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School breaks ground for middle school classrooms



Photo by Brenda Austin

State, city, county, and tribal dignitaries gathered on Aug. 22 at JKL Middle School in Sault Ste. Marie for a groundbreaking ceremony. Bureau of Indian Education Director Tony L. Dearman was on hand to help Sault Tribe celebrate the start of the new project — building a middle school classroom addition to the gymnasium. Left to right, Sault Tribe Unit I representative, Kim Gravelle; Sault Tribe senior accountant, Rita Bricker; Sault mayor, Anthony Bosbous; Unit I representatives Dennis McKelvie, Michael McKerchie and DJ Hoffman; Moore Trosper Construction Company president, Ted Moore; school board trustee, Nichole Causley; Sault Tribe Board chairperson, Aaron Payment; JKL School superintendent, Theresa Kallstrom; JKL culture and language coordinator, Chris Gordon, and his daughters, Tia and Macy; school board vice president, Steve Habusta; BIE director, Tony Dearman; school board trustee, Evelyne Bumstead; Unit I representative, Jennifer McLeod; JKL School Board president, Norma Castro; Sault Tribe purchasing director, Brad Pringle; Moore Trosper project manager, Kris Hammerle; and Unit IV representatives, Darcy Marrow and Denise Chase.



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

RENEWED — On behalf of the tribe, Sault Tribe Board Chairperson Aaron Payment signs a new lease for the JKL School with JKL School Board President Norma Castro Aug. 8.

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Drastic LIHEAP cuts anticipated

FROM ACFS

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) anticipate a reduced award for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for fiscal year 2018. Based on the state of Michigan's action, ACFS expects up to an 80 per cent funding cut.

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors and administration are working proactively to ensure the program is available and are making efforts to have the funding reinstated. However, it is evident changes loom over the program for the coming year. ACFS will provide updates as they become available at www.saulttribe.com and the ACFS Facebook page.

ACFS encourages tribal members to reach out to their state senators and state representatives to express their concerns and inform them of the negative impact the state's decision will have. Michigan House and Senate representatives for our seven-county service area are:

District 107 Representative Lee Chatfield, S1486 House Office Building, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909, (517) 373-2629

District 110 Representative Scott Dianda, S1486 House Office Building, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909, (517) 373-0850

District 108 Representative Beau LaFave, S1487 House Office Building, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 4890, (517) 373-0156

37th District Senator Wayne Schmidt, 201 Townsend Street, Lansing, MI 48909, Phone (517) 373-2413

38th District Senator Tom Casperson, 201 Townsend Street, Suite #4100, Lansing, MI 48909-7536, (517) 373-7840

As a reminder, citizens of the state of Michigan are eligible for services from several other community resources listed below. If needed, ACFS staff is available to provide assistance in completing applications for other programs. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 1-800-726-0093.

Chippewa County resources
Chippewa County-DHHS, 463 East 3 Mile Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, 632-3376

CLM Community Action Agency, 524 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, 632-3363

Alger County resources
Alger County-DHHS, 101 Court Street, Munising, MI 49862, Phone: 387-4440

Community Action Alger-Marquette, 1125 Commerce Drive, Marquette, MI 49855, 228-6522

Tribal members are urged to contact state reps



Marquette County resources

Marquette County-DHHS, 234 West Baraga Avenue, Marquette, MI 49855, 228-9691

Community Action Alger-Marquette, 1125 Commerce Drive, Marquette, MI 49855, 228-6522

Luce County resources

Luce County-DHHS, 500 W McMillan, P.O. Box 27, Newberry, MI 49868, 293-5144

CLM Community Action Agency, 207 Newberry Ave., Newberry, MI 49868, 293-5621

Mackinac County resources

Mackinac County-DHHS, 199 Ferry Lane, St. Ignace, MI 49781, 643-9550

CLM Community Action Agency Services Center, 368 Reagon St., St. Ignace, MI 49781, 643-8595

Schoolcraft County resources

Schoolcraft County-DHHS, 300 Walnut St., Courthouse Room 175A, Manistique, MI 49854, 341-2114

Community Action Delta-Schoolcraft, 507 1st Avenue N, Escanaba, MI 49829, 786-7080

Delta County resources

Delta County-DHHS, 2940 College Avenue, Escanaba, MI 49829, 786-5394

Community Action Delta-Schoolcraft, 507 1st Avenue N, Escanaba, MI 49829, 786-7080

Available in all counties

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True North Community Services, emPower Heat and Energy Assistance, (231) 355-5880.

Recovery Walk 2017: Join the Voices for Recovery: Strengthen Families and Communities, Sept. 21

BY PAT MCKELVIE, SPECIALTY COURT COORDINATOR.

The prevalence of mental and substance use disorders continue to have a significant impact on communities across the United States. In 2015, 20.8 million people 12 or older were classified with a substance use disorder. Among adults 18 or older, 43.4 million (17.9 percent of adults) had a diagnosable mental illness in the past year. Despite the high prevalence of these conditions, most Americans believe recovery from mental illness or substance use disorders is possible.

Every September, hundreds of communities come together to acknowledge Recovery Month. These events celebrate people in recovery, laud the contributions of treatment and service provid-

ers and promote the message that recovery in all its forms is possible. This year's theme, *Join the Voices for Recovery: Strengthen Families and Communities*, encourages communities to be socially inclusive, offering those in need of recovery support the chance to seek help, lend a hand and contribute to their community as citizens, parents, employees, students, volunteers and leaders. Communities can improve the lives of those in recovery by extending opportunities for meaningful daily activities, such as jobs, school, volunteerism, family caretaking or creative endeavors. Local communities can play a significant role in supporting those in recovery as they gain the independence, income and resources

necessary to fully participate in society.

On Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017, everyone is invited to join Sault Tribe Behavioral Health and Tribal Court in our seventh annual Recovery Walk. This year's schedule will be a little different than in years past.

Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. with our featured speaker, Rob McRorie, speaking at St. Isaac Jogue's Marquette Hall, 1529 Marquette Avenue, at 5 p.m. Rob's message of hope brings a fresh perspective to today's opiate epidemic challenging our youth.

The walk begins promptly at 5:30 p.m. ending in a community cook-out at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center on Ice Circle in Sault Ste. Marie.

The first 120 community members to register for the walk

receive a FREE T-shirt!

As we will be using more of the St. Isaac Jogue's parking lot this year for our speaker, a shuttle will run from 4 to 5 p.m. from Chi Mukwa to St. Isaac Jogue's. We hope you take advantage of this convenience and park your car at the Chi Mukwa and have

it waiting for you when the day's events conclude. The return shuttle runs from the Chi Mukwa back to St. Isaac Jogue's beginning at 6:30 p.m. with the last shuttle running at 8 p.m.

Please come out and share your smiles and let your voices be heard!



The drum joins in Recovery Walk 2014.

St. Ignace Recovery Walk set for Sept. 21

The inaugural St. Ignace Recovery Walk is set for Sept. 21, 2017, under the theme of Join the Voices for Recovery: Strengthen Families and Community.

The walk supports individuals and families in recovery and recognizes the positive effects recovery can have on a community. Walkers gather between 4 and 5 p.m. at the Elders Center at the old McCann School Building and walk to the St. Ignace Museum of Ojibwa Culture.

The public is invite to cele-

brate recovery and encourage treatment with activities, food and traditional lessons for children and adults.

For more information, contact recovery walk chairperson Russ at (906) 440-5696 or Bruce at (616) 648-6157.

National Recovery Month is sponsored each September by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration under U.S. Health and Human Services.



Police Chief Bob Marchand gets his T-shirt for the 2015 walk.



Recovery Walk 2016 with more walkers than ever.

Sault Domestic Violence Awareness walk Oct. 9

Please join the Advocacy Resource Center and Diane Pepler Resource Center for the 2017 Domestic Violence Awareness Walk on Oct. 9 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Registration begins is at the Niigaanigiizhik Ceremonial Building on Ice Circle Drive at 5 p.m. Walk and following free

pizza dinner takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. In case of a funeral, function moves to the Nokomis-Mishomis Building at 2076 Shunk Road.

First 300 participants receive a free sweatshirt.

For more information, please call the Advocacy Resource Center at 632-1808.

Spaghetti Benefit for Joe McKerchie Sept. 20

There will be a spaghetti benefit lunch/dinner benefit Sept. 20 from 12 to 7 p.m. at Sault Tribe's Niigaanigiizhik Building.

Price per plate is \$8. Each plate includes a single serving of spaghetti, garlic bread and a salad. Drinks are \$1 and dessert by donation.

Take-out orders will be available; please call 632-0239 on the day of the event.

Proceeds will help Joe McKerchie with unexpected expenses from his recent setback.

This event is being hosted by Joe's work family at the Environmental Department. For more information or to volunteer or donate please call (906) 440-7759.



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Thursdays 4-5:30 p.m.
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Recreation Center
2 Ice Circle Drive

Space is limited! Available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration is required. Please call Cody at (906) 440-4546 to register or for more information.

Thanks to all hands for help with the 21st annual Sugar Island Powwow and gathering

The Sugar Island Powwow Committee thanks everyone who helped during the 21st annual powwow. We want to extend a heart-felt thank you for your commitment to making this event so successful.

Gchi miigwech to Mick Frechette and family, Denny McKelvie and family, Cecil E. Pavlat Sr. and family, Joe and Colleen Medicine, Dan Gardner, Amber Belonga and Chris Pietrangelo, Joe and Rebecca Parish, Neil McCoy, Leslie Ailing and family, Jamie McKelvie and family, Brendan Shipman, Owen Nolan, Tyler and Laura Bouschor, Joseph Ailing, Joey Ailing, Jackie Tasker-Ailing, Graz and Adrienne Shipman, Ted Recollet and family, Chloe Gonzales and Dalton Butts, Anita Gonzalez and John, Henry Bouley Sr., Angeline Bouley, Alaysia Brewer, Edye Nichols, Jennifer Dale-Burton, all of the head staff, flag carriers, veterans,

vendors, drums, dancers and attendees!

We also say g'chi miigwech to all of our sponsors who help make this event possible. Please know that partnerships with our sponsors and supporters are vital to the success of our annual powwow.

Miigwech to Kewadin Casinos, EUPTA, Finest Septic, Sault Tribe Natural Resources Department, Chippewa County Health Department and Sacred Heart Church.

We apologize if we have forgotten to include anyone. We

appreciate all the help that was given leading up to and over powwow weekend. It is truly an honor for the committee to plan and work the annual Sugar Island powwow.

Baamaa miinwa niibing ka waaminim!

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Position Openings

4-H Program Coordinator positions available in Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac Counties. Application deadline Sept. 12, 2017.

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- ❖ Able to encourage teens toward independent living

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**Please contact ACFS if you are interested in becoming a foster parent:
(906) 495-1232 or (906) 632-5250**

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Director, City of St. Ignace Downtown Development Authority

The City of St. Ignace Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is seeking a qualified individual for the position of Director. Responsibilities include promotion, recruitment and retention of businesses, grant writing, budget administration, project oversight and serving as the DDA liaison to the City and other governmental and community partners. Desire a Bachelor's degree in public or business administration, community planning, public relations or closely related field. Strongly prefer experience with and working knowledge of downtown development and revitalization, and tax increment financing. Contractual, part-time position (approximately 32 hours per week) with benefits. Annual salary \$30,000 to \$38,000, depending on qualifications. Start date Dec. 4, 2017. Please submit letter of interest and resume to: City of St. Ignace, DDA, P.O. Box 203, St. Ignace, MI 49781 or email to dda@lighthouse.net. Detailed job description available at www.stignacedowntown.com. Call current DDA Director, Deb Evashevski at 906-643-8252 with questions. Deadline for submission Sept. 18, 2017.

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Don't miss out just because you moved away

Doesn't matter if you move next door or across the country, if you move from your residence to a new address without notifying the Tribal Tax Office and the tribe's Enrollment Department, you lose important benefits, such as possible tax benefits, tribal election ballots, elders' dividends, important notices sent by mail and newspaper delivery.

State Tribal Tax Agreement Resident Tribal Member (RTM) Status

A resident tribal member (RTM) is the term used for a tribal member whose principal place of residence is in an tax agreement area. The term RTM is not based upon members being enrolled members of the tribe, it is merely to designate between members living in the agreement areas and members

who do not live in agreement areas.

The procedure for tribal members to receive their RTM status is only through the submission (to the Tribal Tax Office) of an address verification card along with the required supporting documentation verifying their address is within the boundaries of the agreement areas. It is the responsibility of the members to submit this information to the Tribal Tax Office.

A member living in an agreement area is not automatically registered. Though a member may have lived in the agreement area prior to registering with the Tribal Tax Office, their RTM status will not begin until the Michigan Department of Treasury has been notified that the member has proven through

documentation their principal place of residence is within the boundaries of the tax agreement areas. The Michigan Department of Treasury will then recognize their RTM status (exempt from state income and sales tax) on the first of the following month.

Once a member is registered and given RTM status, it is imperative that any changes to the member's address is reported to the Tribal Tax Office. Per Tribal Code 43: Tribal Tax Code Section 43.1103,

Resident tribal members shall notify the Tribal Tax Office in writing prior to moving their principal place of residence.

— Tribal members must fill out an "Address Verification Card," and provide two proofs of the address stated on the card. A valid Michigan driver's license

or Michigan state identification card must be one of the proofs of address. The address on the identification card must have member's current address. The Tribal Tax Office will not process/register members without an identification card.

— Tribal members who are minors. If the minor has a Michigan driver's license or Michigan state identification card, a copy must accompany the "Address Verification Card." If they do not have state identification cards, then two utility bills with their parent's name and address (matching the minors stated address) are required. The Tribal Tax Office will not process/register without this information.

— Tribal member parents are responsible to request their

minor children (under 14 years of age) be registered for sales tax exemptions on motor fuel purchases. This does not require proof of address if only for motor fuel purchases.

For all Tribal Tax Office business, call Candace Blocher at 635-6050 or toll free at (800) 793-0660 and ask for ext. 26310. Members may also send email to her via cblocher@saulttribe.net.

Also be sure to call the tribe's Enrollment Department to ensure your address is current in order to continue receiving important official tribal notices, election ballots, elders' dividends, newspapers sent via the U.S. mail.

Call the Enrollment Department at 632-8552 or toll free at (800) 251-6597.

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Win Awenen Nisitotung welcomes submissions of news articles, feature stories, photographs, columns and announcements of American Indian or non-profit events. All submissions are printed at the discretion of the editor, subject to editing and are not to exceed 400 words. Unsigned submissions are not accepted.

Please note the distribution date when submitting event information for our community calendar. Submissions can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed. The distribution date is the earliest the newspaper can arrive in the seven-county service area.

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Prospective board members must be citizens of the United States, at least 18, registered with the Selective Service (if male) and not be an employee in any law enforcement occupation, an active or retired member of

the U.S. armed forces and have no convictions for any criminal offense.

Once identified as qualified candidates, they are recommended by the governor and appointed by the director of the Selective Service, who acts on behalf of the president in making the appointments. New members receive five hours of initial training after appointment, followed by two hours of annual training for as long as they remain in position. They may serve up to 20 years, if desired.

Board members are uncompensated volunteers who play an

important community role closely connected with our nation's defense. If a military draft becomes necessary, approximately 2,000 local and appeal boards across America would decide which young men in each community receive deferments, postponements or exemptions from military service, based on federal guidelines.

If you believe you meet the standards for Selective Service board membership and wish to be considered for appointment, please contact Major Robert LaPoint at rlapoint@harborps.org or (231) 838-0776.



Enrollment Department seeks current addresses

The Sault Tribe Enrollment Department is looking for current mailing addresses for the following members. Please call toll free at (800) 251-6597 if you have any information. Thank you.

Adams Jr, Donald H
Alleyne, Doralee M
Barnett, Kathleen E
Bernier, Paul J
Billings, Vickie L
Bobee, Joseph F
Bohrer, Michael G
Bouchard, Jerry A
Brewer, Karen
Cadotte, Jeffery P
Camp, Alexander
Cardwell, Karen C
Carr, Lester J
Carrick, Robin Y
Cervera, Claudia E
Chingwa, Mary P
Coughlin, Francis R

Crist, Marcella J
Cvengros, Joseph H
Dale, Mary M
Darnell, Mickie J
Erickson, James S
Falbe, Brian D
Ford, Deborah M,
Fraser, Donald L
Furness, Mary E
Gagnon, Lynne M
Gale, Danny M
Gaus, William R
Gereau, Deborah L
Graham, Nancy K
Green, Guy G
Greggs, Jason J
Grondin, Jay W
Gulseth, Patricia L
Hackworth, Ruth V
Hagle Jr, Willis E
Hansen, Marianne
Hartrick, Tim M
Hatch, Mark H

Heider, Robin L
Henschel, Michael F
Holmes, Donald J
Hudzinski, Susan M
Jackson, Jennie M
Jennings, Angela J
Johnston, David W
Kennedy, Patricia K
Keyser II, Carl R
King, Marie T
King, Timothy G
LaCoy, Debra J
LaLonde, Dennis G
LaLonde, Douglas T
LaPlaunt, Gerald W
LaTour, Daniel L
Leask, Rene'e
Lewis, Steven M
Lloyd, Jeffrey W
Locke, Mary K
Lockwood, Adrian B
Maleport, Sharolyn
Maniaci, William C

Marshall, Kenton F
Mausolf, Juli A
McKerchie, Burton S
Montague, Lark L
Moses, Michael J
Nelson, Linda G
Neumann, Merle J
Olson, Lloyd J
Osentoski, Donald P
Paciocco, Stephen J
Paquin, Carolyn J
Paquin, Kathleen M
Perry, Rick A
Pilon, James L
Powell, Patricia S
Quinn, Suzanne M
Resterhouse, Sandra L
Reynolds, Carleton S
Rike, Susan M
Rivard, Debra L
Ruggero, Leanne M
Runshe, Linda M
Scott, Sandra A

Sheehan, Kathleen M
Shields, Edwin R
Smith, Alfred L
Snider, Jeffrey S
Sosnowski, Paul M
Spangler, Rita M
Splan Jr, William J
St. Louis, Wayne A
St. Onge, Francis H
St. Onge Jr, Robert J
Stieffel, Deborah A
Sutter, Christian A
Thomas, Robert R
Trudell, Candice R
Valiquette, Denise L
Vallier, Mark E
Vittitow, Teri L
Warren, Bridget L
Welch, Michael L
Whisenant, Albert T
White Jr, Frank R
Wickwire, Donald D
Wolfinger, Richard D

Traditional healer hours

Keith Smith conducts traditional medicine hours on Sept. 5 in Munising, call 387-4721 or (866) 401-0043 and in Sault Ste. Marie on Sept. 6, 11, 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27. Call Peggy Holappa 632-0220, Kim Vallier 632-0236 or reception 632-5210.

For Traditional Medicine Program information, please call 632-0236, 632-0220 or 632-5210.

Units IV and V liaison hours

Units IV and V membership liaison, Mary Jenerou, is available for issues and concerns on these dates and places for the month of September:

Manistique Health Center: Sept. 5, 7, 13, 15, 19, 26 and 28; phone (906) 341-8469.

Munising Health Center: Sept.

6, 12, 14, 18, 20, 27 and 29; phone (906) 387-4614.

Escanaba Penn Star: Sept. 21; phone (906) 786-2636.

Marquette Community Tribal Center: Sept. 25; phone (906) 225-1616.

Cell: (906) 450-7011

Hogs for Hope benefit Oct. 21

Families Against Narcotics (FAN) is sponsoring its fifth annual fundraising pig roast Hogs for Hope on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Sault Armory in Sault Ste. Marie.

Tickets are \$10 (from any FAN member or at the door). There will be pulled pork dinner with

all the fixin's, entertainment, kids' games, a silent auction, bake sale, pie contest and a 50/50 draw.

Kids 6 and under eat free. This is a fun family event. All proceeds go to FAN of Chippewa County.

For more information visit www.facebook.com/fanchipp.

Sault support groups

Families Against Narcotics (FAN) meets on the third Thursdays of every month, 6:30 p.m., at the Huntington Bank meeting room in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, email chippewa@familiesagainstnarcotics.org or visit www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org/ chippewa.org or www.facebook.com/fanchipp.

FAN, your connection for information, resources, and support, is a community-based program for those seeking recovery,

in recovery, family members affected by addiction and community supporters.

Also look into Substance Abuse Support Group for Family and Friends if you have experienced loss, heartbreak or diminished relationships due to someone else's substance abuse.

The group meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6 p.m., at the Huntington Bank in Sault Ste. Marie.

Call Linda at (906) 440-7252 for more information.

Current committee vacancies

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

— Anishinaabe Cultural Committee - Four vacancies - males, (four-year term)
— Child Welfare Committee - Five vacancies (four-year term)
— Election Committee - Seven vacancies (four-year term)

— Higher Education Committee - Three vacancies (four-year term)
— Health Board - Three vacancies (four-year term)
— Special Needs/Enrollment Committee - Eight vacancies (two-year term)
— Elder advisory committees - One regular vacancy Hessel Unit II (four-year term), one regular vacancy St. Ignace Unit III (four-year term), one regular vacancy Marquette Unit V (four-year term), one regular vacancy Munising Unit V (four-year term), one alternate vacancy Hessel Unit II (four-year term), one alternate

vacancy Unit III St. Ignace (four-year term), one alternate vacancy Unit V Munising (four-year term)
— Unit II Hessel Elders Subcommittee - Four regular seat vacancies (four-year term), two alternate vacancies (four-year term)
— Unit V Munising Elders Subcommittee - Two regular seat vacancies (four-year term), two alternate vacancies (four-year term)
— Unit V Marquette Elders Subcommittee - Two regular vacancies (four-year term), one alternate vacancy (four-year term)

Pickford School tutoring starts

Academic enrichment classroom and individual and after school tutoring will be held three days a week starting Monday, Sept. 11 and continuing every Monday-Wednesday, 3:15 - 4 p.m., at Pickford Public School K-12.

Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities is proud to offer academic enrichment programming. Transportation provided upon request Monday and Tuesday only.

Call (906) 484-2298 for any questions.

Agencies sponsor tribal climate workshop Oct. 9-11 at BMCC

Staff members from all Michigan tribes invited to participate.

A tribal climate workshop sponsored by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Inc., Bay Mills Indian Community and University of Michigan Great Lakes Integrated Sciences and Assessment is set for Oct. 9-11 on the reservation of the Bay Mills Indian Community.

Staff members from all Michigan tribes are invited to participate.

The three-day workshop at the Bay Mills Community College

focuses on a different topic each day. On Monday, the group discusses successes and challenges of tribal climate vulnerability assessment and adaptation planning.

On Tuesday, the group talks about preparing tribal communities for the potential impacts of extreme precipitation events.

The workshop wraps up with the impact of climate change on the role of tribal women as educators and as the caretakers of

water.

Lodging is available at Bay Mills Resort under the group "Climate Camp."

For more information, please contact:

• Frank Marsik, GLISA, at (734) 763-5369 or marsik@umich.edu;

• Robin Clark, ITCMI, at (906) 632-6896, rclark@itcmi.org; or

• Aubrey Maccoux-LeDuc (906) 248-8652, amacoux-Leduc@baymills.org.

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ST. IGNACE: WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13, 10-3 PM

LITTLE BEAR REC CENTER

HESSEL: THURSDAY, SEPT. 28, 10-3 PM

HESSEL HEALTH CENTER

SAULT STE. MARIE: WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4, 10-3 PM

CHI MUKWA REC CENTER (BIG BEAR ARENA)

FEATURING:

A FARMERS' MARKET WITH LOCAL VENDORS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

FLU SHOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS, FAMILIES OF TRIBAL MEMBERS, & TRIBAL EMPLOYEES.

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BY TYLER THEEL

Turning the Tides

Since the beginning of European colonization in the Americas, tribal communities have been prevented from using resources now owned by commercial industries or federal, state and other non-tribal entities. Water is the most vital natural resource to culture and life. Native people have only recently attained high-visibility in national news media, in a case centered on protecting tribal water resources. This high-profile in the media was achieved with the No Dakota-Access Pipeline Protests (NoDAPL), but issues of Native sovereignty, in accessing land and water resources, have plagued tribal communities for centuries.

There is a long history of unfulfilled treaties between tribes and the U.S. government, a number of them remain unfulfilled to this day. Treaties almost always concern ownership and control over territory with resources and cultural significance to tribes. The most recent case where Native concerns reached national attention other than NoDAPL was the Wounded Knee protests in 1973 (45 years ago). This put a national spotlight on treaties broken by the U.S. government. The protests helped change the consciousness of non-tribal Americans, shifting attitudes more positively on Native American issues. It also served as a reminder to the history of tribal oppression largely forgotten by the public.

Another less widely known case over tribal resources concerns water access among the Navajo people. The Navajo were forcibly relocated away from the few water resources in the southwest so that the government could gain access to coal deposits. Today, an estimated 40 percent of Navajo people do not have access to running water as a result of the forced relocation.

The Wounded Knee protests only had a short-lived impact on non-Native consciousness and the concerns of tribes have continued to be ignored in mainstream news. Most concerns of First Nations people are unknown to the non-tribal public, since there is no apparent impact on non-Native lives. To be successful

at protecting our resources and treaty rights, tribes can show the ways in which natural resources are tied to non-Natives' interests, we can use the political goodwill afforded to tribal people since NoDAPL achieve these goals. We can also learn from the experience of NoDAPL to use for our own case of the Straits Pipeline (L5P), if we show our shared interests with the non-Native community.

In 1992, a provision to the National Historical Preservation Act (NHPA), declared that tribes must be consulted prior to any federal or state government approving projects affecting tribal lands and historical sites, directly or indirectly. The Dakota Access Pipeline posed two major concerns for Sioux people that should have legally forced the Texas-based company to consult tribes prior to construction, as per the NHPA. The pipeline posed a threat to the only water resources of the Sioux and the pipeline directly and indirectly would impact Native burial sites and sacred places. In both cases however, tribes were not able to express concerns or have any influence over the pipeline approval process. To make matters worse, less than 24 hours after the Sioux tribe provided evidence of sacred sites to the Dakota Access company, the company proceeded with construction with full knowledge of the impacts on tribal land, destroying some burial sites in the process. In the protests that followed,

nearly 800 protesters were arrested, coalitions were built between Native and non-Native political groups and the Dakota Access Pipeline became a featured media story. This high visibility caught the attention of party politics, caused public discussion, and caused even the U.S President to respond.

President Barack Obama used the military to protect tribal people and allies protesting the access pipeline. The Obama administration ordered a halt to construction until an environmental impacts report was conducted to examine the impacts of the original route and explore alternative routes for the pipeline. This was a historic decision for the Sioux people of the Standing Rock Tribe and, more broadly, for tribal sovereignty in national politics.

Standing Rock Tribal Chairman, Dave Archambault said, "We wholeheartedly support the decision of the administration and commend with utmost gratitude the courage it took on the part of President Obama, the Army Corps, the Department of Justice and the Department of the Interior to take steps to correct the course of history and do the right thing."

This momentous change would not have occurred without media attention and national political discussion. Unfortunately, Donald Trump made it a priority to reverse the order to halt the pipeline and conduct environ-

mental impacts reports. This past June, the Dakota Access Pipeline started carrying oil through lands sacred to the Sioux people and poses a threat to their only water source.

Why did the goal of the Standing Rock Tribe fail?

Groups who were in favor of the Dakota Access Pipeline presented their argument in purely economic terms. They described the Sioux as favoring tribal interests that were opposed to energy production and employment of pipeline workers, saying that if you are for American workers you must support the pipeline. What the Sioux and their allies failed to see was that they could also make a more important economic argument. Preserving natural resources maintain tribal and state economies tied to tourism, agriculture and other exports, along with the jobs attached to those industries.

Tribes may benefit by using economic arguments first, in order to show the shared interests with non-Native people. Social theorists have argued that non-minorities tend to only support minorities concerns when they believe a shared interest exists, and it's almost always an economic interest. In the case of NoDAPL, appealing to environmental concerns and cultural interests did not persuade non-tribal North Dakota residents to believe that they shared those

— See "Sacred Waters," pg. 22

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Gubernatorial candidate visits tribal facility

BY RICK SMITH

Former state Senator Gretchen Whitmer toured the Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on Aug. 2 with tribal officials. It appears the purpose of the tour of the tribal facility was for familiarization purposes as part of Whitmer's 2018 Democratic gubernatorial campaign. She announced her candidacy last January.

While in the state Senate, Whitmer represented the 23rd District, which is all of Ingham County, including Lansing and East Lansing. While she served in the Senate from 2006 until reaching term limits in 2014, she also served as the Senate Democratic leader from 2010. She was also a member of the state House of Representatives from 2000 to 2006 and is an attorney.

While touring the tribal facility, Whitmer seemed genuinely interested in learning details about the tribe — its people,

infrastructure and state of relationships with the state and federal governments. She asked many questions of those who accompanied her on the tour, Sault Tribe Board Chairperson Aaron Payment, Unit 1 board representatives Jennifer McLeod, Kim Gravelle and Michael McKerchie, along with acting Health Services Director Joel Lumsden. Health and Human Services staff also fielded questions from the candidate.

Following the tour, Whitmer and her campaign's communication director, Annie Ellison, joined the Democratic Party of Chippewa County at Studebaker's Restaurant in Sault Ste. Marie for a meet and greet session. After answering a variety of questions from attendees, Whitmer expressed some of her ideas from strengthening the voices of voters in the state along with creating more opportunities for gainful employment to expressing commitment to

return to the Upper Peninsula for informal gatherings in the form of coffee klatches with regional constituents.

Pertinent to Indian Country, she stated she is committed to the following issues:

- Continue the state-tribal accord.
- Adher to the state's tribal consultation policies.
- Fully fund the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver.

Regarding the tuition waiver, Whitmer said, "It is usually underfunded by \$350,000 to \$500,000 each year. That must stop." She went on to explain how the waiver helps not only students using the funding, but it helps economies and living conditions after those students graduate.

While Whitmer is the first officially declared gubernatorial candidate for 2018, one other Democrat and two Republicans have indicated they are mulling over the possibility of running.



WHITMER VISIT — 2018 Michigan gubernatorial candidate Gretchen Whitmer (third from right) at the Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., with tribal officials, from left, Sault Tribe Board Chairperson Aaron Payment, Board Representative Michael McKerchie, acting Health Services Director Joel Lumsden along with board representatives Jennifer McLeod and Kim Gravelle.

Families and Recovery: Donovan speaks Oct. 4

Katie Donovan is scheduled to conduct a speaking engagement at 6 p.m. on Oct. 4 at the Lake Superior State University Cislser Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., hosted by Families Against Narcotics (FAN) of Chippewa County. Donovan talks about her personal story as well as the family role in recovery, supporting

recovery and not addiction, preparing for holidays and substituting with positive activities during recovery.

Donovan is the executive vice president of the non-profit FAN, she also serves on the Executive Committee for Operation Rx and is a national speaker and certified family recovery coach.

After experiencing the addiction journey with her daughter, Brittany, Donovan dedicated her life to guiding others through the overwhelming process of finding quality treatment for substance abuse, coaching families through their own recovery and consulting for the treatment industry.

Both Donovan and her daughter

write online logs at www.amothersaddictionjourney.com, where they dig deep about their journey.

Folks can learn more about the Donovan family on the website as well as learn about services offered, online resources and see press releases about the mother, daughter and their organization.

Katie Donovan spent 20 years in the marketing, events and communications industry, according to the website. After experiencing the addiction journey with her daughter, she left her marketing career to focus on family recovery. She has dedicated her life to guiding others through the process of finding treatment.



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Hovies bring wood fired pizza to the EUP

BY RICK SMITH

Pizza lovers in the eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan should be on the lookout for a red, tandem axle trailer that serves as the mobile platform for a pizzeria that builds and bakes fresh pizzas like they do in “the old country” of Italy.

Sault Tribe member Sharon Hovie, and her husband, Stephen, recently put Carvito’s Wood Fired Pizza on the road after some market testing last summer.

“Well, we have both wanted to have a restaurant for as long as we can remember,” said Sharon. “Last year, we purchased a smaller oven and tried it out at home and decided it was so good that perhaps we should try selling it to the public.”

They took their oven and other equipment and set up shop inside a trailer at last year’s powwow in Sault Ste. Marie “with high hopes.”

After receiving very positive feedback at the initial event, they tried a couple more opportunities where again they received appreciative responses.



Photos courtesy of Carvito's

Stephen Hovie with grandsons Carver and Cannon McLeod alongside the mobile Carvito's Wood Fired Pizza shop.

Over the following winter, the Hovies decided to expand the operation and their daughter, Leslie Hovie, came on board as the marketing manager.

Stephen inquired with several trailer companies before coming to a decision on the platform that would best fit their needs for their operations. “He came up with the design and we ordered a new and bigger oven,” said Sharon.

The design met the requisite

health department standards and, in the meantime, the fledgling business acquired all of the other necessary official approvals and hoop jumps.

After getting the rig ready for business, Carvito’s took to the road during the summer setting up at various community functions and sites from the Sault powwow to the recent Harley Owners Group rally, which was also in the Sault. They’ll be setting up



From left, Sharon Hovie; her daughter, Leslie Hovie; and helper, Mikki Messer inside Carvito's. Interested folk can keep track of the shop on Facebook at Carvito's Wood Fired Pizza.

at varying spots in the future, wherever folks may congregate or create heavy foot traffic.

The Carvito’s crew is already talking about expanding the menu. “But, our customers do love our pizza and stromboli, which will always be our mainstays,” said Sharon.

Whence the name of the business? It came from a suggestion during a conversation

about Carver, one of their grandsons, with the manager of the Christopher Columbus Italian Society Hall in Sault Ste. Marie.

Those interested in tracking the whereabouts and availability of Carvito’s can log on to their Facebook site at Carvito’s Wood Fired Pizza. “If anyone ever wants to know where we’ll be next, our daughter posts it on our Facebook page prior to the event,” said Sharon.

New Totem Village proprietor has exciting plans

BY RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe member Ron Daniels recently took over proprietorship of Totem Village in St. Ignace. He plans on taking the business to new heights, and it appears he has the unique qualifications to make it happen.

Established way back in 1948, Totem Village catered primarily to the area tourist trade offering a museum, gift shop and, for a time, a small zoo. The previous management retired and 2013, according to Daniels, and the place sat vacant for a couple of years. After working as a general construction contractor for 38 years in Florida, Daniels returned to his birthplace of St. Ignace in 2014. He brought with him a specialty operation called Twisted Turtle Custom Cues, which produces beautiful patented pool cues that fetch around \$1,600.

“Most of my cues went to collectors,” said Daniels. But he put Twisted Turtle on hold when he took over Totem Village in November 2016. Daniels said he has long been an avid wood worker and has built many pieces of fine furniture for customers along



with more challenging projects, such as building secret doorways. “Anything challenging, I like,” he said.

One of Daniel’s goals for his new operation is to build an outlet for indigenous artists as well as other artists from around the area and from around the world. Currently, he said he is working with about 35 traditional and contemporary artists and crafters around the country. Other plans include promoting traditional American Indian culture by creating a concert hall for live music performances, recitals, workshops, classes, storytellers, guest speakers and other functions.

Perhaps the most exciting possibility, though, is the construction



A wall and showcase featuring contemporary custom birch bark baskets and other goods hints at just a few of the offerings of Totem Village. The shop also offers leather goods for wear, saddles, and a wide array of items to interest just about anyone interested in exploring.

of a typical Indian village as might have been seen before the arrival of Europeans. “Our thoughts are to build a Odawa village including traditional dwellings from other tribes as well,” said Daniels. “Essentially, building a walking



Photos by Rick Smith

Totem Village gift shop new proprietor Ron Daniels in his shop.

tour village.”

Totem Village has nearly 3 acres adjoining on which to build a village.

A long time abstract artist and musician himself, Daniels looks forward to promoting indigenous artists of all ages, helping American Indian youngsters to learn about the old ways of their ancestors and educating others about Indian Country.

At this time, the Totem Village buildings could be described as rustic, perhaps intentionally, to

blend in with the rural feel of the area. The wares offered in the gift shop range from amusing to fascinating in a wide range of prices.

With his unique background and appreciation for challenges, it appears Daniels has the right stuff to breath new life into this old bastion of the tourist trade and launch it to much more exciting heights.

Totem Village is about 2 miles west of St. Ignace at W1106 U.S.-2. Daniels can be reached via email at totemvillage@gmail.com or by telephone at (906) 430-7735.



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Tribal court team visits Tulalip healing lodge

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Seven members of the Sault Tribe Drug Court team and the Tribal Justice Planning Team, which includes law enforcement, ACFS, tribal court, the prosecutor's office and the Advocacy Resource Center, visited the Tulalip tribe in Seattle and the Healing Lodge of Seven Nations in Spokane, Wash.

Sault Tribal Court Magistrate Traci Swan said the trip was funded by a strategic planning grant for tribal justice systems from the Department of Justice (DOJ). A resignation of a grant-funded position resulted in a costs savings under the grant. The DOJ grant technical assistance providers recommended their team visit the Tulalip Tribe in Washington State because of the successful system they have in place, which includes their Tribal Action Plan, Tribal Law and Order Act and Violence Against Woman Act. The Tulalip Tribe also has a Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA) appointed by the federal government, which is something Sault Tribe Prosecutor Jennifer Sheldon is working on achieving for the Sault Tribe.

Swan said that having a SAUSA for the Sault Tribe would mean that Prosecutor Sheldon would have the authority to prosecute cases that are not picked up by the feds for various reasons, usually because the cases are not big enough for them to expend their time and resources. An example is domestic violence cases that do not fall under VAWA, where a non-Indian boyfriend touched a child in a sexual manner. A SAUSA would also be able to advocate more for federal prosecution and present evidence directly to the federal court and agencies. This would be benefi-

cial to prosecute cases that fall through the cracks and also open the door to our tribe being able to advocate for our own safety and well-being rather than depending on the United States Attorney or liaisons who do not work with our tribe closely.

The grant technical assistant providers also recommended the team visit The Healing Lodge of Seven Nations in Spokane, Wash. The lodge is a juvenile residential treatment facility for juveniles between ages 13-17 with substance abuse issues. It has a required minimum 90-day stay and a success rate of 90 percent. "With recently completing our Tribal Action Plan to combat substance abuse, it made sense to visit the lodge to see what programs they have, how they implemented them, and to learn what works and what does not," Swan said.

Sault Tribe Clinic Manager Tony Abramson, Swan, Probation Officer Ryan Wilson, Specialty Court Coordinator Pat McKelvie, Sault Tribe Behavioral Health Clinical Therapist Mallinda Lumsden, Sault Tribe Prosecutor Jennifer Sheldon and Assistant Executive Director Jessica Dumback all left mid-June for Washington state.

Swan said The Healing Lodge of Seven Nations was the most impressive facility they had ever visited. "It's a holistic program that accepts tribal children from all over the country," she said. "We are working with Tony Abramson and Joel Lumsden to locate funding for Sault Tribe children who are battling substance abuse and who are living in an environment that they can't get themselves out of, instead of sending them to detention, short-term and perhaps repeatedly, they can be placed in a successful

treatment center and focus on healing and longer-term rehabilitation."

She said the lodge's program is also helpful for kids who have experienced trauma such as the suicide of a family member. "Each child in the program has to write out their own story of their life and negative experiences before they can graduate from the program. A small trailer on the grounds holds a recording studio with a full-time recording artist to help take their words and put music to them, creating a song, whether country, rap or rock," Swan said. "When they leave the program, each youth takes a CD of their recordings home. One of the young men's songs was nominated and won a Grammy. The Lodge does not try to change what the kids look like, who they are, or where they've come from, instead they engage each so they can release emotions from their trauma and heal from it."

During their visit to Tulalip Tribal Court, the team sat through drug court hearings. They were able to witness how immediate the Tulalip's drug court's responses were for the client when everybody involved in the client's case were sitting at the table. "It was beneficial to have Tony Abramson with us so he could see how important it is for when we (Sault Tribe) hold drug court to have the entire team at each staffing, including the therapist at the table. It was a real eye opener; we came back from our visit and Tony helped us implement that change right away," Swan said.

The group also sat through a discussion of how Tulalip passed their Tribal Action Plan, from getting the funds to implementing it and what plans they've made, which includes a new courthouse



Photo by The Healing Lodge of Seven Nations
Above, left to right (back) Sault Tribe Health Center Director Tony Abramson Sr., Sault Tribe Probation Officer Ryan Wilson, (front row) Clinical Social Worker Mallinda Lumsden, Court Administrator/Magistrate Traci Swan, Tribal Prosecutor Jennifer Sheldon, Assistant Executive Director Jessica Dumback, and Specialty Court Coordinator Patrick McKelvie. Below, left to right, Jennifer Sheldon, Traci Swan, Ryan Wilson, and Patrick McKelvie.



Photo by Tulalip Tribal Court
facility. They were also able to meet with Tulalip's judges, probation staff and their SAUSA. Swan said it was a great day of observing different lifestyles and cultural practices within a tribal justice system. "The biggest impact here was our team learning that mental health and substance abuse are huge issues that needs to be addressed by each of us as part of a cohesive system."

Unit I elders enjoy annual special luncheon in Sault Ste. Marie



Elders enjoying some good food and company on Aug. 10 at the annual elders luncheon at the Nokomis/Mishomis Building.



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Photos by Brenda Austin
Michael Ritter (right) works on getting a core sample from his chosen log, while Matt Allard holds it steady.



Photo submitted by DJ Hoffman
Unit I Representative DJ Hoffman was tased after he challenged Law Enforcement to raise at least \$600. Over \$4,000 was raised from team members, the board of directors and the Kewadin Casino, so Hoffman stepped up as the 2017 taser volunteer.



Identical twins Jacey (middle left) and Bailey (middle right) Leask. Bailey enjoying the scent of a core she extracted from a log. Aikens and Allard, both from Sault Tribe Natural Resources, were invited to the camp to give a presentation on what it means to work in the natural resources field and what kind of education is needed to do so.



One of the cores extracted from a log.



Isaac Rochefort taking a turn with the auger.



From left, Matt Allard and Eric Rutledge.

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Tribal Court has full complement of appeals judges

By Rick Smith

Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court has a full complement of appeals judges for the first time in years, according to court administrator and magistrate, Traci Swan.

Three new judges were sworn in by Sault Tribe Board Chairman Aaron Payment during a ceremony in the court on Aug. 10.

In all, the judges include four Sault Tribe members, in alphabetical order: Rick Corbiere, Elisabeth Dietz, Jay Finch, Lori Jump and Karrie Wichtman.

According to information from Swan, Corbiere is an appellate judge-community member who served in the U.S. Army from 1976 to 1981 and has lived most of his life in the Sault Ste. Marie area.

He was the first member of the tribe to attend and graduate from the Northern Michigan University Law Enforcement Academy.

He and his wife of 39 years, Brenda, have three sons and six grandchildren. Corbiere has a background in public safety, conservation, youth hockey and served the tribe in many capacities.

"I feel I understand the value of our tribal community and want to do my part to make a difference for future generations of our tribe," he noted in court documents.

Referring to the acting health operations manager, Corbiere said, "I want to thank Joel Lumsden for his help in the process."

Dietz is an appellate judge-community elder who grew up in Sault Ste. Marie and attended Loretto Academy, Holyoke Junior College and the University of

Massachusetts and traveled extensively. She studied in medical, legal and insurance legal fields and went on to become a medical malpracticer litigation specialist and worked with Illinois State Medical Insurance Services. She also conducted medical/legal seminars for nurses at the former Marquette Medical School. She has been involved with American Indian issues since 1972 in various capacities. She retired in 1992 taking up residence in Sault Ste. Marie and later was key in establishing the Bawating Art Gallery in the Sault Kewadin complex, which she managed for 15 years. She and her husband, Harvey Bell, like to find time for grandchildren, gardening and faith. "As both pipe carriers and carvers, our foremost goal is still bettering the lives of our people," she noted.

Finch is a licensed attorney and has been on the Appellate Court since 2013. He is also the attorney general for the Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa, former prosecuting attorney in Dickinson and Ontonagon counties and public defender for Chippewa County. He graduated from the Michigan State University Detroit College of Law and is a 32-year member of the Michigan Bar.

Jump is an appellate judge-community member who has served in that capacity for ___ years. She is the assistant director of the StrongHearts Native Helpline and former executive director of Uniting Three Fires Against Violence, a statewide organization supporting tribes against sexual and domestic violence. She served the Sault Tribe criminal justice system in several



Photo by Rick Smith

From left, appellate judges Karrie Wichtman, Jay Finch, Rick Corbiere, Lori Jump and Elisabeth Dietz. Wichtman, Corbiere and Dietz were sworn in by Sault Tribe Board Chairman Aaron Payment on Aug. 10.

capacities before taking over management of the Advocacy Resource Center where she expanded the staff and acquired professional legal services. She was also appointed by U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder to the national Section 904 Task Force, which served to conduct research and suggest improvements in addressing violence against women in Indian Country.

Wichtman is a Sault Tribe member and an attorney who joined the law firm of Rosette, LLP, in April of 2010, became a partner in 2012 and named managing partner in 2014.

Rosette "is a leading majority Indian owned national law firm representing tribal governments and tribal entities with offices in

Arizona, California, Michigan and Washington, D.C.," according to the firm's web site.

Wichtman is the first American Indian woman to achieve managing partner status of a national law firm.

She has over 10 years of experience building and maintaining

relationships with tribal communities and served in an array of positions in local, tribal and federal governments.

She has also completed in-depth research is experienced in cases of Indian child welfare, economic development, tribal housing and tribal health care.

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Left, from left, Payment swears in Wichtman, Dietz and Corbiere on Aug. 10 at the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court.

Seeking tribal economic opportunities

By Joel Schultz

Last month, I introduced and asked for assistance in developing a Buy Sault Tribe concept. I want to thank those of you who were able to reach out and increase our database list of Sault Tribe member owned businesses. I also want to encourage you to keep the contacts coming, the larger and more diverse the list becomes, the more significant and impactful our effort will be. We have already had member-owned businesses express concerns and opportunities I believe we can help address. My email address is jschultz@saulttribe.net and I can be reached by phone at the main number of (906) 635-6050.

Another goal of the EDC is to evaluate and present business concepts to the board of directors for consideration. This can include start-up concepts, partnering opportunities and acquisitions. Over the years, the board

has had many acquisition and partnering opportunities presented to them; unfortunately, many of the concepts were presented as a last ditch effort to save the company or as an exit plan for the current owner. Our board needs to make sound, sustainable investments, and there are always risks. The EDC is working with the board to develop standards to evaluate acquisitions. To date, we are relying on primarily on capitalization rates of the proposed investment. Our role is to convert

the financials of the opportunity in to consistent measurement for the board to compare.

Applying this methodology has limited the opportunities for acquisitions or partnering, but it has also enabled us to make some sound purchases. I'd welcome you to present any investment opportunities to the EDC for evaluation; just drop me an email or a phone call to start the process.

Joel Schultz is the executive director of the Sault Tribe EDC.

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Tribe's 2017 Golf Scholarship Classic a bit hit

SAULT STE. MARIE — Golfers from across the state competed in the 17th annual Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic at the Wild Bluff Golf Course in Brimley, Mich., on July 29. The classic competition generated over \$75,000 for the tribe's scholarship fund.

The two-day event began Friday night with a reception held at Kewadin Casino and Convention Center.

The reception, sponsored by PNC Bank, gave golfers the chance to pre-register for the event and mingle with fellow golfers and sponsors. They enjoyed complimentary hors d'oeuvres and won a variety of door prizes donated by vendors.

The classic, the main event of the weekend, began with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

The O'Connor's Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram team won the mixed division with a 59, followed by Sault Printing Co. with a 62 and in third was DTE Energy with a 67.

In the men's division, Soo Motors Inc. took first place with a 57, followed by Helen Newberry Joy Hospital with a 60



Team O'Connor Motors won the mixed division of the 17th annual Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic at Wild Bluff Golf Course in Brimley.

and in third Cloverland Electric Cooperative / H.T. Hackney with a 61.

During the classic, golfers had the chance to win cash prizes up to \$25,000 and one of two vehicles sponsored by O'Connor's Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram and Soo Motors Inc. during hole-in-one contests.

Golfers also had the opportunity to test their skills for a chance

to win \$10,000 prior to the classic at the putting contest sponsored by Butzel Long.

While on the course, golfers were treated to a delicious cook-out lunch of burgers, brats and all the fixings sponsored by Sault Printing Company.

Following the classic, golfers and sponsors attended a banquet at Kewadin Casino with dinner sponsored by Gordon



Team Soo Motors took first place in the men's division in the July 29 competition raising \$75,000 for the tribe's scholarship fund.

Food Service. Sponsors were recognized for their tremendous support and contributions toward the fund. Attendees had the opportunity to win door prizes and participate in a silent auction. Closing out the night, prizes were awarded to the top teams in each division, mixed and men's.

Funds generated by the classic are placed in an educational fund to provide Sault Tribe members

with scholarships to further their education. To date, over 290 scholarships have been awarded.

The 2017 Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic was organized by Jessica Dumback, Tamara Roche and Jake Sillers and hosted by Kewadin Casinos and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Next year's event is scheduled for July 28, 2018.

Sault Tribe Higher Education scholarship recipients for 2017-18

Bernard Bouschor Honorary Scholarship, Zachary R. King, Berry College, major: education.

Don Corp Scholarship, Sarah M. Andrews, University of Reading, major: classics and museum studies.

June Curran Porcaro Scholarship, Sara L. Archer, Central Michigan University, major: psychology and Native American studies.

Pamela Cable Gershon Scholarship, Taylor J. Berthaume, Michigan Technological University, major: medical laboratory sciences.

Vic Matson Sr. Tributary Scholarship, Sarah E. Chase, Central Michigan University, major: biology.

Fred L. Hatch Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship, Chantelle H. Cook, Grand Valley State University, major: education.

John P. Carr Scholarship, Sarah J. Matson, Michigan Technological University, major: computer science, minoring in mathematics.

Joseph K. Lumsden Memorial Scholarship, Katy L. Matson, Northern Michigan University, major: clinical molecular genetics.

Lori Jump Survivor Honorary Scholarship, Madelyne Kruker, Lake Superior State University, major: nursing.

Martha Miller Tributary Scholarship, Crystal A. Duncan, Grand Valley State University, major: social work.

George K. Nolan Tribal Judicial Scholarship, Anna R. Harrington, Central Michigan University, major: law and economics.

Ken McCoy GED College Scholarship, Justin R. Lindsay, Lake Superior State University, major: environmental science, minoring in GIS and biology.

Mary and Harold "Cub" McKerchie Tributary Scholarship, Heather K. Schumacher, Glen

Oaks Community College, major: nursing.

Barb and Ed "Pie" Pine Tributary Scholarship, Mikayla M. Graham, Central Michigan University, majoring in community development, minoring in health science.

Wright-Hatch Journalism Scholarship, Kelli L. Jones, Colorado State University, majoring: journalism, minoring in history and sports management.

The Nokimos Scholarship, Christine Muscoe Anderson, Mary Sabina Osagwin and Donald T. Clark Jr., Alpena Community College, major: law enforcement/natural resources.

Donald "Duck" Andress Honoree Tributary Scholarship, Rob M. Robinson, Northwood University, major: business management.

Jerry Miller Honoree Tributary Scholarship, Matthew J. Michaels, Bay College, major: electrical engineering and minoring in computer science.

Kathy Syers Honoree Tributary Scholarship, Andreaka R. Jump, Northern Michigan University, major: art and design, drawing and painting, minoring Native American studies.

Forty Noah T. Leask Family scholarships:

Jerome R. Gervais, Michigan State University, major: in human resources and labor relations.

Mary M. Smith, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, major: nursing.

Meghanlata A. Gupta, Yale University, major: economics, minoring in computer science and international relations.

Nora E. Smith, University of Pittsburgh, major: applied developmental psychology, minoring in gender, sexuality and women's studies.

Riane S. Greene, Michigan Technological University, major: civil engineering.

Grace E. Ginter, Grand Valley State University, major: French.

Brittany L. Gervais, Western Michigan University, major: school and community counseling.

Maria P. Chase, Central Michigan University, major: secondary education, minoring in math and Spanish.

Sage A. Bingaman, Columbus State Community College, major: psychology.

Samantha D. Hintz, Wellesley College, major: internal studies or legal studies.

Trenton D. Maleport, Bay Mills Community College, major: law enforcement.

Marrisa D. Huffman, Radford University, major: psychology, minoring in biology and women's studies.

Paula N. McLaughlin, Colorado State University, major: graphic design.

Emma D. Harrington, Central Michigan University, major: secondary education – social studies with political science, minoring in history/English.

Mackenzie N. Knutsen, Grand Valley State University, major: physical therapy and athletic training.

Joseph W. Parr, Cranbrook Academy of Art, major: 3-D design.

Rebecca A. Chase, University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), major: business.

Chloe L. St. Amour, Lake Superior State University, major: nursing.

Eva N. Perron, Grand Valley State University, major: biomedical science/pharmacy.

Lauren E. Cvengros, Michigan State University, major: environmental/natural resources.

Caitlin R. Rohroff, University of Michigan (Dearborn), major: biological sciences.

Juliana R. Perry, Northern Michigan University, undecided major.

Presley D. Hakola, Central Michigan University, major: accounting.

Isabel L. Reid, Lenoir-Rhyne University, major: English.

Nicole Lesperance, Ferris State University, major: hospitality management, minoring in human resource management.

Chad J. Peterson, University

of Michigan (Ann Arbor), major: aerospace engineering, minoring in physics.

Anna A. Moug, Xavier University, major: public, philosophy and politics.

— See *Scholarships*, page 25

THANK YOU!

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In addition, a special thank you to DJ Kuczewski and his fantastic staff at Wild Bluff Golf Course for their great hospitality!

Classic hosted by Kewadin Casinos & the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Early cervical cancer detection important

Cervical cancer is highly curable when detected and treated early

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and the American Indian Cancer Foundation are urging American Indian women in Michigan to get screened for human papillomavirus (HPV) cervical cancer.

“American Indian and Alaska Native women are 1.5 times as likely to develop cervical cancer and two times more likely to die from the disease compared to white women,” according to the American Indian Cancer

Foundation. “Northern Plains American Indian women are experiencing alarming rates — they are nearly two times as likely to develop cervical cancer and four times more likely to die from it when compared to white women.”

Screenings should begin around age 21 and should be performed every three years until age 29. At age 30, women can begin regular pap and HPV screenings every five years until age 65. After age 65, keep in touch with your health care provider for direct recommendations.

Cervical cancer is highly curable when detected and treated early. The best methods to prevent cervical cancer and HPV

are to get vaccinated, practice smart sex, quit smoking and get screened. The HPV vaccine is recommended for everyone ages 9-26 to protect against HPV cases that lead to nine out of 10 cervical cancers. Use protection and talk with your sexual part-

ners. Anyone who has ever had anal, vaginal or oral sex can get HPV. Don't smoke. Smoking weakens the immune system, making it harder to fight HPV infection.

Don't panic over an abnormal pap. An abnormal pap test is not

a diagnosis of cervical cancer. Follow up with your health care provider to discuss your screening results and recommendations.

For a full list of tribal health care providers, visit <http://www.itcmi.org/healthcenters> to find the tribal health center closest to you.

Births — Parents welcome baby girl



Eislea Hope Mayer came crashing into the world on July 21, 2017, at 8:05 a.m., at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces and measuring 20.5 inches in length.

Welcomed in love by proud big sister, Cambrie, and parents, Colleen and Josh. Excited grandparents are Steven and Susan Michaud and Virginia and John

Kaunisto. Another beautiful great-granddaughter for Aljesa Michaud, Phyllis Bourdages and Rolland and Joanne Mayer. Watching over her from above is her Papa, Marshall Mayer.

An abundance of gratitude goes to Dr. Madeleine Guevara; nurses Laura, Elena, Abbi, Kara and the entire L&D staff at WMH for the extraordinary care of Eislea and mommy.

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“ We take care of our families by making sure they get their health check-ups, so why not take care of ourselves? ”

Janna H., Cervical Cancer Survivor



2017 Kitchi Miniss Munising Powwow

Photos by Rick Smith



Above left, a dancer looking splendid in his finery at the Kitchi Miniss Munising Powwow took on Aug. 12 under excellent weather conditions and stunningly beautiful surroundings at the Hiawatha National Forest Bay Furnace Campground in Christmas, Mich. Those who have never enjoyed the Munising powwow at the Bay Furnace Campground would be in for a pleasant surprise should they ever attend. The campground sits on the southern shore of Lake Superior in sight of Grand Island and features luxuriant coniferous and deciduous trees, paved roads as well as many amenities. According to Hiawatha National Forest information, Bay Furnace Campground is in Alger County, about three miles west of Munising on M-28 in Christmas across from the Kewadin Casino. Above right, a jingle dress dancer conjures the opening lines from the famous epic poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, *The Song of Hiawatha* — “On the shores of Gitchee Gumee / Of the shining Big-Sea-Water / Stood . . .” Leora Lancaster of the Bay Mills Indian Community, head female dancer.

2017 Munising Children’s Powwow

Photos by Ken McNally



Grand entry starts off the powwow.



Jennifer Meyer.



Munising Bay Singers.



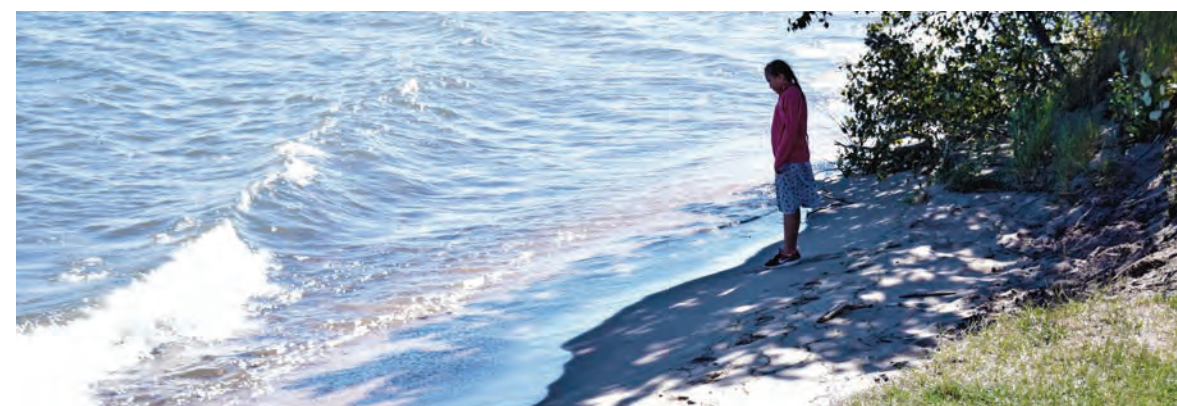
From left, head female dancers Molly Mattson and Katy Mattson.



Presumably, a mother helping her toddler to experience dancing in the circle at a powwow.



A young shawl dancer moving in the bright sunlight.



A girl stands in the shade of trees contemplating the waves from Lake Superior lapping the shoreline.



Norma Harger and Kupie Gage.

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From left, Kennedy Kammers and Olivia Wyers. (Photo by Stephen King)



(L to R) Josephine Pierce, Shirley Mendoskin and Elizabeth Landreville.



Leona Brown. (Photo by Stephen King.)

Gathering of the Eagles Powwow still flying high

BY STEPHEN KING

Over the weekend of Aug. 19 and 20, the 25th annual Gathering of the Eagles Powwow was held at the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe's powwow grounds, just north of Hessel. There, Natives from all over the area, as well as other areas, gathered in celebration.

About the name, one of the original founders of the powwow and a former tribal board member and current tribal leader, both spiritually and politically, John Causley, said, "When we were clearing the land for the powwow grounds, it seemed like there were always eagles flying around. Sometimes there would be six or eight or 10 of them. It was as if they knew powwows were coming and they were going to

be able to listen to the drums. So, we decided to name our powwow after them."

On the same idea, Lana Causley-Smith, daughter of John and current Sault Tribe board member said, "The eagles still come here. At every powwow, you can always see them flying above us. They are sacred to us and their presence is a good sign and it means a lot to us."

This year, attendance was again very good on both days. Saturday saw the most attendance. However, there were also a good number of dancers, drums, traders and attendees at the event.

As noted, powwows are geared toward Native Americans. However, all people from all over are always invited and welcome.

About this, John Causley also said, "For us, we like having other people at our powwows. It is a chance for us to show them our Native culture as well as learn about theirs."

As well as being a being a spiritual gathering, powwows are also a chance to reconnect with others in the community. On this, one of those attending the event was Sault Tribe elder Leona Brown. About the powwow, she said, "When I first started coming here, these girls (Lana Causley-Smith and others) were just kids. Now, they're running things. And, they do a real good job. I used to live in Hessel. But, now I live in assisted living in the Sault. But, I still enjoy coming to the powwow each year. I have some people

who help me to get here and take care of me. And, I really appreciate that."

On the other end of the age spectrum, 8-year-old Alexis Powell was also at the event. She said, "I've been coming to powwows since I was just little." One of her older relatives chimed in that, "She started really young. She was like 18 months old when we first started bringing her."

About what she enjoyed, Alexis added, "I like to dance and listen to the drums. Yesterday, I danced a lot. And, I like the food. And, powwows are just so much fun."

Overall, the event was again a success. The numbers were again small. However, this was never meant to be a huge pow-

wow. Lana Causley-Smith noted, "This is a traditional powwow." Suggesting that this powwow is not about getting the most people there. It is about the people there getting the most out of the powwow.

- Host drum: Mukkwa Giizhik.
- Guest drums: Sturgeon Bay, Sugar Bush, Baweting, Nimkii Nukimis.
- Head female dancer: Olivia Wyers
- Head male dancer: Jodi Gaskin
- Head junior female dancer: Kennedy Kammers
- Head junior male dancer: John Hutchinson
- Arena director: Butch Van Ellen
- Spiritual leader: John Causley.



From left, Lana Causley-Smith and Angelina Guerra.



Tribal elder Anne Causley enjoying some shade.

Lana Causley-Smith contributed to the photographs.



Catherine Hollowell, left, and community youth clean cedar.



Kayla VanDemeer



Virginia Schansema



Abe Bouschor.



(Photo by Stephen King.) Jodi Gaskin

Anishinaabemowin 2017

*Sometimes the smallest step is the most powerful step in your life.
Tiptoe if you must, but take the step. Find a word and own it!*

Waabagaa Giizis Leaves Turning Color Moon

By Susan Askwith

Anish Cribbage

One of the best ways to learn Anishinaabemowin is to have fun using it. Here are some things to say when playing cards. Although cribbage is the focus here, you can use a lot of the words in other card games too. As usual with these lessons, pick the words and phrases that you like and leave the rest for another time. Best of all, get a friend to play the game with you. Photocopy the list for each of you and keep it on hand so you can use the words as you play!

- Shuffle*Ndaashim
- I'll shuffleNda ndaashmaak
- Zhishim taadwinak*Deal the cards
- Giishkwash*Cut (the cards)
- Zhaabidiiz(Jack turned over from cut)
- Daapish*Pick it up
- Bigidish*Put it down
- Biinjiwebnaan nbaaganenhsing*Put it in the crib
- Nahaaw!OK!
- Midaaswi shi naanan, niizh 15-2
- Ngodwaaswi, **niizh n'debinaan**6 for 2
- Ngodwewaan niizho-biiganak** **a pair of 2s**
- Giin tam/ Niin tamyour turn/ my turn/ GO!!
- Naanan; kina waya niijiiFive; everybody's friend
- Beh!Hah! Gotcha!
- NiizhodeNobs (actually: twins)
- Nsimdinaaa shi bezhik!31!
- Ishkwaach taadwin; bezhik n'debinaanLast card for 1
- Gindaasan!*Count!
- Noomishin miinwaa ka moo*Watch me and weep
- Kina de'ak; naanan n'debinaanAll hearts for 5
- Niibide'aabiishnookRun of cards
- Gii wenpanatThat was easy!
- Kiin gindaasanYour count
- Oshime nishin biish gaa gegoIt's better than nothing
- Aanshim mtigoonhs *Peg your points
- Gaawiin gegoNothing
- G'chi pkinoonI beat you big time!
- Zhagaak n'biijmaamaaI smell a skunk
- Zaam minwaameziYou're purely lucky
- Gegwaa aanoodzikeDon't be greedy
- GimaaKing
- Gimaa-kweQueen
- ZhaabidiizJack

Explanations:

1. * All the words with stars after them are telling someone what to do. Only in cards are people likely to put up with you telling them what to do!
2. "Niizh n'debinaan" literally says "Two I get them" which English speakers would say as "I get two." If you're telling your partner "you get two" you'd say "Niizh g'debinaan."
3. "Ngodwewaan" indicates a set of something - a pair or a dozen or a six-pack maybe. "Niizho" is a form of two, and the "biiganak" sort of says there are two in that set.

Cookie Cutter Pattern (thank goodness!)

To count to 100, you need to remember how to count to 10 (**bezhik, niizh, nswe, niwin, naanan, ngodwaaswi, niizhwaaswi shwaaswi, zhaangswi, mdaaswi**).

For each group of 10, say the word below, then say "shi" (and), then finally add the needed number from 1-9.

- 11-19 -> midaaswi
- 20-29 -> niizhdana
- 30-39 -> simdana
- 40-49 -> niimdana
- 50-59 -> naanmidana
- 60-69 -> ngodwaasmidana
- 70-79 -> niizhwaasmidana
- 80-89 -> shwaasmidana
- 90-99 -> zhaangsmidana
- 100 -> ngod-waak.
- 100-plus: Use the numbers
- 2-10 to say how many hundreds you want to talk about.

Examples

- 62: ngodwaaswi shi niizh
- 185: ngod-waak shi nshwaaswi shi naanan
- 350: nswe-waak shi naanmidana

Pronunciation Guide; How to Sound Really Good

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

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

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

Health Comments of the Month

- Kaagiidiz na? Are you sore/hurting?
- N'gwaashkwez! I'm full of energy!

Weather Comments of the Month

- Nimkiikaa It is thundering.
- Nimkiik waasesewok. It's thundering and lightning



Medicines to Gather to Keep Your Spirit Clear

There are many medicines Anishinaabek gather from the fields and forests. You need to identify the plants well, know which parts of them are used for different purposes, when to gather them, and how they are prepared and used. Still, our four sacred medicines are easy for all of us to use. Tobacco is used to bring us in touch with the spirit world. Sweetgrass reminds us to be kind and gentle. It calms us and helps clear our minds of negative ideas. Sage has many of the qualities of sweetgrass, helping us clear our minds before ceremonies and teachings. Cedar is used to cleanse our homes and spaces of any negativity. You may have your own relationship with these medicines, meanings especially helpful to you. Be well.

Mishkiki	Medicine
Mishkikiikaa	There's a lot of medicine around here.
Pkibidoon mishkiki	Pick the medicine.
Wiingashk	Sweetgrass
Wiingashkaa	There's a lot of sweetgrass around here.
N'wiingashkwake	I am picking sweetgrass.
Minomaagwat wiingashk.	The sweetgrass smells good.
Pkibish jibikenhs	Pick the root
Mashkwodewashk	Sage
Bkwenesan mashkwodewashk	Burn some sage
Giizhik	Cedar
Giizhikandagoons	A little branch of cedar
Semaa	Tobacco
Bigidin semaa	Offer tobacco
Ndoo-bigidnaa semaa	I am offering tobacco.

Going Further

Here is another way to incorporate Anishinaabemowin into your life is to connect it to the ways we live our our culture. Sault Tribe has a Traditional Medicine program where you can learn your Ojibway name, clan, and colors and ceremonies. You can come to know some of the medicine plants and their names in the language, even volunteer to go gathering them. And of course if you have a health concern, our practitioner will help you explore that from a traditional perspective.

If this is an interest of yours, call (906) 632-5200 for an appointment.

Please save this page! Each month this year we will have another. Bit by bit we will learn together.

Annual Young Environmentalist Camp held

Sault Tribe's Environmental Department held its annual Young Environmentalist Camp on July 25 and 26 at the Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island.

Staff split the 21 participating youth into clans — Laura Abramson had the loon clan, AJ MacLaramore had the marten clan, Crystal Bole had the Deer Clan and Environment's two summer interns Baily and Dylan Leask had the Sturgeon clan. They made clan necklaces, flags and decorated backpacks while

learning about the clans.

The kids learned about water purification by making a water evaporator and experimenting with various filtration materials like rocks and sand.

They also learned about respecting mother earth and putting down tobacco as an offering.

Via playing games and hiking, the kids learned about how to identify some trees, medicine plants and invasive species. Afterwards, they made seed bombs.

The kids learned about first aid kits and what to do in an emergency and even made a mock spill scenario.

On the second day, kids played several more games, learned to identify some animals tracks and observed animal scat.

Right, Crane clan. Below, left to right, Marten clan, Sturgeon clan and deer clan.



Aikens hired as fisheries enhancement coordinator

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Rusty Aikens was hired last spring as the Fisheries Enhancement coordinator for the Fisheries Division of the new Sault Tribe Natural Resources Dept.

Earlier this summer, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors approved a reorganization of the tribe's treaty rights management structure by combining the former Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program and the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department into a single unit — Sault Tribe Natural Resources Department, with two internal divisions, wildlife and fisheries.

Aikens has been an employee since 2010, when he was hired by



Rusty Aikens

the Inland Fish and Wildlife Dept. During the recent reorganization process, there was an opening in the fisheries division that he

applied for and later accepted.

"It's exciting and a new challenge," Aikens said. "I had been more focused on wildlife issues, so to take on the fisheries position was a little out of my comfort zone but it is something I have experience with."

Aikens said he is responsible for fisheries enhancement as the supervisor of the tribe's two fish hatchery operations located at Nunn's Creek and in Barbeau. He said during the past few years the facilities were used for rearing walleye, with only the Barbeau hatchery operational this year due to the departmental changes being implemented.

Aikens said over 1.7 million walleye were stocked this year

in the St. Marys River, several Great Lake locations including St. Martin's Bay, Epofette, the Cheboygan River and Bay de Noc, as well as many inland lakes. "We will be doing some assessment work this fall to see how our stocking is having an effect on the fisheries and see what kind of percentage they make up of the fishery," he said.

Aikens oversees two Fisheries Division employees, Matt Allard and Troy Lear.

Sault Tribe staff have been involved in stocking walleye in the treaty ceded territory for over 15 years and have stocked in excess of 10 million walleye during that time, Aikens said.

"We will take a look at data that has been compiled and see if there are places that get more tribal use than others, and how that affects our stocking and what can be done to improve these places and come up with a management plan," Aikens said. "The tribe has a limited amount of resources to use to manage the ceded territory, so the question becomes, where should we focus those on?"

Aikens, father to a 9- and 11-year-old, attended Lake Superior State University part time since 2010 while continuing to work full time and graduated in December 2016 with a Bachelor's degree in Fisheries and Wildlife.

Tribal members walk on ...

THOMAS S. CAPTAIN

Thomas Sebastian Captain, 23, went home to be with the Lord Jesus on Aug. 14, 2017. He was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on Oct. 10, 1993, to Michelle Captain. He was a tender-hearted young man and a friend to many here in the Sault. He graduated from Malcolm High School and was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Growing up, Thomas worked many jobs in town and was a good worker, very dependable, for his young age.

Thomas is survived by his mother, Michelle, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; his wonderful son, Anthony S. Captain, 6; and special friend, Jessica Sheppard. He is also survived by his beloved great grandmother, Julia M. Captain of Sault Ste. Marie; his paternal grandfather, Thomas J. Captain; maternal grandmother, Cynthia Coullard; aunts Angela



Captain and Chris Cardreau; and special uncles, Joseph Niemi and Clarence "Bouncer" Cadreau. He is survived by many special friends, young and old, and his old friend "Neighbor."

A memorial gathering and feast was held Aug. 18 at the Niigaanagizhik Building. It was a time to honor Thomas and recall stories about him.

We will not say "goodbye," but we will say "Bamaa' Pii" to Thomas, which in our language means, "We will see you again someday."

A letter from Thomas's mother Michelle:

*Dear Thomas,
Unspoken words yet linger deep within, as your spirit soars free with the wind, like an eagle looking overhead, filled with Honor and Grace.*

For Life comes and goes with every setting sun. Your loved ones' hearts cry to mourn the loss of you, Thomas. My Mother's Heart also cries out for your happiness and all the good times that we had shared together.

Heaven sent us an Angel of Mercy to help watch over his loved ones when in need, and

most of all brought comfort to his family's heart. He showed us the way spiritually. Thomas's presence filled his loved ones' hearts with Love.

Family was assisted by C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at <http://www.csmulder.com>.

MARY M. SALTER

Mary "Miz" Salter, 85, of Gould City, Mich., passed away on Aug. 12, 2017, at her home in Newton Township. Miz was born in Ferry, Mich., on Nov. 29, 1931, during the Great Depression and grew up in Rexton, Mich. She attended school there and later was enrolled in a Catholic school in St. Ignace, Mich., and graduated from high school in Manistique, Mich.

Mizzy loved life. She worked as a waitress, telephone operator and bartender before landing a job as a postal clerk in Gould



City where she retired as postmaster, which was a very proud moment for her family.

On Aug. 18, 1951, the former Mary M. Goudreau married Jack Salter in Engadine, Mich. They made their home in Gould City where they raised three children, Gary (Dee) of St. Ignace, Jackie (Al) of Curtis, Mich., and Dennis of Gould City. Jack preceded her in death on Oct. 23, 2015.

Along with balancing work and motherhood, Miz was very involved in the local community and her children's lives. She attended sporting events, sat on the school board, held local dances, served as a Girl Scout leader, helped to organize the Gould City bingo games (she absolutely loved bingo) and attended Catholic church with her children. In her younger years, she sang in the choir, rode motorcycles, played guitar and performed in local plays at the hall in Gould City, which were a lot of fun.

Miz loved people and truly enjoyed making items for others. She embroidered and crocheted a lot of gifts, along with making baby afghans and sweater sets for family and local residents. She

enjoyed drawing, painting, cooking, visiting and had a true talent for baking and decorating cakes.

She stayed busy and was always happy when friends came to visit. Miz loved to travel, but rarely ventured far from home unless it involved her children and grandchildren. She was a doting grandma to her many grandchildren, along with being a favorite aunt to numerous nieces and nephews. Miz also has many godchildren.

In addition to her children and grandchildren, she is survived by her brother, Wilbur "Pudd" Goudreau of Houston, Texas, and her sister-in-law, Marge (nee Salter) McCullough of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

Visitation and services took place on Aug. 19 at St. Timothy's Catholic Church in Curtis with Father Timothy Hruska and Father Phillip Witkowski officiating. Burial followed in the Newton Township Cemetery.

The Messier-Broullire Funeral Home of Manistique is assisted the family with the arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mbfuneral.com.

Officer Parish retirement party

Long time Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Police Officer George Parish is retiring. Officer Parish's last day of service is Friday, Oct. 6, 2017.

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement is hosting a community luncheon on Friday, Oct. 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Kewadin Casinos in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Officer Parish has worked for Sault Tribe for over 32 years, the majority of which were spent in Sault Tribe Law Enforcement. We are sad to see him retire, but very happy for him to start his next adventure! Please join us in wishing him well!

For more information, please call Sault Tribe Law Enforcement at 635-6065.



Happy birthday Travis!

Travis Austin is 26 on Sept. 18! Travis is in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Camp Red Cloud in South Korea. Working hard and seeing the world, gaining invaluable insight into other cultures and having experiences of a lifetime. Am very proud of you son. Have a happy birthday. Love you lots.

— Mom
(Brenda Austin)



Innerebner medals in swim meet

Andrew Innerebner recently competed in the largest meet of his life. The central zone includes Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and portions of Ohio and Oklahoma. Michigan placed second to Illinois.

Innerebner medaled four times. Michigan A relay was ranked 30th. Innerebner placed 11 in the preliminaries, he swam to third place swimming the freestyle leg.

In the 100-meter freestyle he was initially ranked 21 in the preliminaries and swam to eighth place in the preliminaries and finished in seventh at the finals for a 56.17 time.

He also scored fifth place in the 100-meter backstroke, coming up from 14th place in the finals.

Innerebner placed second in the 200-meter freestyle, swimming a 201.13 with an aggregate time of five seconds taken off his initial listing.

Dyke Justin, who coached Innerebner, said they had specifically trained for the 200-meter race beginning in March. Justin said long course meters involve swimming a 50-meter course, which is the Olympic length.

Innerebner will go back to swimming short course ultimately swimming in the high school state finals in 2018. He set a record in 2017 for the 200-yard freestyle.

Four medals were a terrific performance Justin said, and indicated he hoped he could break him nationally in 2018.

Innerebner will swim with the local SCAT team until high school season begins and ends, and will start the process over with the state SCAT final in 2018.

Justin said Innerebner is the hardest working swimmer he has ever had the pleasure of coaching.



Sault Tribe Community Health

2017 Flu Clinics

Check flu clinic schedule for your area
and Mark your calendars!



ESCANABA AREA

Escanaba Tribal Health Center
Friday, Sept. 29.....10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 6.....10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

HESEL, DETOUR, DRUMMOND AREA

Hessel Tribal Health Center (*Health Fair*)
Thursday, Sept. 28.....10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Hessel Tribal Health Center
Monday, Oct. 99 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1-4 p.m.
Drummond Island Twp Hall
Tuesday, Oct. 109:30 - 11:30 a.m.
DeTour Community Center
Tuesday, Oct. 179 - 11 a.m.
Hessel Casino (Employees Only)
Thursday, Oct. 1912 - 2:30 p.m.
Hessel Tribal Health Center
Monday, Oct. 30 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 4 p.m.

MANISTIQUE AREA

Manistique Tribal Health Center
Wednesday, Sept. 20..... 4 - 7 p.m. (Enrichment Gathering)
Monday, Sept. 25 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 2 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 4 p.m.

MARQUETTE AREA

Marquette Tribal Health Center
Tuesday, Oct. 3 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 10 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 17 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 24 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

MUNISING AREA

Munising Tribal Health Center
Wednesday, Oct. 411 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 911 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 2311 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 1.....11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

NEWBERRY AREA

Newberry Tribal Health Center
Tuesday, Oct. 108:30 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 248:30 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-4 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 71 - 4 p.m.

SAULT STE. MARIE AREA

Sault Elder Care Meal Site (*Adult Only*)
Tuesday, Sept. 1810 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sault Tribal Health Center
Monday, Sept. 259 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Big Bear Area (*Health Fair*)
Wednesday, Oct. 4 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sault Tribe Health Center
Wednesday, Oct. 119 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 1810 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 2310 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 2710 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Kinross Rec Center
Monday, Oct. 3010 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sault Kewadin Casino (*Employees Only*)
Wednesday, Nov. 1.....10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

ST. IGNACE AREA

St. Ignace Little Bear East (*Health Fair*)
Wednesday, Sept. 13.....10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
McCann School (*Adults Only*)
Wednesday, Oct. 49 a.m. - 3 p.m.
St. Ignace Tribal Health Center
Monday, Oct. 99 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 169 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Mackinac Island Medical Center
Wednesday, Oct. 259:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
St. Ignace Tribal Health Center
Monday, Oct. 309 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 8.....9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Flu shots are \$10 for:
Non Native Employees
& Non Native spouses
*with or without insurance

Flu shots are FREE for:
Sault Tribe Members &
Members of a federally
recognized tribe

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLINICS

Escanaba Health Center – 786-2636
Hessel Tribal Health Center – 484-2727
Manistique Tribal Health Center – 341-8469
Marquette Tribal Health Center – 225-1616

Munising Tribal Health Center – 387-4614
Newberry Tribal Health Center – 293-8181
Sault Community Health Program – 632-5210
St. Ignace Tribal Health Center – 643-8689

Membership liaisons help tribal members find answers

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

If you are a Sault Tribe member who has questions or concerns but don't know where to turn or who to call, there are three membership liaisons working with the chairperson's office to help members find answers to their questions and help resolve any concerns or issues they may have.

Tribal members are encouraged to contact the liaisons when they need help with tribal issues by emailing membersconcerns@saulttribe.net or contacting them individually at:

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

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

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

Clarence Hudak (Units II and III) talks to members from around the country, but generally receives calls from the St. Ignace area, the northern lower peninsula and the Cheboygan area.

He said some of the most asked questions are what is available for health services and housing. "A lot of people are under the impression that if they come to the Upper Peninsula they can just get a house, and I have to



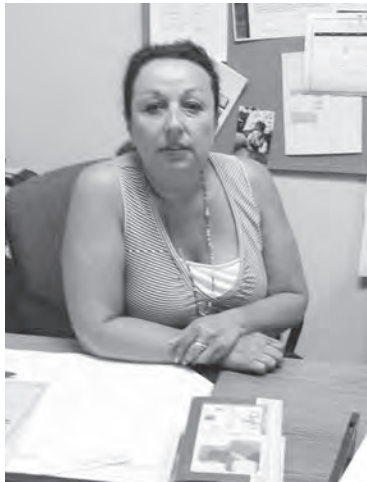
Clarence Hudak

explain to them there is a process, including an application and waiting list. I let them know not to move here thinking they will get a home right away," he said.

Hudak said another more common question is what programs are available through ACFS and what kinds of emergency assistance services are available. "I offer to help them with applications if they can get to my office, or offer to mail or email applications to them. I can also put them in direct contact with an ACFS caseworker that can then offer their assistance," he said.

He also fields questions about hunting and fishing rights, gathering and commercial fishing rights.

Hudak said he is there to help and will go out of his way to get members the info or services they need, or that are available to them. His office hours are



Mary Jenerou

Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lambert Center in St. Ignace.

Mary Jenerou (Units IV and V) also receives calls from across the U.S., but most of her calls come from members in Units IV and V.

She said she gets a lot of inquiries about how to renew enrollment, questions about direct services such as emergency needs, including heating, housing and elder services. Because the area she is responsible for is large, she travels between offices, spending time in Manistique and Munising and also spends one day a month in Escanaba (third Thursday) and one day in Marquette (the last Monday of the month), to help with membership needs.

Jenerou said, "I help assist the chair and board representatives,



Sheila Berger

collaborate with divisions and departments, and do my best to disseminate information so that people are not being left out of services they could benefit from. Everything out here on the western end requires travel and the needs here are of a different scope than other areas."

Jenerou's mother is former board member Martha Miller.

Sheila Berger is the executive assistant to the chairman and Unit I membership liaison.

As a membership liaison, she takes a variety of calls, mostly for housing, she said. And has talked to members as far away as Germany. Housing, emergency services and renewing membership cards seem to be the main topics of conversation. "I think what our members appreciate the most is getting a return phone call. We field so many differ-

ent questions and issues that as liaisons we need to know what each tribal department offers and where to send callers for information or help."

Berger has developed a spreadsheet for membership and board issues that come up during board meetings and tracks each issue until it has been resolved, and then closes it out.

"We also have a database where we (all three liaisons) log all calls and visitors that come into our respective offices, including any issues and any follow up done. Once the correct department has made contact with the person, or their issue has been resolved, it is then closed in the database," she said. "It's a bit more work, but we all have access to the database and know who spoke to the person in question because our name goes into the log."

As the chair's assistant she books his travel, handles phone calls, schedules meetings and makes sure his calendar is up to date. She also provides assistance to Legislative Director Mike McCoy.

Berger said that members don't need an appointment to stop by her office or give her a call — she is normally available between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and is located inside the tribe's administration building in downtown Sault Ste. Marie.

Culture Camp projected schedule for 2017-2018 season

The Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island is an avenue for the tribal community to perpetuate its ancestral beliefs and practices through teaching its people traditional life skills, tribal history and customary practices.

The camp's primary focus is

to provide Anishinaabe lessons and life skills to the tribe's children.

However, all ages are encouraged to participate and family participation is strongly encouraged. Increases in self-esteem are experienced by young and old alike. Families enjoy camps

together, creating a healthy bond for families and community.

The camp was the vision of a tribal elder, the late Mary Murray, who saw a need for "a place where little brown faces can learn about who they are as Indian children and where they can learn about their culture to become proud of their Native heritage."

In 1975, she generously donated the 40 acres of land the camp sits on with the stipulation it is used for the purpose of providing a place to maintain and preserve the tribe's traditional way of life.

Trust status was approved for the donated land in 1996 and the Sugar Island Culture Camp

was established.

In 2004, the camp was officially renamed the Mary Murray Culture Camp through tribal *Resolution 2004-120* in recognition of her generous donation and to honor her many contributions to our tribe.

The 2017-18 Mary Murray Cultural Camp schedule:

Mary Murray Cultural Camp is at 266 Homestead Road on Sugar Island, Mich.

Details will be announced. Please watch for flyers.

Raptor/smoked fish weekend — Sept. 8-10, ages 7-15

Traditional medicine fasting — Oct. 5-10

Corn lessons — Oct. 13-14, ages 7-15

University of Michigan tribal

climate — Oct. 15-18

Storytelling — Nov. 17-19, ages 7-15

Children's Christmas crafts — Dec. 1-3 for ages 7-14, Dec. 27-29 for ages 7-15

Winter survival — Jan. 5-7, 2018, ages 7-15

Powwow accessories — Feb. 16-18, Ages 7-15

Sugar bush — March 27-29, ages 7-15

Traditional medicine fasting — April 4-9, TENTATIVE

Warrior lessons — June 11-15, boys, ages 11-16

Ogitchidaakwe lessons — June 24-29, girls, ages 10-15

Young environmentalists — July 31-Aug. 1, ages 7-14, TENTATIVE

Cooking for families

Cooking and nutrition for families, two hours each week on Thursdays from 4-5:30 p.m. Sept. 14, 21 and 28 at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle in Sault Ste. Marie.

Free classes, groceries and cookbook. Topics: healthy snacks, food safety at home,

planning balanced meals, shopping smart, cooking tips and tips for eating out.

Participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. Please call Cody at (906) 440-4546 to register or for more information.

Limited space is available on a first-come, first-served basis!

Points to ponder about health risks of school bus idling

BY ROBIN BOUSCHOR, ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

It's that time of year again, the air starts to turn crisp and kids are heading back to school to begin another year of their education. It is an expectation that the kids will not only be learning, but be safe while they do so.

In the past few years, we have seen schools taking precautionary measures to keep people who would harm the kids under their care out by locking the front doors during business hours. Unfortunately, despite these measures children can still be at risk because of something that can't exactly be seen but can be breathed. It is called school bus idling.

The exhaust emitted by the idling buses contain high levels of fine particulate matter (PM). These particles are so small that thousands of them can fit in the period at the end of this sentence. These particles pose a significant health risk to children due to their still developing respiratory systems, elderly and people with heart or lung disease and breathing problems because the particles can easily pass through the nose and throat and lodge in the lungs.

The emissions produced by idling school buses can pollute air in and around the bus. This exhaust can also enter the building through doors, air intakes and open windows. This produces unnecessary engine wear, tear

and wastes fuel. When buses reduce idling, school districts can have significant savings throughout the year as a result. The end of this article will have a list of common myths associated with diesel bus idling.

To take action at a school where your child or loved one attends, call the school and ask questions about their buses. Join a parent advisory committee or go to a school board meeting and let your concerns be heard. If you have any questions please feel free to call me: Robin Bouschor, environmental specialist, at (906) 632-5575.

The information in this article was made possible through the EPA. Please visit their site at for more details: www.epa.gov/

cleandiesel/clean-school-bus.

Bus idling myths

Myth: It's important to warm up the engine with a long idle period, especially in cold weather.

Fact: With today's school bus engines, bus and engine manufacturers routinely suggest a warm up time of less than five minutes.

Myth: It's better for an engine to run at low speed (idling) than to run at regular speed.

Fact: Running an engine at low speed causes twice the wear on internal parts as driving at regular speeds.

Myth: Idling is necessary to keep the cabin comfortable.

Fact: Many buses maintain a

comfortable interior temperature for a while without idling. Bus routes should be timed so children and drivers do not need to spend a lot of extra time on the bus when it is not en route, particularly in hot or cold weather. Auxiliary heaters can be purchased and installed to keep the cabin comfortable.

Myth: It's better to leave the engine idling because a "cold start" produces more pollution.

Fact: Continuous idling for more than three minutes emits more fine particles (soot) than a restart. Emissions after a restart contain less carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and other pollutants than if the school bus idled continuously over a 10-minute period.

REGARDING RACE RELATIONS...LOOKING TO THE FUTURE:

Ahneen, Boozho, Negee,

Ignorance is bliss and the justification/excuse:

"Some of my best friends are [Black, Indian, Asian, etc.]"

....probably isn't going to cut it anymore.

As a darker skinned person and American Indian, I can attest to experiencing racism and discrimination directly. Members of our tribe in the Sault - experienced it directly through a Civil Rights case in the 1970s that we won. We were denied the most basic sanitation. The City had used our population to qualify for an urban renewal grant but used the funds for a tourist park. Our first major victory brought a \$7 million judgment which was used to insulate our housing, extend city water and sewer to our community and install our indoor toilets, showers and bath tubs. Our fight for our right to live in sanitary conditions like all other citizen of the Sault led to great racial hatred, prejudice and discrimination right from City Hall. This trickled down into the schoolyard and playgrounds.

I attended a segregated elementary school. Finlayson Elementary was the last built but the first shut down at the tail end of the baby boom. Indian kids from Sugar Island were bussed past Jefferson Elementary to Finlayson. About 75% of the students were tribal and the remaining low income White children from low income housing on 8th Ave. During my 5th grade, an

experiment called "Open Concept" was conducted on our school which created an even greater disparity in the educational outcomes for Native Americans in our community. I was socially promoted to middle school not knowing how to do simple division or know basic grammar or parts of speech. Today, we operate the same school; it is not segregated and we like it that way.

This was the experience for many of our Members in our respective communities across the service area and wherever we lived. Things are mostly good today. There is still some racial bias or prejudice in hiring and a latent undercurrent but it is almost not noticeable. We have Indian preference in employment at our Tribe but this is pursuant to federal law. Nonetheless, we are the largest employer for both tribal and non-tribal alike. We appreciate our non-tribal team members as part of our larger tribal family. In many cases, they are spouses, cousins, aunts, uncles, etc.

Speaking of family, nearly all of our Tribe's citizens are mixed with other racial ethnic backgrounds. A traditional principle in our beliefs (Anishinabe Biimaadziwin) is that we accept all aspects of ourselves including our mixed-race heritage. I am part White and I love my non-Native relatives equally. We share the same DNA and have the same grandparents after all. How can one be whole while repudiating any aspect of their bloodline or self?

Some have difficulty

understanding our tribal citizenry or membership. It is really no different from being a citizen of a city, township, county, state and US where the government exercises jurisdiction and you have inherent, civil, legal and Constitutional rights. The only difference is that American Indians have an additional level as reaffirmed (not bestowed) by the Supreme Court under the supreme law of the land - the US Constitution.

Regarding the current attention to hate groups, this is nothing new to the Indigenous and original people of this land. There is a huge difference of those groups who push for the full and complete exercise of Constitutional rights and those who wish to exterminate other races as an infestation or blight on society. The formal US Policy toward American Indians in the late 1880s was,

"Kill the Indian to save the man."

American Indians know a little about racism and genocide. America's segregationists', separatists', militias' and hate groups' repudiation of our United States' ideals that "All Men [people] are created equal" were treasonous and anti-American. These hate groups disguised as patriots have an ugly anti-American and non-Patriot past and legacy. The ideal behind their separatist purpose was the right to own other human beings. History is not on their side.

American Indians are indigenous to this land, and could say, go back to where you came from. Think of

the irony. After all, most of Americans who descend from those who immigrated here (A Nation of Immigrants) except the American Indian, were looked down on by their government of origin or came to our great lands for opportunity. But such an attitude to perpetuate the "go back to where you came from" would feed and fester hate and be - stupid - as again, most of the descendants of the indigenous Americans are mixed.

Given the very public lynching in Charlottesville, it is time to have the tough conversations and get to the heart of why any of our fellow Americans feel disenfranchised. As an American Indian, I can certainly empathize and identify with that. I believe we will find socioeconomic status, class and lack of economic opportunity will be the primary issue and less so on race, country of origin, creed, gender, religion, etc.

I have faith that we will get there as it is prophesized in our indigenous American beliefs. This is why, those who were cast off or fled from the tyranny of their country of origin, same to America in the first place. History is on our side. By 2050, the MAJORITY of Americans will be people of color. No amount of "Alt Right" or White Supremacy will change that. Neither will hypocritical immigration policy. I suggest we begin to heal the racial divides before this time.

I am a Star trek fan. Partially because I am a geek, but also because the existence well into the fu-

ture to look back and realize issues of racism, hunger, disease, and war etc. were all things of the past. In the Star trek cosmos, there is proof American Indians still exist as Commander Chaktay, an American Indians, and is second in command to awoman captain.

Live Long and Prosper!

ROSEMARY GASKIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Some people say, and others do. Rosemary Gaskin was one of my heroes. She fought for sanitation for our community, fought for our educational rights as a disadvantaged group but also as a treaty right. Growing up with Rosemary as a neighbor, I learned about social justice and activism. She urged me to run for Chairperson in 1996. She also presided over a racially diverse family which provided me and my neighbors the opportunity to understand the values in our Anishinabe Biimaadziwin of the four races of man. I believe I am a better person as a result of this. She also was a feminist who believed women's rights were human rights long before the famous saying was coined.

As a result, I created the scholarship below and gave well over \$30,000 of my own money into it. The scholarship is intended to help a Sault Tribe student like she helped me and preserve her teachings into perpetuity. Please share with fellow Sault Tribe Members and keep her gifts alive!

Aaron

Please Vote to:

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REFERENDUM ON RESOLUTION 2012-135

...to reinstate our longest serving Great Lakes Conservation Committee and our Inland Committee. Both Committees voted UNANIMOUSLY to keep the committees as they were. These Committee Members are unpaid. The Board receives a \$67,000 salary and 20% tax exemption to attend conservation meetings

Gathering of the Eagles Hessel Powwow 2017



LANA CAUSLEY-SMITH,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II

I would like to share with you some of the people and times of our annual summer gathering in Hessel. This report should remind us all of what matters and assure us that we are still carrying on in a good way for our people and tribe. I know that many members and elders worry about this and this report should ease that. We honored our veterans and remembered our ancestors, as it should be.

This time of year is so special to me, although I know I am getting older as I was a little slower on the fourth day (hips). Our community and committee starts planning for this gathering months in advance to make sure we have all the head individuals ready to participate and carry on our traditions in a good way. We lit the sacred fire four days in advance to honor our ancestors and show respect to the Creator and directions. Our firekeepers, Andrew and Jeff Causley, had the responsibility of taking care of that fire and the people who entered in there. They held themselves responsible and created an atmosphere that welcomed all to

offer prayers and find peace in that lodge.

Cedar was gathered and, as always, Catherine Hollowell took out her sister Ann's old truck to haul all of it over to the grounds to start our cleaning and preparing our swags to place around the arena and in the lodge, as little Hessel is known for, we have beautiful grounds that are protected. It does only take a little but we love the beauty. Many younger and older women get together and with pride and love, we clean that with good thoughts and think about all the people who will attend to keep them safe and enjoy the beauty of that sacred medicine. My two granddaughters give us their teaching and shared with us the story of the "How the cedar tree became our medicine." (Alanna always calls the tree a "he" but we are working on that.)

Next is the preparation of the Lodge down on the powwow grounds. Every year, we have to construct the lodge, younger and older men gather to get that in place for our fire and the people. Our older men are just that, and it's harder for them to get up on the ladders and take care of that for us, but they have completely done their part and carried on that teaching; our community is so thankful to have some very dedicated and committed young men that have taken the time to learn and carry that on.

Three young men, Gregory Currie, Zachary Bruce and Jacob Hamel (16-18), assisted Ken Jackson, Stacy Huffman and my husband to make sure the lodge was complete and ready. The lodge this year was an honor to be in and the laughs, hard work and commitment during the preparation of this was an over-

whelming feeling. These three young men committed four solid days to all the physical work we needed, listened to many hollering their name to come and help, took part in drumming as they have done since they were little and assisted every single person who asked them for help. I know that many fear our ways and our future as Indian nations are in jeopardy but watching these young men and many other young people commit themselves throughout the weekend, I have no worry as long as we continue to teach, as they have showed their commitment and dedication to our ways and community.

We held a talking circle for the people and the teaching given and the words stated where truly a gift to many, my heart that Friday evening was so full, that's the spirit of our ways and our community — my own dad commits to getting us ready for that and keeping that one of the most important parts of our gathering, this part cannot be forgotten or slighted in anyway.

The entire time we were preparing the grounds, we knew our most loved two grandmas in this community were at the tribal center preparing food for us and making sure everyone who came here were taken care of with coffee, water and food. Dorothy Currie and Midge Gugin have fed our people for decades in this community and the safe feeling they give us is just plain love. In a time when there is so much negativity, just walking in that kitchen for a cup of coffee can calm you, this is for sure not only myself who feels this way, these two have taken care of us and others for so long, they are there for all our feasts, births, sad times

and community needs.

Also a true show of our ways were the donations from local fisherman, Paul Barbeaux, who made sure we had fresh whitefish, and Scott Causley, who came on Friday and dropped off smoked whitefish, it was a good feeling knowing they took the time to give back to us with our traditional foods — we didn't ask, they just did this for our people.

As stated, our powwow committee meets many times in order to make sure everyone is in place and we are ready. I would like to thank them for that. (Thank you, Sara, for being the contact during the set up.) We carry on the tradition of offering semaa to ask those to be our helpers during our gathering and with that we host a traditional powwow with many personal gifts that people get and carry with them through their life. We were honored by participants that included Muukwa Giizick (our own community drum), Sturgeon Bay, Sugarbush, Bawating, Nimki Nokomis, Joe Medicine, Butch Van Ellen, Jody Gaskin, Olivia Wyers, Kennedy Kammers, John Hutchinson, Andrew Causley and Jeff Causley — these are the individuals who offered us their gifts and teachings to come and help us during the weekend. Chi miigwech.

Also, this time gives our staff at the Hessel Kewadin Casino an opportunity to take pride in what they do as a partner with us in assisting. Tony Laplaunt and Michael Pollard helped us at every turn, the front line staff hosted our people and patrons during the weekend and many showed pride in what we accomplish as a committed community. We have many local vendors and traders take part to show off their

crafts and offer their good meals. Carl Andress was with us again this year for a full fish dinner offered at his booth and he is always at the grounds to cut the grass and make sure it's ready for our guests. During this past gathering, so many community families and other communities came to be part of our weekend and the support shown was so heartwarming. We had cars lined up down 3 Mile Road and it showed our pride and commitment. We had a few hiccups but nothing that didn't pass or make a difference in our intent. That is the power of our ways.

In closing, and once again, in the times where there is so much negativity, this past gathering always reminds me and many others what it means to gather in our ways, take pride in our tribe, help, teach and love each other. That's our way! One of the most profound comments I heard this weekend was from our own Bud Biron, "The most powerful prayer we can give someone is to tell them I love you." That right there is our way and it could not have been a better time for our people at this past summer gathering, we have two responsibilities here and that's to take care of mother earth and each other. Its 4:30 a.m. (Coffee and good memories were in my thoughts.) This report and words from the heart are dedicated to my Aunt Catherine LaPoint and Kenny Biron, they were always here with us, and I miss many people who have passed, but I especially missed those two this weekend as I know what this gathering meant to both of them.

I sure hope you enjoyed this unit report as I enjoyed sharing our gathering with you. All my relations.

Special feature: Promoting Native sovereignty through protecting sacred waters

From "Sacred waters," page 6 interests.

There are potential threats to North Dakota's economy posed by the pipeline. North Dakota ranks first in the production of flaxseed, canola, durum wheat, all dry edible beans, all dry edible peas, spring wheat, honey, lentils, sunflowers, barley and oats. The Bismarck Tribune claims that one in four jobs in North Dakota are in the agricultural industry. Also, it claims that North Dakota's third largest source of income and fastest growing industry is tourism. The state has a population of only 700,000, but with over 20 million visitors per year, along with its specialty agricultural exports, North Dakota ranks in the top three states for GDP per capita for several years.

Recently, oil has become a major industry for North Dakota, but without having to conduct environmental impacts reports, there is no way of knowing the threat pipelines may have on the state's most important industries tied to natural resources and finding optimal routes for all North Dakota industries rather than the most cost-efficient route for a single company based in Texas. These economic arguments were not prominently displayed by the Sioux and NoDAPL supporters and caused a partisan divide in support, rather than widespread

regional support tied to locals' interests.

A consequence of failing to initiate economic arguments also contributed to a partisan divide in support of the pipeline at the national level. According to Pew Research, 75 percent of conservative-leaningers supported the pipeline and 75 percent of liberal-leaningers were against the pipeline. In North Dakota, only 13.5 percent identify as liberal. Support of environmental policy is associated with left-leaning parties and economic policy is associated with right-leaning parties. State lawmakers had the ability to intervene and invoke the NHPA given the impacts on tribal land and historical sites. However, there was not widespread support by voters, and there are political costs to opposing voter preferences.

Tribal people should recognize that economic prosperity and environmental preservation are not opposites, but are tied together, in most rural communities. Since most rural non-Native Americans tend to lean conservative, there is an opportunity for tribes to appeal to shared economic interests of rural Americans who rely upon clean water, land and air in agriculture, livestock, fisheries, tourism, among other industries that allow local economies to stay afloat long-term.

To ensure that tribes' environ-

mental and cultural issues can best succeed, three things should be practiced: 1) Always start by introducing the shared economic interests of non-tribal people; 2) do not allow partisan groups, such as political parties or other organizations to take over the issue or the tribe will lose leverage in state and national politics; 3) always show that preserving natural resources preserves regional economic resources that allow for prosperous and autonomous local economies.

Sault Tribe and other Great Lakes tribes can use this strategy for the Line 5 Pipeline that runs through the Straits of Mackinac (Connected to the entire Great Lakes water system!). Similar to North Dakota, only 22 percent of Michiganders identify as liberal and local/regional economies rely upon agriculture, fishing and tourism that require natural resource preservation. Moreover, Enbridge's Line 5 Pipeline, a Canadian-based company, has the potential to cause far greater harm to tribal members' resources, economic prosperity, culture, and way of life than the DAPL — and those threats also apply to non-tribal Michigan residents, in addition to the residents of several other Great Lakes states.

Enbridge has an extensive history of oil leaks and several of those leaks occurred in Michigan.

In 2010, a leak occurred in the Kalamazoo River basin that was the largest and most costly inland oil spill in U.S. history. Over 1 million gallons of oil were leaked into the Kalamazoo River, harming residents and animal life in the river and surrounding areas. The remnants of the spill still continue to impact recreation, property values and fishing in the river several years later. The spill revealed Enbridge was not well equipped to handle a spill in pipelines that run through water. Imagine what would happen if an oil spill like this occurs in the Great Lakes!

In total, the company is responsible for over 1.25 million gallons of tar sands polluting Michigan land and water. Looking at the larger history of Enbridge, the company is responsible for dumping 7.4 million gallons of oil during 71 spills within a 14-year span (1999-2013); that is approximately a half-million gallons of oil per year in the Midwest. Half a million gallons equates to over 10,000 bath tubs of tar sand per year, and a total of around 148,000 bath tubs of tar sands of inland oil spills over 14 years across the Midwest.

Since the decline of the auto industry, Michigan's economy has adapted by making use of its rich natural resources in the Pure Michigan campaign. The state

estimates that the campaign is responsible for increasing visits to Michigan by 27 million, total revenue generated by local businesses has risen to \$8 billion and more employers are able to expand their businesses and increase employment. According to the University of Michigan, the shift to tourism as our major industry has allowed for the unemployment rate to drop from 15 percent (5+percent above the national average) down to 4.7 percent (at par with the national average). Whereas, the Canadian-based company has not contributed to the state's economy and only poses a liability to the accomplishments of our economic recovery that relies upon clean air, land and water. Not to mention, the Line 5 Pipeline was only approved to stay in place for 50 years, and it has been 60-plus years and has not been adequately assessed for environmental hazards.

The next installment of *Turning the Tides* will provide more information on Enbridge's Line 5 Pipeline and ways in which our tribal community can successfully communicate to non-tribal communities and state officials that we share an interest in preserving our lakes.

Tyler Theel is a Sault Tribe member who recently earned is MA in political science at Texas A&M.

Showing community support in many ways



**CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

Congratulations to David T Clark Jr., the recipient of the Nokimos Scholarship Award. David will be a sophomore at Alma College where he is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in law enforcement/natural resources. Director Causley and myself selected to name the Unit II scholarship—Nokomis (Grandmother) Scholarship is in honor of our grandmothers—Christine Muscoe Anderson and Mary Sabina Osogwin—because we know how much it matters to all grandparents to see their next generation of children to be strong and prepared for the future. So, congratulations David and a big chi miigwech to our staff and participants in the annual Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic.

We all want to see our young people succeed in their dreams for the future, grandparents, parents,

family, friends and community — to encourage and assist our young people. They are our future leaders, regardless of where they live, or where their path takes them in life.

Pickford school district will be offering after school tutoring three days a week. Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities (YEA) will be partnering with this program and will provide enrichment programs. Transportation is available upon request. Please call (906) 484-2298 for further information.

Our hope is to provide similar hands-on academic and enrichment support across all the public school districts in Unit II (from DeTour west to Engadine). As always, “access to services” is a big challenge in the Sault Tribe’s rural areas. But each and every tribal student is important and we are determined to overcome the challenges we face in our rural communities because “Every Tribal Child Matters.” We can’t do it alone, however. Family and community support is essential if we are going to make a positive difference for our children. We will keep you informed about community planning and events and how you can help.

Our communities need resource and support, too. September is Nation Recovery Month and this year’s theme is “Join the Voices for Recovery: Strengthen Families and Communities.” Sault Tribe has been on the forefront of support for recovery, especially in Sault Ste. Marie. I’m happy to share that St. Ignace will be holding a Recovery

Walk to support individuals and families in recovery and to recognize the positive effects recovery can have on a community. If you want to get involved and show your support, walkers will be gathering between 4 and 5 p.m. at the Elders Center at McCann and will be walking to the St. Ignace Museum of Ojibwe Culture. Everyone is invited. For more information, call chairperson Russ at (906) 440-5696 or Bruce at (616) 648-6157. Remember: Prevention works—treatment is effective—people do recover.

On this same note, I would like to share info regarding the 2017 U.P. Fall Summit on Oct. 5 and 6. The summit topic is “Securing the Future: Treating Complex Issues Caused by Prenatal Substance Exposure.” If you are interested in more information, please call Tonya Joss at (906) 635-3647 or (906) 253-3103.

As mentioned above, it takes healthy families and communities if we want our children to thrive, so let’s all get involved in making our communities healthy—for our children’s sake.

Here is another area of concern that we need support from the community to overcome — domestic abuse and violence. Abuse can be in the form of verbal, emotional bullying or physical abuse. Again, it hurts the individuals, family and the entire community. Sadly, emotional bullying and intimidation has even affected our workplace and workforce—and that CAN NOT BE TOLERATED:

Please join the Advocacy Resource Center and Diane Pepler Resource Center for the 2017 Domestic Violence Awareness Walk.

What: 2017 “Violence is Not Traditional” Domestic Violence Awareness Walk

When: Oct. 9, 2017

Where: Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building, 11 Ice Circle Dr.

Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

Registration begins at 5 p.m.

Free pizza dinner!

First 300 participants receive a FREE SWEATSHIRT!

For more information, please contact the Advocacy Resource Center at (906) 632-1808.

Hessel held the 25th annual Gathering of the Eagles Powwow last week (Aug. 18-20). The sun came out as did the eagles. We had so many people step up and help to make this powwow so special. I noticed so many young children in the circle this year, dancing with their new regalia. Makes this Nokomis heart fill with joy.

I’ve left the subject of Great Lakes fishing and treaty rights protection until last. There are many things going on right now and I think it’s best to let certain issues play out before addressing uncertain outcomes. I do want to inform you now to expect a referendum ballot to be mailed out regarding tribal council’s vote to merge both the Great Lakes Conservation Committee and the Inland Committee into one committee. This is how the Advisory

Conservation Committee was originally constructed back in the early 1980s. In 2010, shortly after I was elected to serve, the committees were severed into two entities. It was very contentious at the time as I recall (I worried about fist fights breaking out).

We’ve now had seven years with separated committees. There are pros and cons however it is structured. Either way, it is imperative that our commercial fishers are directly involved with treaty rights concerns and coming Consent Decree negotiations—because there is a huge economic component to managing a living resource in a sustainable manner for future generations. Their wisdom and knowledge about the lakes, the fishery and the overall commercial industry is vital for a successful negotiation.

However, there is some history and concern that the Great Lakes Committee was used as someone’s “political vehicle” and we had a situation where tribal council—and members you elected to serve you, were shut out of the decision making process. I can assure you that dynamic will not serve the best interests of anyone over the next 20 years.

I urge you to vote to uphold the decision to merge both committees into a single Conservation Committee as it was originally constructed.

Any question, concerns, inputs, please feel free to contact me. (906) 430-5551 chollowell@saulttribe.net

Reaching out to veterans, LIHEAP changes



**DENISE CHASE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

The following resolution, American Legion Veterans Assistance Outreach position, was recently approved by the tribal board of directors.

AMERICAN LEGION VETERANS ASSISTANCE OUTREACH POSITION

WHEREAS, the American Legion Department of Michigan has proposed hiring a tribal veterans service officer for the purpose of facilitating additional assistance, including health and welfare assistance, for the veterans in the area of the Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, there exists sufficient third party revenue available to support this expenditure in this fiscal year and the next.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes and directs the health division and executive director of the tribe, to negotiate a satisfactory agreement

with the American Legion Department of Michigan, pursuant to which the tribe will provide a grant not to exceed \$85,000 annually, and the American Legion will hire and supervise this staff and will provide, at a minimum, monthly reports detailing all activities of the staff, to support the expenditure, together with such other reporting, as may be required by the department for oversight purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the health division and executive director shall ensure that oversight is provided to ensure that health services are made available and to assist in identifying any necessary services that may be added to the tribe’s health division internally.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the board shall provide the funding for this position for the remainder of 2017, and through the end of the health division budget cycle, ending in September, 2018, subject to review and extension at that time.

This resolution authorizes and directs the executive director and health division to negotiate an agreement with the American Legion Dept. of Michigan. The tribe will provide up to \$85,000 in third party revenue so a Sault Tribe member veteran service officer can be hired to provide assistance to all veterans.

The American Legion will hire and supervise the position. I would like to say thank you to Mr. Don Howard and tribal elder Tom Tuffnell, who have attended a number of board workshops and meetings advocating for this col-

laboration between the tribe and the American Legion.

It will take some time to get the position posted and filled but once up and running the service officer will be posting office hours.

Low Income Energy Home Assistance Program (LIHEAP) changes: By now, some of you who have utilized the tribe’s heat assistance program last year should have received a letter from ACFS Director Juanita Bye informing you that the State of Michigan has significantly cut the tribe’s LIHEAP funding for FY 2018.

This will have an impact on the direct services LIHEAP program applicants. Funding cuts by the state will severely impact the tribe’s LIHEAP program.

In the letter sent to the membership, ACFS enclosed a contact list of our state senators and representatives and urged members to contact them and express how the state’s decision to cut heat funding will definitely have a negative impact and ask them to reinstate the funding.

ACFS staff also enclosed a list of local community resources and contact information for other heat assistance programs you can apply for in your area.

For more information and/or assistance in completing applications, call (800) 726-0093 and ask to talk to a direct services worker.

Once the tribe finds out if the state funding cuts will remain, the board will have to decide to replace those loss of heating dollars with tribal support.

Two percent funding applications: If interested in applying

for 2 percent fall distribution for your project, please call Candace Blocher at (906) 635-6050 for an application due by Sept. 30. Projects are awarded funding based on a number of factors like the availability of funds at the end of each cycle, project merit and potential benefit to the communities. There may be other factors considered, such as project sustainability.

Tele-med services are coming soon to the Escanaba Satellite Clinic. This will be a pilot project and start out in the Escanaba area and then become available in other areas. Members who are already established at the tribal health clinics will be able to utilize this service. This will improve access to routine medical services and medicine refills. This would be a convenience to membership and would allow physicians and patients to communicate in real-time. Will update you in a future report. Also starting the first week of September, Escanaba area residents will be able to pick up their medicine five days a week at the Penn Star/tribal health clinic. The tribe is also working on a plan for mail-order prescriptions delivered to your house.

Job openings: There is still a driver position posted again through the elder services division. The position is posted for a part time driver. The position covers the western end. The driver would be responsible for providing rides for elders to and from medical appointments, hospitals, regional medical facilities, health clinics and doctor offices. The pay is \$9.32 per hour. If interested, call

Sault Tribe Human Resources Dept. at (866) 635-7032 or apply online at saulttribe.com

A student services assistant position is open until filled with the Youth, Education and Activities program in Escanaba. The wage is \$10.43 per hour. The position helps implement direct services for Native American youth, preschool through grade 12, and is aimed at academic improvement, career choices, cultural growth, recreation, drug/suicide/bullying prevention and socialization. The position helps with the development of program activities, recognition, events and recruitment of program participants. If you are interested in this position, look online at saulttribe.com to review the job opening and to apply.

There will also be tutoring position posted in Escanaba to start in the fall, so watch for the posting.

Chief solo dentist: Manistique. The chief solo dentist is responsible for the delivery of dental care at the St. Ignace Tribal Health Center Dental Clinic or Manistique Tribal Center Dental Clinic. The chief solo dentist is responsible for providing supervision of the dental clinic in assigned facility. If interested, please call (866) 635-7032 or apply online at saulttribe.com.

JKL classroom expansion: Director Morrow and myself were able to attend the groundbreaking for the JKL School, classroom expansion last week.

Please contact me by calling (906) 203-2471 or email me at dchase@saulttribe.net

Family fun at JKL's summer school wrap up

The JKL Bahweting Anishnabe PSA runs a six-week summer program for students enrolled at JKL. This

year a record 293 students were enrolled in the program. Family Fun Day is enjoyed at the end of every summer learning program.

Families were invited to lunch and join a variety of games and activities, including human-sized bubbles, multiplication

hopscotch, archaeology dig, face painting, life-sized tic-tac-toe, cup-stacking challenge, Native bone hoops, family photos by

Chris Paquin along with popcorn and ice cream. This year the school hosted about 100 visitors and 84 guests for lunch.

Photos by Carolyn S. Dale



The life-sized soap bubbles station was popular.



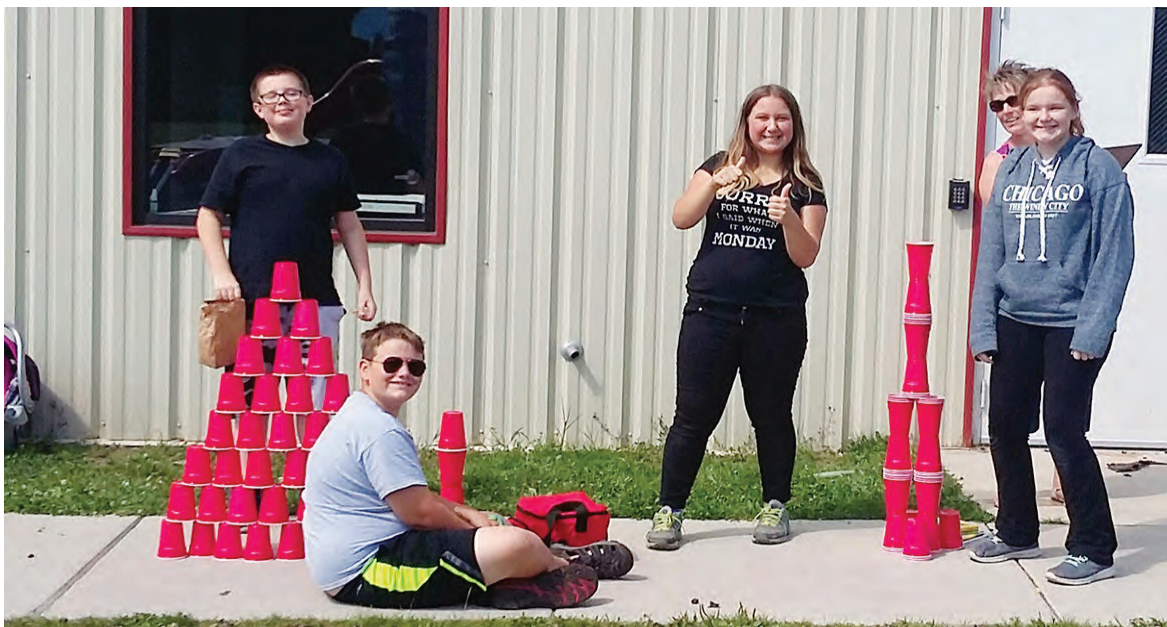
Reading Recovery teacher Barb Rogers paints children's faces.



Michael sports a green snake.



This lady won the scavenger hunt.



Cup stacking was another popular activity.



Amateur archeologists dig for artifacts.



Special Education Secretary Brooke Rizzo paints children's faces.



Families posed for family photos taken by Chris Paquin.



Nora with artistic eye piece.

Director Marrow updates Unit IV membership



**DARCY MORROW,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

I apologize for not having a unit report last month, at times the board of directors spins in circles and we keep repeating the same issues instead of moving forward. We can talk an issue to death and we get nowhere fast.

We have an agenda to follow but we are off on another subject all together and at times we never go back to the original agenda item. Hence the reason why we spin in circles and seem to move at a snail's pace forward. Someone needs to facilitate the workshops and meetings in an efficient manner; it would make the day more productive. We have team members sitting in the hallway waiting for their time on the agenda. They could be hours away from getting to their topic on the agenda. It's nonproductive to have an agenda and not follow it almost weekly.

I would like to encourage the elders in each community to attend your monthly elder meetings. Requirements to attend: be a Sault Tribe elder age 60, you can bring either your spouse or a guest no matter their age. It's a great way to get updates from

the different divisions. When changes happen, division directors are requested to come out to the monthly elder meetings, to give updates and answer any questions you may have. Elder meetings are a great way to meet new people and social network. Below is the current schedule for each community elder meeting with the place and time that they are held. Hope to see some new faces at the next Unit IV meetings.

Just a reminder if you are in the Marquette/Gwinn and surrounding area, their elder committee makeup has always been a combination of Unit IV and Unit V (Marquette County).

Unit IV Manistique Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the second Wednesday of every month after the noon meal at the Manistique Tribal Center. 2017 dates are Jan. 11, Feb. 8,

March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13.

The Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Subcommittee meetings on the third Thursday of every month at the Willow Creek Professional Building, second floor meeting room, 3500 Ludington Street. Catered meals at 5:30 p.m. are followed by the meetings. 2017 dates are Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21.

The Unit IV/V Marquette Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the first Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. 2017 dates are Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, and Dec. 7.

The Newberry 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. 2017 dates are March 27, April 24, and May 22 June 26, July 24, Aug. 28, Sept. 25, and Oct. 23. For questions, call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Just a reminder, Director Chase and I are available to meet with tribal members and team members to discuss issues, answer any questions about services the tribe may have available or help you get in contact with the right program.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,
Darcy Morrow
Unit IV BOD representative
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Department of Interior turning blind eye to trust responsibility?



**JENNIFER MCLEOD,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aaniin Anishinaabek, the ability of our tribe to buy back land that *used to be ours*, and then have it reinstated as INDIAN LAND, under our TRIBAL LAW and GOVERNMENT appears to be in danger. News from the National Congress of American Indians is as follows:

"On July 20, 2017, the Department of the Interior noti-

fied the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of its intent to issue a notice of proposed rulemaking to amend land-into-trust requirements. As described, the proposed rule would change the process for off-reservation acquisitions by creating new items that must be included in land-into-trust applications and new criteria."

What this says to me is: Tribes are becoming too successful in buying back the land that used to be theirs before the U.S. Government "obtained" it, hundreds of years ago via treaties. And, **now the feds want to change the rules** and, SURPRISE, the tribes are not at the table for the discussion or the decision. Once again, the federal government is deciding FOR US, what is "GOOD FOR US," as if we were children.

But we are not.

All tribes have ties to their ancestral lands, and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is no exception. However, what

the feds appear to be doing with these "changes" could have significant impacts on the restoration of tribal homelands, and make it much, much harder to acquire land that can be used to help support our people. In my opinion, these "new rules" will interfere with tribes being able to buy back land that used to be Indian territory in the first place, and makes it more difficult for tribes to have that land put into trust so that it falls under tribal law. In my opinion, this is the federal government turning a blind eye to the trust responsibility that it owes to all tribal nations, and is a direct affront to tribal sovereignty. You can bet that I intend to tell them so, and YOU CAN, TOO. Tribes have suffered for hundreds of years, but now that they have finally reached a point where the tribes can start buying back land that **used to be theirs** the feds want to "change the rules." However, there is someone who can stop this, Secretary Zinke. NCAI has written a letter to

Secretary Zinke "*explaining the importance of trust land and urging the Department of the Interior to uphold the trust responsibility. The letter specifically requests that the department do the following:*

– *Withdraw the notice of intent to engage in proposed rulemaking;*

– *Uphold the trust responsibility and engage in thorough, meaningful government-to-government consultation prior to formulating any policy or proposal related to amending the land-into-trust regulations; and*

– *Prepare a framing paper before formulating any policy or proposal in order to refine objectives, ensure tribes are engaged in the scoping process, and ensure tribal concerns are included in the process before a regulation is drafted."*

You can help protect tribal sovereignty. Write to Secretary Zinke. Call Secretary Zinke. Tell him it's not OK to change the rules, it's NOT ok to ignore tribes

and not include them in the decision making, and it's NOT OK to turn a blind eye to the violation of the trust responsibility owed to tribal nations.

**The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior**

1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240
Ph: (202) 208-3100

RE: RIN 1076-AF36: Off Reservation Trust Acquisitions and action on Trust Acquisitions Requests

Let YOUR voice be heard, he's going to hear mine. Anishinaabe gagige (Anishinaabe for always), Jen (906) 440-9151 jennifer.mcleod.2012@gmail.com

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2017-18 Higher Education Scholarship recipients

From page 12—
Karen G. Moses, Northern Michigan University and Bay Mills Community College, major: Native American studies.

Peyton R. Belonga, Grand Valley State University, major: advertising and public relations.

Jacob D. Driedric, Lake Superior State University, major: criminal justice.

Cheryl M. Nolan, Central Michigan University, major: business administration, minoring in management.

Elle K. Sawyer, Central Michigan University, major: biology, natural resources, minoring in statistics and philosophy.

Emily J. Havlena, Northern Michigan University, major: elementary education, minoring in social studies and language arts.

Andrew M. Jordan, University of North Carolina, major: chemistry.

Allison M. Jordan, Colgate University, major: social science/peace and conflict studies.

Carter H. Frisch, Grand

Rapids Community College, major: business/marketing.

Cole C. Ives, Central Michigan University, major: mechanical engineering technology.

Bailey A. Birenbaum, Marquette University, major: nursing.

Zachary N. Jodoin, Northern Michigan University, major: biology/physiology.

Macie L. White, Central Michigan University, major: premed (bio-medical) sciences.

Special needs scholarships were awarded to two recipients under the age of 18 and two recipients over age 18.

Sault Tribe Higher Education offers these scholarships again for the 2018-19 academic year starting on April 1, 2018. For more information, please feel free to visit our website at www.saulttribe.com and visit the Higher Education section. For questions, please contact Brandi MacArthur, administrative assistant, at bmacarthur@saulttribe.net.

Bahweting Dgwaagi Jiibaakwe

Annual Fall Feast



Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building
11 Ice Circle Drive
Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783

Saturday October 28, 2017

12:00pm-Ceremony Starts

5:00pm-Feast

Please bring a dish to pass.

Bring your loved ones favorite foods, pictures, and stories to share.

Feast Bundles Welcome



For more information please contact the Cultural Division at (906) 635-6050

Niigaanagiizhik Community Clean Up Day

Oct. 6, 2017
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
11 Ice Circle Drive
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Please join us for a day of cleaning and organizing at Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building. We want to bring the community feel back into the building.

This is also the time to drop off any donated items. Things that are typically needed at the building: hand towels, bulk food items, pots, pans, tupperware and other applicable items. Please make sure items are new or in nice condition.

Snacks will be provided for participants.

For more information, call Colleen Medicine at (906) 635-6050.

On medical care , a great loss and other matters



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

I took my first born to college this weekend to begin a utility technician program and play hockey. The time sure did go by in the blink of an eye. I am very proud of my son and all those that take a step in the next chapter of their lives. Being an adult is not always as fun as you thought it to be when you were in high school. Good luck to all the college freshmen, returning

students and graduates who have enlisted to serve our country.

I would like to remind everyone who is signed up for contract health, to please make sure to follow the process to help with the billing. When a tribal doctor refers you to a specialist or another outside doctor or for a test, please call your worker at PRC (Patient Referred Care) at (906) 632-5220. The only time that I believe you do not have to call for a voucher is when you use the Mackinac Straits Lab for a blood draw. If you need physical therapy in the same building you must call for a voucher.

Sault Tribe will no longer assist in paying for walk-in/emergency room services to an outside entity when our tribal health clinics are open, unless you have been referred from the clinic. If you are seeking treatment when our clinics are closed, you must call the After Hour Triage Nurse for medical advice before seeking care elsewhere for possible payment by the tribe. Call the health center

you are normally seen at: Sault (906) 632-5200, St. Ignace (906) 643-8689, Manistique (906) 341-8469 and Munising (906) 387-4721. If you have a medical emergency, you must call Purchased Referred Care at (906) 632-5200 or (800) 922-0582 within 72 hours for your urgent/emergent voucher request.

Our community lost a great man on Aug. 24, Howard Everson. I was unable to attend his service as I had to bring my son to school. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and wife, Charlotte.

The Kewadin Shores staff, entertainment staff and the team members from the other casinos did a great job with the Josh Turner concert. The amount of rain played havoc on placing the stage and resulted in a last minute move. I did not attend, as I am not a country fan but was around the property during and after the show and heard many great things about it. St. Ignace is sort of a central location for

those below the bridge and not too far for those in the Soo or Canada. The St. Ignace Jr. Saints football team helped pick up trash, cans and chairs after the show so a wedding could take place the next day.

Director Massaway and myself purchased a commercial grill for our elders and cooked lunch for their picnic on Aug. 23. The grill can now be used by them for fundraisers or by the cooks to prepare a meal. We always have a good time and good food. I forgot all about taking any pictures this year.

Our HR director has resigned and the job has been posted. I am hoping we can get a consultant to help transition the department and aid in the search. We have yet to fill the health director and the CFO positions.

Our last several Tuesday workshops have been quite unproductive since many board members are absent, leave early and come and go throughout the day. Video conferencing seems to be distracting to those in the

room and those in other areas don't have all the information that is discussed. These factors make it hard on staff that want to meet with us and end up being pushed to a later time or canceled for an unknown time. We have many things on the horizon with budgets, strategic planning, policy changes, wage compression, etc., that are in need of our attention.

The chairman has circulated a petition in regards to the board's decision to combine the inland hunting and fishing committee and the Great Lakes committee. The board received copies of the petition and has 30 days from receipt of the petition to take action.

The St. Ignace elder complex is coming along and should be completed by early summer of 2018. If you are interested, please call (906) 495-1450 for an application.

Please feel free to call me at (906) 430-0536, email bsorenson@saulttribe.net or bridgett91@yahoo.com.

Nelson on veterans, scholarships and more . . .



**ANITA NELSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT V**

I'm sorry if my last month's unit report was short and looked cut off. The second page didn't get published. I will mention something of importance in this report but most of it would be outdated now. I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer with your family. I am doing the same with my family in Nevada on a short vacation, but as you can see, still working.

I would like to take a moment to thank the board members and chair for traveling for various tribal activities for the betterment of our tribal government. Thanks Aaron

Payment and Joel Schultz for representing the tribe at the Tribal Energy Workshop and meeting in Washington, D.C., at the White House. Thank you Jennifer McLeod and Keith Massaway for your tribal efforts in San Diego, Calif. Your travels and representation of the tribe do not go unnoticed.

On July 25-27, I attended the Michigan Indian Elders Conference in Mount Pleasant, Mich., as the tribal alternate to that board. I furnished a list of the nine students who won scholarships through the MIEA to administration for publishing, so I won't mention all of them here. Please reference the newspaper for a list of names. Over \$3,500 was raised at our auction to add to the next scholarship fund. Please remember, you can apply electronically on the MIEA website where more information regarding this organization can be found. The next conference will be hosted by the Keweenaw Bay Chippewa Tribe Oct. 9-11, 2017, in L'Anse, Mich. If you need help with applications, I can print out the application forms. For those who do not have computer access, I try to announce this at local board meetings.

Tom Derwin, MIEA president, also makes a regular report at his meetings. Dawn Lenger, MIEA secretary, presented us with a documentary the last meeting that brought tears to our eyes regarding hospice care. It was overwhelming for all who saw it. I asked her if we could have the presentation to show our elders back home and she said she would be willing to present it herself. We need to set up a date with her so we can disseminate this information to everyone who may be interested.

Veterans concerns in the County of Marquette. The Selective Service System wants to hear from Native men and women around the state of Michigan. We are looking for individuals who might be willing to serve as members of local draft boards in your county of residence. They have a current opening in Marquette, Luce, Iron and Roscommon counties. Please contact me if you are interested in the Marquette position.

Also, would like to inform veterans that there will be a Monday series of articles called "Relief for Veterans" published

in The Mining Journal. These articles will inform veterans and their families of benefits that will help them. If you don't get The Mining Journal, the website is www.co.marquette.mi.us (MCDVA website). Information and application can be found at the Marquette DVA office as well.

The Aug. 15 Mining Journal article is about the Soldier Sailor Relief Act. When bills pile up, the rent or mortgage is due or the family car breaks down and the money just isn't there, relief is priceless. Information furnished by Cali Hunter.

Again, our Unit V Kitchi-Miniss Jiingtamok (powwow) was a great success. It was held Aug. 12 on the shores of Lake Superior. Thanks to all of our volunteer workers, drummers, dancers, cooks, firekeeper, transporters, MC and thank you to all our wonderful vendors. I want to give special credit to a team member from the casino (VW) who not only worked her own position that week at the Casino but found time to volunteer her services to us, thank you! You are truly appreciated.

Most of the tribal members in the Unit V area are descendants of Chief Nawbeynash who resided on Grand Island. The chief and his tribe traveled throughout this area and actually occupied the shores of where our powwow is held. You can feel the spirit of this tribe and his descendants in the air as we spent the day there.

Please mark your calendar for our Christmas Casino team member picnic Sunday, Sept. 10 at noon. Our Munising Unit V Elder Board has open positions. We meet the first and third Thursday of the month at the Grand Island Room in Munising. The Marquette Unit IV-V Elder Group has their meeting and dinner at the Holiday Inn in Marquette at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month (Sept. 7). The next board meeting will be in Munising on Sept. 18, 2017.

My quote for the month: "The louder he talked of his honor...the faster I counted my spoons."

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Staff busy working on budgets for coming year



**KIMBERLE GRAVELLE
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Hello, I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer. Summer months have been busy ones for your tribal representatives meeting with the different branches of government at the federal and state levels.

Director McKerchie; Joel Lumsden, acting director of health services; Juanita Bye, ACFS director; Jamie Moran, Advocacy Resource Center Program manager; and I gave testimony to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to address our unmet health needs and what an impact it will have on our tribal mem-

bership if we have to suffer from the cuts they are proposing to the 2018 budget.

Mike McCoy, our legislative director, and the staff did an excellent job preparing all the stats in order for us to show how much the tribal membership benefits from the funding and how detrimental it will be to them if it is cut.

We again reinforced to this group how our communities are suffering from some form of addiction.

I stressed how it is not only affecting the health and education of the individual but also

the children, the elders, their families and the entire community.

We need to pull together to beat this epidemic and make our tribe a better place for all.

Our staff has been busy preparing budgets for the coming year and the board is focused on making sure the department directors are as efficient as they can be in providing services to our membership and employees.

We need to keep in mind that we cannot spend more money than we generate.

As always, please keep the men and women in our armed

forces in your prayers and thoughts for a safe return to their families.

Please feel free to call me at (906) 203-6083 or e-mail me at KKGravelle@saulttribe.net.

I enjoy discussing the issues with you no matter what side of the debate we are on.

This is a good way to clear up any misunderstandings or incorrect information that is put out to the public.

Thank you,
Kim Gravelle

14th annual Rexton youth-led powwow



Rexton powwow participants



Arena Director Cal Burnside leading the youth in grand entry.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Left to right, tribal member Kylee Baker - and granddaughter of retired Hudson Township supervisor, Terry Gouza; Sault Tribe Representative Catherine Hollowell; supervisor of Hudson Township, Al Garavaglia; Terry Gouza, retired township supervisor; and Sault Tribe Representative Lana Causley-Smith. Garavaglia said, "We would like to thank Sault Tribe for all their generous gifts to us through the 2 percent funds. We are presenting them with a plaque today, and there will also be a plaque hanging in our township hall so citizens will be able to see how generous the tribe has been to us. They make things possible for Hudson Township that we couldn't have done."



Afternoon grand entry



Afternoon grand entry



Jaelyn Pierce, 12, and Kim Mattson.



Jaelyn Pierce and Ashlynn Smith



Sue St. Onge, YEA coordinator for St. Ignace, and her daughter Helena St. Onge Kissinger, 13.

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