trust responsibility of the United States to tribes with respect to water and went on to recommend that the United States quantify Indian water rights exclusively in federal court. The commission also recommended that some accommodation be made to non-Indians who the United States encouraged to use water owned by Indian tribes.

Since the late 1970s the federal government has had a policy favoring the negotiation and settlement of Indian water rights. Official "criteria and procedures" for settlement were put in place in 1990. While formalizing the process was a good concept, the criteria and procedures place substantial emphasis on protecting the federal treasury, and less on recognition of the legal and moral obligation to settle disputes the United States had a substantial hand in creating. Nevertheless, Congress has approved 29 Indian water settlements because the parties left their rhetoric and litigation strategies behind and engaged in interest-based negotiations over water rights and management. The Department of the Interior, with the assistance of the Justice Department, have taken the lead in developing federal negotiation positions despite the apparent, formal rigidity in the criteria and procedures. A central component of each settlement has been strong federal support of the process and substance. President Obama signed legislation approving six settlements during his adminis-

tration and at least two more are pending in Congress.

The success of the settlement process depends primarily on the willingness of the federal government to assist and encourage negotiations, and more importantly, to provide the lion's share of funding to implement any agreements. The federal government should not rigidly limit the federal contribution by the assessment of "calculable legal exposure" as defined in the criteria and procedures for settlements, and as the OMB seems to be increasingly emphasizing. Instead, the federal position in settlement should take into account the inequitable treatment that developing tribal economies received historically in the water context. And while legal exposure is relevant, the scope of such exposure can be easily manipulated depending on the

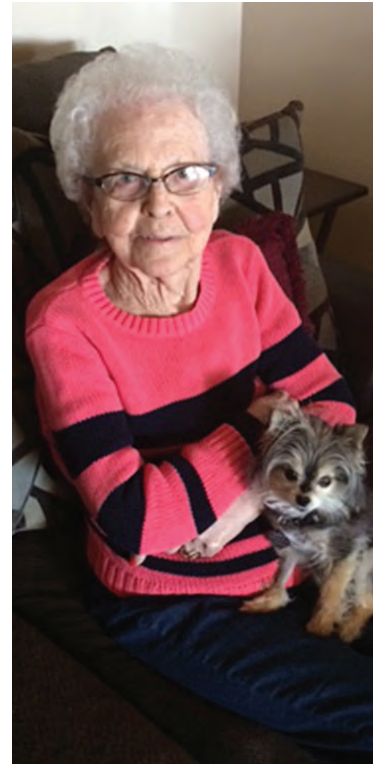
assumptions made in a given case. Instead, the federal government should engage in a transparent analysis of the tribal claims to water, tribal needs, potential federal liability and the other potential benefits of settlement to the Indian and non-Indian community. The administration should look to the large body of settlements to help chart a course for new settlement proposals.

While Indian water settlements are sometimes expensive, they are not "pork barrel" projects or "earmarks." Instead, they are actions required to fulfill promises made long ago to provide and protect tribal homelands. The United States and its non-Indian settlements reaped tremendous benefits when tribes surrendered most of their land in exchange for promises of smaller and permanent homelands. Most importantly,

the president should firmly and officially endorse the policy of settling Indian water right claims. This should include a directive that funds for settlement are an administration priority, and the Office of Management and Budget is not the arbiter of the administration support. OMB's proposed involvement at the earliest stages of negotiations will have a chilling effect on settlements, and should be rejected by the president.

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Sault Tribe officer assists in Lake Michigan water rescue

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

On Aug. 4 at 5:36 p.m., Sault Tribe Police Officer Matt Hunkele heard a call come over the radio for swimmers in Lake Michigan who needed assistance. Officers were dispatched to the location nearest to the swimmers, which was Range St. and U.S. 2 in Manistique, where the Manistique East Breakwater Light is located on the end of a concrete breakwater on the east side of the harbor.

“I was on duty and happened to be in the northeast part of Manistique when I heard the call come in over the radio. Being that close I hurried down to the beach where the location was given,” Hunkele said. “When I got there, there was a Schoolcraft County Sheriff’s Deputy that had arrived just prior to me and she was in the water, and another officer had pulled in behind me. I ran to the shore and looked and they weren’t too far out, but I thought to myself there is a reason why they are still out there.

“So I ran back to the car and took off what I needed to and



Sault Tribe Police Officer Matt Hunkele

put a life jacket on, and grabbed another life jacket and ran back. One of the children looked like he was struggling more than the others, so I made my way out to him.

“The deputy didn’t have any flotation devices, so I threw her the other life jacket. Public Safety didn’t take long to get

there and assisted getting the child ashore. It was somewhat scary because as we were making our way to shore we were fighting the waves and on the way out to him I watched him go under a few times and was worried he was going to go under and not come back up before I got to him. I was happy when I got my hands on him and was holding him above the water.”

The 10-year-old boy Hunkele was holding above the water was one of three people rescued that day. Another young boy and their 53-year-old father were also in the water. The father had gone into the water to help his children and when he was rescued from the waves he was unresponsive and had to be administered life-saving efforts by Manistique Public Safety and EMS personnel. He was then transported to Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital and airlifted to U.P. Health System Marquette in critical condition. Hunkele said it was later reported that the father passed away from his injuries.

The boys did not require medical treatment. The family was in the area on vacation at the time of the incident.

This was Hunkele’s first water rescue, and he said he is thankful the department carries top-of-the-line rescue equipment, including flotation equipment such as life jackets, suits and rope.

“We have everything we need for water rescues in our vehicle,” Hunkele said. “Often, riptides are 20 or 30 feet out and you can swim parallel to them and get out of them and swim back to shore.

“But as you looked down the

shore that day it was one huge riptide. The waves were so high that even with a lifejacket they were going 2- to 3-feet over my head. The waves were crashing down on top of us pushing us towards shore, and between waves the rip current would pull you back out and we just kind of kept bouncing back and forth in the same spot.”

Car interior gets hotter than you think, faster than you think

Never leave children, an elderly or disabled person, or a pet, unattended in the car, even to run a quick errand. According to the SafeKids Worldwide, a child’s body can heat up five times faster than an adult. And, even in cooler weather, cars can heat up to dangerous temperatures very quickly.

Many drivers don’t realize that in as little as 3 minutes in the sun, a car’s interior temperatures can heat up from 78 to 100 degrees (Fahrenheit). On a mild day, the temperature inside a car can rise 20 degrees above the outside temperature in 10 minutes or less, and the temperatures can rise whether it’s cloudy, or the sun is out.

These temperatures put your loved ones at risk for heatstroke and death. According to safecar.gov, a website supported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, *heatstroke is one of the leading causes of death among children.*

Children and the elderly are more vulnerable to heatstroke than others. In children, the body’s ability to maintain and regulate its core internal temperature is immaturely developed. In the elderly, the body’s temperature regulation ability can be impaired due to underlying medical conditions and medications they may be taking.

Hunkele added, “When you are sitting in the water holding a young child with waves crashing over you and you are talking to them and trying to keep them calm, it seemed like we were out there an eternity, but I am guessing it was under 5 minutes. Public Safety was there quickly, and with their assistance everyone was pulled from the water.”

The same rules apply for our furry friends. Pets can suffer serious injuries when left in a hot car for as little as 15 minutes. Pets maintain a higher body temperature than humans and can’t cool down as efficiently. Unlike humans, pets don’t have sweat glands over their entire body, only their noses and pads of their paws. They can only normalize their body temperatures through panting, which isn’t efficient under extreme conditions.

If you are driving to a destination where you cannot bring your pets inside with you, don’t bring them in the first place. Leaving them alone in a hot car will only put them at serious risk.

Here are estimated vehicle interior air temperatures*, at 70 degrees outside:

0 minutes:	70°F
10 minutes:	89°F
20 minutes:	99°F
30 minutes:	104°F
40 minutes:	108°F
50 minutes:	111°F
60 minutes:	113°F

At 80 degrees outside, the interior of the car will rise to 99 degrees in 10 minutes. If it is 85 degrees outside, the temperature inside the car will rise to 104 degrees in 10 minutes.*

* According to Dept. of Geosciences, San Francisco State University

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This requires knowledge of the tribe and its practices, administrative experience and the ability to work with data, write reports and organize special projects and events.

The liaisons will also respond to and follow up on membership issues to ensure they are resolved.

Sault Tribe members are encouraged to contact liaisons when they need help with

tribal issues by emailing membersconcerns@saulttribe.net or individually at:

Unit I — Sheila Berger, Office of the Chairperson, Sault Ste. Marie, (906) 635-6050, (800) 793-0660, sberger@saulttribe.net

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Keeping your kids safe online – Part 3



If you read Part 1 and Part 2 we talked about opening the lines of communication and simple steps you can take to help keep your internet devices safe. In this segment, I would like to touch on educating your children about online safety. Every child is taught basic safety and security lessons, like not talking to strangers and looking both ways before crossing the street, but in the digital age we live in we must also teach our young people easy-to-learn life lessons for online safety.

Teach your kids about some of the issues kids face online. The most common types are: cyber predators, cyber bullying and identify theft. “Cyber predators” are people who search online for other people in order to use, control or harm them in some way. “Cyberbullying” is an electronic posting of a mean spirited message about a person. “Identity theft” is the illegal use of someone else’s personal information to steal money or credit.

Talk to your kids about keeping their personal information private, avoid sharing things like name, address, telephone number, birthday, passwords and the name of their school. Think twice before you post anything online, remember once you say it, it is out there forever. Treat others like you want to be treated. Speak up if you see anything inappropriate — don’t stand for bullying online or off.

Cybersecurity is a shared responsibility; we each have to do our part to keep the internet safe. Empower yourself and your children, join the **Stop.Think.Connect** awareness campaign. October is National Cyber Security Awareness month. Visit <https://www.dhs.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-month> and learn how you can get involved.

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Sault Tribe Cultural Library hosts Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program students

A traditional Anishinaabe drumming demonstration was held in the Sault Tribe Cultural Library on Ashmun St. on Sept. 8 for the Sault Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program. Colleen Medicine said it was a great opportunity for the Cultural Division staff and one of the local drums to educate Chamber of Commerce staff. Sault Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tony Haller said, “The drumming was the Sault Tribe’s participation in the Sault Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program. This session was part of the Arts, Culture and Philanthropy part of the program, where students learned about drumming/song and its importance in the tribal culture.”



SAULT TRIBE COMMUNITY FLU CLINICS FOR 2016 FLU SEASON

Check flu clinic schedule for your area —

ESCANABA AREA

Escanaba Tribal Health Center
Friday, Sept. 30 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 7 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

HESEL, DETOUR, DRUMMOND AREA

Hessel Tribal Health Center (*Health Fair*)
Tuesday, Oct. 11 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 DeTour Community Center
Monday, Oct. 18 9 - 11 a.m.
 Drummond Island Twp Hall
Wednesday, Oct. 19 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
 Hessel Casino (Employees Only)
Thursday, Oct. 20 12 - 2:30 p.m.
 Hessel Tribal Health Center
Monday, Oct. 24 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-4 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 7 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-4 p.m.

MANISTIQUE AREA

Manistique Tribal Health Center
Monday, Sept. 26 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 3 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-4 p.m.

MARQUETTE AREA

Marquette Tribal Health Center
Tuesday, Sept. 27 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 4 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Marquette Elder Meal 6 - 8 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 6 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Marquette Tribal Health Center
Tuesday, Oct. 18 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

MUNISING AREA

Munising Tribal Health Center
Wednesday, Sept. 21 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 6 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-4 p.m.

NEWBERRY AREA

Newberry Tribal Health Center
Thursday, Oct. 6 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-4 p.m.
 Naubinway Snowmobile Museum
Monday, Oct. 10 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
 Newberry Tribal Health Center
Monday, Nov. 7 1-4 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 12 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

SAULT STE. MARIE AREA

Sault Tribe Health Center
Tuesday, Sept. 27 1-4 p.m.
 Sault Elder Care Meal Site (*Adult Only*)
Monday, Oct. 3 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Sault Tribal Health Center
Friday, Oct. 14 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Big Bear Area (*Health Fair*)
Wednesday, Oct. 19 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Sault Tribe Health Center
Wednesday, Oct. 24 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Sault Kewadin Casino (*Employees Only*)
Wednesday, Oct. 26 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Sault Tribe Health Center
Monday, Nov. 14 1 - 4 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 18 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

ST. IGNACE AREA

McCann School (*Adults Only*)
Monday, Oct. 3 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 St. Ignace Tribal Health Center
Monday, Oct. 10 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 14 1 - 4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 19 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 21 1 - 4 p.m.
 St. Ignace Little Bear East (*Health Fair*)
Tuesday, Oct. 25 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLINICS

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Website administrator hired for tribal, gaming sites

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe member Al Boulley has moved to the area and accepted the Sault Tribe website administrator position, performing duties for both Kewadin Casinos and the Sault Tribe.

Boulley is a 1990 graduate of New Buffalo High School, which is located in the southwest corner of Lower Michigan. He attended Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., and pursued a major in computer science and a minor in mathematics. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe hired him a year before graduation and Boulley decided to focus solely on his career.

He worked for the Mt. Pleasant tribe as its applications technician and then database administrator for 12 years before moving out west to southwestern Oregon. While residing in Oregon, he worked as systems administrator for the Elk Valley Rancheria, a small tribe with less than

100 members; web developer and system technician for Mainbrace Technologies in Brookings, Ore.; and as technology manager for Backwoods Home Magazine in Gold Beach, Ore.

Additional experience includes serving as a web developer consultant for The Image Shoppe in Grand Rapids, Mich., and as a database developer consultant for Confluence Corporation, in Washington, D.C.

In his new position, Boulley, 43, spends two days a week at the tribe's administration offices, and three days a week working for Kewadin Casinos. He said he greatly enjoys being a part of both operations.

On the casino side, 906 Technologies is developing a new kewadin.com website for all of the Kewadin Casino sites. "I am helping on oversight with that project, giving a web developer's point of view and feedback," Boulley said. "I am also

helping with social media and online marketing efforts. Additionally, I will be supporting the Macintosh computers used by team members in Kewadin Marketing and at the tribe's newspaper. They have had to outsource support for their Macintosh computers in the past, but I look forward to doing that now for them."

On the administration side, Boulley will be helping to rebuild the tribe's internal website, or "intranet." He will be setting up a development server that will allow him to lead the intranet rebuild while leaving the existing one online and usable by employees. The saulttribe.com website will receive his attention as well, with the goal of making it easier to use for visitors, tribal members and employees alike.

Boulley and his wife, Anne, have a 3-year-old daughter, Penelope Sage. "I am here at the tribe to establish myself and do some really great things, while connecting with my Ojibwa roots," he said.



Allan Boulley

Websites help build Indian Country entrepreneurship

BY RICK SMITH

Legislation making the rounds in the halls of Congress would improve conditions for starting or expanding businesses in Indian Country (see page 4 of last edition for more details), but some individuals and tribes have already stepped into entrepreneurial ventures proving to be quite lucrative. It's a good time to look around for inspiration.

American Indian basket weavers along with other crafters and artists of Michigan who want to preserve and capitalize on ancient crafts might want to hop online and explore possibilities modeled by non-profit Indian basketry associations in forming their own organizations. These groups are hubs supporting and promoting Indian basketry commerce and preservation. At least one of the organizations conducts competitions in which basket weavers compete for prizes up to \$20,000.

The few Indian basketry organizations appearing online formed as regional concerns in the 1990s. From east coast to west, one can find the Maine Indian Basketmakers Alliance (www.maineindianbaskets.org), Northeast Indigenous Arts Alliance (www.indigenousarts.org), Northwest Native American Basketweavers Association (www.nnaba.net) and the California Indian Basketweavers Association (www.ciba.org).

The National Basketry Organization (www.nationalbasketry.org) can be found online as well, but it is not solely dedicated to American Indian basketry.

Then there are those cashing in on the European fascination

with American Indians and courting Asian tourism as well. One website, www.nativeamerica.travel, helps businesses owned by American Indians to draw international tourists who want authentic American Indian experiences, such as learning basketry, participating in powwows and other traditions of tribal life. The site has been visited by thousands of unique visitors in the first few months of its opening. So far, the only Ojibwe tribe featured on the site is the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe in Minnesota.

More recently, Brian Cladoosby, president of the National Congress of American Indians, and representatives of three tribes from New York, Wisconsin and California met with Cuban officials in a four-day conference sponsored by the Native American Finance Officers Association to explore possibilities for mutually beneficial partnerships. Discussions focused on economics, finance, commerce, diplomacy, agriculture, food sovereignty, medical research and advancements.

"Relationships built through cultural understanding empowers people and nations to exchange quality information from a place of collaboration and cooperation," said Cladoosby. "Nation-to-nation relationship building opens learning opportunities to create stronger economies, advancements in medicine and more."

And what about local, more immediate enterprises? "Find a need and fill it," is an adage of entrepreneurship for those who harbor dreams of becoming

tycoons. Everyone has to eat, for example, does your town have an ever-popular and first-rate barbecue house? Could your town support one? Do you have the wherewithal to create one? How about a more healthful vegetarian restaurant? Maybe consider an establishment specializing in traditional American Indian fare? Taking advantage of existing markets? Keep your eyes open for needs and figure out how to fill them whether through some sort of production or service.

A good online source for starting or expanding business ven-

tures is the U.S. Small Business Administration at www.sba.gov. The site is especially useful for novice entrepreneurs as it guides one through stages of building

businesses from taking a common sense approach at determining if one has the right stuff to become an entrepreneur to acquiring government contracts.

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Book exposes dirty deeds and corporate greed

Author explains how food corporations generate revenue at the expense of your health

By RICK SMITH

When a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter writes a book about unscrupulous practices of our nation's most beloved major food processors and their roles in our country's obesity and diabetic epidemics, it is bound to be a beneficial read.

Michael Moss authored the New York Times bestseller, *Salt Sugar Fat: How the Food Giants Hooked Us*, which essentially serves as an indictment against food corporations such as General Mills, Coca-Cola, Kellogg, Pillsbury and many others. The book also presents readers with a clear picture of the dangers to good health lurking in processed foods.

Salt Sugar Fat explains how the corporations study consumer behavior from early childhood to golden years and churn out products and pervasive campaigns to manipulate young and old into buying strategically constructed, largely artificial and insidiously dangerous foods.

"I wrote this book hoping its readers would feel empowered, knowing all the tricks the Food Giants use to get us to not just like their products, but to want more and more, which leads to overeating," Moss wrote in an email message. "For me, the research and reporting for this book was like being inside a detective story, especially in

uncovering the extraordinary science they use in making their products irresistible." Further, what he discovered



Michael Moss,
Pulitzer Prize winner



reflected poorly on the federal bureaucracy. Moss wrote, "It also greatly surprised me how federal agencies like the Department of Agriculture that are supposed to look out for our best interests have teamed up with industry to promote products that its own nutritionists say we're getting too much of, such as cheese and meat, and apparently fry bread fits into this hustle, too."

Moss opined that it would probably come as no surprise to our readers that the federal government is not always looking out for our best interests. "But it underscores that, while it's not easy, we can take control of the food in our lives, with some terrific payoff in terms of health and just better eating," he added.

The book starts with a prologue and has 14 chapters divided into three parts before concluding with an epilogue. All of the chapters in each part focus on either salt, sugar or fat: Part one is on sugar, part two on fat and part three on salt. In all, including extensive notes, bibliography and index, the book comes in at 446 pages of easy reading likely to keep one rapt.

It is astonishing what one may learn from this book and the material is potentially life saving. The work incidentally goes far to explain why it is so difficult for some people to lose

weight. Simply put, many may not be aware just how destructive their diets are towards their overall health, including what may be perceived as healthful diets.

The book is available through amazon.com or by special order at accommodating bookstores. In the past, Moss focused on all aspects of the food industry as a reporter for the New York Times

and The Wall Street Journal. He was also an adjunct professor at the Columbia School of Journalism. From time to time, he can be seen as a guest on television news, medical and talk programs. He currently still writes about the processed food industry and has another book, *Hooked: Food and Free Will*, in development.

Committee Vacancies

The following committees have vacant seats. Sault Tribe members interested in filling these vacancies should submit one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation from other members to Joanne Carr or Linda Grossett, 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783. Call 635-6050 for any questions.

- Anishinaabe Cultural Committee - Two vacancies (men, four-year term)
- Cultural Screening committee Two vacancies (four-year term)
- Health Board - Two vacancies (four-year term)
- Higher Education Committee - One vacancy (four-year term)
- Election Committee - Six vacancies (four-year term)
- Special Needs/Enrollment Committee - Six vacancies (two-year term)
- Child Welfare Committee -

- Five vacancies (four-year term)
- Unit I Sault Elders Subcommittee - One alternate (four-year term)
- Unit II Newberry Elders Subcommittee - One regular seat vacancy, one alternate (four-year term)
- Unit IV Manistique Elders Subcommittee - One regular seat vacancy, one alternate (four-year term)
- Unit II Hessel Elders Subcommittee - Two regular seat vacancies, two alternates (four-year term)
- Unit V Munising Elders Subcommittee - One vacancy, two alternates (four-year term)
- Unit V Marquette Elders Subcommittee - One regular vacancy, one alternate (four-year term)
- Unit II Naubinway Elders Subcommittee - One alternate (four-year term)

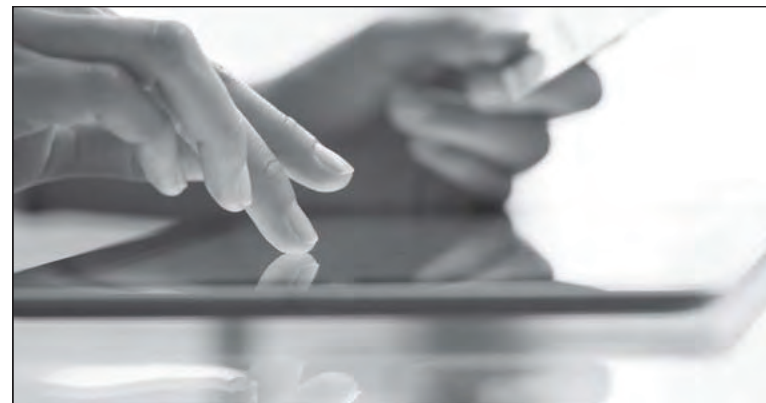
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Learn the entire process of smoking fish. Gain knowledge of how the Great Lakes have supplied the Anishinaabeg with an abundant source of food and how we fished these waters. Chocolay Township Raptor Center will be

bringing over several raptor birds to do a presentation and discuss how they rehabilitate these birds back into the wild.

Permission forms are available from Jackie Minton, 635-6050, ext. 26144, jminton@saulttribe.net, or Sam Gardner, 635-6050, ext. 26041, sgardner2@saulttribe.net. They are also available from any YEA coordinator and the Intranet under Cultural Forms - Mary Murray Cultural Camp Permission Form.



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MARQUETTE VACANCY!

Wilson accepts probation officer position

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Ryan Wilson began his first day as a probation officer for Sault Tribal Court Aug. 15.

He graduated from Alcona Community High School south of Alpena and moved to Sault Ste. Marie to attend Lake Superior State University in 2010. He graduated in 2015 from the criminal justice program with a Bachelor's degree in Homeland Security and Law Enforcement and two associates degrees in Homeland Security and Law Enforcement.

"LSSU's criminal justice pro-

gram has students sign up for an associates degree even if you are going for your bachelor's degree, that way if you have a job opportunity before you graduate with a four-year degree you at least have your two-year degree and can go on to complete your four-year degree at a later date," Wilson said.

As a college freshman, Wilson said he was interested in being a police officer, but has since decided he would pursue a federal option such as Border Patrol if he decides to make a career change down the road.

Prior to accepting his current position, he worked as a field surveillance officer for tribal court performing drug screens, preliminary breath tests, accompanied probation staff on compliance checks of probationers, and assisted the probation department where needed. He also acted as court bailiff on occasion and transported probationers to meetings and appointments.

Wilson said he enjoys meeting weekly with probationers to check on their progress and to assess their attendance at

any court ordered meetings or appointments.

"Going into the job as a field surveillance officer, I didn't know how much I was going to like it," he said. "I ended up enjoying it much more than I thought I would, and I also learned a lot on the job. Then with both of the probation officers leaving, a position opened up and I applied and got it."

When he isn't at tribal court, he likes to work on cars and building things. He said he also enjoys fishing and during the winter months, ice fishing.



Sheri Mastaw hired as Northern Travel coordinator

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sheri Mastaw was hired recently as the travel coordinator for Sault Tribe's Northern Travel, taking over the position vacated by Michael McKerchie after he won a seat on the tribe's board of directors.

Mastaw began working for the tribe in 2001 in the Purchasing Department, and from there as an executive assistant to the chief financial officer, executive director and then chairman.

Most recently she worked as the assistant to the editor of the St. Ignace News from October 2012 to January 2014 before returning to the tribe's Purchasing Department where her current position is now travel coordinator.

Mastaw said she enjoyed her work in Purchasing and while there spent time with McKerchie

assisting him as needed. She remembered about 10 years ago telling him that when he left someday she was going to apply for his job.

As the tribe's travel coordinator, she books hotels, flights, trains, rental cars and anything else a traveler might need to get to their destination or to accommodate them once they arrive. "I love making plans for people and working out problems and solutions," she said.

She also handles billing for the department.

Asked what tribal department travels the most, Mastaw said health center employees travel the most to attend required trainings, meetings and conventions.

Mastaw has an associate's degree in business administration from Bay Mills Community College.



Ogitchidaa kwe camp held on Sugar Island

SUGAR ISLAND, Mich. — Six young ladies attended the ogitchidaa kwe camp at the tribe's Mary Murray Culture Camp on Aug. 23 through 24.

Led by culture camp coordinator Jackie Minton, the young ladies, ages 11 through 14, participated in activities from making rattles and ceremonial skirts for themselves to visiting with a cross section of the tribe's female leaders and professionals.

Lorita Gabow, Ruth Hackworth and Alaysia Brewer volunteered at the camp. Visiting professionals included

"Set goals, get an education, choose friends wisely and never give up."

Housing Authority administrative assistant Helen Wilkins, Unit II Director Lana Causley, Education Director Lisa Corbiere Moran, Unit I Director Kim Gravelle, NAGPRA officer Colleen Medicine and Editor Jennifer Dale-Burton, who were treated to an amazing breakfast and then visited with the girls.

The women had some advice for the youngsters: set goals, get an education, choose friends wisely and never give up.



Pictured above, (front, from left) Helen Wilkins, Chelsea Jordin McLeod, Samantha Rose Grossett, (middle) Jackie Minton, Kylee Danyese Gouca, Alaysia Brewer, Kim Gravelle, Zoeie Lyn Austin, Grayce Lee McCoy, (back) Lana Causley, Colleen Medicine and Lisa Corbiere Moran at the 2016 camp on Aug. 23.

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Memorial group meets vets on Mackinac Island

By Rick Smith

American Indian military veterans and others met with Herman J. Viola and members of a Smithsonian Institution committee to take part in a forum on Mackinac Island on Aug. 18. The meeting was an opportunity for the committee to gather consultations from veterans in the region for the National Native American Veterans Memorial in the nation's capital. The memorial is a project of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian.

Viola is the senior advisor for the project. He is an author of numerous books related to American Indian subjects, curator emeritus for the Smithsonian, teacher, lecturer and former director of the institution's National Anthropological Archives.

The forum was part of an ongoing nationwide effort to get input from American Indian veterans on the memorial's design and was sponsored by the Michilimackinac Historical Society Captured Spirits on Mackinac Island exhibit.

After a welcome song performed by Sault Tribe member Gennie Morgan and Project Lakewell Director Lynn Johnson, Viola addressed the gathering of about 35 folks, mostly elderly veterans and a few relatives of some. Viola said the U.S. Congress charged the National Museum of the American Indian

with creating the memorial to give all Americans the opportunity to learn of the tradition of American Indian service in U.S. military branches, to commemorate American Indian veterans as well as their contributions and experiences. He said their input is sought because "we want to get this right."

Among other attending Sault Tribe members were tribal veterans representative Ron Munro and a member of the tribal board, Dennis McKelvie.

Veterans present ranged in age and gender from a 93-year-old U.S. Army Air Corps veteran who flew aboard bombers in World War II and an elderly lady veteran of the U.S. Air Force to a Cold War veteran who also served in Desert Shield and Desert Storm along with a couple of younger faces.

Tony Grondin of St. Ignace conducted the forum in the fashion of a talking circle.

Smithsonian committee members are meeting with American Indian veterans across the nation throughout 2016 to gather suggestions for the memorial. The committee reports to an advisory committee led by former U.S. Senator, presently a member Northern Cheyenne Council of Chiefs and Air Force veteran, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, and former president of the National Congress of American Indians, presently lieutenant governor of the Chickasaw Nation and retired



Photo by Rick Smith

Herman J. Viola, senior advisor of the National Native American Veterans Memorial project, speaks to a gathering of American Indian veterans and other interested individuals about the memorial. The forum took place on Mackinac Island Aug. 18.

Army officer, Jefferson Keel. The advisory committee consists of a diverse group of tribal leaders and veterans of Indian Country representing the various branches of the U.S. armed forces.

A design for the memorial is to be selected by a juried competition. The site of the memorial is planned for a prominent place on the grounds of the National Museum of the American Indian on the National Mall between the Smithsonian's National Air

and Space Museum and the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. An unveiling and dedication ceremony is set for Veterans Day 2019.

According to the Smithsonian, the legislation authorizing the establishment of the memorial prohibits federal funding to support design and construction. The museum has to depend on funding from private donors to build the only national monument to American Indian veterans. The project has an estimated budget

of \$15 million for the memorial and associated educational programs.

Those who wish to make tax-deductible contributions should go online and log onto nmai.si.edu/support/national-native-american-veterans-memorial or email nmai-nativeveteransmemorial@si.edu for more information.

Viola said it's possible he may return in the spring to conduct another forum.

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Sault Kewadin Casino purchases 4-H Livestock

MORE THAN \$30,000 IN LIVESTOCK PURCHASED; MONEY WILL BENEFIT 4-H ORGANIZATIONS FROM KEWADIN CASINOS

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. – Kewadin Casinos recently purchased \$32,993 in livestock from 4-H members during the Chippewa County Fair’s Livestock Sale, giving them a source of locally raised beef, pork and lamb that will be served in the casinos’ restaurants.

The proceeds will benefit the local 4-H members who raised the livestock.

4-H is the nation’s largest youth organization and promotes hands-on learning about everything from agriculture to healthy living and life skills to science, technology, engineering and math.

“Our purchase this year of 23 animals raised our total donation to local 4-H clubs and their members over the years to more than \$200,000,” said Dave Kucharczyk, general manager of

the Kewadin Casino located in Sault Ste. Marie. “We’re happy to support Chippewa County 4-H clubs.”

The 23 animals included 10 hogs, six lambs, four steers and three rabbits.

The meat will be prepared and served at Kewadin Casinos restaurants. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians owns and operates five Upper Peninsula casinos in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Manistique, Christmas and Hessel.

Kucharczyk said customers like knowing the meat they’re eating in the casinos’ restaurants was raised by 4-H members. “Serving locally raised products is important to Kewadin Casinos,” he said. “This purchase allows us to support our local community and provide high quality food choices to our customers.”

For more information about Kewadin Casinos and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, please visit www.kewadin.com or www.saulttribe.com.



Kewadin Casino General Manager Dave Kucharczyk with Kewadin Casinos’ plaque as a member of the \$185,000, \$195,000 and \$200,000 Club Junior Market Livestock Sale at the Chippewa County Fair.

Kewadin Casinos promotes breast cancer awareness with Pinktastic Slot Tournament

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. – The Kewadin Sault and St. Ignace casinos will host the Pinktastic Spin to Win Tournament on Oct. 1 and 15 to raise money for breast cancer awareness.

A portion of registration fees for this tournament will be donated to the cause of breast cancer awareness. The money raised will be donated to the local Health Department to provide breast exams for women in financial need. As part of their participation, customers will each receive a Kewadin Breast Cancer awareness T-shirt.

“Health and wellness in our community is a primary concern for Kewadin Casinos,” said Mike Olijic, CEO of the Kewadin Casinos. “We are happy to assist in helping women gain access to preventative health care by donating to such a worthy cause.”

According to the American

Cancer Society, about one in eight American women will develop invasive breast cancer during their lifetime.

For entry into the Pinktastic Slot Tournament contact Ron Neal, Kewadin Tournaments Coordinator, at 1-800-539-2346 ext. 54958.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians owns and operates five Upper Peninsula casinos in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Manistique, Christmas and Hessel. For more information about the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Kewadin Casinos, visit www.saulttribe.com or www.kewadin.com.

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Sunday, Oct. 9
Show Starts at 4 p.m.

Ticket Price
\$12.50

THE HIGHWAYMEN

A Musical Tribute Show



Saturday,
October 29
Show starts at 8p.m.

Sunday,
October 30
Show starts at 4p.m.

TICKETS: \$12.50

NEW PROMOTIONAL SCHEDULE

See the Northern Rewards Club for details.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Players Day	Local Day	Senior Day	It's Your Day	Local Day

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PROMOTIONS

LOCAL DAY

PROMOTIONS VARY BY SITE
Tuesdays and Fridays in October!

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ALL KEWADIN CASINO SITES
Mondays in October

After earning 50 base points

- Black Card \$30 Credits
- Gold Card \$20 Kewadin Credits
- Silver Card \$10 in Kewadin Credits

\$37,900 FALL INTO CASH

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Earn Triple Entries Saturdays 12-7 p.m.

IT'S OUR 31ST ANNIVERSARY

KEWADIN CASINOS SAULT
Win your share of \$25,000 in CASH & Credits ~ Nov. 1-12!
Hot Seat Draws 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
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AARP driver safety course in Sault Ste. Marie

SAULT STE. MARIE — Why take a driver safety course? Because driving has changed since you first got your license, and doing so could save you money. Learn how to refresh your driving

Elders subcommittees

Unit I Sault Ste. Marie Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the first Wednesday of every month after the noon meal at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center, 2076 Shunk Road. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971.

Unit II Hessel Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the third Monday of every month after the noon meal at the tribal center. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Unit II Newberry Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the third Friday of every month at 10:30 a.m. before the meal at the Zellars Village Inn. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Unit II Naubinway Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Naubinway Pavilion. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the second Friday of every month after the noon meal at the McCann Building. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Unit IV Manistique Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the second Wednesday of every month after the noon meal at the tribal center. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Subcommittee meets on the third Thursday of every month at Willow Creek Professional Building, second floor meeting room, 3500 Ludington Street. Catered meal at 5:30 p.m. followed by meeting. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Unit V Marquette Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the first Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Unit V Munising Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly at the tribal center (former Lincoln School), first Thursday of the month at 11 a.m., meal at noon. On third Thursday of the month, meals at noon, entrance to the building is off Munising Ave. (M 28). Please use the west entrance. For questions, call the Elder Services at 635-4971.

Elderly Advisory Committee

Elderly Advisory Committee meets at 12:30 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center. Representatives from all elder subcommittees attend on the fourth Monday for months March through October. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

skills, save money, volunteer and find useful information and guidance about getting around at aarp.org/driversafety.

About the course — the AARP Smart Driver Course, offered by AARP Driver Safety, is the nation's largest classroom and online driver safety course and is designed especially for drivers aged 50 and older. Over 15 million participants have gone

through AARP Driver Safety classroom and online courses, taught by more than 4,000 AARP Driver Safety volunteers.

You may be eligible to receive an insurance discount upon completing the course, so consult your insurance agent for details. AARP membership is not required to take the course and there are no tests to pass.

The classroom course costs

only \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members, which covers the cost of materials. The cost for the online course is \$19.95 for AARP members and \$24.95 for non-members.

How to register — call the course host, Elder Service Division, at (888) 711-7356 or 635-4971. The course is on Nov. 16 and runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with lunch on your own from

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Sault Ste. Marie at 2076 Shunk Road.

To register for the online course, visit aarpdriversafety.org.

After completing the course, participants receive certificates of completion that can be presented to their insurance agent for a possible reduction in their auto insurance premiums.

Please call Elder Service for any questions.

Mich Indian Elders Association scholarships

Students winning 2016-17 Michigan Indian Elders Association scholarships are as follows:

- Robert Dick, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, \$1,000
- Madison Derouin, Hannahville Indian Community, \$1,000
- Cheyenne Page, Pokagon Band, \$1000

- Autumn Tallman, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, \$1,000
- Eric Kememy, Sault Tribe, \$500
- William Wicks, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, \$500
- Tara Smith, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, \$500

- Stanley Chrzanowski, Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, \$500
 - Easton Schultz, Little River Band of Odawa Indians, \$500
 - Jonathan Eno, Sault Tribe, \$500
- For more information about MIEA visit its website, michiganindianelders.org.

Free Laker athletic tickets for tribal members

Applications are now available to Sault Tribe members for free tickets to Laker hockey and basketball games.

To be eligible for tickets, tribal members must fill out

the "Free Laker Athletic Ticket Application" and check off the games they wish to attend.

Mail the application, along with a copy of your tribal card, to the address indicated on

application by Sept. 30, 2016.

Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis until all tickets are disbursed. There are a limited number of tickets. Applications received af-

ter the deadline will be serviced last with any remaining tickets.

Please email tgraham@sault-tribe.net for additional information or applications.

FREE LAKER ATHLETIC TICKET APPLICATION FOR SAULT TRIBE MEMBERS

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD _____ TRIBAL CARD FILE # _____

Circle the games you wish to attend and indicate the number of tickets needed for each game.

Please note: you may not receive tickets for all games requested.

LAKER HOCKEY (Taffy Abel Arena)

- 10/02/16 Laurentian
- 10/14/16 Michigan State
- 10/15/16 Michigan State
- 10/28/16 Alaska
- 10/29/16 Alaska
- 11/04/16 Minnesota St.-Mankato
- 11/05/16 Minnesota St.-Mankato
- 12/02/16 Bowling Green State
- 12/03/16 Bowling Green State
- 01/06/17 Northern Michigan
- 01/14/17 Northern Michigan
- 01/20/17 Alabama-Huntsville
- 01/21/17 Alabama-Huntsville
- 02/10/17 Alaska Anchorage
- 02/11/17 Alaska Achorage
- 02/24/17 Ferris State
- 02/25/17 Ferris State

LAKER BASKETBALL (Bud Cooper Gymnasium)

- 10/27/16 Davenport (Men Only)
- 10/30/16 Lawrence Tech (Women Only)
- 11/05/16 Alma (Men Only)
- 11/15/16 Grace Bible-Mich. (Women Only)
- 11/17/16 Indianapolis (Men Only)
- 11/23/16 Minnesota-Duluth (Women Only)
- 12/01/16 Ashland
- 12/03/16 Tiffin
- 12/06/16 Algoma (Women Only)
- 12/15/16 Lake Erie
- 12/17/16 Walsh
- 12/19/16 Algoma (Men Only)
- 01/12/17 Ferris State
- 01/14/17 Grand Valley State
- 01/30/17 Northwood
- 02/02/17 Northern Michigan
- 02/04/17 Michigan Tech
- 02/16/17 Saginaw Valley State
- 02/18/17 Wayne State

Mail application and copy of tribal card to:

Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center
ATTN: Tammy Graham
2 Ice Circle Drive
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

August Manistique Elder Picnic at tribal center

Photos courtesy of Elder Services Director Sheryl Hammock



Manistique area tribal elders were treated to a picnic lunch this August by Unit IV Directors Denise Chase and Darcy Morrow. Above, Gerald Gould, Emily Henry, Bobbie Winter, Ella Henry (L-R) and in the forefront, Odie the baby tiger, hang out before lunch.



Vince McKenna (standing, left), Shirley Shampine, Carol Strausser and Tom (seated, L-R) dig in to their summer picnic plates.



Rose Milburn and Unit IV Director Darcy Morrow (L-R).



Dan Johnson and Tom Tufnell (L-R).



Gerald Gould (seated), Unit IV Director Denise Chase and Jonell Berger (L-R)



Judy Leverille in the forefront, left, chats while awaiting lunch.



Herb Weinert and Ruth Miller (L-R)



Shelly Gould, burgermeister.



Sharon and Cliff Barber (L-R).

Hessel Powwow - 24th Gathering of the Eagles, spiritual gathering and potluck dinner



Photos by Brenda Austin

Mary Powell of Mary's Native Arts and Supplies, from Indian River.



Lana Causley (right) with twin granddaughters Ava Garlock (left) and Alanna Garlock.



A local vendor with his wood crafts.



Head dancer Nick Cameron.



Catherine Lapoint (center), Tonya Causley, granddaughter (back, right), Avery Vandermeer, great granddaughter, Cassandra Causley, great granddaughter, Elysia Causley, great granddaughter, and Kayle Vandermeer, great granddaughter. Below: Jaedyn, 11 (left) and Jillian (right) Galarowic, 9, with their cousin Savanna Galarowic (center), 9, from DeTour. The girls were trying on clothing for sale by vendor Nancy Shanunaquet.



Above: Charlene Brissette traveled from Texas for the powwow. Below: Veteran staff carriers just prior to the start of grand entry.



Rita Bouley and her friend Karma Doyle.



Head female dancer Jacqueline Halfaday Minton.



Young jingle dress dancer Elizabeth Wilson.

Photo by Stephen King



Afternoon grand entry.

Photo by Stephen King

10th annual Honoring the Waters Newberry powwow



The owner of Spring Water Creations, LLC, Marj Landford (left) and Susan Beasley (center) showing Catherine Hollowell an elk tooth dress.



Freedom Verwiebe, 7, from Brimley



Michael Hatch with his son, 4 month old Arrow Hatch.



Munising Bay Singers from Munising, Michigan.



Traditional dancer



Carmella Buswa with 2-year old Aden Hilborn and David Goff (Bnaaswi Biiaswah), all of Hessel.



Head veteran dancer Bnaaswi Biiaswah with his staff Minobiiminzwon.



Cylie Lafave, 10, and her grandmother, Peggy Deleon, both are from Hannahville.



Vandor Peggy Wabegjig, Odawa from Wikwemikong, Ontario, Canada.



Vendors Marty Nolan and his uncle Abramham Bouschor from Sault Ste. Marie tending to their booth - Sweet Dreams.



Alexis Powell, 7, and mom Marlene Powell.



Fancy dancer



Brown Sugar Drum (also known as Sugar Bush) from Sault Ste. Marie.

Community members walk on ...

BERNIECE BOUCHEY

Berniece Bouchey, of Saginaw, Mich., passed away on Sept. 25, 2015, at Cartwright Hospice Residence. She was 102.

She was born Berniece V. LaDrig on May 30, 1913, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to the late Joseph M. and Mary Elizabeth (Sykes) LaDrig. She married Joseph L. Bouchey on May 9, 1936, in Saginaw at St. Joseph Catholic Church. He preceded her in death on Feb. 16, 2006.

Berniece was a long-time member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. She had many special times: with namesake and goddaughter, Joan Slabaugh, and Judy and Cathy from Holy Spirit, as they all came to share every first Friday prayer service together in her home; with nephew Joe LaDrig who brought A&W hotdogs from Old Town Saginaw; ole' neighbors, Emily and Jerry Silvinski, who always kept her close; grandson, Jeff Bakos who lived with her and gave her special care and attention; and honorary grandson, Dr. Dan Sheridan, who broke the fire code in his office by lighting a cake with 100 candles, with the staff singing "Happy Birthday" and told the nursing staff at Cartwright Hospice all about her. She will be missed by many.

The two readings and the gospel for the Mass were chosen by Father Edward Tlucek, of Holy Family Parish, Cedar Lake, Ind. He knew and loved both Joe and Berniece. He performed marriages for two of the grandsons and baptized the five Bakos great-grandchildren.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Jean (John) Bakos; seven grandchildren, John (Dolly) Bakos, Jeff Bakos, James (Tammi) Bakos, Tony Bouchey, Chris (Sue) Bouchey, Steve (Lorri) Bouchey and George (Jennifer) Bouchey; many great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and nieces, nephews and friends.

Berniece was preceded in death by her parents, husband of 69 years, Joseph; son, Joseph G. Bouchey, two brothers and one sister, Mervin J. LaDrig, Rose Marie Kronenberger and Joseph LaDrig.

Visitation and services took place Oct. 9, 2015, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Rev. Fr. Pete



Gaspany officiating. Private Rite of Committal followed at St. Andrew Cemetery. Cremation has taken place.

Arrangements were made by Deisler Funeral Home. Condolences can be made at www.deislerfuneralhome.com.

JOHN ST. AMOUR

John Gary "Jack" St. Amour, 69, passed away Aug. 19, at his home after a long battle with cancer and complications from the cancer. He passed peacefully with his family by his side.



Jack was born March 30, 1947, in Cheboygan, Mich., the son of Andrew and Eunice St. Amour. He met and married the love of his life in 1965.

Jack is survived by his wife of 50 years, Glinda "Yvonne" Bedsole. Also surviving are their three children, Gary (Kelly) St. Amour of Cheboygan, Tammy Captain of St. Ignace and Diana (Tim) Lee of St. Ignace; his beloved grandkids, Amanda, Lakon, Alicia, Rachel, Brent, Michael and Maddy; and his great grandkids, Aydan, Ethan, Blake, Audrianna and Jaxson. He leaves behind two brothers, Dave St. Amour and Dale (Karen) St. Amour of Cheboygan; and three sisters, Sharon Thornton of Cheboygan, Joan Thornton of Clio and Margaret Fondaw of Flat Rock, Mich.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Eunice; sisters, Carolyn Jewell, Dorothy Hart, Donna Cregar and Virginia Beebe; and brothers, Donald, William (Bill) and Duane.

Jack was an exceptional husband, father and grandfather. He loved spending time with all of his family, especially his grandkids and great-grandkids. They were the light of his life! He enjoyed taking them on camping trips and sitting around the campfire. He loved taking them on vacations to Florida and South Carolina, and he enjoyed four-wheeling and boating. But most of all, he enjoyed ridding round in his Shelby Mustang, which was his pride and joy! He also loved hunting and hanging out with the guys at camp.

Jack had a great sense of humor right up to the end of his life.

Jack worked as a logger for most of his life. He took a lot of pride in his job. In his

early years, he worked at Tube Forming as well as a carpenter and masoner.

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

A memorial service was held Sept. 11 at the Inverness Town Hall on VFW Rd., Cheboygan, with Pastor Tom Penner officiating. Cremation has taken place.

MARY E. HOFFMAN

Mary Elizabeth (nee Kimball Gibbs) Hoffman, 73, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., departed

this life on Sept. 7, 2016, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Mich., after a short illness. Mary was born at home in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Canada, on Dec. 6, 1942, to the late Edward Gibbs and Laura May Kathleen (Kimball) Gibbs from Michipicoten First Nation. After her mother died when Mary was 3 years old, she was raised by her father and stepmother Annie Gibbs who she respectfully knew as her mother.

Mary met the love of her life, Robert Hoffman (a Sault Tribe member) when they were just 18 and they were married soon after. Robert fondly remembers that he knew the first time he saw Mary, she was the one, the one true love of his life. Mary



and Robert devoted the next 56 years together and raised five children.

Mary worked at War Memorial Hospital for over 20 years and was a recognized Union Stewart well known for her dedication and strength in negotiations. After leaving War Memorial Hospital, Mary and Robert owned and operated an antiques and furniture refinishing business. In her later years, she also worked at Sault Tribe Kewadin Casino and at Sault Tribe Tribal Health and Human Services Center (IHS). Mary loved and excelled at creating beautiful crafts, interior decorating and learning her traditional Anishinaabemowin Language.

Mary was preceded in death by precious grandson, James Hoffman; father and mother, Edward and Laura May Kathleen (Kimball) Gibbs; stepmother Annie Gibbs; brothers, Bill Gibbs, Loyd Gibbs and Edward Gibbs; brothers-in-law, Bernard Hoffman, Dutch Hoffman, John Hoffman, George Kempf, Herman Kempf Jr. and Charlie Kempf; sisters-in-law Catherine Struckman and Sheila Wolf; and dearest lifelong friend Viola (Vi) Thompson.

A traditional ceremony was held at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on Sept. 15. In lieu of flowers, memorials to help with funeral expenses may be left at C.S. Mulder Funeral

Home.

WILLIAM C. POND

William C. Pond of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., passed away Aug. 31, 2016, after a long illness. "Bill" Pond was born June 5, 1942, to Rosella and Clifford Pond in Manistique, Mich. He grew up in Kalamazoo, Mich., and had many friends there. Bill served proudly in the United States Marine Corp and was an elder in the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He served on the Paw Paw Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Deer hunting, golfing and socializing with friends were things Bill loved to do.

He is survived by his four children, William Ernest Pond of Marshall, Mich.; Catherine Pond of Mt. Pleasant; Andrea Powers of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and Richard Pond, of Mesa, Ariz. He is also survived by his sister, Sharon Meadows, of Kalamazoo; brother, Robert Duffin, of Scotts; grandchildren; great grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. Arrangements are being made at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Mich.

See "Walking On," pg. 17



Charley Marie Oikarinen

Charley Marie Oikarinen was born silently into this world on Sept. 1, 2016. She is greatly missed by her parents, Kaytelyn Williams and Dustin Oikarinen, and big sister, Oakley Skye. Also missing her are grandparents, Joy and Clifford Bruce, Dawn and James Lazor, and Dennis Oikarinen; great-grandparents, Mona (Midge) Gugin and Cathy Morphew; two uncles, Brett LaLonde II and Zachary Bruce; aunt, Danielle Benton; and several great aunts, uncles and cousins. Charley Marie joins several loved ones in heaven, grandfather, Lance Williams; and great grandparents, Ray Williams, Joseph (Cookie) Gugin, Leonard A. Thilhorn, Judith K. Ewing and Pamela Oikarinen and all those who came before. She sleeps peacefully in the arms of our Lord; too beautiful for this earth.

Volunteer Opportunity Sault Tribe Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

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We are looking for volunteers to help their local community during emergencies or urgent crisis situations!

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CERT volunteers across the country.



For more information contact:
Jami Traver, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, (906) 632-5200, or jtraver@saulttribe.net

Inland hunting, fishing and gathering licenses

BY ROBERT MARCHAND, CHIEF OF POLICE

As the Sault Tribe department that issues all treaty licenses to our tribal members, Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE) receives many questions regarding the various, sometimes complicated, rules and regulations that govern them. We encourage members to contact our office to speak with an officer who will be able to answer questions regarding allowable and unallowable activities, and are committed to providing clarification in Sault Tribe's newspaper through Conservation Corner.

Harvest Cards, Licenses and Tags

STLE issues hunting, inland fishing and gathering licenses that allow Sault Tribe members to hunt, fish Inland lakes and streams, and gather within Sault Tribe's 1836 Treaty boundaries. Members may obtain a **Hunting**



Harvest Card that allows them to hunt large and small game, waterfowl, migratory birds, and general furbearers, trap, fish and gather in the treaty area; or they may obtain a **Non-Hunting Harvest Card** that allows them to fish and gather in the treaty area. For the **Hunting Harvest Card**, certain animals require harvest tags: deer, fall and spring turkey, and pine marten, bobcat, river otter, and fisher.

Please refer to Chapter 21: Hunting and Inland Fishing, available at www.saulttribe.com under Government, Tribal Code (www.saulttribe.com/images/

stories/government/tribalcode/CHAPTER21.pdf) for the full set of rules/regulations.

A condensed version of these rules/regulations was put together in the Inland Guide and is also available online under Membership Services, Natural Resources, downloads (www.saulttribe.com/images/2014_Sault_Tribe_Inland_Guide.pdf), currently titled: 2014 Sault Tribe Inland Guide (a new one will be coming out in the near future). This Guide provides members with at-a-glance seasons and bag limits for hunting and fishing, and any fish species restrictions are listed by county and water-body.

Deer Season

With deer season upon us, we would like to provide some reminders. The 2016 deer season opened Sept. 6, which is our early firearm season. Only two of your five deer may be taken during

this time, one buck and one doe or two doe. From Nov. 1-14, Sault Tribe observes quiet time, meaning no rifles or guns may be used; you may, however, use bow and arrow all the way through the season, officially the day after Labor Day through the first full weekend in January each year. Late firearm season begins Nov. 15 and goes all the way through to the first full weekend in January. Actual dates will change each year, please feel free to contact our office for specific information. Deer baiting can begin any time, unless you are in a deer TB Zone in the Lower Peninsula. These zones can be verified by contacting your local DNR office.

Camping vouchers

In conjunction with Sault Tribe members exercising their treaty gathering rights, STLE also issues camping vouchers for National Forest Campgrounds located within the treaty area.

These vouchers allow members to camp in the National Forest campgrounds, but members are not allowed to conduct their gathering activities within the boundaries of the campground. Members can contact the National Forest Service to get clarification on where the campgrounds end, and the non-developed National Forest begins to determine where the gathering activity may occur. Rules of the Campgrounds apply to all who use their facilities.

If you need additional information, please refer to Chapter 23: National Forest Gathering Code, available at www.saulttribe.com under Government, Tribal Code (www.saulttribe.com/images/stories/government/tribalcode/chaptr23.pdf).

Questions? Licensing staff are available Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and officers are available 24/7.

2016 deer season promising

FROM IFWD

The 2016 deer season opened Monday, Sept. 6, and runs until Jan. 8, 2017. As tribal hunters hit the woods this fall, there are a few things to remember. You can harvest two deer during the early firearm season (Sept. 5 – Oct. 31), only one of which can be antlered. And, if you are planning to hunt on private, non-commercial forest, land owned by a non-tribal member, you need to follow state regulations regarding the methods of take. If you have any questions about the rules and regulations regarding deer hunting, please contact Law Enforcement at 635-6065.

Last year, Sault Tribe members had their least successful season harvesting on average 0.68 deer per hunter. This was down from 0.92 deer a hunter in 2014, and fell to nearly half the 1.34 deer per hunters harvested in 2012. The total estimated harvest fell to 1,949 deer in 2015, from a high of in 4,044 deer in 2012. If the 2015 deer harvest was spread equally across the 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory a single deer would have been harvested every 11.1 square miles.

The declining harvest in 2015 was limited to the Upper Peninsula, where harvest decreased approximately 49 percent from the previous season. In contrast, 2015 saw an increase in harvest in the northern Lower Peninsula, with harvest up 11 percent.

Of the 72 percent of license holders that pursued deer last year, a majority (55 percent) were unsuccessful. While each member can harvest as many as five animals, approximately 73 percent of the deer harvest in 2015 was done by individuals taking two or fewer animals. Across the entire 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory, only an estimated 28 hunters filled all their tags last year, with another 19 hunters harvesting 4 deer.

Antlerless harvest accounted for 54 percent of the deer harvest in 2015, or a total of approximately 1060 animals. This harvest is equivalent to one

antlerless deer being harvested every 20.4 square miles across the ceded territory. The bulk of the deer harvest occurred in the first two weeks following the quiet period.

The outlook for the 2016 deer

season is promising. Last year's relatively mild winter raises the hope that hunters will see more animals this year. Remember to wear your orange and everyone have a safe and productive deer season.

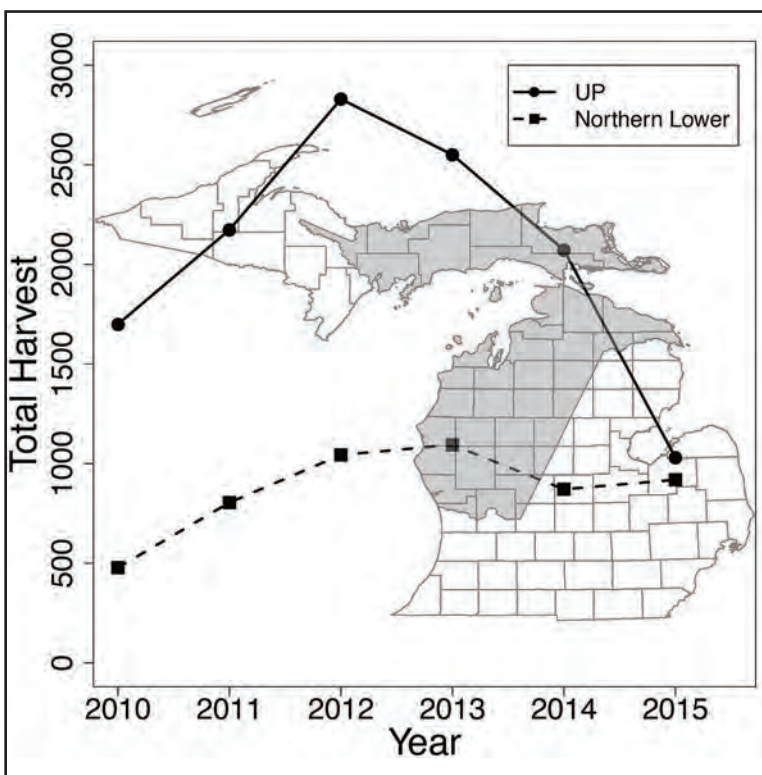


Figure 1. The estimated deer harvest in the Upper Peninsula and Northern Lower Peninsula between 2010 and 2015.

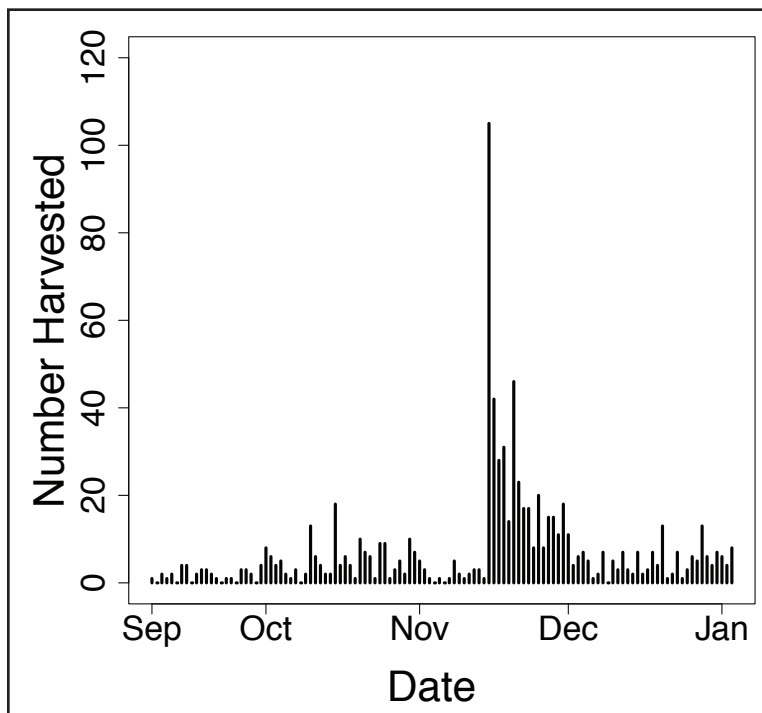


Figure 2. Estimated deer harvest by date during the 2015 deer season. The opening day of the late firearms season (Nov. 15) is highlighted for reference.

Researcher finds untreated lawns yield surprisingly rich bee species mix

AMHERST, Mass. —

Declining populations of pollinators is a major concern to ecologists because bees, butterflies and other insects play a critical role in supporting healthy ecosystems. Now a new study from urban ecologists at the University of Massachusetts Amherst suggests that when urban and suburban lawns are left untreated with herbicides, they provide a diversity of “spontaneous” flowers such as dandelions and clover that offer nectar and pollen to bees and other pollinators.

Private lawns make up a significant part of urban lands in the United States, an estimated 50 percent of city and suburbs, say Susannah Lerman and co-author Joan Milam, an adjunct research fellow in environmental conservation. They write, “Practices that support nesting and foraging opportunities for bees could have important implications for bee conservation in suburban areas.”

Lerman, an adjunct UMass Amherst faculty member who is also with the U.S. Forest Service, says, “We are still surprised at how many bees we found on these untreated lawns.”

In this study of lawns in suburban Springfield, Mass., she and Milam found that “spontaneous lawn flowers could be viewed as supplemental floral resources and support pollinators, thereby enhancing the value of urban green spaces.” Details appear in the current issue of *Annals of the Entomological Society of America*.

For this study, supported by the National Science Foundation, the researchers enlisted owners of 17 lawns in suburban Springfield. Between May 2013 and September 2014, the homeowners did not apply chemical pesticides or herbicides to lawns.

“We documented 63 plant species in the lawns, the major-



ity of which were not intentionally planted,” the authors report. Lerman and Milam visited each yard six times per year for two years, collecting a total of 5,331 individual bees representing 111 species, of which 97 percent were native to North America.

Of particular interest was the discovery of a large population of *Lasioglossum illinoense*, a widespread sweat bee species and common in its range, but known in Massachusetts only from a single specimen collected in the late 1920s. The population of *L. illinoense* in Springfield lawns documents the northeastern range limit for this species.

Conserving native bees for their vital pollination services is of national interest, Lerman and Milam point out, and this new information on native bee distribution and abundance is important for making informed conservation and management decisions regarding pollinator conservation.

Overall, one of their main findings, say Lerman and Milam, is that “when lawns are not intensively managed, lawn flowers can serve as wildlife habitat and contribute to networks of urban green spaces.”

Further, “developing outreach to homeowners and lawn care companies to encourage, rather than eliminate, lawn flowers such as dandelions and clover and thin grass cover or bare spots could be a key strategy for urban bee conservation programs targeting private yards.”

View the full findings here: <http://aes.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/06/28/aesa.saw043>

Encourage kids to eat more fruits, veggies

FROM COMMUNITY HEALTH

School is in full swing, but there's another reason to celebrate in September: It's Fruit & Veggies — More Matters Month! Eating fruits and vegetables is part of a healthy diet for both children and adults. Finding creative ways to encourage fruits and vegetables in your child's diet can be fun for the entire family.

Ten ways to help kids eat more

fruits and vegetables

1. Keep a bowl of fresh fruits on the counter. Refrigerate cut up fruits and vegetables in small bags for easy snacks on the run.

2. Serve fruits and vegetables at every meal. Add grated or cut vegetables into entrees, side dishes, and soups. Top off cereal with fruits or add frozen fruits to smoothies.

3. Set a good example. Snack



on fruit and order low-sodium, low-fat salads, soups, or vegetable sides when at restaurants.

4. Pack the refrigerator, freezer and cupboard with pre-cut, frozen and canned vegetables so that it is easier for you to prepare meals and snacks that include vegetables.

5. Challenge family members to reach their daily fruits and vegetable goal. Reward the winner with a prize of his or her choice.

6. Ask that fruits and vegetables be offered at school functions, after school programs, and in vending machines.

7. Let children choose which fruits and vegetables to serve and how to incorporate them into their favorite meals.

8. Make fruits and vegetables fun. Try dressing up sandwiches with faces and smiles made from fruits and vegetables.

9. Keep trying. For some foods, it may take multiple times before a child acquires a taste for it.

10. Encourage friends or relatives to offer vegetables and fruits to your children.

Important Elements: Smell, texture and color - kids are turned off to trying new foods if the smell, flavor, or color is not appealing to them. It may be more appealing to a child if the fruits or vegetables are served raw.

— Try feeding different textures of fruits and vegetables to your child. Some children prefer smooth food, whereas others like lumpy, and some children like crisp foods, but others like soft.

— Offer new fruits and vegetables in combination with old favorites to show your child a variety of smells, textures, and colors. Various vegetables can be added to any whole grain pasta dish or pizza, and fruit is a great topping for low-fat or fat free yogurt

This article was adapted from, "Encourage Kids to Eat More Fruits & Vegetables" from www.fruitandveggiesmorematters.com.

For more nutrition and healthy eating information, please contact your local diabetes and nutrition programs in Sault Ste. Marie (632-5210), St. Ignace (643-8689), Hessel (484-2727), Munising (387-4614), Escanaba (786-2636), Marquette (225-1616), and Newberry (293-8181).

Births



Koraline G. Henderson

Josh and Elyse Henderson of Herron, Mich., welcomed their beautiful daughter, Koraline Grace, to the world on June 12 at the Alpena Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz., and was 20 inches in length.

Grandparents are Jim and Lori Henderson, Lori Randazzo, and John (Becky) Randazzo all of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Great-grandparents are Patricia Eby, Edna Henderson, Gerald Bawks — all of the Sault — and Joe and Ruth Randazzo of Sugar Island.



Greyson John Keene

Joe and Jordan Keene of Vero Beach, Fla., announce the birth of their son, Greyson John, born on June 13, 2016, weighing 5 pounds, 6 ounces. Grandparents are John and Susan Cannon of Vero Beach and Tom and Jeannette Storms of Kingsley, Mich. Great grandparents are Jim and Eirnela O'Neil and great great grandmother is Vivian Blanchard, all of Gould City, Mich.

Walking on from page 15 —

Helen Nakarado, 89, of St. Ignace, died Friday morning, August 12, 2016, at Hiland Cottage Hospice House in Petoskey.

She was born Jan. 24, 1927, to John Peter and Edna (nee Hammond) Campbell in Harbor Springs. She was graduated from Pellston High School and then attended nursing school.

Helen began her career with Michigan Bell Telephone Company as a switchboard operator in Petoskey, and it was there that she met her husband, Richard "Nick" Nakarado. She later worked as an operator on the St. Ignace switchboard, one of the last three manual switchboards in the country at the time of its closing in 1974. She subsequently began work as a teller for First National Bank in St. Ignace, after 10 years rising to branch manager in Naubinway. She was then recruited to serve as the manager of the Detroit and Northern Branch Bank in Ishpeming, where she worked for a decade. During her time in Ishpeming, she served as president of the Ishpeming Chamber of Commerce.

She retired to Colorado for seven years, living with her son Gary's family in Golden, and then with her sister in Pueblo, Colo., where she worked at an art museum. She then spent several years with her son Dave's family and grandchildren in Indiana, where she volunteered at Conner Prairie Interactive History Park.

Almost 15 years ago, she returned to the St. Ignace area, residing on West US- 2. She was deeply grateful for the many old

and new friends who reached out to her upon her return "home," especially after macular degeneration left her with diminished eyesight and unable to drive. Nevertheless, her wonderful network of friends allowed her to remain a part of the community until her death.

She served as a member of the Ruyard School Board during the 1960s and 1970s, including as chairman for several years. She was a loyal member of Keep In Touch (KIT), a unique group of St. Ignace retired manual switchboard operators. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in St. Ignace. She was fiercely proud of being a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Her tribal name was Koo-koo-kookway, or "Owl Woman" and she was Bear Clan.

She is survived by two sons and their families, Gary and Christine Nakarado of Golden, Colo., and David and Margaret Nakarado of Bloomington, Ind.; four grandchildren, Dane Nakarado, Nik Nakarado, Christian Nakarado, and Kirtley Ceballos; two great-grandchildren, Roman Ceballos and Aydin Nakarado; a brother and his family, Richard and Nancy Campbell of Mackinaw City, and a sister, Sister Diana Durling of Cincinnati, Ohio.

In addition to her parents, Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Nick; two sisters, and a brother.

A memorial service was held Aug. 20, at Zion Lutheran Church in St. Ignace with Reverend David Tielbar officiating and Dr. Orville Kabat delivering the homily.

Her ashes were buried in Lakeview Cemetery in Trout Lake, in the family plot.

Dodson Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.



Wilson graduates EMU



Benjamin Wilson of Alpena, Mich., received his Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Michigan University in August 2016. Wilson graduated Cum Laude in the area of Criminology. He has been accepted to Graduate School at EMU for the 2016-

2017 school year where he will continue his studies in the area of Criminology.

Wilson was also recently promoted to Staff Sergeant in the Security Forces of the Air National Guard, where he is part of the 110th Attack Wing in Battle Creek, Mich. He has served one tour thus far, in the Middle East in 2014.

Wilson holds the state and national record in his age and weight class for the APF (American Powerlifting Federation) for dead-lifting 562 lbs.

He is the son of Marie and Dave Fielder of Alpena and Dan Wilson of Oscoda, Mich. He is the grandson of Francis and the late Joyce Bellant of St. Ignace. Wilson is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.



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LINE 5 THREAT STANDING ROCK



Aaron A. Payment, MPA
Tribal Chairperson
Representing All Members
Everywhere

Ahneen, BooZo, Negee:

I am pleased to report that our tribe is proudly standing with the Standing Rock Sioux Nation to try to prevent the installation of another oil pipeline which is slated to be installed in the Standing Rock Nation's traditional treaty territory in North Dakota. At the Sept. 5 tribal board meeting, the board approved a resolution sponsored by Director Sorenson and an appropriations request by me to help with the legal battle. In fact, we contributed \$10,000 for this effort. While some are quick to judge claiming we should not spend our funds this way, we are \$1.6 million under spent with our tribal support dollars and this contribution may ultimately affect our own legal struggles with Line 5.

These issues are strikingly similar in that both deal with big oil company pipelines in traditional treaty territories. Both are awaiting approval by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. In the case of the pipeline in North Dakota, it has not yet been installed. In our case, when the state of Michigan installed the pipeline in 1958, assurances were given that the pipeline underneath the 5 mile distance under the Mackinac Bridge would be anchored every 75 feet. In 2014, it was revealed that while anchors were installed they did not comply with the requirement for every 75 feet. Conservative Republican MI Attorney General Bill Schutte filed a motion that exposes that Enbridge is not in compliance with the anchoring. An injunction is in order until Enbridge fully complies.

I have some experience with this issue. In 2010, I lived through the Enbridge spill at the Kalamazoo River while I served as the Executive Director for the local tribe. There were several warning signs and failed safety checks that went unheeded. Enbridge allowed the spill for up to 17 hours unabated as they claim they thought it was a false alarm. The response was chaotic and outcome devastating as it is expected to take 100 years to return the ecology to before the

spill. The Enbridge pipeline at the Kalamazoo River was 16 years younger than Line 5 which was projected to last for 50 years. This is 13 years past it's projected lifespan.

After activists from "Oil and Water Don't Mix," "For the Love of Water" and I began exposing the threat of Line 5 to the Straits of Mackinac, the Governor was forced to do something so he created a study commission but has still failed to appoint an appropriate treaty rights chairperson. Instead, recently, he hired a big oil lobbyist to head the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality! With the Flint Water poisoning, Graymont Mining, water diversion from the Great Lakes, and now appointing an oil lobbyist to the DEQ, Governor Snyder has sure made a name for himself nationally. His record clearly show a bias as he puts big business ahead of Michigan citizens and voters. While Jack Bergman, Republican candidate for MI First Congressional District has indicated he sees no issues with Line 5, his opponent Democratic opponent Lon Johnson has been outspoken on this issue for nearly two years now and has joined me during at least a dozen rallies to SHUT DOWN LINE 5. Still, this issue is not a partisan issue but a self-preservation one to protect our treaty waters as is evidence by a Republican Attorney General taking a stance against Enbridge for their irresponsible business practices which threaten our tourism, treaty rights and livelihoods.

Our Anishinaabeg people have inhabited the Great Lakes basin since long before the current political boundaries were drawn. Our people and our ancestors have lived in balance near the Great Lakes since before Jesus Christ walked the Earth. As the indigenous people, we have an inherent responsibility to protect and preserve our beautiful Great Lakes. Our traditional teachings combine with modern science to strengthen our understanding that water (Nibi) is the life-blood of Aki (Mother Earth). Our science rivals that of state officials but without a bias toward exploitation. With Governor Snyder now appoint-

ing the oil lobbyist from the BP oil spill in the Gulf, he is either planning to exploit more of the natural resource or he anticipates the new DEQ Director having to serve in a similar capacity ~ damage control once a major oil spill occurs. This might explain why he selected a spin doctor over a real scientist. She has no science background and heads the DEQ.

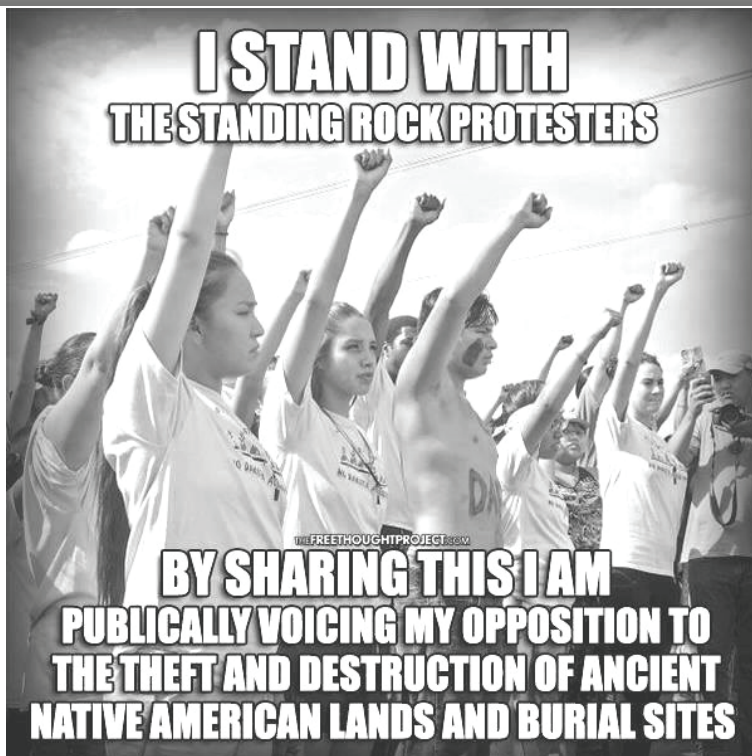
I have said this before but it bears repeating ~ there are only two outcomes for the future of Line 5 under the Mighty Mac, and one of these two things WILL happen:

- **Either it is decommissioned before it ruptures, or**
- **It is decommissioned after it ruptures.**

This line is already 13 years beyond it's intended use and IT WILL FAIL. A catastrophe is imminent. The big question is, will we, as Michigan citizens and the original inhabitants, take the responsible action to prevent a million plus gallon spill or will we be forced to remediate a tragedy that could have been prevented?

This is your clarion call.

A decommission plan must be put in place immediately and a plan devised to take this line out of commission before it destroys our treaty fishery, tourism, and the livelihoods of so many Michigan residents and tourism industry workers. Why would tourists want to come to see an oil slick? Pure Michigan can hardly be pure with the stench of oil. Tens of millions of tourism funds will go somewhere else. Hotel and tourism business mortgages will go into default



if not bankruptcy. I predict more than half of our casino team members will have to be laid off as tourism to Northern Michigan will come to a halt.

Some local governments like Sault Ste. Marie City Commission, Cheboygan, Alpena, Mackinac City, Chippewa County and even Kalamazoo have passed resolutions to call for safety checks or the outright shut down. Other local governments, however, refuse to act. Enbridge has been incredibly effective at building local support though a campaign of misinformation, sponsoring local events, or finding the right price tag for local business owners. Local governments who have not been bought need to take a stand and pass resolutions calling for the shut down of Line 5 and join the cause to protect what is our own ~ our pristine waters to keep Pure MI Pure.

Time is of essence. Damage to our waters would mean damage to our way of life; our very existence as we know it. I will keep fighting to protect our waters. Join me, my friend Lon Johnson (candidate for MI's 1st Congressional District) and call for the Shut Down of Line 5! As I write this, the Standing Rock Tribe lost their battle to secure an injunction to stop the installation of the pipeline. President Obama, however, has temporarily stopped the pipeline until a NEPA assessment and the Standing Rock Nation's rights are considered and a new administrative procedure is established to give greater weight to our treaty rights.

Thank you for standing with Standing Rock President Obama!

Chi McGwitch, Negee!

Chi McGwitch

IN HIS OWN WORDS: TRUMP ON INDIANS

No editorial needed. From a transcript from Donald Trump's appearance on the Don Imus show

TRUMP: Well, I think I might have more Indian blood than a lot of the so-called Indians that are trying to open up the reservations.

I looked at one of them - well, I won't go into the whole story, but I can tell you, I said to him, "I think I have more Indian blood in me than you have in you." And he laughed at me and he sort of acknowledged that I was right. But it is a joke. It's really a joke.

IMUS: A couple of these Indians up in Connecticut look like Michael Jordan, frankly.

TRUMP: I think if you've ever been up there, you would truly say these are not Indians. One of them was telling me his name is *Chief Running Water Sitting Bull*, and I said, "That's a long name." He said, "Well, just call me Ricky Sanders." So this is one of the Indians.

What does it really mean to be Anishnaabe?



**JENNIFER MCLEOD,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

What does it mean to be Anishnaabe? The short answer is, "Whatever you think it means." But there is much more to this simple, HUGE question. Being Anishnaabe means

that:

- At some point, your ancestors lived pure, and free...and were already here when "discovered" by Europeans.
- You are uniquely connected to Mother Earth, and are a part of the Creator-given responsibility for her care.
- You are a part of Creation... not the purpose for it.
- You came into this physical realm with a purpose and gifts.
- Your relationship with the Creator is determined by you.
- You have relatives with two legs, four legs, no legs; wings and fins; feathers and fur.
- You have relatives who can fly, swim and crawl...they can teach you.
- You are sacred.
- You are a spiritual being on a physical journey.

- You are connected to all of your ancestors who came before you.
- Speaking your language is your sovereign right.
- Living your culture is your sovereign right.
- Turtle Island is home to your people.
- The ceremonies and teachings of your people are a part of you.
- You are not alone. Being Anishnaabe can also mean that:
- Your connection to your ancestors feels broken.
- You can't speak your tribal language, but want to.
- You have never been to traditional gatherings, or ceremonies and don't know who to ask.
- You want to go "home" but feel lost. You feel alone.

Our Anishnaabe people have experienced generations of trauma. Trauma so severe that it has gone beyond the individual as a tribe. But that does not mean that it cannot be healed.

This month's tribal newspaper will be filled with information about many things that are happening within our tribe. But this month, instead of telling you about the meetings I went to, or my position on an issue, I wanted to speak with you heart to heart, and tell you that being Anishnaabe, and helping people on their path of being Anishnaabe is the most important work that I do. I have walked this earth for more than 60 years now, and have had many people help me on my journey. I am willing to share what I know,

and help in whatever way I can. Because, you see, in the end, the answer to the question, "What does it mean to be Anishnaabe?" truly is, "Whatever you think it means..." We each have our own journey, our own path, our own purpose. The harm we have felt as a result of the federal policies and practices of assimilate or annihilate did not destroy us...

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Board resolutions passed in July and August

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors **convened on July 12** and passed four 2016 fiscal year, one fiscal year 2017 budget modification and consented to waive immunity and tribal court jurisdiction for an accounting firm.

Fiscal year 2016: Trap Net Consent Decree increased from Fund Balance Reserves of \$277,130.86, and budget established for the Endowment Fund Epoufette Harbor for \$2,000 transferred from the Trap Net Consent Decree funds.

A budget increase for BIA restricted funding of \$28,887.88 passed for the Nunn's Creek Rehab Hatchery.

Nunn's Creek budget increase passed for \$27,599.99 coming from the programs funds.

An increase of \$300,000 passed for Indian Reservation Roads to accommodate funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

A fiscal year 2017 budget of \$23,563.84 was established for the Annie E. Casey Grant with Other Revenue funds.

A waiver of immunity and tribal court jurisdiction passed in order to induce the accounting firm of CohnReznick of New York, N.Y., into a master services agreement.

The board **convened on July 19** to pass a smoke-free policy for the Kewadin Shores Hotel.

The board also **convened on July 26** and passed several resolutions on budgets, grant applications, land acquisition and amending the tribal code.

An increase of Indian Health Service funds of \$71,736.04 was accommodated for clinics in Newberry and Escanaba.

The tribe's Community Health Program received authorization to conduct a survey of the tribe's young people aged 12 to 18 in the service area as part of the Partnership to Improve Community Health Grant.

An unspecified modification passed for the Ojibwe Language Program for "a change to the personnel page." Futher, a

Library Services fiscal year 2017 budget modification passed to close the account, which "is changing to a different fiscal date pattern."

A fiscal year 2017 budget was established for Indian Health Service funding of \$294,000 for sanitation.

An increase in U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) funds of \$745.45 received fiscal year 2017 budget accommodation for youth employment programs offered by the tribe.

Another increase in DOL funding of \$2,493.15 also received installation in a fiscal year 2017 budget for a youth employment program.

Approval was granted for a fiscal year 2016 budget modification to Binogii Placement Agency for a decrease in expenses of \$60,020.70, other revenue will decrease \$55,663, State of Michigan revenue will increase \$50,803, and \$55,160.70 will go back to the program's fund balance.

The USDA budget was modified to reduce tribal support by \$15,086.94.

A 2015 tribal government audit prepared by the firm of Dennis, Gartland and Niegarth was accepted and approved.

A land purchase on Sugar Island passed for a price not to exceed \$17,500.

An application passed to continue the tribe's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

An application passed to continue the Community Service Block Grant.

Tribal Code Chapter 71 was amended to reflect it shall not be an offense to possess, use or administer Narcan or any other similar acting and equally safe drug approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of drug overdoses.

Tribal Code Chapter 46: Wiidookaage (Helping One Another) was created to reflect that people and entities shall be immune from criminal and civil liability for the good faith administration of CPR, emer-

gency defibrillation and naloxone in emergency situations.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors **convened Aug. 16 in Marquette**, passing 20 resolutions. All board members were present. Of the 20 resolutions passed, 13 were by unanimous vote.

Resolution 193 - A contract was negotiated with REDW CPAS, Business and Financial Advisors, to conduct a performance audit of human resources and employee morale as well as a human resource compliance assessment. Funding for these audits is split between tribal operations and casino operations, with \$27,375 coming from each funding source.

Res. 194 - A budget modification to FY 2016 IHS Aftercare with third party revenue monies of \$50,000 was approved to be used to begin the process of a feasibility study for treatment and recovery services.

Res. 195 - Nunn's Creek Fisheries FY 2016 Budget Modification and Request to Establish FY 2017 Budget USDA Fish Barrier: The board accepted the cost sharing agreement with the U.S.D.A.

Res. 196 - ACFS — Native Employment Works Establishment of a FY 2017 Budget: The board approved a FY 2017 budget for Native Employment Works with federal HHS monies of \$9,883.80.

Res. 197 - Education — Child Care Center FY 2016 Budget Modification: The board approved the FY 2016 budget modification to the CCC to make changes to the personnel page.

Res. 198 - FY 2017 Budget Document 002: The board approved FY 2017 Budget Document 002 totaling \$44,011,945 of which \$777,141 will come from Tribal Support.

Res. 199 - Eldercare Transportation FY 2016 Budget Modification: The board approved the FY 2016 budget modification. It was also resolved that all charges will cease until the policy is rewrit-

ten and the changes are to come back for board approval within 60 days.

Res. 200 - 202: Partial Waiver of Convictions for tribal members: A partial waiver was granted to three individual tribal members pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 76 for misdemeanor convictions.

Res. 203 - 2016 Tribal Wildlife Grant: The board gave its approval for an authorized representative to execute agreements for the 2016 Tribal Wildlife Grant.

Res. 204 - 205: Trust Land Leases, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.: Tribal trust land leases to two individual tribal members was approved.

Res. 206 – National Indian Gaming Association 2016: The board approved the payment of dues for NIGA membership in the amount of \$15,000. Tribal representatives to NIGA were also appointed.

Res. 207 – National Congress of American Indians 2016 Annual Convention Delegates and 2017 Dues: The board approved the payment of dues in the amount of \$550 and also appointed delegates and alternate delegates to NCAI.

Res. 208 – Authorization to Change Signature Authority Bank Accounts: The board authorized the signatures of two signatories for specified bank accounts. The resolution rescinded all previously approved resolutions regarding signature authority on bank accounts.

Res. 209 – Authorization to Change Signature Authority Trust Accounts: The board approved two signatories for designated bank accounts, with all previous signature authority on trust accounts rescinded.

Res. 210 – Authorization to Execute Deed Clarifying Christmas Chain of Title: The chain of title for the property in Christmas, Michigan, has become confused due to problems in documentation. To clear this up, the board approved the execution of a quitclaim deed from the tribe to the tribe for the purpose of clearing up the chain of title.

Res. 211 – Appointing Chairperson of Audit Committee: Director Dennis McKelvie was appointed to serve as the chairperson of the Audit Committee until the end of his current term as tribal treasurer in 2018.

Res. 2012 – Amending Tribal Code Chapter 11: Membership Ordinance Youth Tribal Identification Cards: The Membership Ordinance at Section 11.112(1) was amended to read: "(1) Membership cards shall be for a period of four years and shall expire on the member's birthday. Membership cards issued to any member under the age of eighteen shall not expire pursuant to the preceding but rather shall automatically expire on their eighteenth birthday."

To see the above resolutions, and others, in their entirety, visit saulttribe.com.

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Fed's language halting Dakota pipeline has direct effect on Line 5



CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II

The largest gathering of Native Americans in modern history is going on right now in North Dakota and you should know about it. Members of the Standing Rock (Inyan Woslata) Sioux Tribe are fighting to protect their sacred water from the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline through the heart of their traditional lands. The mainstream media coverage is almost completely absent (that's a story in itself).

This is an historic moment: Standing Rock has been battling this pipeline since early in 2014. I was aware of their struggle back then through National Tribal Caucus meetings. It's the same struggle every tribe in the United States has to deal with in one form or the other: A disregard for good faith "government-to-government" consultation with tribes before taking actions that would hurt tribes they have a trust obligation to protect.

Standing Rock Chairman David Archambault called upon all the tribal nations and indigenous people to come together in peace and prayer in order to protect the water. And the call was heeded. Over 200 tribal nations have pledged their support to stop the pipeline and to protect our sacred waters. Because water is life and it is the foundational value of all indigenous people. Currently over 4,000 people have gathered on the Standing Rock Sioux's homelands in non-violent peace and prayer and

a commitment to protect. Even tribes that hold carbon resources on their own lands have stepped forward and sent government delegations to pledge their support. This "Great Awakening" as it is being called would be heart-felt but fruitless if it wasn't based soundly in tribal law and federal law. An injunction to stop work on the pipeline was filed by Standing Rock and the judicial ruling was made on Sept. 9 denying the tribe's injunction. However, minutes later the following occurred:

**For Immediate Release
Friday, Sept. 9, 2016
—JOINT STATEMENT—
From the Department of
Justice, the Department of the
Army and the Department of
the Interior regarding Standing
Rock Sioux Tribe v. U.S. Army
Corps of Engineers**

WASHINGTON — The Department of Justice, the Department of the Army and the Department of the Interior issued the following statement regarding Standing Rock Sioux Tribe v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

"We appreciate the District Court's opinion on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act. However, important issues raised by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and other tribal nations and their members regarding the Dakota Access pipeline specifically, and pipeline-related decision-making generally, remain. Therefore, the Department of the Army, the Department of Justice, and the Department of the Interior will take the following steps.

"The Army will not authorize constructing the Dakota Access pipeline on Corps land bordering or under Lake Oahe until it can determine whether it will need to reconsider any of its previous decisions regarding the Lake Oahe site under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) or other federal laws. Therefore, construction of the pipeline on Army Corps land

bordering or under Lake Oahe will not go forward at this time. The Army will move expeditiously to make this determination, as everyone involved — including the pipeline company and its workers — deserves a clear and timely resolution. In the interim, we request that the pipeline company voluntarily pause all construction activity within 20 miles east or west of Lake Oahe.

"Furthermore, this case has highlighted the need for a serious discussion on whether there should be nationwide reform with respect to considering tribes' views on these types of infrastructure projects. Therefore, this fall, we will invite tribes to formal, government-to-government consultations on two questions: (1) within the existing statutory framework, what should the federal government do to better ensure meaningful tribal input into infrastructure-related reviews and decisions and the protection

of tribal lands, resources and treaty rights; and (2) should new legislation be proposed to Congress to alter that statutory framework and promote those goals.

"Finally, we fully support the rights of all Americans to assemble and speak freely. We urge everyone involved in protest or pipeline activities to adhere to the principles of nonviolence. Of course, anyone who commits violent or destructive acts may face criminal sanctions from federal, tribal, state, or local authorities. The Departments of Justice and the Interior will continue to deploy resources to North Dakota to help state, local, and tribal authorities, and the communities they serve, better communicate, defuse tensions, support peaceful protest, and maintain public safety.

"In recent days, we have seen thousands of demonstrators come together peacefully, with support from scores of sovereign tribal

governments, to exercise their First Amendment rights and to voice heartfelt concerns about the environment and historic, sacred sites. It is now incumbent on all of us to develop a path forward that serves the broadest public interest."

Now, the cynic may view this as nothing more than the federal government "kicking the can down the road" for the next President's administration — and to make sure this movement of support for—protecting our sacred waters—does not make it into the national dialog as we approach the election season. But you seize opportunities when they present themselves—because there is language contained in the joint statement that has a direct impact on our tribe and all Great Lake tribes:

1). "This case has highlighted the need for a serious discussion on whether there should be nationwide reform with respect to considering tribes' views on these types of infrastructure projects"

2). The formal "government-to-government" consultation on the two proposed questions.

All this matters greatly to us because, as you know, the Enbridge Lake Head Pipeline cuts directly through the Upper and Lower Peninsula (better known as Line 3, Line 5, and Line 6). It is old and it is notorious for the largest oil spill in the continental United States around the Kalamazoo River in 2010. Line 5 runs exposed through the Straits of Mackinac and poses an immediate and eminent threat to our treaty rights. There is no treaty-protected fishing activity if the spawning grounds are forever destroyed. Even a small spill could cause irreparable damage.

Our chairman, your tribal government and our tribal staff and other Michigan tribes have been working diligently behind the scenes to defend against this threat. And we have been in close communication with Standing Rock Sioux Nation to link our environmental concerns together. When Chairman Dave Archambault made the call, we responded.

The regulatory scheme that we are forced to exist under is a formidable burden for all tribes—and it's important for our tribal people to be informed. That's where our strength as a Sovereign Nation comes from. I have a passion for sharing the regulatory perspective because I know that's the best way to defend ourselves from continued environmental and treaty encroachment. But that passion is grounded in a deep devotion to our Anishinaabe values and knowledge that our mother earth is sacred and we are stewards and protectors for those yet unborn. Please pray for solidarity, peace and protection of our sacred waters.

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WATER IS LIFE — The above photo was taken by Sault Tribe member Nathan Wright at Northcamp in Cannonball, N.D. on Sept. 3, 2016. Wright says "Water is Life" is a common slogan in the camp, as it is worldwide as expressed by indigenous people trying to protect the water., including efforts to stop the flow of oil under the Mackinac Bridge through Line 5.

M-28 Wetmore tribal building, its future



ANITA NELSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT V

On Aug. 20, 2015, a group met to begin the pre-planning process for the Munising Culture Camp. Resolution No: 2015-89. The Sault Tribe Board directed

that a project team be established to develop a long term strategic plan for utilizing the previous Munising Tribal Center in similar fashion to the Mary Murray Culture Camp, as well as for concentrating on regional social services including Youth Education and Activities, tribal social services, community events, powwows and potlucks. This project was initiated by former director Shirley Petosky, continued by the next two directors, and now by me.

I have met with the project committee to discuss our options. I have visited the site, walked the perimeter, done research and had a tour of the inside. The committee has taken initial steps to have our experts evaluate and report back their findings on the

condition of the building. The committee will be contacting the surrounding counties' tribal members for their input via survey. I will keep you updated at our regular meetings.

This month was busy. I am sorry I missed certain events due to a conflict of schedules. Our Munising Unit unanimously approved \$2,000 of our fiduciary funds to help with food expense for the MPacks project for the poverty children in our area. This included K-6 grade, pre-school and Head Start. It was learned that 56 percent of our elementary students receive free and reduced lunch. The MPacks would provide children nutritious and easy to prepare food on the weekends. The project manager thanks you for this decision.

I was also invited to visit the ongoing projects for children at our Parks and Recreation Dept. (Central School). We have needs there as well. Our Native children are part of this. I will inform you more when the director of these services can attend a meeting to address this.

Please Note: Our Munising Unit 5 Elder Committee has one regular vacant seat and one vacant alternate seat. Marquette's Elder Unit 5 has one vacant regular seat and one vacant alternate seat.

Please contact me with your concerns. I am available before and after meetings or by appointment.

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Proud to see our scared traditions carried on



**LANA CAUSLEY,
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I'd like to dedicate this report to the people of the tribe and our community for carrying on our sacred traditions and partaking in our annual Gathering of the Eagles powwow in Hessel this past month.

Being seated for as long as I have has made me experience many things, both hurtful and prideful. Sometimes someone's actions or words are all I need to continue my walk everyday for the people. Many times it's said that the "board" doesn't care, doesn't listen and are immune to anything. This couldn't be farther from the truth. We have

many struggles and debates, but at the end of the day, each person has to put their head on the pillow and reflect what's good and not so good. I've had both. And, the following is a testament to some of our members commitment.

This past month, gathering with the people who put in countless hours to prepare and get our community ready was not only a tribute to our ways but a certain reminder that we are proud people and our culture is NOT gone and never will be. I saw elders work tirelessly in 80 degree weather cutting firewood to keep us warm and have our traditional four-day fire; saw four young boys from our community jump every single time someone asked them for something, saw dedicated staff rise to every request that they could assist with, saw women gather and clean cedar to protect our grounds, saw our special grandmas from our community prepare food to keep us going, saw veterans bless our grounds in our traditional way, listened to our MC make people smile, feel good and welcomed, saw young and old dancers shine with pride all weekend, listened to our

hometown drum and others sing and carry on that heartbeat, and, most special to me, watched my dad light our sacred fire at sunrise and then cut grass around it on his hands and knees with scissors...just to make this a beautiful gathering...all these people did this to carry on our traditional way of life.

I can't name names; it evident who takes pride and commits themselves and for that I'm thankful. With all the struggles we face each day within the tribe and with outside entities always trying to bring us down, I simply wanted to remind the members...we carry the traditions on, we are proud and we have many things that are good and alive within our communities. I'm always talking about being proud...being a proud Anishinaabe is alive and well here in my home. I want to say Chi Miigwech to all who were involved and all who attended from other communities as well. It's nice getting older as I do less talking and more listening, watching and learning.

Two other important issues at the forefront are the devastating actions at Standing Rock and Line 5. We are finally seeing the

media cover Standing Rock as the story has not been told and those fellow Anishinaabe are struggling and fighting for their rightful homeland once again, it's a travesty that this continues to happen to our people and our ways. I'm so proud to see them gather and stand their ground. Our tribe has an equal fight to bear and we have also filed suit for our protection of the Great Lakes. Both issues are important to our people and we must remain watchful of our waters. Our tribe has committed to both the Standing Rock crisis and the Line 5 crisis. We have discussed and took actions on both issues and this will continue. Please take part in any way possible that you can in support of our waters and also our fellow Anishinaabe struggles.

I'm reporting that I will be going to Washington, D.C. this coming week with the chair and a delegation to finally present our finished Tribal Action Plan (our long-term strategic plan to combat substance abuse and addiction in our tribal communities). This has been four years in the making and the final document is a plan consisting of over 50 pages. It's thought out and

disciplined. For all of our staff and community members that took part in any way, thank you. Once we present and receive the final approval from the funding agency, we can begin to educate, train and make plans to implement this much needed structure. Every department in our tribe will have objectives, timelines and expectations. Restoring balance to our families is the priority and I'm relieved its complete.

I must also report that both Director Hollowell and I have been consistent about hiring an experienced law firm for our 2020 Consent Decree negotiations. We have finally secured a timeline for the firms to present to the board and are awaiting scheduling for interviews and introductions.

In closing, again, please do anything you can to support Standing Rock and line 5 protections, our tribe is committed to acting and open to input. Unity is extremely important now, keep in mind, "We will never survive by drinking oil."

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Reporting on membership updates, reminders



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,
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The board voted at the Aug. 16 Marquette meeting to pass the Schedule B budget, which was about \$44 million with only about \$1 million coming from tribal support of which is usually about \$17 million. A majority of that budget is the Heath Division. I did not vote in support of the budget because as a group the board met for one day that I was not able to participate in because I was at a Housing Commission meeting discussing the 2017 Indian Housing Plan.

Also during that meeting, the board approved the contract to conduct a Human Resource audit. The audit will consist of an audit performance, employee morale and an HR compliance assessment. Past Human Resource employees and key management staff will be contacted and current employees will be given a survey to fill out. The cost of the audit is about \$55,000, which will be split by the casino and government. The audit should take about two months to complete. I encourage all staff to participate because this is the only way we know

what is working and what needs to be improved.

With the final passage of the Human Resource audit after months, I am hopeful we can continue to audit each division of the tribe. We should be doing two to four divisions yearly until they have all been audited once. Sometimes having an outside agency look at the structure and policy and procedures, etc., is very beneficial because we tend to continue to do things a certain way because, "That is what we have always done." Sometimes staff also tell us of certain changes that should be done and the board doesn't take action, so hopefully this will be the push for positive, efficient change.

At the Sept. 6 Sault meeting, the board passed a resolution in support of our fellow natives of Standing Rock. It was also added to send \$10,000 to their tribe in support of their legal battle. Our general counsel was asked by the board to contact Standing Rock to see what they would like from us to assist them and they stated money to help with their legal battle.

There are some of members saying other tribes have given amounts such as \$50,000, which is great, but I am willing to bet they have many less members than the 43,000 that we have. We have also been asked by members to cover their travel expenses to attend the protest. I do support our members or anyone else who is willing and can attend but I am not sure how we can fairly decide who we could send. We no longer have our 55 passenger busses and it is our policy that anyone using a tribal vehicle is an employee and can be insurable. We want strict pol-

icies to protect the assets of the tribe but sometimes it seems to hinder movements like this.

I believe that we may also need to contribute money to our own legal battle over Line 5 under the Straits of Mackinac. It is important for us to stand with Standing Rock as we are facing many similar issues as Native people and all people in general. We need to all stand together on both and/or all these projects that have the potential to change the way we all live and conduct business. We have all heard the many arguments on both sides with how will the oil be transported without the pipelines and how it is much safer, etc. I just cannot fathom what life would be like with a spill in the Great Lakes. I was born and raised in St. Ignace and all my life have enjoyed boating, swimming, fishing and working in the tourist industry as well as enjoying the 24-hour beauty of the area, not to mention clean drinking water. To me nothing is worth taking that chance.

Unfortunately, with many weddings and funerals this summer I was able to attend only the Sugar Island Powwow. It was the first time I attended and was glad I finally made it there.

I did get to attend a great deal of the ground blessing of the new longhouse built on the grounds of the Museum of Ojibwe Culture. The project was funded in conjunction with 2 percent money. The event was very well attended and there were many pipe carriers from not only Sault Tribe but other tribes as well. The Grandmother Moon Singers from Cheboygan area and Mukwa Giizik from Hessel were also present. There

was a potluck as well as fish and side dishes catered for the feast. There was a wonderful talking circle in the area of the old longhouse and later inside the new longhouse. The entire blessing and naming ceremony went on well past dusk. The longhouse has been named, "The Healing Lodge."

I would like to thank those who worked in the smoldering heat to complete the project: Tony Grondin, Gilbert Hinjosa, Terry Gouza, Dick Sterk, Robin Kissinger and Perry Neuman. I would also like to thank John Causley Jr. for the many years he has been using the longhouse and museum grounds for teachings, gatherings and storytelling. Sue St. Onge is very instrumental in incorporating the museum activities with our Sault Tribe youth group. Tony Grondin is always there in our community when we need him for teaching, gatherings, etc. We are so lucky to live in such a wonderful community, and without Shirley Sorrels and her hard work and grant writing, none of this would exist.

The Mackinac Historical Society recently purchased the old Walker Furniture store in downtown St. Ignace. The building will soon house the Native artifacts that currently are housed in the depilated Forte DeBaude Museum building. This move will allow for the Historical Society to seek grant funding to properly care for and preserve the artifacts. This is a great addition to our community as well.

Please read the article in this issue of the newspaper on access to the after-hours clinic or overflow at our health centers. There

seems to be some confusion on the process.

The board will be meeting in St. Ignace on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. The membership has an opportunity to ask questions of the board from 4 to 6 p.m. This will be our last meeting in town for the rest of the year.

Language classes are also held weekly on Tuesdays at the McCann School building at 6 p.m. for anyone interested.

Elder meals are served Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon at the McCann School Building. Sault Tribe elders are asked for \$1 donation and all others \$3. For those who may be homebound, please contact the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 for the possibility of delivered meals. The elders have their monthly committee meetings on the second Friday of the month after the meal. Elders are considered age 60.

Keith and I hold monthly unit meetings on the third Monday of the month at the McCann School building at 6 p.m. I can schedule individual meetings by appointment. You can also contact me at bsorenson@saulttribe.net, bridgett91@yahoo.com, (906) 430-0536 or (906) 984-2052.

In closing, I would like to thank Aaron for being more of a team player in the last month. I also appreciate that there have not been any posts regarding our team members or any "sky is falling posts." The tribe is better off if we are all trying and willing to work with each other and put personal differences aside as well as not interfering in staff hiring, disciplining, etc. This is not helpful or productive to management or other team members.

Consent Decree negotiations deserve members' input



DARCY MORROW,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

After many discussions during my reelection, I promised you, the members, I would continue to look out for your best interest!

With our 2020 Consent Decree not far off, community members and fishermen feel they are not being represented appropriately by the tribe's Great Lakes Conservation Committee (GLCC) and asked to have a voice. Our community members work to provide for

their families; they are not able to adjust their schedules, nor can they afford to drive two to three hours one way to a meeting. With the technology that the tribe possesses, we should be making attendance easier for the membership so their voices are heard, not trying to stop membership's input.

At the Munising board meeting, myself and Director Chase introduced a resolution to allow all tribal members to attend the GLCC meetings via teleconference from Manistique's and Munising's tribal centers; the resolution passed unanimously by the tribal board. This resolution has been met with great resistance from our own Great Lakes Conservation Committee. At its next committee meeting after the board passed the teleconference resolution, committee members voted unanimously to not allow teleconference to happen. This committee feels they can outvote the tribal board's decision — don't you start to question why they would want to stop membership input? Director

Chase and myself have been met with resistance for all members to have input even at the board level.

Before the June 28 GLCC meeting, Chairman Payment gave a directive to allow all members to attend the meeting with the Feds via teleconference. Director Chase and myself, along with several community fishermen, were in attendance via teleconference. Unfortunately, GLCC members took it upon themselves to ignore their fellow tribal members who wanted to give input and they chose to ignore the Chairman's directive. Director Chase and myself were informed by GLCC Chairman Jason Grondin to clear the membership out of the room or they would shut us down.

We argued Chairman Payment's directive but it fell on deaf ears. I informed Chairman Payment his directive was not being followed; he was out of town. Chairman Payment said that Jason Grondin blamed the board members who were in attendance at the Sault Casino

and those board members kicked the membership out. That would be a removable offense for any board member to take a vote outside of an official board meeting. Board members in attendance blamed Jason and Jason blamed them, I don't care either way — NO MEMBERSHIP should have been closed out of that meeting or any thereafter!

Since June 28, every meeting has been met with resistance; teleconference not being connected when the meeting starts, volume has been an issue and we have asked since the first meeting for microphones to be used. My question is to the membership — why would this committee not want all tribal members' input unless it is a self-serving committee like the membership have been saying? Members have said we need to go back to the way the committee was before they broke off the Inland Conservation Committee. We need a committee that looks out for all tribal members — hook and line, subsistence, gill net and trap net. Fishing is our way of

life we need Great Lakes committee members and board members alike and they need to be here for OUR MEMBERSHIP'S TREATY RIGHTS.

I do not agree with or like what is happening at the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) meetings; decisions and votes are being made at the CORA table without a full tribal board discussion beforehand. As a board member, I feel responsible for the membership and treaty rights. I do not appreciate having no input before these meetings. A vote was taken at the last CORA meeting that was never discussed with the full tribal board. I want members to know I do not believe in giving up our rights; we should be uniting all tribes within CORA so we stand stronger against the state.

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

Thank you,
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Chase reports: membership issues across the board



DENISE CHASE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

The board recently approved the forgiveness of outstanding debt to the Elder Care Transportation Program for about 25 elders. Elders who use the program either don't have any form of transportation or unreliable vehicles, or they can't afford the fees to local transits because of their limited income. I don't

support that we are charging our elders for rides to their needed medical appointments and look forward to program changes.

During the workshop I brought up the fact that it's not fair to all elders who do pay the fee for their transportation rides, if we just forgive the debt of a few.

In fact, the Elder Division was under spent in its 2016 budget, so the board approved the forgiveness of all debt to be paid out of the elder budget or third-party revenue and to also reimburse the elders who did pay in 2015-2016 and to suspend the charge for elder transportation rides until the Elder Division director brings forward options and plan changes and recommendations to the board of directors. If you have not been calling in to the elder division for rides to get to your medical appointments because of the cost, please call in to the elder transportation now

and schedule your ride.

We are still waiting for a determination on our mandatory trust request for our New Boston and Lansing properties. It's imperative we get approval soon so we can move forward and get our gaming expansion projects moving. This will allow the tribe to sustain our current services and the revenue from these projects will allow expansion for new programs and services to the membership.

The board has started reviewing the 2017 tribal budgets. We reviewed and passed the FY 2017 budget documents 002. This budget totaled \$44,013,945 of which \$777,141 will come from tribal support. The divisions voted in this budget were: ACFS, Education, Elderly, Fisheries, Governmental Health, Law Enforcement and Tribal Court. There will be more 2017 budget review sessions scheduled with the chairman's top administration

budget staff and board members.

The tribal board of directors voted to accept the 2017 Indian Housing Plan, grant number 55-IH-26-5-480. The funding amount is \$4.5 million. The housing plan outlines the various activities necessary to ensure the low-income housing stock is maintained to ensure our low-income tribal families have a safe and healthy environment. Housing units are located in all of the tribe's seven-county service area. Additional housing service programs will include on/off reservation home-owner housing rehab, emergency financial housing assistance, first-time home buyer down payment assistance, owner occupied energy efficient improvement program (furnace and hot water heater) and rental assistance subsidy program.

The funds to construct an elder complex in St. Ignace, matching funds to correct drainage issues on JK Lumsden Way

and matching funds to correct drainage issue on Escanaba and St. Ignace housing sites.

Funds are also used to provide financial support to the tribes Mary Murray Cultural Camp, Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and Canine Team emphasizing on cultural teachings, healthy lifestyle, drug prevention and community policing and education activities for the membership.

Congratulations Ashley Berthaume, who's a junior at Bay de Noc Community College and received the \$1,000 Martha "Marty" Snyder Honoree Tributary Scholarship and congrats to Madeline Wilson, who's a senior at Lake Superior State University and received the Martha Miller tributary scholarship.

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Denise Chase
Unit IV board member

We've come a long way but still have much to do



MICHAEL MCKERCHIE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

We often get caught up in our day-to-day routines that we don't get a chance to reflect on how far we've come. During board orientation, it was an awe-inspiring experience to have all the various division and program directors

present their information to the board. For over two-and-a-half days, we met with over 40 team members. Having worked for the tribe for over 20 years, I knew many of the presenters but was still amazed on how much I learned from the presentations. I want to thank all those involved and the information given is much appreciated. It gave me the opportunity to realize how many services we do offer our tribe and community—we've come a long way and I am very grateful.

With that being said, we still have much to do. A Human Resource audit was approved, although I was reluctant to spend money towards it—we need reform in our internal services to address our deficiencies in hiring and maintaining our most valuable assets — our team members. We need competitive wages and to take a look at revitalizing addi-

tional benefits for all our employees. In recent months, we've had tremendous turnover in several departments and the tribe simply cannot afford to keep losing talented and experienced staff. As this will be a performance audit, I have high hopes that that the findings presented to the board will be acted on and change will occur. Even without the audit findings, we are aware of several policies that require updating and I hope to see those changes soon.

Our new CEO for Kewadin, Mike Olujic, has presented a few times to the Gaming Authority and I am optimistic that he can help our tribe prosper in the gaming sector. He brings a lot of Indian gaming experience and seems committed to our success. The board will work with him to get him the proper tools to do his job: revisiting outdated policies, working with him on aligning

wage grids, etc. And then let him manage.

Our tribal board is set up as a legislative body to create a vision then write tribal law, set policies, and approve budgets to complete that vision. We are not a managing board and should not be involved in the day-to-day operations of any tribal business, program, or department. During the board orientation, we had a trainer come in to go over parliamentary rules (board meetings) and board roles. The board members who did attend participated in several exercises that illustrated that many of our current practices blur the line between policy making and managing. With this presentation and information we received, we can make the necessary corrections and allow our managers to administer the policies we set forth.

On a final note, the Standing

Rock Sioux Tribe fight against the pipeline had some major wins this week but the battle is not done. There are still many obstacles to overcome and legal battles will continue. This is important not only to their tribe but to all tribes, as many face similar battles. Our own fight against shutting down Line 5 continues. If the pipeline was to burst the environmental impact would be devastating. We must continue to educate and encourage the state and federal governments to shut down the outdated and stressed pipeline that runs under the straights of Mackinac that threatens one of the biggest fresh water sources in the world.

Please contact me to further discuss this issue and other issues facing our tribe at (906) 440-7768.

Chi Miigwech,
Michael McKerchie

Griffin donates farm produce to tribal members

SWEET GRASS FARM RECEIVES ENVIRONMENTAL VERIFICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY FARM PRACTICES

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Ste. Marie resident and Sault Tribe member Nancy Griffin is a talented, educated woman who wears many hats in her local community. Her favorite hat to wear blocks the sun from her eyes as she crawls around weeding in the pesticide-free soil of her extensive vegetable garden, located in the Sault just off of Shunk Road.

Griffin donates hundreds of pounds of organic farm fresh produce to the tribe every year, which she grows and harvests with the help of family, friends and volunteers. When the vegetables are ready to be harvested, Griffin calls Community Health Registered Dietitian Stacy Storey, who sends volunteers to the farm to help pick the vegetables. The volunteers take the freshly picked produce back to the Sault Tribe Health Center where it is put on tables outside the entrance for anyone walking by to take for free, including health center staff. Griffin also takes boxes filled with just-picked goodies to family members and elderly people she knows in the community.

Storey said, “Both clients and staff at the Sault Tribe Health Center have been very fortunate to enjoy the produce from Nancy’s amazing garden. She has provided us with tons of free vegetables over the years. She is also eager to invite individuals out for farm tours. She loves the idea of sharing her garden with her local community members. All she asks in return is some extra hands to help her harvest the produce. Her gift of food and cooking knowledge are priceless. Both Nancy and her garden are a gift to our community.”

Hoping to lead by example and show others in the community that



Photos by Brenda Austin

Helen Barbara Griffin (nee: Madigan), and her daughter Nancy Griffin.

good food can be grown without the intervention of chemicals, Griffin applied for and received environmental verification for her vegetable farm on Aug. 16, through the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program, assuring that Griffin’s farm practices are environmentally friendly and in line with the Michigan Generally Accepted Agriculture Management Practices.

Sweet Grass Farm received its name from the sweet smell of the grasses growing on the farm. “Sweet grass is mother earth’s hair, and we have fields with sweet grass and when they are cut you can smell it. So that is how the name came about,” she said.

A trained chef, Griffin was getting ready to retire and couldn’t decide where she wanted to move to get away from the busy East Coast lifestyle. A friend mentioned maybe she should move to the Sault because that is where she vacationed for eight consecutive years. “I have a lot of family

in the Sault and am also tribal. I used to stay at the Kewadin Hotel and go to the powwow every year for a vacation. I love winter, the snow and ice skating and hiking in snowshoes and how beautiful it is. And, I love the cold. I came up here and had three days to find a place,” she said. “I was driving down Shunk Road and the ‘for sale’ sign was up. The man who lived here had just put it up. The minute I pulled into the driveway I said ‘This is it!’ It’s a great spot.”

Griffin made an offer that day. That was in May. She closed on the farm in August and moved there in October 2011, planting her first garden the next spring. She also planted a small apple orchard and numerous blueberry bushes.

While she lived in New York, she did some organic gardening and had strawberries, tomatoes and a few other plants. When she moved to the Sault she was interested in doing something on a larger scale. “Being a chef and

having a respect for food – which is life giving – I am interested in the nutritional and wholistic approach of nature and working with nature and not using chemicals or artificial fertilizers or anything that would harm the environment,” she said. “I would like to encourage people to eat a healthier diet. It may be something you are not used to at the start, but if you try different vegetables and different ways of cooking them you may find you enjoy them. I am offering fresh food to our tribal community so people can try it. There are a lot of people who already cook fresh food and love it.”

Griffin grows a variety of beans; wax, purple, and green beans; root vegetables, carrots, beets, potatoes, rutabagas, and vine vegetables, winter squash, pumpkin, zucchini and yellow squash. She planted a small herb garden in the center of the larger plot, and you will also find broccoli, Brussels sprouts, and another vine vegetable, cucumbers. She also grows a few ears of corn for her family’s use.

“It’s a lot of labor but I enjoy it,” she said. “It’s my exercise during the spring, summer and fall months. It’s a whole body workout and you can work as slow or fast as you want. It keeps me in good shape. I have very bad arthritis and moving around every day is very helpful. I love sitting out here with nature, hearing the birds, and it smells so beautiful out here.”

“My mother is 86 and is going strong. A lot of my ancestors from the Sault all lived to be close to 100. When my mother was growing up, her father fished and hunted and they ate all that. They had a Victory Garden out back and my grandmother canned everything.

We have gotten so far away from some of those ways that were more healthful,” Griffin said.

Her mother is Helen Barbara Griffin (nee: Madigan), who was born in the Sault in 1930, and according to Griffin, she remembers everybody. “She was born in a house on Maple Street on the family’s kitchen table. We knocked on the door one time and told the people living there that she had been born there and they invited us in. We stood in the kitchen where she had been born,” Griffin said.

Barbara Griffin’s father John Madigan died while hunting when she was 11, two days after Pearl Harbor. “The whole world was crazy at that time,” she said.

Classically trained in French cuisine, Griffin graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY, and had a career as a chef for 25 years before returning to her alma mater to teach as a professor. Her name can also be found associated with a number of cookbooks and she also won several culinary competitions.

She worked as an executive and corporate chef for two country clubs in Texas. She also worked as a personal chef to Ralph Lauren and his family and traveled the world with them for three years.

“At the time I was entering the culinary field American chefs were coming onto the scene. This was in 1980 when I graduated. American cuisine was starting to take shape and a lot of us young chefs at the time were part of that whole revolution. I remember that avocados at the time were rare; people didn’t know what they were. Now you go to the supermarket here in Sault Ste. Marie and you can buy an avocado,” she said.



Sault Tribe employees and picking volunteers Brandy McCoy and Colin Welker with a pumpkin that grew inches overnight from a good rainfall. Below, Nancy Griffin.



Neighbors Shelby McCoy, 8, and mom Brandy McCoy helping to pick vegetables from Griffin’s garden. Below, Sweet Grass Farm.



Kim Vallier, Traditional Medicine, and Brandi MacArthur (L-R) with Higher Education helped pick vegetables. Below, Nancy Griffin checking some of the vegetables.



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